



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2025

LAKE BARRON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Hello Lake Barron!

Summer is well underway, so we thought a mid-summer newsletter is in order! After a successful AGM, we wanted to inform everyone about the highlights of the meeting as well as this year's accomplishments for the Association.

At the AGM, six members of the Board stood for re-election. Thank Heather Anderson, Danielle Parent, Remi St. Laurent, Yann Claudio, Suzanne Guérin, and Margaret Gurinskas for your continued work with the LBCA.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2025 AGM

Over 45 people were in attendance on July 13, 2025, for the AGM.

The Association presented accomplishments for 2024 and early 2025. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the website in the coming weeks. Here are the happenings:

- **New By-Laws adopted:** The 1962 By-Laws have been replaced with 2025 By-Laws through a meeting resolution. The new By-Laws can be found [here](#).
- The **LBCA Boating Committee** worked with the Municipality of Gore to provide a Boat Launch attendant on weekends throughout the summer. The attendant ensures that boats are properly washed and have the correct permit before entering the Lake. Information on the Municipal Boat Launch can be found on the Association [Website](#) or the Canton de Gore [Website](#).
- **Environmental Committee** worked with Municipality of Gore for clarification on Septic Tank/Field updates.
- **Launch of New website:** Members of the Communications Committee have worked hard to launch the new bilingual website. Here you can find all the information you need about the lake, environment, boating, social events and more. Read about the history of Lachute, Gore and Lake Barron! Submissions of stories and photos are welcome. Check out the new website [here](#).

- **Annual Plant Survey:** Heather Anderson continues to work with Heather McCullough from Lake Hughes to organize the annual Plant survey. Volunteers paddle around the lake identifying plants, searching for any invasive species. Concerns remain about the Chinese Mystery Snails found in the lake. The Environment Committee has secured a permit to start retrieving and studying the snails. If you wish to help with this project, please contact president@lbca.ca
- **Water testing** is done 3 times a year by Association volunteers. The lake quality continues to be in the Oligo-Mesotrophic transition zone. To slow down this eutrophication process, residents must be vigilant in their use of cleaning products, maintenance of their septic systems and boating practices. More information and results can be found on the lake website [here](#).
- **East-West Crossing and Barbecue** was held in July 2024. Over 40 residents took part in this fun event, paddling and swimming from the east end of the lake to the west end. Many thanks to the Hindle and McOuat families for hosting the event. We look forward to the event's return in 2026.
- If you have any **ideas for a social event**, please let the association know and plans can be made!
- **Merchandise sales** to lake residents remain strong. See the notice below about our mid-summer clearance sale and order your Lake Barron merchandise today! Stock is limited so order soon!



Plant Survey Volunteers 2025

Merchandise Summer Sale is here – order your Lake Barron Merchandise today! The LBCA is selling the remaining **shirts and towels** at a discount of 30%. Stock is limited so complete the form linked below today!

<https://arlb-lbca.ca/en/shop/>



Fun Facts about Lake Barron & Boating News

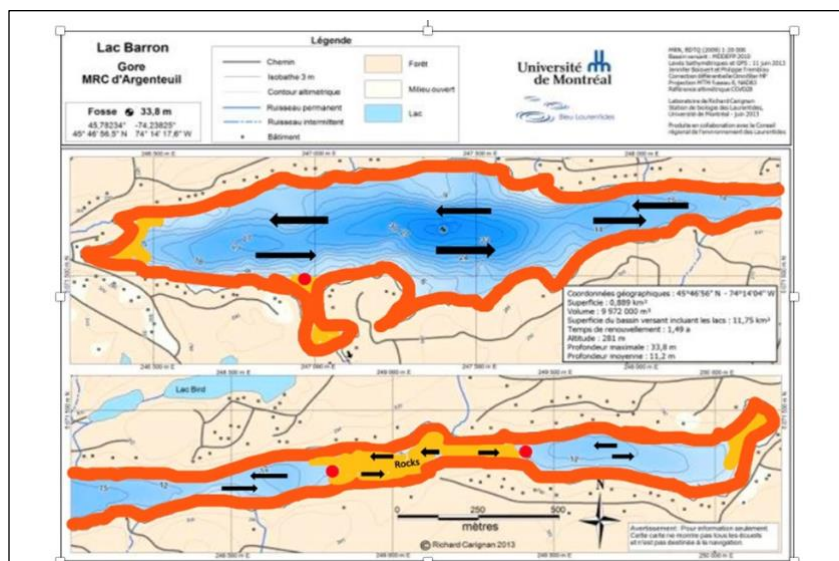
- Lake Barron was named in 1864 to honour Colonel Thomas Barron who along with his family were considered important members of the Lachute area.
- Lake Barron is approximately 4 kilometers in length. The width in the Narrows is between 60-120 meters. In the wider portion maximum width is 700 meters.
- Maximum depth of Lake Barron is 33.8 meters
- The **direction of travel** on Lake Barron is in a counterclockwise direction and any **passing is to be done to the left side (port) of boat being overtaken**.

- Transport Canada **mandated speed within 30 meters (100 feet)** of the shoreline is the speed at which **NO WAKE** is produced by your boat. (<8-10 km/h)
- The LBCA requests that due to the width of the Narrows, that motorboats maintain **NO WAKE** from the large buoy at the West End of the Narrows to the East End of the lake on Cambria. This will reduce shore erosion and damage to shoreline property.
- The LBCA does not recommend the use of **ballast in boats** as this produces excessive wake that will damage the shorelines in any area of the lake.
- **Swimming in Lake Barron:** For your safety, please use a **swim buoy** while in the lake. This will increase your visibility in the water and reduce the risk of collision from watercraft. The floatation device does not impede your swimming and provides resting support when needed. Swim buoys are available online.
- More information: <https://arlb-lbca.ca/en/boating-lake-safety/>



Swim buoys/buddies are bright and light and ensure swimmers are easily seen by watercraft. They can be purchased online.

Here is a depth chart of Lake Barron with the **NO WAKE** areas marked in orange:



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Chinese Mystery Snails Roundup

August 25 or 26: Please consider volunteering for a pleasant few hours on the Lake to gather up to 100 snails to send to Mason University in the United States for their research program.

Volunteer by email: president@lbca.ca

DID YOU KNOW?

It was the 2024 Aquatic Plant Survey that found the invasive snails in the Lake!

Learn more about Chinese Mystery Snails: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/profiles-profils/chinese-mystery-snail-vivipare-chinoise-eng.html>

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT!

There were 77 members of the LBCA in 2024. An increase in membership is needed in 2025 to support important lake projects. Your involvement will enable us to continue protecting the Lake and its environment for us and future generations.

Your membership helps to fund the projects of the LBCA:

- Water Quality testing 3 times yearly by LBCA
- Aquatic Plant survey yearly – looking to identify Invasive Species early
- Association organizing study to combat Mystery Chinese Snails
- Meetings with the Municipality about lake concerns such as boating and septic systems
- Conferences on environmental concerns and best practices attended by Board Members
- Safety buoys installed and maintained by the Boating Committee which ensures they are in place and operational
- Social events free to members – East-West Crossing & Barbecue
- Lake Merchandise available for purchase through the Association
- Boating Committee works with Municipality on Boating etiquette and safety on the lake
- The LBCA is an active Member of the Alliance of Gore Lake Associations
- Newsletters and emails sent regularly to keep lake residents informed of relevant issues.
- Welcome Kit and non-motorized boat stickers for members and residents
- Lost items returned to owners through emails and Facebook
- NEW – Bilingual website with important information, lake history, events and contacts. <https://arlb-lbca.ca/en/>

Gore Regulations

If you are looking for information on the Municipal Regulations for Gore, please consult the Gore website. <https://www.cantondegore.qc.ca/en/publications/rules>



Participants prepare for start of East-West Crossing 2024

ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER. EMAIL PRESIDENT@LBCA.CA WITH YOUR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS.

SEE YOU ON THE WATER!

HEATHER ANDERSON, PRESIDENT, LBCA

