

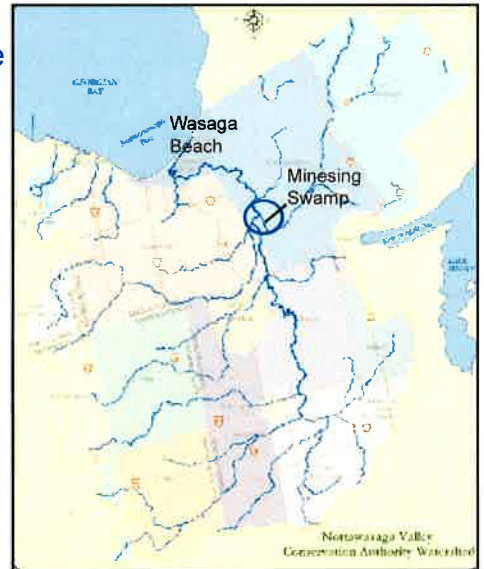
Wasaga Beach

Muck/Detritus

Thank you for your concern and inquiries about the muck. This sheet provides information on muck at Wasaga Beach. If you have further questions, please call the park office at (705) 429-2516.

What is muck?

- Muck, also called detritus, consists of vegetation that occasionally washes up onto the beach. It has naturally occurred in this area since glaciation.
- There are large quantities of muck on the bottom of the Nottawasaga River and Nottawasaga Bay. Heavy wind and waves churn the muck up and wash it to shore.



Muck is decaying vegetation - wood and leaves in various stages of decomposition, or break down.

Muck originates upstream in the Nottawasaga River - much of it from the Minesing Swamp, which acts as a natural water purifier. The presence of muck at Wasaga Beach reflects a healthy ecosystem, both up river and at Wasaga Beach.

Muck is not harmful.

Muck is not pollution and does not pose a health risk.

Muck is a non-toxic, non-polluting substance.

Sometimes it is rich in nitrogen, which produces an unpleasant odour.

Beaches remain safe and open when muck is present.



Muck Removal.

- Removal involves raking the wet muck higher onto the beach where it is left to dry.
- When dry, it is loaded onto trucks. Dried muck is primarily used for shoreline stabilization.
- As little sand as possible is removed during this process.

We remove the muck as quickly as we can. Your patience is appreciated. This is a time consuming process.