

Country	Canada
Region/Province/ or State	Ontario
Web Address	https://www.gbbr.ca
Date designated	2004
Size (hectares)	347,270
Distinguishing Features	largest island archipelago of the North American Great Lakes
Main Industries (in terms of employment)	tourism, fishery, silviculture

Designated by UNESCO in 2004, the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve is an area of 347,000 hectares that stretches 200 km along the eastern coast from Port Severn to the French River, in the world's largest freshwater archipelago, also known as the 30,000 Islands. The unique geography and geology of the area create more than 1,000 distinct habitat types which support a variety of rare species, including plants, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Visitors can explore a mosaic of open waters, sheltered bays, coastal wetlands, exposed bedrock shores, sand and cobble beaches, riparian vegetation and upland forests.

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