

OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY NAME

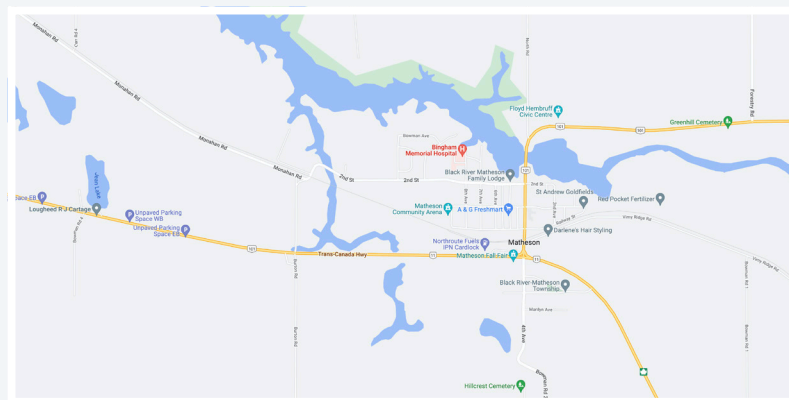
Black River - Matheson

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MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

www.twpbrm.ca

MAP WITH LOCATION



Black River-Matheson is located in the heart of Northeastern Ontario. The Township consists of four main town sites: Matheson, Ramore, Holtyre and Val Gagne.

FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES SERVED BY CLINICIANS

Wahgoshig First Nation, formerly known as Abitibi-Ontario Band of Abitibi, is an Anishinaabe and Cree First Nation band located near Matheson. The band resides in the Abitibi Indian Reserve No. 70. As of May 2021, the Nation has a total of 380 registered members, including 145 residents.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Black River-Matheson has a population of 2,572, which has increased by 5.5% since the 2016 census. The average age is 43.4 years. Furthermore, 36.8% of the population is bilingual, speaking both French and English. There is also a growing Mennonite presence in the area. More demographic information can be found [here](#).

Matheson has many wonderful recreation and sporting facilities in our municipality such as the Vern Miller Memorial Community Centre containing an indoor rink, fitness centre and community meeting rooms. There are also outdoor rinks and baseball diamonds.

For those who love the outdoors and all that it offers, Black River-Matheson is a nature lover's paradise. Our 150+ lakes and rivers, lakes dug out by glaciers millennia ago, and our 300,000+ acres

provide beautiful sandy beaches, excellent fishing, boating, hiking, and camping opportunities. For those who prefer more challenging activities, take a canoe trip along the Black River to the Abitibi and Moose Rivers to James Bay, a 12-day trip that one will long remember.

The area offers an incredible variety of activities for winter enthusiasts. With some of the best ice fishing in Northern Ontario and over 384 kilometers of well-groomed snowmobile trails as well as cross country skiing, skating and hockey, there's something for everyone to enjoy here. Throughout the month of February, the area boasts many winter events and festivals that are sure to draw a crowd.

Public beaches are located at Gauthier Lake, Talbock Lake and the Watabeag Campground. The boat dock in Matheson gives access to the Abitibi de Troyes Provincial Park which offers backcountry canoeing, camping, fishing and nature viewing. We have excellent fishing in our lakes & rivers. There are four (4) playgrounds within the township, as well as a ballpark in Ramore and one in Val Gagné. Val Gagné has a ball tournament every August. There is also an outdoor volleyball area located at Hough Lake. We also have areas for the ATV enthusiast.

AMENITIES

Restaurants: <https://twpbrm.ca/en/exploring-black-river-matheson/restaurants/>

Recreational Activities: <https://twpbrm.ca/en/exploring-black-river-matheson/recreation/>

Tours and Winter Activities: <https://twpbrm.ca/en/exploring-black-river-matheson/tours-winter-activities/>

Places of Worship: <https://ghd-app-cac-p-black-river-matheson.azurewebsites.net/en/exploring-black-river-matheson/community-centre-facilities-and-rentals/places-of-worship/>

Business Directory: <https://ghd-app-cac-p-black-river-matheson.azurewebsites.net/en/economic-development-and-business/business-directory/>

Schools: <https://twpbrm.ca/en/exploring-black-river-matheson/community-centre-facilities-and-rentals/schools/>

TRAVEL OPTIONS

The closest airport that services Matheson and surrounding areas is the Victor M. Power Airport located in Timmins which is approximately 74 kms away and a little over an hour to reach.

The airport offers a variety of car rental companies for the traveller's convenience.

https://www.timmins.ca/our_services/timmins_victor_m_power_airport

Ontario Northland also provides rail service to passengers in Black River-Matheson Township. The train goes south once per day and returns north once per day.

<https://www.ontarionorthland.ca/en/schedules>

HOUSING/ACCOMMODATION

<http://www.claimpostrealty.com/>

<https://zieminski.ca/>

<https://www.royallepage.ca/en/on/timmins/properties/>

The living and average housing costs in Black River-Matheson are significantly lower than the Ontario average. The MICs Group of Health Services provides accommodations to locum physicians who work in the Emergency Department as well as the medical learners. As part of their Recruitment Incentive package, MICs Group of Health Services offers FREE housing to new full-time physicians!

SPOUSAL EMPLOYMENT

The majority of Black River-Matheson residents who work outside of Black River-Matheson commute to work in Timmins, Kirkland Lake and Iroquois Falls. Now, more than ever, there are numerous job opportunities for everyone especially in the mining industry and the healthcare sector.

CLINICAL SERVICES

CATCHMENT AREA AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Bingham Memorial Hospital is an acute general hospital which provides a wide range of inpatient, long-term, Complex Continuing Care, emergency, outpatient and ambulatory care services. Currently, the hospital is designated as having 11 acute, 1 hospice suite, 6 complex continuing care and 20 long-term care beds.

HOSPITAL DESCRIPTION / SERVICES

<https://www.micsgroup.com/about-mics/bingham-memorial-hospital/>

Bingham Memorial Hospital provides the following services to its catchment area: physiotherapy, laboratory, diagnostic imaging, electrocardiogram, clinical nutrition, Holter monitoring, diabetes program, OTN, ER

The Emergency Department is equipped to treat most patients however the more critical cases are stabilized and sent to bigger centers. Our closest referral hospital is Timmins & District Hospital which is about one hour away.

PRIMARY CARE MODEL / CLINIC SETUP / ALLIED HEALTH SUPPORT

The physicians provide primary care services at the Medical Clinic which is conveniently located at the lower level of the Bingham Memorial Hospital.

OTHER CLINICAL VENUES AND SERVICES

The long-term care unit of the Bingham Memorial Hospital is called Rosedale Centre (a nod to the Hospital's original name – The Rosedale War Memorial Hospital). Housed within the Hospital, this 20-bed wing operates at 99% occupancy.

Rosedale offers nursing and personal care service, daily living assistance, treatment and medication administration, special diets, room and board, laundry services, social and recreational programs, physician services, on-site therapy services, foot care, and other optional services.

SUPPORTS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR LOCUMS OR LEARNERS COMING TO THE COMMUNITY

TEACHING

Medical Learners are accepted when the physician is available.

LIVING: HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The physician houses are fully furnished and are located across the street from the hospital. A Welcome Basket including some food items is usually provided on the first day. As the community is very small, the grocery store, convenience store and restaurants are all just a short walk away.

TRANSPORTATION

A vehicle is recommended to travel to and from the airport. Unfortunately, taxi service is not available in Matheson.

FOOD OPTIONS

<https://tannyconveniencestore.com/>

Tanny's Convenience Store carries a wide selection of products and provides a large variety of services. They have everything from snacks to ready-made meals for you and your family.

Grocery Store: A&G Freshmart, 417 Fifth Avenue, Matheson (705-273-1661)

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• BMH House



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- Bingham Memorial Hospital



- Emergency Department



- Hospice



- Nursing Station

