

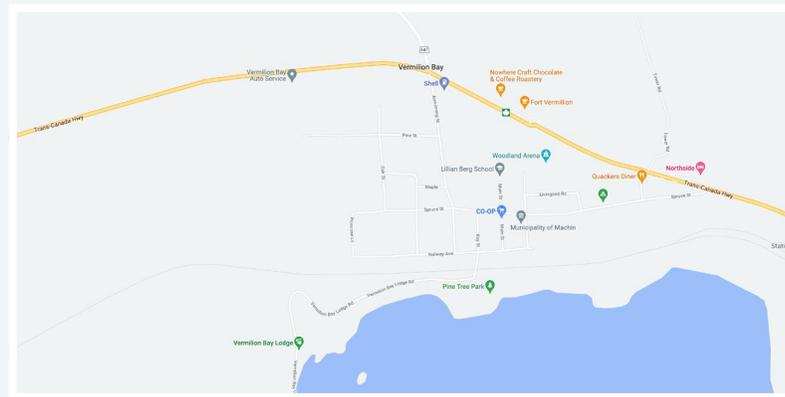
## OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY

**COMMUNITY NAME** Vermilion Bay

*Updated February 2026*

**MUNICIPAL WEBSITE** [visitmachin.com](http://visitmachin.com)

**MAP WITH LOCATION**



## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

### POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

**Population: 971**

**Median age" 50**

- 15% 0-19 years of age;
- 19% 20-39 years of age;
- 32% 40-59 years of age;
- 10% 60-70 years of age;
- 22% 65-79 years of age;
- 7% age 80 +

More demographic information can be found [here](#).

### AMENITIES

The **Municipality of Machin** is made up of 3 communities all located on the beautiful Eagle Lake. Eagle River, Minnitaki and Vermilion Bay are all located in the heart of Sunset Country on the TransCanada Highway.

Eagle Lake is home to walleye, northern pike, trophy musky, smallmouth bass, lake trout and whitefish. Eagle Lake is quite large - its 90 miles long and covers over 65,000 acres. The lake has over 490 islands with many channels and bays.



Vermilion Bay is a starting off point for many fly-in outposts.

Blue Lake Provincial Park - Welcome to Blue Lake Provincial Park ([ontarioparks.com](http://ontarioparks.com)) is minutes away, renowned for its crystal clear waters and long sandy beach, Blue Lake is an outstanding destination for all types of water activities. There are also many public beaches in the area and walking trails.

Vermilion Bay and area is a popular destination for wilderness experiences – fishing, hunting and camping. You will see the most incredible sunsets and northern lights ([visitsunsetcountry.com](http://visitsunsetcountry.com)).

In the winter, bring your skates, snowshoes or skis. Quad and snow machine trails can take you for miles into the Canadian wilderness.

Vermilion Bay is the perfect place to raise a young family or settle in for life's golden years with small town comforts and friendly neighbours who are always ready to lend a helping hand.

Egli's Sheep Farm and Animal Park - ([eglifarm.com](http://eglifarm.com)) is located in Minnitaki, 20 kms east of Vermilion Bay. They sell high-quality products made from sheep including toys, winter parkas, cozy sweaters and socks, and durable work wear. Their retail shop has expanded to become one of Canada's largest shops in wool and sheepskin specialty shops.

### Schools

- One public school (junior kindergarten to grade 8) Lillian Berg Public School ([kpdsb.on.ca](http://kpdsb.on.ca))
- High school is in Dryden 45 km away - Dryden High School ([kpdsb.on.ca](http://kpdsb.on.ca))
- EarlyON Centre (early learning programs and playtime for families and children newborn to 6 years of age. Resources, connections and support for parents, caregivers and grandparents. - [KDSB EarlyON Child and Family Centres - Kenora District Services Board](#)

### Activities

- Indoor arena in Vermilion Bay
- Outdoor skating rink 15 minutes away

### Places of worship

- Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church
- St. Mark Lutheran Church
- Evangelical Mission Church
- Upper Falls Baptist Church

### Gas station and sport shop

Bobby's Sport Shop and Shell Gas Station

### TRAVEL OPTIONS

The community is located just off the Trans Canada highway.



Transportation to Dryden is available twice weekly for a small fee with the Municipal Senior bus (but available to anyone). Transportation | 211 Ontario North ([211north.ca](http://211north.ca))

There is a bus which goes 3 times weekly to Winnipeg and Thunder Bay (Ontario Northland) - [Travelling on the Bus | Ontario Northland](#)

Another bus option is Kasper Transportation - Ontario & Manitoba Bus Service - Kasper Transportation - Travel the North ([gokasper.com](http://gokasper.com))

### Air

- Nearest airport with services is 88 km away – small municipal airport in Kenora - [Kenora Airport](#)
- National Car Rental - Car Rental in Dryden Best Western Plus Hotel | National Car Rental – Car Rental in [Dryden Best Western Plus Hotel | National Car Rental](#)

### Car Rental

Car rental is available in Dryden

- National Car Rental - [Car Rental in Dryden Best Western Plus Hotel | National Car Rental](#)
- Enterprise Car Rental - [Car Rental Dryden | Enterprise Rent-A-Car](#)

### HOUSING/ACCOMMODATION

No specific locum/learner housing in Vermilion Bay, however we do work with locums and learners to assist them anyway we can.

### SPOUSAL EMPLOYMENT

The area has a long history in the forestry and tourism industry. There are opportunities for professionals in and around the surrounding communities as well as tourism, retail, education, construction and transportation industries.

Indeed jobs, local radio station CKDR lists available jobs under classifieds. We can also assist in any way we can locally.

### CLINICAL SERVICES

#### CATCHMENT AREA AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Vermilion Bay is part of a municipality called the Municipality of Machin. This includes small townships of Vermilion Bay, Eagle River and Minnitaki. There are also several unorganized townships surrounding which are serviced by our clinic.

#### HOSPITAL DESCRIPTION / SERVICES

##### Home of the Dryden Regional Health Centre ([drhc.on.ca](http://drhc.on.ca))

The nearest ambulance service at this time is located in Dryden, 45 km away. Vermilion Bay is equipped with a volunteer fire department whose members are trained in first response and attend



to persons who call 911 until ambulance arrives. They also attend to accident scenes, fires etc.

Vermilion Bay will have an ambulance base in the near future.

### **PRIMARY CARE MODEL / CLINIC SETUP / ALLIED HEALTH SUPPORT**

We are an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals working collaboratively to provide comprehensive primary health care services to our patients.

The team operation consists of coordinating patient care between the various health professionals providing streamlined care and quality visits.

We use the advance access protocol and as a result the patients are able to get an appointment when they need to be seen.

#### **Full spectrum of practice:**

Acute care, chronic care and disease prevention (Diabetes, CHF, CVD, Cancer Screening, Immunization), dermascope clinic, lumps and bumps, surgical consults, women's health, counselling, system navigation, laboratory services.

RNPGA model with 1.5FTE physicians and one admin staff (Machin Medical Clinic. We also have a Family Health Team (Points North Family Health Team) which includes administrative staff, Executive Director, RN, NP and Social Worker

**Points of North Family Health Team: [pointsnorthfht.com](http://pointsnorthfht.com)**

### **OTHER CLINICAL VENUES AND SERVICES**

LTC, palliative, home care, Dryden Regional Health Centre are all located in Dryden.

Home care, senior services and diabetes services provided to our patients through Dryden.

## **SUPPORTS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR LOCUMS OR LEARNERS COMING TO THE COMMUNITY**

### **LIVING: HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS**

No specific housing in Vermilion Bay for locums or learners, however we assist in anyway we can.

There are two motels in Vermilion Bay.

- Northside Motel – kitchenettes available
- Pine Grove Motel and cabins – only open in summer months

Various tourist camps which have private cabins and campgrounds during summer/fall months.

A few examples are:

- [Ontario Walleye Fishing Muskie Fishing Birch Dale Lodge](#)

- Stanley's Resort - Canadian Fishing vacations (stanleys.com)
- Canadian Fishing Lodge & Hunting Outfitter in Ontario | Andy Myers Lodge

### **Campgrounds:**

- HOME (crystallakecampground.ca)
- Blue Bird
- Welcome to Blue Lake Provincial Park (ontarioparks.com)
- HOME | Bluelakeresort (bluelake-resort.com)
- Jerlin RV Campsite - Home | Facebook

### **TRANSPORTATION**

A vehicle would be needed due to our geographic location.

### **FOOD OPTIONS**

- We have one local grocery store (Vermilion Bay Co-op)
- All other shopping for groceries and other amenities are done in Dryden. Some examples are: Walmart, No Frills, Safeway, Canadian Tire , M & M Foods and local shops.
- Village Trading Post By Clark's in Vermilion Bay serves soup and sandwiches [Online Store](#)

### **COMMUNITY VIDEO**

<https://visitmachin.com/p/galleries>

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