

## INTRODUCTION

Management planning for Duck Mountain Provincial Park began several years ago with a series of public meetings. A Report on Public Comments was prepared in 2002 and a draft Management Plan was released in 2003.

This was followed by a second series of public meetings and a second Report on Public Comments in November 2004. Final revisions to the plan have now been completed.

The Management Plan addresses topics such as park use, landscape protection, and recreational development in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. It can be viewed online at [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com) (follow the links to Parks Planning and Park Management Plans).

You can also contact us at the address listed on the back page and a printed copy of the plan will be mailed.

## SUMMARY

Throughout the planning process, many people expressed a desire to maintain recreational opportunities and protect the park for future generations.

The park management plan contains guidelines for protecting natural areas and accommodating a wide range of recreational and development activities.

The plan identifies trail-based recreation as an important part of the park experience at Duck Mountain. It acknowledges public requests for greater involvement in decisions affecting all-terrain vehicle use.

## PARK VISION

A park vision statement is a new addition to the plan. This is a description of the park projected 10 to 15 years in the future.

The vision statement will help guide future park management decisions, and will assist in resolving future issues not specifically addressed in the management plan.



*Ranger Sinclair Cabin*

## NATURAL AREAS

Increased focus on habitat fragmentation issues, water quality monitoring, sustainable forest management and preservation of remote areas has been incorporated into the plan.

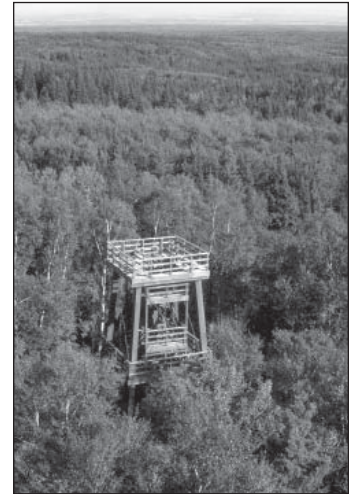
Improved review processes for fish stocking, harvest of non-timber forest products and commercial development have been developed.

A database will be established to identify key natural and cultural areas so they can be managed to avoid excessive disturbances and fragmentation of habitat.

## DEVELOPMENT

Park services and accommodations are located at Wellman, East Blue and Childs lakes. No new commercial development areas have been identified in the plan.

To better protect water quality in the park, new onsite wastewater disposal requirements (holding tanks) have been introduced. On existing cottage lots, previously approved wastewater systems may continue to be used.



## RECREATION

Areas for future campground expansion have been identified at Wellman and East Blue lakes, and guidelines to enable licensed hunters to camp in backcountry areas during the hunting season have been developed.

Private boat caches will be limited to designated locations in the park. This is intended to prevent an accumulation of derelict and abandoned boats at these sites, as can occur if left unmanaged.

## VEHICLE USE

One of the most important sections of the plan deals with park trails and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Public response has indicated that a majority of park users:

- 1) support the continued use of ATVs
- 2) are concerned about preserving the park environment and
- 3) would support community-based decision-making

A Trails Working Group will be created to develop a plan for motorized vehicle use in the park. The group will involve park users, First Nations, local stakeholders, biologists, researchers and others. Its goal will be to enable recreational ATV use that is user-based and environmentally sustainable.

## WHAT'S NEXT

The first step in implementing the Management Plan for Duck Mountain Provincial Park will be to set up the Trails Working Group. Terms of reference will be prepared and further information will be provided as the project proceeds.

## CONTACT US

In developing a management plan for Duck Mountain Provincial Park, we have attempted to safeguard the park's natural attributes while managing the park's many recreational and resource uses. If you have questions or concerns please contact us.

All documents related to the plan can be found online by following the Parks Planning and Park Management Plan links at [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com) or contact :

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