

Manitoba-Ontario Interprovincial Wilderness Area

Recognizing the value and ecological importance of the boreal forest, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Manitoba Conservation have established the Manitoba-Ontario Interprovincial Wilderness Area. This wilderness area, which lies along provincial borders, encompasses over 9,400 square kilometres and includes Woodland Caribou Provincial Park and the Eagle-Snowshoe Conservation Reserve in Ontario, and Atikaki and parts of Nopiming Provincial Parks in Manitoba.

Working Together

Manitoba and Ontario are committed to working together to conserve the national and international ecological integrity of this boreal forest. Areas of co-operation include co-ordinating resource management, encouraging research, coordinating marketing, and developing recreational opportunities. By managing this cluster of parks and wilderness as one land area, conservation of an integral part of Canada's central boreal forest will be strengthened for future generations.

Manitoba and Ontario recognize that the Interprovincial Wilderness Area will be strengthened through partnership opportunities with nearby First Nations, the Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Site initiative and other local communities, and will strive to build and maintain those partnerships.

Wild And Natural

The Interprovincial Wilderness Area is made up of protected lands that provide backcountry recreational experiences for visitors. Road access is available only to the perimeter of the area. To explore the heart of this area, one must travel by water or air. Lodges, outpost camps and tenting are the only forms of accommodation in the area. For most visitors, this is a true wilderness experience.

Located in the heart of Canada's Precambrian Shield, this wilderness area features outstanding examples of boreal forest. They are uniquely prairie-influenced because of the continental boreal climate. This forest represents critical habitat for a segment of Canada's woodland caribou population, providing both winter and summer habitat. The area is home to a wide variety of animals and plants. The region also supports many types of popular game fish, such as lake trout, northern pike and walleye.

Aboriginal peoples have used the area for thousands of years



and there are several sites of archaeological significance. It is still home to those people who live in adjacent First Nations communities, where they continue their time-honoured practices of living in harmony with the land.

The area is a high quality wilderness recreation area. It contains many world-class canoe routes including the Bloodvein, Pigeon and Bird Rivers. Canoeists can choose from routes that take a few days or few weeks. There are also many angling opportunities. Anglers can choose from several fly-in fishing lodges located in the area as well as remote cabins, or campsites along shorelines. Only a short flight from nearby communities, these lodges and cabins can accommodate both short and long fishing vacations.

By working together to support a stronger, healthier and natural environment, Manitoba Conservation and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources will ensure the Interprovincial Wilderness Area remains central Canada's premier wilderness area.

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- Primary Road
- Winter Roads
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Conservation Reserve
- Provincial Park
- First Nations
- Interprovincial Wilderness Area