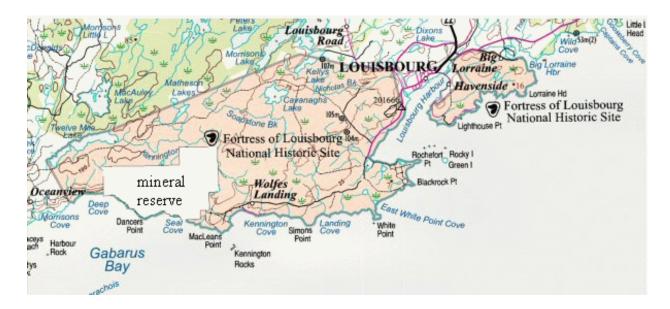
Louisbourg National Park Game Sanctuary



This sanctuary was created in 1969 as an interim measure to restrict the use of firearms until National Parks legislation was passed. Since then legislation has been passed making this area a National Historic Park. The sanctuary designation was not rescinded, so most of the area has both designations.

The area on the above map identified as a mineral reserve is not part of the National Historic Park. This land was turned over to the federal government, but the provincial government retained the mineral rights. It was not included in the National Historic Park. The mineral reserve has a total area of 1031 hectares. This includes 858 hectares of forest, 151 hectares of bogs and other wetlands, 19 hectares of lakes and ponds, and 2 hectares of barrens.

There were small mines on the mineral reserve dating back to the early French period. Prospecting and drilling were done on the reserve as recently as the 1980's, with lead, copper and silver being the minerals of interest. Access to the mineral reserve for prospecting requires the consent of the federal government, and no smelter or refinery may be located there. Hunting and trapping are prohibited.

