

## Debert Wildlife Management Area



This wildlife management area was established as a sanctuary at the request of the Colchester County Fish and Game Association in 1962. It was changed to a wildlife management area in 1973. The wildlife management area is about 350 hectares in size and is owned by the Province. It includes 285 hectares of forested land, 21 hectares of wetlands and alders, 2 hectares of barren and 5 hectares of developed land.

The most important feature of the wildlife management area is McElmons Pond which is about 37 hectares in size. At one time sewage from the Debert military base flowed into the pond and it became very fertile. This led to the pond becoming an important habitat for waterfowl. It provides breeding habitat for a variety of waterfowl species. It is also an important resting and feeding area for migrating waterfowl, especially Canada geese. A picnic park has been established at the south end of the pond. Hunting and trapping are prohibited.