

Devils Jaw Wilderness Area



County

Hants

Size

2900 ha

Classification

Wilderness Area

Status

New

Conditions Apply?

Yes.

Overview

Relatively large, mature/older forest area in a highly fragmented region. Includes some lake and river frontage

Ecological Values

Consists of the best remaining mature/old forest habitat patches in the region, with a diverse mix of red spruce, hemlock, white pine white ash, sugar maple, and yellow birch.

More than 4 km of frontage on Herbert River. Provides habitat for the nationally threatened and provincially vulnerable wood turtle

Helps represent the Central Quartzite Hills and Plains (Shubenacadie Lake) Natural Landscape

Outdoor Recreation Values

Diverse habitats offer a variety of wilderness recreation and nature viewing opportunities in one of the last wildlands in Hants County.

Potential to be managed as a regional outdoor recreation destination

Excellent canoeing on Herbert River and Long Lake

Some hunting and fishing

Forest Values

Mix of mature softwood, hardwood, and mixedwood

Other Resource Values

Mostly low - medium mineral potential; some high potential. Part of the area is licensed for mineral exploration.

Medium petroleum potential

Low wind potential

Conditions

Portion (223 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.

Exclusions and Vehicular Access

The road to Lawrence Cove at Long Lake is excluded.

All Long Lake islands with campsite leases are excluded.

The developed portion of Nova Scotia Rifle Association's Bull Meadow Range Complex is excluded. Much of the safety zone is within the proposed wilderness area.

Additional Comments



