

# Five Mile River Wilderness Area



## County

Hants

## Size

2016 ha

## Classification

Wilderness Area

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New

## Conditions Apply?

Yes.

## Overview

Large forest patch with karst and river frontage

## Ecological Values

Karst features (caves and sink holes)

Provincially significant bat hibernacula

At least 20 species of rare floodplain and calcareous plants

Habitat for nationally threatened and provincially vulnerable wood turtle

Some remnant old forest along the river

Opportunity to restore older forest within a region of highly disturbed woodlands

Representation of Shubenacadie River Hills Natural Landscape

## Outdoor Recreation Values

Various recreation activities along Five Mile River

Likely hunting, some fishing

## Forest Values

Much of the area was harvested since the 1980s.

Contains 35 km of access roads and 300 ha of young plantations, including some with exotic species

Small portion of area currently unavailable for forestry due to DNR old forest policy

## Other Resource Values

High mineral potential

High petroleum potential.

The area overlaps with a regional agreement for petroleum exploration

Low wind potential

## Conditions

Legal protection of this area will be delayed until 2020. Legal protection subject to addressing petroleum rights.

## Exclusions and Vehicle Access

Potential road exclusions and OHV trail agreements subject to future planning and consultation.

## Additional Comments



