

# Ingonish River Wilderness Area



## County

Victoria

## Size

10,712 ha

## Classification

Wilderness Area

## Status

New

## Conditions Apply?

Yes

## Overview

Large undisturbed wilderness with steep river canyons and a diversity of ecosystems from taiga to temperate forest

## Ecological Values

Large wilderness area that has seen little recent human disturbance

Steep river canyons of old deciduous forest

Includes taiga ecosystems as well as boreal plateau

Becomes part of a large natural area that includes Cape Breton Highlands National Park

Improves representation of three Natural Landscapes

Potential habitat for national species of special concern and provincially vulnerable Bicknell's thrush

## Outdoor Recreation Values

Backcountry backpacking and hiking

Scenic vistas

Wildlife viewing opportunities

## Forestry Values

Area under Port Hawkesbury Paper license

Some areas of boreal plateau could be future timber supply

## Other Resource Values

High wind potential

## Conditions

Legal protection of portion (666 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.

Portion (183 ha) pending review of siting options for potential wind energy project.

## Exclusions and Vehicle Access

Potential snowmobile trail agreement for Gisborne trail to Ski Cape Smokey.

## Additional Comments

