

Kelley River Wilderness Area



County

Cumberland

Size

132 ha

Classification

Wilderness Area

Status

Expansion

Conditions Apply?

Yes

Overview

Small forested additions to Kelley River Wilderness Area at Welton Lake and Atkinson Brook

Ecological Values

Forest is largely mature tolerant hardwood and spruce with some areas of recent harvest

The addition at Welton Lake would help protect this biologically rich and productive lake, with its abundant fish and bird life

The addition at Atkinson Brook would bring all of Atkinson Brook within Kelley River Wilderness Area

Outdoor Recreation Values

Helps protect the wilderness setting of Welton Lake, a popular outdoor recreation destination

Some hunting and other activities likely

Forestry Values

Mostly mature tolerant hardwood and spruce forest with some areas of recent harvest

Other Resource Values

Low to medium mineral potential

High petroleum potential. The area overlaps with regional agreements for petroleum exploration

Low wind energy potential

Conditions

Exclusions and Vehicle Access

Potential OHV agreement for route 31B

Additional Comments

