North River Wilderness Area



County

Victoria

Size

963 Ha

Classification

Wilderness Area

Status

Expansion

Conditions Apply?

Nο

Overview

Hardwood and mixed forest patches adjacent to North River Wilderness Area

Ecological Values

Old climax forest stands of sugar maple, yellow birch and hemlock on steep to moderate slopes

Portion of highland plateau dominated by spruce/fir forest and wetlands

Rich lower mountain slopes

Some representation value in Central Cape Breton Hills natural landscape

Within the American Marten Habitat Management Area

Within the breeding range for provincially endangered Lynx

Outdoor Recreation Values

Hiking, cross-country skiing, and hunting

Forestry Values

Primarily mature hardwood and mixedwood, with small softwood component

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

Steep slopes and wetlands limit forestry potential on a portion of this area

Other Resource Values

Medium mineral potential

Medium petroleum potential

Medium wind potential

Conditions

Exclusions and Vehicle Access

Highland road/OHV route 814 from Oregon Road excluded

