

Portapique River Wilderness Area



County

Colchester, Cumberland

Size

1096 ha

Classification

Wilderness Area

Status

Expansion

Conditions

Yes

Overview

Several areas of mixed forest adjacent to Portapique River Wilderness Area

Ecological Values

Some old and mature tolerant hardwood and red spruce forest, mostly on slopes and hilly terrain

Rich floodplain on Portapique River

Habitat for provincially endangered mainland moose

Deer wintering area

Outdoor Recreation Values

Opportunities for hunting, hiking, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing

Forestry Values

Mix of mature to old hardwood and softwood, as well as regenerating, young forest and about 75 ha of plantation.

Over 4 km of forest access road

Steep slopes limit forestry potential in a portion of this area

Part of area is privately owned

Other Resource Values

High mineral potential. Part of the area is licensed for mineral exploration

Medium petroleum potential

Low wind potential

Conditions

Legal protection of portion (121 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights

Exclusions and Vehicle Access

Additional Comments

Some reported OHV use

