

# St. Andrews River Wilderness Area



## County

Colchester

## Size

4916 ha

## Classification

Wilderness Area

## Status

New

## Conditions Apply?

Yes

## Overview

Large forest patch with some representative of ecosystems in the Shubenacadie River Rolling Hills and Interior Ridges Natural Landscapes

## Ecological Values

Over 9 km of shoreline on St Andrews River

At least 4 at risk species of riparian plants including black ash

Provides representivity in a poorly represented landscapes

Disturbed area, but with good potential to recover to a natural condition over time

## Outdoor Recreation Values

Fishing, hunting and trapping

## Forestry Values

Young softwood and mixedwood, with some mature softwood and mixedwood

Much of area clearcut between 1980s and 2009

## Other Resource Values

Range from low to high mineral potential

Part of the area is licensed for mineral exploration

High and medium 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.

Portion is subject to lands being acquired by the Province (1,372 ha).

Legal protection subject to addressing petroleum rights.

## Exclusions and Vehicle Access

Road exclusions and potential OHV trail agreements subject to future planning and consultation.

## Additional Comments

Disjunct downstream portion (720 ha) renamed West St. Andrews.

