

# Walton River Wilderness Area



## County

Hants

## Size

2242 ha

## Classification

Wilderness Area

## Status

New

## Conditions Apply?

Yes

## Overview

Over fourteen kilometers of corridor along Walton River between Walton and Shields Lake

## Ecological Values

Several km of tidal river including salt springs and extensive area of rare undisturbed riparian salt marshes

Habitat for nationally threatened and provincially vulnerable wood turtle

Mixed forest of intolerant hardwoods and spruce and fir

Variety of ages of stands including large areas of recent harvesting

Representation in Walton River Clay Plain Natural Landscape

## Outdoor Recreation Values

Bird watching

Fishing and hunting

## Forestry Values

Mix of young forest with mature softwood and mixedwood

Several stands scattered through area clearcut between 1980s and 2005

Small portion of area unavailable for forestry due to DNR old forest policy

## Other Resource Values

High mineral potential

Part of the area is licensed for mineral exploration

High petroleum potential

The area overlaps with a regional agreement for petroleum exploration

Low wind potential

## Conditions

Legal protection subject to addressing petroleum rights

## Exclusions and Vehicle Access

## Additional Comments



