Caribou-Munroe Island Provincial Park



County

Pictou

Size

137.41 Hectares

Classification

Natural Environment

Status

Designated; Operational

Location NS Atlas

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Managed As

Core Park

Overview

A popular camping and day-use park on the Northumberland Strait offering high quality sand beach, warm-water swimming and coastal trails.

95 campsites, open for camping from June to October.

Protection Values

Publicly-owned coastal property in an area that is almost completely in private ownership. Although the mainland portion is extensively developed, Munroes Island offers a number of ecosystems that contribute to the Province's efforts to protect 12 % of the provincial land base.

Education Values

Regionally significant opportunities to interpret coastal processes, habitats, wetlands, and wildlife. Munroes Island has significant natural history values. The park has been identified as a significant location for the delivery of aboriginal cultural

Tourism Values

Regionally significant coastal destination park, located on the Sunrise Trail, adjacent to major provincial entry point, 100 Series Highway, and Town of Pictou, providing warm water outdoor recreation and interpretive opportunities.

Outdoor Recreation Values

Camping, coastal hiking and walking, high quality saltwater beach with warm water swimming, picnicking, walking, snowshoeing, skiing, bird watching.

Annual Visitation

8038 campers; day use unknown

Annual Revenue

2010: \$101,328

Operating Cost

2010: \$222,806

Other Site Considerations

Maturing forest cover may require ecological restoration plan to remove dead and dying trees in public use areas and to reestablish suitable forest cover.

Munroes Island was donated by the Nature Conservancy of Canada and requires public consultations on proposed management activities that may affect conservation values.

Susceptible to coastal processes (storm events with high tide surge or wind driven waves) that cause site erosion.



