

Martinique Beach Provincial Park



County

Halifax

Size

47.02 Hectares

Classification

Natural Environment

Status

Designated; Operational

Location NS Atlas

68 Y 2

Managed As

Core Park

Overview

A spectacular 3.7 kilometre white crescent beach offering supervised swimming, coastal hiking, boat launch and also plays a significant conservation role.

Protection Values

Regionally significant; large portion of beach undeveloped and in natural condition; contributes to Province=s goal of protecting 12% of its land base by 2015; part of a much broader system of protected lands (Game Sanctuary, Ramsar Site); Nature Conservancy has acquired several adjoining properties. One critically imperiled species of bird has been identified at the park as well as one species classed as imperiled and two classed as vulnerable to extirpation or extinction.

Education Values

Regionally significant themes; coastal processes and ecology; adjacent to Game Sanctuary and Ramsar Site (internationally significant wetland)

Tourism Values

Regionally significant; major tourism attraction; important in regional tourism infrastructure; attracts both resident and non-resident users

Outdoor Recreation Values

Supervised swimming, coastal hiking, picnicking, boat launch, surfing, geocaching

Annual Visitation

High visitation numbers especially on warm sunny days during peak park season.

Operating Cost

\$43,000

Other Site Considerations

High use beach area with limited land base to accommodate parking demand; conservations values are high and are in conflict with the increase in use. Management plan under development to provide direction on these issues

Point of entry for other uses associated with this area - commercial clambers, private land access (to the islands), hunting and fishing.

Private land under development

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

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| | Fire Station | | Trans Canada |
| | Hospital | | Arterial Highway |
| | Police Station | | Collector Highway |
| | School | | Trunk Highway |
| | Church | | Paved Road |
| | Building | | Unpaved Road |
| | Water Body | | Track (2m & wider) |
| | River / Stream | | Trail / Footpath |
| | County Boundary | | Railway |
| | Abandoned Railway | | |

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| | Camping Park |
| | Day Use Park |
| | Park Reserve |
| | Crown Land |
| | Wilderness Area |
| | Nature Reserve |
| | National Historic Site, National Park |



Data Sources:
Nova Scotia Topographic Database 2010; Service Nova Scotia
and Municipal Relations
Wilderness Areas and Nature Reserves 2012; NS Department
of Environment
Crown Land, Provincial Parks and Park Reserves 2012;
Restricted and Limited
Use Lands 2007; NS Department of Natural Resources

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