# **Smileys Provincial Park**



County

Hants Size

43.16 Ha

Classification

Outdoor Recreation

Status Designated; Operational

Location N.S. Atlas: 48 V5

Managed As Supporting Park

## **Overview**

A popular camping and day-use park in a secluded setting along the Meander River.

80 campsites, open for camping from June to September

## **Protection Values**

Although consisting of a relatively small landbase this park protects rare flora and climax forest stands (Yellow Birch and Hemlock). One species of vascular plant found within the park is critically imperiled, three are imperiled and one is vulnerable to extirpation or extinction. In addition, one nonvascular plant species is listed as being imperiled.

## **Education Values**

Provincially and regionally significant; opportunity to interpret floodplain flora and Karst topography.

# **Tourism Values**

Regionally and locally significant; centrally located in a secluded setting near a 100 series travel route.

#### **Outdoor Recreation Values**

Camping, frontcountry hiking, walking, picnicking, limited opportunities for swimming and fishing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter, number of local community events.

# **Annual Visitation**

3000 camper nights Day-Use: 300 – 400 Users (Up to 800 during events)

# **Annual Revenue**

2010: \$65,984

## **Operating Cost**

2010: \$204,618

# **Other Site Considerations**

Portion of park occupies flood plain.

The exotic invasive tree, Norway Maple, requires removal





