



Quinte Conservation owns 23 Conservation Areas that are open to the public. They are open daily from dawn until dusk. Those visiting our Conservation Areas should take only pictures and leave only footprints during their stay. There are no garbage cans at our Conservation Areas, so please be prepared to take your garbage with you. The only Conservation Areas with admission fees are Depot Lakes and O'Hara Mill.

When visiting a Conservation Area, please remember, take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints. You may encounter wildlife in these natural areas such as bears, foxes, coyotes, skunks, and porcupines.

## Weddings and Special Events

You may hold your wedding or special event (such as family reunion picnics or photography sessions) at our Conservation Areas at no charge. All of the

rules of the Conservation Areas must be followed. Please take your garbage and belongings back with you. Alcohol is not allowed and pets must be leashed. The Conservation Areas are only open from dawn until dusk. Our Conservation Areas are public spaces, so we cannot close off a section of the Conservation Area or restrict the normal usage of other visitors. Email [info@quinteconservation.ca](mailto:info@quinteconservation.ca) if you have any further questions.

## Geocaching

Geocaching is a great way to get outdoors. Geocachers use GPS units to look for hidden caches. You may search for and place geocaches at our Conservation Areas. We ask that you follow the guidelines on our website and if you are placing a cache, please complete the application form (available on [quinteconservation.ca](http://quinteconservation.ca)) to get a permit to place your cache.

# Moira Region Conservation Areas

## Deerock Lake

*To get here: take the Deerock Lake Road north from Flinton, to the end of the road.*

This small piece of property contains a boat launch and provides public water access to Deerock Lake, a popular destination for anglers. Permits/passes may be obtained from the attendant on duty (in season—from mid-June to Labour Day).



Quinte Conservation Area

## Flinton

*To get here: take Hwy. 41 north from Kaladar for about 12km. Turn east to the village of Flinton (about 5km).*

Embracing the scenic Skoottamatta River at the western limits of Flinton, this small 2 hectare (5 acre) Conservation Area contains the Flinton Dam.

## H.R. Frink

*To get here: the H.R. Frink Centre is in Plainfield. Go 9km north of the 401 on Hwy. 37, then east on Thrasher Road for 2km to 381 Thrasher Road.*

Local school boards operate this outdoor education centre, visited by 15,000 students a year. The Conservation Area is also open to the public. A highlight is the 500-metre Wetland Ecology Boardwalk. There are trails on both sides of Thrasher Road.

## O'Hara Mill

*To get here: northwest of Madoc off Hwy. 7 or Hwy. 62 at 638 Mill Road*

This is truly an area where nature meets history. Explore the relatively short hiking trail and enjoy a peek of the area's plants and animals while also catching glimpses of the area's

past. The village complex contains eight historic buildings, five of them original structures. The trails and grounds are open year-round from dawn to dusk. Please check the O'Hara Mill website for operating hours of the pioneer village.

## Potter's Creek

*To get here: 2061 Old Hwy. 2 in Belleville*

The home base for Quinte Conservation, this area offers an abundance of recreational opportunities. Trails wind through this former farm, past fragrant orchards, open meadows and scenic woodlands. The park area at the mouth of Potter's Creek overlooking the Bay of Quinte provides a great starting point for canoeists, kayakers and windsurfers.

## Price

*To get here: Actinolite, near the junction of Hwy. 7 and 37*

The Price Conservation Area provides a perfect setting for family picnics on a hot summer day. Situated along the Skoottamatta River, the area is rich in flora and fauna.

## Sheffield

*To get here: go 11km south of Kaladar or 37km north of Napanee off Hwy. 41*

Sheffield Conservation Area provides a 4 km trail that offers some challenging terrain for the avid hiker. Spectacular granite outcroppings, deciduous forests and extensive wetlands typify this area of the Canadian Shield. During wet seasons not all of the trail is accessible.

## Sidney

*To get here: go south of Stirling to 379 Airport Road, 2km west off Hwy. 14*

Two small branches of Chrysal Creek cross the Conservation Area and provide an interesting feature to the trail. Hiking the trail is a pleasant experience as it traverses open areas, mixed forests and areas influenced by natural plant succession.

## Vanderwater

*To get here: go 3km east of Thomasburgh off Hwy. 37 to 512 Vanderwater Road*

This lovely outdoor spot is located on the Moira River, where the water cascades over a series of limestone steps. The 15 km of trails explore a wide range of natural environments from mature cedar forests in the low lying areas to hardwood and coniferous forests that cover the slopes and high ground. The Conservation Area is a popular destination each winter for cross-country skiers.

# Napanee Region Conservation Areas



Depot Lakes Conservation Area

## Depot Lakes

*To get here: turn west off Hwy 38, 3 km north of Verona onto Snider Road. Watch for Conservation Area signs.*

Depot Lakes Conservation Area is nestled in the heart of the Land o' Lakes tourist region, just north of Verona. Second, This Conservation Area offers some of the best fishing in eastern Ontario. This is our only Conservation Area that offers camping. The trails are closed each year from mid-October to mid-November during hunting season.

## Kingsford

*To get here: go 2km west of Kingsford on Blessington Road* Attractively situated this small property provides access to the Salmon River. It is also a nice spot for a picnic.

## Napanee

*To get here: 10 Victoria Street, Napanee*

Located along the Napanee River in downtown Napanee, this Conservation Area features a boardwalk that extends east from along the river to the Springside Park Dam. The docking facilities make this area very popular for boaters.

## Newburgh

*To get here: in Newburgh along the Napanee River*

This Conservation Area contains a ball field, skateboard area and playground equipment that is managed and maintained by the Township of Stone Mills. it's a beautiful spot for a

picnic, with several thoughtfully located picnic tables. The two small waterfalls are highlight of any visit to this site.

## Portland

*To get here: east side of Hwy. 38, about 2km south of Verona* Conveniently located just off Hwy. 38 south of verona, Portland Conservation Area offers almost 23 hectares (56 acres) for picnics and relaxation. For canoeing enthusiasts, a short portage guides you to the shore of Hambly Lake. The trails are enjoyable in any season, but are truly spectacular when the fall colours are in full display.



Portland Conservation Area

# Prince Edward Region Conservation Areas

## Beaver Meadow

*To get here: take County Road 10 (Lake Street) south from Picton, then turn right onto County Road 11*

This area features a large wetland that harbours wood ducks, osprey and herons. Two short hiking trails branch off from the parking lot, each ending at a scenic observation platform overlooking the wetland.

## Demorestville

*To get here: this Conservation Area is located on County Road 14 at Demorestville*

Bisected by Demorestville Creek, the shallow soil of this conservation area is dominated by red cedars. The 3 km hiking trail encircles the creek on the property, extending south to Black Road, returning to the dam at the parking lot.

## Harry Smith

*To get here: in Ameliasburgh, take Purdy Street, located on the north side of County Road 19 (18km southwest of Belleville and 32km northwest of Picton)*

The area includes a small pond, originally created to move logs into a log mill that was located on the property in the 1800s, near the outlet of the pond. Two picnic tables are located on the grounds, and area residents have planted flowers around a commemorative plaque. There are no maintained trails at this Conservation Area.

## H.J. McFarland

*To get here: go 2km east of Picton on Hwy. 33 (Glenora Road)*

This area provides a panoramic view of the Bay of Quinte and the escarpments and bluffs that grace its shoreline. Picnic tables and a boat launch with docking facilities is available.

## Little Bluff

*To get here: from Picton take County Road 10 (Lake Street) south to County Road 13, follow County Road 13 to Little Bluff*

Rich in natural features, this conservation area, located atop a 20 metre high limestone bluff, commands a panoramic view of Prince Edward Bay. Take the pathway to the cobblestone beach below and view the high bluff from a different perspective.

## Macaulay Mountain

*To get here: in Picton take Bridge Street, then Union Street to 224 County Road 8 on the eastern outskirts of Picton*  
Macaulay Mountain is a favourite destination for hikers and

picnickers. There is plenty to see here from famed Birdhouse City with its over 100 miniature reproductions of local buildings, to the Whattam's Memorial Walkway. There are 20 km of trails, including biking trails.

## Massassauga Point

*To get here: from Hwy. 62 south of Belleville, take County Road 28 from either Rossmore or Fenwood Gardens to Massassauga Road. Follow Massassauga Road for 9km to the Massassauga Point*

This Conservation Area features a small globally rare Burr Oak Savannah. There are 1500 m of shoreline along the Bay of Quinte and a boat launch. There are 4 km of fairly easy trails. When hiking the trails you can see the remains of a wharf and an abandoned limestone quarry.

## Milford Mill Pond

*To get here: find this Conservation Area in Prince Edward County on County Road 10 between Crowe's Road and Milford*

Milford Mill Pond Conservation Area is a perfect spot for a summer picnic beside the water. This property also contains the Milford Dam.

## Rutherford-Stevens Lookout

*To get here: find this Conservation Area on County Road 13 at Smith's Bay between Waupoos and Black River*

This small Conservation Area offers a large viewing deck with a spectacular view of Smith's Bay and Waupoos Island, with Prince Edward Bay and Prince Edward Point lying just beyond.



Beaver Meadow Wildlife Management Area