

Conservation Areas



Discover the splendour of the natural world at one or all of our six Conservation Areas.

Each of our Conservation Areas is maintained in a natural state yet offers a variety of amenities, trails, and activities. Some sites include privies, picnic tables and even equipment rentals.

Conservation Areas allow you to experience nature through seasonal activities ranging from nature appreciation, hiking, and cross-country skiing to nature photography.

This brochure provides basic information about each of our Conservation Areas. To learn more about our properties, or the many other Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) activities, please check our website at www.crca.ca



Cataraqui
Trail

The CRCA also owns the 104 km Cataraqui Trail linking Strathcona to Smiths Falls. The trail is operated by a management board and volunteers. To learn about the Cataraqui Trail, check out its website at: www.cataraquitrail.ca

- Location:** Brockville; 4 km north on Hwy 29 to Tincap, right on Debrugge Road
- Features:** 532 hectares (1,314 acres) of wetland, field and forest
- Trails:** 5 trails totalling 11 km including a handicapped-accessible trail
- Terrain:** Easy

Mac Johnson Wildlife Area includes a reservoir that regulates water levels for the Buells Creek system. The reservoir is a provincially significant wetland with a high diversity of plant and animal life including some provincially significant species. There are two water access points for canoes and kayaks.

The property has a nature centre, toilets and a picnic shelter. Seasonal activities include hiking, nature appreciation, skating, skiing, cross-country skiing, picnicking and canoeing. There are privies and picnic tables.

Schools programs and weekend public programs are also provided at Mac Johnson Wildlife Area. Visit our website for details.

Lemoine Point CONSERVATION AREA



Location: Kingston; entrances off of Coverdale and Front Road

Features: 136 hectares (337 acres) of forest, field and marsh

Trails: 4 trails totalling 11 km including two handicapped-accessible trails

Terrain: Easy

Lemoine Point Conservation Area features spectacular waterfront on Collins Bay and Lake Ontario. There are many opportunities for recreation and nature appreciation in any season.

The Conservation Area was acquired in 1975 to preserve a significant piece of waterfront and forest for future generations.

Seasonal activities include: hiking, cross-country skiing, picnicking, swimming and wildlife viewing. There are many species of plants and resident and migratory birds and animals.

This property is popular in all seasons.

There are handicapped-accessible privies and picnic tables.

Little Cataraqui Creek CONSERVATION AREA



Location: Division Street, Kingston, 2 km north of Highway 401

Features: 394 hectare (973 acre) site featuring wetlands and forest

Trails: 5 trails total 14 km and include a handicapped-accessible trail

Terrain: Easy to moderate

Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area is open year-round. In summer, there is hiking, picnicking and bird-watching or you can rent a canoe or kayak.

In fall, winter and spring, we offer school programs and family-oriented weekend events. And you can hand-feed our friendly chickadees.

Winter is a special time. There is skating on the reservoir on Kingston's largest natural ice rink. Also, there is cross-country skiing and snowshoeing; equipment can be rented at the Outdoor Centre.

The Outdoor Centre is available to rent for private events and has a fully equipped kitchen/snack bar.

Every spring Maple Madness operates from our demonstration sugar bush.

Gould Lake CONSERVATION AREA



Location: North of Sydenham on Gould Lake

Features: 589 hectares (1,455 acres) located amidst the rugged Canadian Shield

Trails: 10 trails totalling 20 km

Terrain: Trails are moderate to rugged

Gould Lake Conservation Area is part of the headwaters of the Millhaven Creek system. The lake and surrounding lands are important for water management but also provide excellent wildlife habitat. This property offers many opportunities for nature appreciation and recreation.

The main Rideau Trail crosses the property and there are several side loops.

Hiking and cross-country skiing are the major activities although bird-watching and nature photography rank as close seconds. Canoes and kayaks are available for rent during the summer.

There is an unsupervised swimming beach, privies and picnic tables.

Lyn Valley

CONSERVATION AREA

Location: Few minutes north-west of Brockville

Features: 11 hectares (27 acres) featuring a spring-fed pond

Trails: 0.8 km trail loop

Terrain: Easy to moderate

Lyn Valley Conservation Area is open from May to September. It features a rehabilitated, spring-fed quarry with good water quality for swimming. Facilities include privies, a picnic shelter, a swimming dock, beach, picnic area and tables.

Parrott's Bay

CONSERVATION AREA



Location: West of Amherstview; entrance on Hwy 33 (Bath Road)

Features: 117 hectares (289 acres) of woods, wetlands and scenic waterfront

Trails: 6 km of trails

Terrain: Easy

Parrott's Bay Conservation Area is a great place to rediscover nature. Enjoy hiking, wildlife viewing and nature appreciation all year-round. A seasonal activity is cross-country skiing. Picnic tables are provided at the entrance. There are no washrooms or privies.

Located on migration routes, this is a haven for migratory waterfowl. The property is a provincially significant coastal wetland and area of natural and scientific interest (ANSI). It is home to several provincially significant species.

CATARAQUI REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority has provided environmental leadership and service to the community since 1964.

We own and maintain over 4,300 hectares of land for resource management, environmental protection and recreation purposes. This includes 15 boat ramps and water access points, seven dams and three water control structures.

For more information about your local conservation areas or our environmental programs, please call, write or visit our website:



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