

2.—Areas of National and Provincial Parks, by Provinces and Territories

Province or Territory	National	Provincial	Total
	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles
Newfoundland.....	—	42·00	42·00
Prince Edward Island.....	7·00	—	7·00
Nova Scotia.....	390·61	—	390·61
New Brunswick.....	79·63	—	79·63
Quebec.....	0·33 ¹	9,834·00	9,834·33 ¹
Ontario.....	11·73	6,177·39	6,189·12
Manitoba.....	1,148·08	—	1,148·08
Saskatchewan.....	1,496·00	1,685·13 ²	3,181·13 ²
Alberta.....	20,718·00	13·49	20,731·49
British Columbia.....	1,671·00	14,071·39	15,742·39
Yukon.....	—	—	—
Northwest Territories.....	3,625·00	—	3,625·00
Canada.....	29,147·38	31,823·40	60,970·78

¹ Not including area of Gatincau Park, 25 square miles in extent (see p. 37).
Nipawin and Lac La Ronge unsurveyed lands, 1,392 square miles in extent.

² Includes

National Parks.*—Since the first National Park was established around the mineral hot springs at Banff, Alta., in 1885, the National Parks have grown in number to 26 and in area to more than 29,000 square miles. Fundy National Park in New Brunswick, formally opened in 1950, is the latest addition.

These Parks are maintained by the Federal Government for the preservation of regions of outstanding beauty and interest, for the protection of the flora, fauna and natural phenomena found there, and also for the preservation of places of great historical significance in the building of this nation. They are supervised by the National Parks and Historic Sites Service of the Development Services Branch, Department of Resources and Development, and are developed and maintained in such a manner that they will not be despoiled or exhausted by use but will continue to provide inspiration, education and healthful recreation for present and future generations.

The National Parks are Canada's greatest single tourist attraction. In 1949 more than 1,800,000 persons entered their gates for varying periods and for diverse purposes. Facilities for comfort and recreation are provided by the construction of swimming pools with dressing-room buildings; equipped camp-grounds, some with trailer-park facilities; golf courses with superb scenic settings; tennis courts, bowling greens; children's playgrounds; athletic fields; horseshoe pitches; out-door checker-boards; and, in some of the parks, amphitheatres where plays, concerts and picture shows are held in the open. For winter sports there are downhill and slalom ski courses, ski jumps, ski tows, a chairlift, ski lodges and chalets. Accommodation in the National Parks is provided mainly by private enterprise and includes modern hotels, bungalow cabins, chalets, lodges and cottages. To stimulate the provision of adequate tourist accommodation, modern cabins are being provided in several of the Parks to be leased to concessionaires who undertake to offer low-rental accommodation to park visitors. Rail, highway and air transportation systems serve the National Parks and there is a well-maintained network of roads and trails within the Park boundaries.

A Park warden service protects the forests and wildlife and maintains constant vigilance for the safety and comfort of visitors. Stocking and transfer of game fish in order to improve angling opportunities are carried out quite extensively and

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