

to afford low-rental accommodation for park visitors. Recreational facilities include equipped camp grounds, some with trailer-park facilities; golf courses in superb scenic settings; tennis courts; bowling greens; well-equipped children's playgrounds; athletic fields; horseshoe pitches; outdoor checker-boards; and, in some of the parks, heated outdoor swimming pools with dressing-room buildings, and amphitheatres where plays, concerts and film shows are held in the open. For winter sports there are downhill and slalom ski courses, ski jumps, ski tows and, at Banff, a chairlift.

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 are carried out extensively and successfully in order to improve angling opportunities in park waters; fish hatcheries are operated in three of the mountain National Parks. The Scientific Management of Game Fish in Canada's National Parks is the subject of a special article on pp. 35-39 of the 1956 Year Book. Two of the National Parks are largely big-game preserves where herds of buffalo and other animals find sanctuary.

In addition to the scenic, recreational and wild animal parks, Canada has 14 national historic parks. The National Parks Branch of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources is also responsible for the marking, preservation and restoration of places of great historic interest in Canada. More than 525 such sites have been marked on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

3.—Location, Year Established, Area and Characteristics of National Parks

Park	Location	Year Established	Area	Characteristics
			sq. miles	
Scenic, Recreational and Animal Parks				
Terra Nova.....	On Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland, 150 miles north of St. John's.	1957	156.0	Maritime area now under development; rocky headlands, wooded areas with abundant wildlife, off-shore and fresh-water fishing.
Prince Edward Island..	North shore of Prince Edward Island.	1937	7.0	Strip 25 miles long on shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Recreational area, fine bathing beaches. Accessible by highway. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp grounds.
Cape Breton Highlands.	Northern part of Cape Breton Island, N.S.	1936	367.2	Rugged Atlantic coast line with mountain background. Fine seascapes. Recreational opportunities. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp grounds.
Fundy.....	On Bay of Fundy between Moncton and Saint John in New Brunswick.	1948	79.5	Delightful recreational area. Forested region, wildlife sanctuary, rugged terrain. Bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp grounds.
Georgian Bay Islands..	In Georgian Bay, north of Midland, Ont.	1929	5.4	Recreational and camping area. Unique pillars on Flowerpot Island. Accessible by boat from nearby mainland points. Equipped camp grounds and annual youth camps on Beausoleil Island.
Point Pelee.....	On Lake Erie in southwestern Ontario.	1918	6.0	Recreational area. Remarkable beaches, southern flora. Resting place for migratory birds. Accessible by highway. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp grounds.
St. Lawrence Islands...	In St. Lawrence River between Brockville and Kingston, Ont.	1914	171.7 (acres)	Mainland area and 12 islands among Thousand Islands. Recreational and camping area. Accessible by highway; by boat from nearby mainland points.