

The Department maintains a Game Farm at Magnetic Hill near Moncton where various species of wildlife to be found in the province are displayed.

Quebec.—The Province of Quebec has established six provincial parks and 16 fish and game reserves. Four of the park areas are quite extensive. La Vérendrye Park, 140 miles northwest of Montreal, has an area of 4,953 sq. miles; Laurentide Park, 30 miles north of Quebec City, is 3,613 sq. miles in extent; Mont Tremblant Park, 80 miles north of Montreal, 1,223 sq. miles; and Gaspesian Park, in the Gaspé Peninsula, 514 sq. miles. Mont Orford Park, situated 15 miles west of Sherbrooke, has an area of 16 sq. miles and Deux Montagnes Park, near Oka, 1.5 sq. miles.

Fish and Game Reserves together occupy 41,166 sq. miles.* The Chibougamau Reserve, the Mistassini Reserve and the Assinica Reserve, all northwest of Lake St. John, have areas of 3,400, 5,200 and 3,850 sq. miles, respectively, and farther north is the James Bay Reserve with an area of 25,000 sq. miles. The Aiguebelle Reserve in Abitibi County has an area of 100 sq. miles, the Baie Comeau and Chicoutimi Reserves in the Lake St. John area, 480 and 678 sq. miles, respectively, and the Kipawa Reserve in Témiscamingue County, 1,000 sq. miles. Adjoining Gaspesian Park in the Gaspé Peninsula, the Chic-Chocs, Matane and Joffre Reserves have, respectively, 325, 450 and 40 sq. miles. Also in Gaspé Peninsula are the Port Daniel, Rivière St. Jean and Rivière Petite Cascapédia Reserves for salmon and trout fishing, occupying 20, 13 and 300 sq. miles, respectively. Horton Reserve in Rimouski County has an area of 310 sq. miles.

These parks and reserves are wilderness areas of great scenic interest and are for the most part mountainous country threaded with many rivers, lakes and streams and abounding in wildlife. In all of them, except Mont Orford Park and Deux Montagnes Park, excellent fishing may be found and most of them have been organized to accommodate sportsmen and tourists in camps, cottages and lodges. Mont Tremblant Park, located close to a famous year-round recreational area, and Deux Montagnes Park are easily reached in summer by highway from Montreal and are very popular for tent or trailer camping and for swimming and picnicking. Mont Orford has an 18-hole golf course and, in winter, is the rendezvous of Canadian and United States skiers and the site of the Canadian Alpine downhill and slalom championship competitions. Hunting is forbidden in the parks and reserves, except Horton, Joffre, Kipawa and James Bay; in the latter only moose are protected.

Ontario.—The provincial parks system in Ontario has been greatly expanded in recent years. There are 81 parks now available for public use and one new park is in process of development. Thirty other areas are reserved for future development. The total area in the Ontario Provincial Parks system is about 5,460 sq. miles.

The four largest provincial parks—Algonquin, Quetico, Lake Superior and Sibley—together have an area of about 5,200 sq. miles. Algonquin, 180 miles north of Toronto and 105 miles west of Ottawa, has several campgrounds which are accessible by car from Highway 60 and its numerous waterways may be traversed and enjoyed by canoe. There are several commercial children's camps in the Park but the present administration policy is to provide development facilities, such as campgrounds, on the Park fringes and to retain the interior in a natural condition. The interiors of Quetico and Lake Superior Parks are also retained as wilderness areas with only fringe development. Quetico Park is accessible by road at the Dawson Trail Campground on French Lake, and also by water via Basswood Lake in the south. Highway 17 north from Sault Ste. Marie provides access to Lake Superior Park, and Sibley Park may be reached by road from Highway 17 east from Port Arthur. There are small charges for entry of automobiles into provincial parks and for overnight camping.

Under the Wilderness Areas Act, which came into effect in 1959, 36 areas have been established. These tracts of land, widely distributed across the province, vary in size,

* Excluded are the 16,000 sq. miles of the Mingan Reserve, no longer operated by the Department of Game and Fisheries as a reserve.