

sites and walking trails and is already one of the finest recreation areas in Canada, enjoyed by nearly 1.8 million visitors each year. A master plan for its further development is under way.

1.4.3 Provincial parks

Most of the provincial governments of Canada have established parks within their boundaries. Some of these, particularly in Quebec and Ontario, are wilderness areas set aside in order that some portions of the country might be retained in their natural state without change brought about by the hand of man. Most of them, however, are smaller areas of exceptional scenic or other interest which are easily accessible and are equipped or slated for future development as recreational parks with camping and picnic facilities. The more important parks in each province are mentioned briefly in the following paragraphs.

Newfoundland. Altogether, 3,151 sq miles of wilderness, reservation, park lands and public beaches are administered by provincial government agencies. Of this land, 2,785 sq miles are contained within two wilderness areas administered by the Wildlife Division of the Department of Tourism. The remaining 366 sq miles of development and reserved public park land are under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Parks Division of the Department of Tourism. Of that area, 106 sq miles are in 46 developed provincial parks; two sq miles in protected public beaches; and 258 sq miles in 16 provincial park reserves. Operation of these parks is directed toward preservation of the natural environment and most of them are located in wilderness areas, developed only for picnicking and camping. Regulations prohibit hunting and other types of resource exploitation; sports fishing, however, is encouraged. There is a continuing upward trend in the number of park users, both in day-use and overnight areas.

Prince Edward Island. Twenty areas have been developed as provincial parks including Strathgartney Park, a 40-acre tract of land on the Trans-Canada Highway between Charlottetown and Borden, which is an excellent picnic site and campground with its hardwood groves, fresh spring water and beautiful view over the West River and the surrounding country; Lord Selkirk Park, an area of 30 acres at Eldon, is of historic interest in that it contains an old French cemetery and marks the spot on the shoreline where Lord Selkirk landed; Brudenell River Park and Golf Course, comprising 296 acres at Roseneath, has a considerable area of woodland and runs to the shore of the Brudenell River; Jacques Cartier Park, an area of 22 acres at Kildare Beach four miles from Alberton, is of historic significance as the place where Jacques Cartier first landed on Prince Edward Island; Green Park, 45 acres on the Trout River, is an attractive combination of land, trees and water and is also of interest as a historic shipbuilding centre; Cabot Park at Malpeque, named in honour of the famous explorer, John Cabot, is a 54-acre area with beautiful sandy beaches and an interesting museum; and several small parks have been developed or are under development. A fee of \$4.00 is charged for serviced tent and trailer sites and of \$3.00 for unserviced sites. The parks are maintained by the Department of the Environment and Tourism.

Nova Scotia. The provincial park system, which is administered by the Department of Lands and Forests, consists of 17 overnight campground parks, 46 day-use picnic parks and seven day-use beach parks. Campground parks are located near the major highways throughout the province, and are designed to provide overnight camping accommodations; however, they usually contain a day-use picnic ground as well. They vary in size from 65 to 1,200 acres, and have from 30 to 175 campsites. Basic facilities include potable water, vault toilets and picnic tables. There are no service hook-ups. Picnic parks are designed as roadside day-use rest areas, and are located at 20- to 40-mile intervals along major highways (other than on controlled access routes). They vary in size from less than one acre to more than 200 acres and are provided with basic facilities similar to those in campground parks. Day-use beach parks are designed to serve as recreational areas, and are provided with picnic tables, potable water, vault toilets, and change houses. Additional good quality beaches are being developed, dependent upon demand and location. The overnight camping fee is \$2.50 per party per night. There are no vehicle entry permits or day-use fees. The provincial park system provides about 10% of the total number of campsites in the province, with the national park system providing about 15% and the private sector the remaining 75%.

New Brunswick. The New Brunswick provincial park system, which is administered by the Department of Tourism, includes 24 recreational parks ranging in size from 25 to 1,400 acres, 26 picnic-ground parks, 11 campground parks, eight beach parks, a marine park and a resource