

swimming with life-guards. Mactaquac, near Fredericton, one of two year-round parks, boasts a championship 18-hole, 7,030-yd (6 428 m) golf course and two marinas. Both Mactaquac and New River Beach parks, between St. Stephen and Saint John, have interpretative programs with naturalists on staff. During the winter there are facilities for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, tobogganing, skating, sleigh rides and camping. Sugarloaf, near Campbellton, the other year-round park, features an alpine ski hill with three lifts, cross-country skiing, skating, snowmobiling, tobogganing and tennis. Campobello Provincial Park on Campobello Island has a 9-hole, 3,290-yd (3 008 m) golf course and lodge. In the past few years services on the 54,000 acres (21 853 ha) of parkland in New Brunswick have been expanded and improved.

**Quebec.** The provincial Parks Branch administers Quebec's parks and reserves with a view to preserving the natural environment for the enjoyment of future generations while allowing adequate facilities for today's population to make full use of the educational and recreational pursuits made possible by nature's bounty. During 1975-76 the Operations Division of the Parks Branch was responsible for 47 parks and 43 reserves, including 22 salmon streams totalling 300 miles (483 km) in length, and 60 campgrounds with more than 6,700 campsites.

The first park (Mont-Tremblant) was established in 1894. It covers 990 sq miles (2 564 km<sup>2</sup>) in area and is located north of Montreal. Five years later Laurentides Provincial Park was established north of Quebec City. It covers an area of some 2,690 sq miles (6 967 km<sup>2</sup>). New parks and reserves are being added year by year. The most recent additions were St. Bruno in 1975 and Kanogami and Frontenac parks in 1976.

More than a score of activities are carried out in the parks and reserves. They are important to tourism in terms of the number of visitors attracted from within and outside the province. In 1975-76 an unprecedented total of more than 5.5 million visits was recorded compared with nearly 4.0 million in 1974-75. The increases were most noticeable in the following activities: hiking, 164,000 persons; swimming, 176,000; canoeing, 44,000. Snowshoeing, cross-country and downhill skiing drew more than 1,050,000 visitors compared with some 720,000 in 1974-75.

Moose hunting by Quebec residents is permitted in Mont-Tremblant and Laurentides parks and in the La Vérendrye, Haute-Mauricie, Mastigouche, Saint-Maurice, Portneuf, Matane and Dunière reserves. Deer hunting is allowed in the Rimouski and Île d'Anticosti reserves. Small game hunting is also permitted in certain areas. Trout fishing, as well as fishing for other species, is carried out in about 20 parks and reserves. The Parks Branch also operates one salmon stream in the Quebec district, 10 in Gaspé-Lower St. Lawrence district, two in the North Shore district and nine on the Île d'Anticosti reserve.

In most parks and reserves, accommodation suited to the activity is available. During the summer season, the Parks Branch can also accommodate about 2,100 persons a night, in addition to the campgrounds.

**Ontario.** There are 122 provincial parks available for public use in Ontario and several new parks are being developed; 111 other areas, comprising 1,974 sq miles (5 089 km<sup>2</sup>), are held in reserve for future development. The total area of the Ontario provincial park system is about 18,692 sq miles (48 412 km<sup>2</sup>). The parklands are administered by the Parks Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources. The seven largest parks — Polar Bear, Algonquin, Quetico, Lake Superior, Missinaibi, Killarney and Sibley — have a combined area of about 15,076 sq miles (39 047 km<sup>2</sup>). Polar Bear Park is the largest, occupying 9,300 sq miles (24 087 km<sup>2</sup>) of Hudson Bay Lowland bordering Hudson Bay and James Bay and containing boreal forest, tundra and arctic flora and fauna. Algonquin Park covers 2,910 sq miles (7 537 km<sup>2</sup>), has 17 picnic and camping areas accessible by car and offers fine canoeing opportunities.

Under the Wilderness Areas Act of 1959, 40 wilderness areas have been established, varying in size, character and significance according to their historic,