

Manitoba Protected Areas Audit, December 2015 - Summary (1999-2015)

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		Percentage (%) Area of Manitoba
Total Protected Areas (All Designations Types) as of 1989: (includes Riding Mountain National Park)	350,000 Ha	0.5%
Total Protected Areas (All Designations Types) as of Spring 1999: (includes Wapusk National Park)	5,241,500 Ha	8.1%
Total Protected Areas (All Designations Types) as of June 2000: (End of the Endangered Spaces Campaign - WWF Canada)	5,579,883 Ha	8.6%
New Protected Provincial Parks/Zones (Part/Whole) since September 1999: (Colvin Lake Park, Birch Island Park, Nueltin Lake Park, Criddle/Vane Homestead, Pembina Valley, Rivers, Trappist Monastery Heritage Park, Manigotagan, Nopoming, Whitemouth Falls, Beaudry, Duff Roblin, Nopiming, Pinawa Dam, Hecla/Grindstone, Sturgeon Bay, Kinwow Bay, Moose Lake, Pembina Valley, Spruce Woods) [10]	728,745.5 Ha	1.1%
New Protected Park Reserves/Zones (Part/Whole) since September 1999: (Birch Island, Duff Roblin, Fisher Bay, Little Limestone Lake, Goose Island, Grand Island, Hudwin Park, Pelican Islands, Pemmican Island) [9]	162,386 Ha	0.3%
New Protected Wildlife Management Areas Protected since September 1999: [10 Whole, 15 Partial]	190,998 Ha	0.3%
New Protected Ecological Reserves since September 1999: (Little George Island, Shay, Brokenhead, Armit Meadows, Birch River, Whitemouth Bog, Walter Cook Caves, Holmgren Pines, Pockock Lake, Lake Winnipegosis Salt Flats, Pelican Islands, Cedar Bog**, St. Labre Bog**, Piney**, Lewis Bog**, Woodridge**) [16]	24,874 Ha	0.0%
New Forest Act Protected Lands since September 1999: (Bell and Steeprock Canyons Protected Area, Douglas Marsh Protected Area) [2]	21,310 Ha	0.0%
New Protected Private Conservation Lands since September 1999: (Nature Conservancy Canada & Ducks Unlimited) [2]	5,789 Ha	0.0%
TOTAL - New Protected Areas since September 1999:	1,124,102 Ha	0.6%
Renewed Protected Park Reserves since September 1999: (Amisk*, Birch Island*, Fisher Bay*, Poplar/Nanowin River*, Goose Island*, Grand Island*, Kinwow Bay*, Pelican Islands*, Pemmican Island*, Walter Cook Caves*, Little Limestone*) [13] (* renewed multiple times, Ha counted once)	1,184,737 Ha	1.8%
Expired Protection (Part/Whole) since September 1999: (Hudwin, Long Point, East Paint Lake, Fisher Bay, Poplar/Nanowin) [5]	-282,052 Ha	-0.4%
Total Manitoba Protected Areas as of December 31, 2015:	6,431,933 Ha	9.9%
Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas (Traditional Territory) (Asatiwisipe Aki, Pimitotah, Little Grand Rapids, Pauingassi) [4]	132,575 Ha	0.0%

* renewed multiple times, Ha counted once
 ** Mines Act Regulations not in place

Manitoba Public Policy says a protected area is "closed by legal means to logging, mining, hydroelectric development, or any other activity that significantly and adversely affects habitat." See 2015 strategy.
 Several land designations are used to establish protected areas. Most parks in Manitoba established before 1986 still have industrial development in them. Recent steps to take logging out of certain park zones have resulted in other developments, including mines and roads moving in. Recreation parks, or zones are not protected areas.



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Total Area of Manitoba = 65 million Ha

Manitoba Protected Areas Audit 2015 Chart

Legend:

Green shaded row indicates audit changes from most recent year

Blue shaded column indicates if the area has had regulatory action since September 1999 YES - Protected; NO - Not Protected

Yellow shaded boxes indicate the area is a new protected area since September 1999 (Partial or Whole)

Pink shaded boxes indicate if the area has had protection renewed since September 1999

Purple shaded boxes indicate the area is a new designation, but is not protected

Red shaded boxes indicate areas which do not have their crown mineral rights withdrawn

Tan shaded boxes indicate areas which are indicated as protected under the East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act but are NOT Protected

ASI#

Area of Special Interest Number used for mapping by participants in Manitoba's protected area consultations & tech-review. Designed by Manitoba Conservation.

Date of Regulation

When designation or regulation became law

Designation Period

Interim protection dates

Protection YES/NO

"In Manitoba, as a minimum, a 'protected' area must be closed by legal means to logging; mining; oil and gas exploration or development; hydroelectric development, or any other activity that significantly and adversely affects the environment." (Manitoba Conservation) *Heritage Rivers are not protected from development.

Designation Type

Park Reserve - Interim protection under Parks Act (Wilderness or Natural Park)

Provincial Park - Permanent protection & designation under Parks Act (Wilderness, Natural Park, Heritage, LUC)

Ecological Reserve - Permanent protection & designation under Ecological Reserves Act

Wildlife Management Area (WMA) - Designated under Wildlife Act, regulation for those WMAs or WMA units protected from development.

Lands under Forest Act - Designated under Forest Act, regulation specifies protection from development, like WMAs

Private Lands - Designated through agreements, crown mineral rights withdrawn (Eg. Nature Conservancy, Manitoba Naturalist Society Lands)

L.U.C. (Land Use Categories) Parks Act *=Protected from development

Wilderness*

To protect, representative or unique natural landscapes in an undisturbed state and provide recreational opportunities that depend on a pristine environment

Backcountry*

To protect examples of natural landscapes and provide basic facilities and trails for nature-oriented recreation in a largely undisturbed environment

Resource Management

To permit commercial resource development or extraction in a manner that does not compromise the main purpose of the park classification

Access

To provide a point or route of access in a provincial park for a road, transmission corridor, etc.

Recreational Development

To accommodate recreational development, cottages, towns, roads, some resource development

Heritage*

To protect a unique or representative site containing a resource or resources of cultural or heritage value (depends on site)

Acts

Ecological Reserves
Forestry (using same language as under Wildlife Act)
Mines (for withdrawal of crown mineral rights)
Parks
Wildlife

Protection Type

Interim
Permanent

Action Since September 1999

Regulatory steps under Manitoba Acts, since September 1999

Natural Regions

Natural regions of Manitoba - Manitoba Conservation

Size (Hectares)

Protected
Other (area within designation NOT protected)

Crown Mineral Rights Withdrawn

Prospecting, other dispositions not available under Mines Act. Regulation under Mines Act withdrawn from any mineral use.

Mining Rank One

Ranked and Ratified for protected status in Minerals Sector Protected Area Consultation

FN Nomination

Nominated for protection by a First Nation Community, under the First Nation Protected Areas MOU, its principles, consultation standards

Includes Water

May be rivers, lakes, or coastal areas included, LUC is usually Recreational Development where water is not protected. May also be within Parks Act LUC for protected status.
No mechanism exists to protect water ways or lakes.

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