

ATTLEE CENTRAL FOREST CONSERVATION RESERVE (C213) FACT SHEET

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♦ BACKGROUND

On July 16, 1999, the Ontario Government released the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy* to guide the planning and management of Crown lands in central and parts of northern Ontario. A major part of the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy* was a government intent to establish 378 new protected areas. This commitment marks the biggest expansion of provincial parks and conservation reserves in Ontario's history.

The Attlee Central Forest Conservation Reserve is part of this significant expansion of Ontario's protected areas system. Following public and First Nation consultation in the summer of 2000 on refining the boundary of this protected area, Ontario Regulation 805/94 of the Public Lands Act was amended on October 3, 2001 by Ontario Regulation 384/01 Schedule 105, to formally establish this conservation reserve.

♦ SIZE AND LOCATION

The Attlee Central Forest Conservation Reserve is located in the geographic Township of Attlee, in the Municipality of Killarney, in the Territorial District of Sudbury. The conservation reserve is 286 hectares, more or less, being composed of the said township and designated as Part 1 on a plan known as C213 Attlee Central Forest Conservation Reserve, filed on January 15, 2001, with the Office of the Surveyor General of Ontario in the Ministry of Natural Resources. This conservation reserve is located approximately 15 km east, of the northeast boundary of Killarney Provincial Park and west of the Attlee Conservation Reserve. The west side of the reserve runs along a tributary of the Wanapitei River in central Attlee Township.

◆ AREA HIGHLIGHTS

This conservation reserve is in site district 5E-4 and protects a forest of very old cedars growing on a gently rolling landscape of ground moraine. Ground moraine is sediment deposited from retreating glacial ice, and is characterized by irregular, rolling topography.

♦ LAND USE INTENT

Conservation reserves are areas of Crown land set aside by regulation under the Public Lands Act.

Conservation reserves complement provincial parks in protecting representative natural areas and special landscapes. Most recreational (e.g. hiking, skiing, tourism related uses, nature appreciation) activities that have traditionally been enjoyed in the area will continue, provided that these uses do not impact on the natural features needing protection. Hunting and fishing is permitted within all new conservation reserves proposed through Ontario's Living Legacy.

Commercial timber harvesting, mining, aggregate extraction and commercial hydroelectric development are prohibited in conservation reserves. Careful mineral exploration may occur in specific new conservation reserves proposed through *Ontario's Living Legacy*, in areas that have provincially significant mineral potential. If a portion of a new conservation reserve is to be developed for a mine, it would be removed from the reserve, and appropriate replacement lands would be placed in regulation.

♦ NEXT STEPS

The *Land Use Strategy* established the Ministry's intent to add these Crown lands to Ontario's protected areas system following the extensive public consultation associated with the Ontario's Living Legacy and Lands for Life land use planning initiatives between 1997 and 1999. Prior to the finalization of the boundary of this conservation reserve regulated under the Public Lands Act, the Ministry invited public comment on the proposed boundary from all potentially affected stakeholders and First Nations.

In the interim, the area was withdrawn and protected from resource extraction activities such as timber harvesting, hydroelectric development, aggregate extraction and new mineral exploration.

In the future, the Ministry of Natural Resources will prepare a management plan for this area. Depending upon the complexity of issues within this conservation reserve, management planning may take the form of a Basic Stewardship Statement of Conservation Interest or a more detailed Resource Management Plan. Please let us know if you would like to be notified when planning begins.

Planning, management and the uses permitted within this conservation reserve would be consistent with the commitments of the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy.

♦ FOR MORE INFORMATION

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You may also visit the Ministry's Internet website at www.ontarioslivinglegacy.ca for more information on *Ontario's Living Legacy*.

