

New Brunswick Parks Act Review

The New Brunswick government is currently holding a public review of the laws and rules that decide what happens in our provincial parks. This is the first time in decades that New Brunswickers have had a chance to comment on how our provincial parks are conserved and managed, and to have a say in a better future for our parks.

The government is accepting comments on their discussion paper, [Review of New Brunswick's Parks Act: Conserving and Protecting for the Future](#), until September 13, 2013. This is your chance to have a say in the future of our provincial parks. [Click here for more information about the Parks Act Review.](#)



Please take a moment now to write a short letter to the provincial government, highlighting your views on what needs to be in the law that governs our provincial parks.

If you need some inspiration, here is a summary of what CPAWS is saying:

CPAWS supports the proposed direction to strengthen the conservation and ecological preservation role of our provincial parks and to ensure our parks meet international standards for protected areas. We also strongly support the mandate of provincial parks as a way of connecting people to nature.

CPAWS believes it is of primary importance that:

- The Parks Act should mandate that protection of the ecosystems in provincial parks must be a high priority in park planning and management.

With respect to the **Stewardship** theme of the review, CPAWS believes the following elements are crucial to include in the legislation:

- The Parks Act should prohibit all industrial resource use in provincial parks (for example, logging, mining, oil and gas exploration and development).
- The Parks Act should require development and regular review of management plans for each park, with public involvement, that outlines the parks' conservation priorities and how they will be achieved.

Alternatively, you can also [fill out the provincial government's online survey](#) to provide your feedback on shaping the future of New Brunswick's provincial parks.