

# How Well Do You Know Nova Scotia's Provincial Parks?

Mira River Provincial Park



Caddell Rapids Look-off

## **Largest Camping Park— Cape Chignecto, Cumberland County 4292 ha (10,606 ac.)**

Park with the most campsites—  
148 at Mira River, Cape Breton County

Park with the fewest campsites—  
30 at Valleyview, Annapolis County

Kilometres of walking/hiking trails  
found within provincial parks—180  
km (112 mi.)

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Amount of land designated as  
park or park reserve under  
Provincial Parks Act – 14 200 ha  
(35,089 ac.)

Number of provincial parks  
that provide beach or shoreline  
access—71

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## **Mira River Provincial Park Albert Bridge, NS**

The high quality clay found along  
the riverbanks led the French to  
establish a brickyard at this site in  
1727. The bricks were used to build  
the Fortress of Louisbourg.

## **Smileys Provincial Park Brooklyn, NS**

White gypsum cliffs are common  
along rivers and streams near the  
park. The gypsum, along with salt  
and limestone, was deposited here  
over 250 million years ago. In places  
the gypsum is 425 m thick (1,400 ft.)

## **Thomas Raddall Provincial Park Port Joli, NS**

At Moody Bog, in the northern part  
of the park, layers of acidic  
sphagnum moss or “peat” are built  
up when organic matter is produced  
faster than it decomposes. Various  
species of orchids find refuge here,  
as does the carnivorous pitcher plant  
and shrubs such as cranberry,  
leatherleaf, huckleberry and  
Labrador tea.

Peat bog at Thomas Raddall Provincial Park



## **Caddell Rapids Look-off Stewiacke, NS**

Hundreds of bald eagles migrate  
through Colchester and Hants  
counties each winter when the lakes  
and shorelines of Cape Breton freeze  
over. Caddell Rapids Look-off  
provides an excellent vantage point  
to view eagles as they feed on  
tomcod travelling up the  
Shubenacadie River to spawn.



Bald eagle (adult)

## **Uisge Ban Falls Provincial Park New Glen, NS**

The name Uisge Ban comes from the  
Gaelic meaning “white water”. The  
park is located near New Glen,  
Victoria County (Hwy 105, Exit  
9) . A four km (2.4 mi.) trail  
through a climax hardwood  
forest, provides access to view  
the 16 m (50 ft.) high waterfall.  
The walls of the gorge tower  
50 m (500 ft.) on either side  
of the falls.