

# Quick Facts - 12% Land Protection



## Campsite Leases and Access to Private Land

In June 2011, government invited Nova Scotians to help review more than 200,000 hectares of land (12% lands) to help in choosing potential new protected areas. To provide flexibility, this is more land than is needed to achieve the 12% land protection goal. These lands are not proposed protected areas, but government will select most of the proposed protected areas from these lands.

### Campsite Leases

Campsite leases are legally established campsites with a permanent camp on small parcels of provincial land.

#### Did you know?

- Campsite leases can be permitted in wilderness areas, but not in nature reserves or provincial parks.

### Campsite Leases and Land Protection

We are committed to minimizing impacts on campsite lease holders as a result of new protection decisions. In many cases, the impacts are not on the lease use, but may be on vehicle access to the lease site.

Potential impacts can be minimized by:

- deciding not to protect certain 12% lands;
- establishing a wilderness area rather than a provincial park or nature reserve;
- designing protected area boundaries to avoid or exclude campsite leases.

#### Did you know?

- There are close to 100 campsite leases in wilderness areas throughout Nova Scotia.
- Vehicle access can be permitted to campsite leases located within wilderness areas for maintenance and removal of structures.

### Campsite Leases in Southwest Nova Scotia

We are aware of concerns about possible impacts of land protection on campsite leases in Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby Counties. The 12% process is designed to address these concerns.

#### Did you know?

- Of the 200 campsite leases in these three counties, only 15 are actually included in or next to 12% lands.

### Private Land Access

In some cases, private land may be surrounded by 12% lands. By understanding how people access their land, we can avoid impacts to land access and use.

Potential impacts can be minimized by:

- deciding not to protect certain 12% lands;
- designing protected area boundaries to accommodate access routes to private lands;
- legally authorizing vehicle access to private lands.

#### Did you know?

- For wilderness areas, government is required to provide access to surrounded private lands. Some conditions may apply.

### We need your help

If you are a concerned campsite lease holder or private land owner, please let us know how you may be affected by land protection in your area. By sharing information on land use and access, you can help plan Nova Scotia's new protected areas.

Information on our planning and consultation process is available at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/12percent/> and in "Our Wild Spaces" booklet. You may also email us at: [protectedareas@gov.ns.ca](mailto:protectedareas@gov.ns.ca) or call us at: 902-424-2117.

