

## **Broad River Lake Addition**

**COUNTY:** Queens

**WILDERNESS AREA:** Tidney River

**TOTAL AREA:** 1,708.6 hectares (4,221.9 acres), including about 398 hectares of lake

**PID:** 70225560

**Addition includes:** Broad River Lake, Northeast Lake and Second Lake

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

- This addition primarily consists of a large property that was purchased from Bowater Mersey (now AbitibiBowater) in 2007 for addition to Tidney River Wilderness Area. The addition includes three lakes.
- Extensive areas of bog and fen wetlands alternate with mature to old forest stands of white pine and spruce-pine-hemlock. Suitable habitats for rare plants also occur.
- This area is shaped by distinctive glacial features. A prominent esker (sinuous ridges of sand and gravel formed by glacial streams) bisects Broad River Lake; and north–south trending morainal ridges and intervening wetlands provide habitat corridors throughout the area.
- Bear, deer and the occasional moose roam the area. The lakes and waterways once supported a major sea trout run, now lost because of acid precipitation.
- The area has high wilderness recreation value, with major lakes and more than 25 km of lake and river shoreline along a traditional canoe route.
- With addition of this area, Tidney River Wilderness Area will protect a wider range of representative (typical) landscape elements of the Sable River Basin natural landscape.

