

McGill Lake Addition

COUNTY: Annapolis

WILDERNESS AREA: McGill Lake

TOTAL AREA: 507.1 hectares (1,253 acres)

PID: 5012901

DESCRIPTION:

- This parcel was acquired from Bowater Mersey (now AbitibiBowater) in 2007. Designation will significantly expand McGill Lake Wilderness Area.
- The property includes 4 km of shoreline along the northern shores of Big Molly Upsim Lake, plus shoreline along the western side of McGill Lake.
- Much of the forest consists of older white pine and spruce, along with some shade tolerant hardwood and eastern hemlock. A variety of wetlands occupy about 10 per cent of the area.
- The property borders part of a historic canoe route and popular wilderness recreation corridor, between Shannon and Molly Upsim lakes. Lakeshore access facilities are maintained by the Municipality of Annapolis County at Shannon River Canoe Access Park.
- Adding this parcel to McGill Lake Wilderness Area will help maintain the wilderness character of this area for back-country canoeing, angling and other recreation. It will protect the older forest, and help achieve better representation of landscape elements of the South Mountain Rolling Plain natural landscape within Nova Scotia's protected area system.
- The Old Annapolis Road will be excluded from McGill Lake Wilderness Area.

