

## Addition to Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area

[Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area](#) protects more than 16,000 hectares (ha) of rugged woodlands, lakes and waterways of the Eastern Shore interior, in Halifax Regional Municipality.

An addition of approximately 516 ha (1,275 acres) to this wilderness area will add the following provincial (Crown) lands:

1. 267 ha at Fishing Lake. About 190 ha of this was acquired by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and transferred to the Province for protection in 2014. The adjacent Fishing and Bell lakes will also be added to the wilderness area. A conservation easement applies to the former Nature Conservancy of Canada property, which is already recognized as a type of protected area. Lays Lake Road and the roads to Hartman Lake and Portapique Lake are not included in the planned addition.
2. 36 ha at Admiral Lake, recently confirmed to be Crown land. This includes Admiral Rock and four islands, with over 2 km of lake frontage.
3. 2 ha near Webber Lake, west of Lays Lake Road. This is part of a parcel acquired jointly by Nova Scotia Environment and the Department of Lands and Forestry to help consolidate provincial ownership near the western side of Lake Charlotte.
4. 23 ha at Moose Cove Lake, which is an inholding acquired by the Province in 2018
5. 41 ha of scenic and rugged slopes between the west side of Oyster Pond and the existing wilderness area, acquired by the Province in 2018.
6. 24 ha inholding at the south end of Salmon River Lake which is being donated to the Province for protection. This parcel includes the lower section of Salmon River and a traditional portage used for angling, canoeing and other access to the wilderness area. A rough, deteriorating road which provides limited vehicle access to Salmon River Lake may be left out of the addition to accommodate this access, depending on public interest and further consideration of impacts to the wilderness area.

The addition also includes the following lands owned by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC):

7. 106 ha at Logging Lake
8. 15 ha parcel at Fish River, surrounded by lands of Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area. Another 5 ha of Fish River which passes through the NCC property will also be added.

NCC will continue to own its Logging Lake and Fish River lands. These are already recognized as a type of protected area. Designation as wilderness area adds protection and management options. Provisions of the *Wilderness Areas Protection Act* will now apply, except for any uses or restrictions the NCC may choose as landowner.

This addition will fill gaps and improve boundaries of Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area. This helps protect rare lichens, woodlands, beautiful scenery, quality angling and paddling opportunities, and more. The net increase in protected land is approximately 210 ha.

**Aerial view of Fishing Lake, looking southeast**

