



**Nagagamisis & Nagagami Lake  
Provincial Park Addition (Natural Environment Class) (P 1524)  
Fact Sheet**

**September, 2002**

**BACKGROUND**

On July 16, 1999, the Ontario Government released the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy* to guide the planning and management of Crown lands in central and parts of northern Ontario. A major part of the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy* was a government intent to establish 378 new protected areas. This commitment marks the biggest expansion of provincial parks and conservation reserves in Ontario's history.

The proposed Nagagamisis & Nagagami Lake Provincial Park Addition is part of this significant expansion of Ontario's protected areas system.

**SIZE AND LOCATION**

The proposed Nagagamisis & Nagagami Lake Provincial Park Addition is located on Highway 631 approximately 130 kilometres southwest of the Town of Hearst and 30 kilometres north of the Town of Hornepayne.

The proposed site will extend the existing park to include area the north and south of Nagagamisis Park and area to the west of Highway 631. The Nagagami River, from just west of Nagagami Lake northward to the District boundary, and adjacent land will form part of this addition. The addition, approximately 27,680 hectares in size, includes land in Frances, Flanders, Nagagami, Hiawatha, Elgie, McMillan, Fintry, Auden, Newlands, McEwing, Cross, Frost and Studholme Townships.

The western and river portion of the site can be accessed from the CN tracks northwest of Hornepayne. Water access can also be gained from Nagagamisis Lake by portaging north through Garnet Lake to the Nagagami River. Access can also be obtained where the river is crossed by Highway 11, 50 kilometres west of Hearst. The Frost Road, located 2 kilometres north of Nagagamisis Lake off Highway 631, is the primary road access to this area. The eastern portion of the addition can be access from Highway 631 on the Buck Lake Road.

The bulk of the addition is located on the west side of Highway 631. A boundary of 200 meters on either side of the Foch River, beginning at the CN tracks, is the westerly most point of the site. Most of Frost Township is within the proposed boundary. The boundary extends into Elgie Township and is delineated by co-ordinates to form the south east boundary of the site. From Frost Township the boundary is 200 metres on either side of the Nagagami River as it flows northward. The small addition south east of the existing park, in Newlands Township, is bounded to the south by the Newlands Road and to the north by the Shekack and Nagagamis Rivers. The addition north of Nagagamis Lake is defined to the north by the south shore of Angela Lake and the Buck Lake Road. The southern boundary of the area is the existing park.

### **AREA HIGHLIGHTS**

This site proposes an addition to Nagagamis Provincial Park to increase representation and provide ecological integrity by linking Nagagamis Provincial Park to the Nagagami Lake Provincial Nature Reserve.

The Nagagamis and Nagagami Lake Provincial Park Additions contain the Newlands Township Shoreline Bluff and the Arnott Lake Interlobate Moraine. These areas contain esker, kettle and kame landforms that are exceptionally well developed and rare features within Site District 3E-2. A good diversity of aquatic resources is present within the area including a chain of lakes and the Foch-Nagagami River with its mix of deep, slow moving sections and violent rapids. The river's vegetation is characteristic of the northern boreal forest – chiefly black spruce with some mature jack pine stands.

Archaeological work within the existing park has uncovered extensive numbers of artefacts, evidence of significant historical use of the area by First Nations. It is suspected that many similar sites exist in the proposed addition.

No mining land tenure has been identified in proximity to P1524. The closest mining exploration activity comprises three small groups of mining claims in Fintry Twp four-km to the west. Pre-existing land alienation in northeast corner of McMillan Township has been encroached upon by the P1524 boundaries. Geologically, the area is comprised of high metamorphic grade sedimentary and volcanic rocks. Mineral potential exists in the Fintry-Auden township areas and in the Hiawatha-Nagagami- Frost-McEwing Townships area.

Potential access across and development infrastructure to the river through the waterway park will be an issue.

The Foch-Nagagami River, located within the addition, offers excellent canoeing opportunities.

### **LAND USE INTENT**

Provincial parks are areas of Crown land set aside by regulation under the *Provincial Parks Act*. The *OLL Land Use Strategy* establishes the Ministry's intent to manage this park as a natural environment class park. Provincial parks protect Ontario's representative natural areas and special landscapes. Most recreational activities (e.g., hiking, skiing, tourism related uses, nature appreciation) that have traditionally been enjoyed in the area will continue, provided that these uses do not impact the natural features needing protection.

Natural environment parks incorporate outstanding recreational landscapes with representative natural and historical features to provide high quality recreational and educational experiences.

Visitors to these parks will enjoy spectacular landscapes along with interesting natural and historical features, as well as a variety of things to do such as canoeing, swimming and camping.

Natural environment parks often contain developed recreation facilities, but their rich and varied environments are the main reason for their establishment. Activities permitted in this classification of park range from backcountry travel and camping to car camping, hunting, fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking, biking, and swimming. Consistent with the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy*, hunting, fishing, and fur harvesting will be permitted within this provincial park addition.

Commercial timber harvesting, mining, aggregate extraction and commercial hydroelectric development are prohibited in provincial parks. New private access roads and new resource access roads are not permitted in provincial parks unless a prior written commitment has been made, with the exception of necessary access to existing mining claims, leases and patents enclosed by the provincial park.

Where there are existing Aboriginal and treaty rights, the establishment of this provincial park does not extinguish these rights.

◆ **NEXT STEPS**

The *OLL Land Use Strategy* established the Ministry's intent to add these Crown lands to Ontario's protected areas system, following the extensive public consultation associated with the *Ontario's Living Legacy* and *Lands for Life* land use planning initiatives between 1997 and 1999. Prior to the finalization of the boundary of this provincial park proposed for regulation under the *Provincial Parks Act* and consistent with the Ministry's Environmental Assessment Act responsibilities, the Ministry is inviting public comment on the proposed boundary from all potentially affected stakeholders between September 16<sup>th</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002. The Ministry is committed to ongoing consultation with First Nations who are potentially affected by OLL decisions.

In the interim, the area has been withdrawn and protected from resource extraction activities such as timber harvesting, hydroelectric development, aggregate extraction and new mineral exploration.

In the future and subject to the intended regulation of the area as a provincial park, Ontario Parks will undertake a park management plan to determine the long-term management of this area. The public will be invited to participate in the preparation of management plans. Please let us know if you would like to be notified directly of this opportunity. Alternatively, an interim management statement may be prepared to document the known values and uses of the area, and to provide custodial policies for managing the area until a detailed park management plan is prepared.

Planning, management and the uses permitted within this park will be consistent with the commitments of the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy* and Ontario Provincial Parks Planning and Management Policies (1992).

◆ **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For further information on the proposed Nagagamisis & Nagagami Lake Provincial Park Additions, please contact Sarah Allaby, Park Planner Hearst District at the Ministry of Natural Resources, 613 Front Street, P.O. Box 670 Hearst, Ontario P0L 1N0 phone (705) 372-2309, fax (705) 372-2245 or Patrick Burrough, Resource Analyst, Kapuskasing Area Office, Hearst District at the Ministry of Natural Resources, Postal Box 2, R.R. #2, Kapuskasing, Ontario P5N 2X8, phone (705) 337-9314, fax (705) 337- 9345.

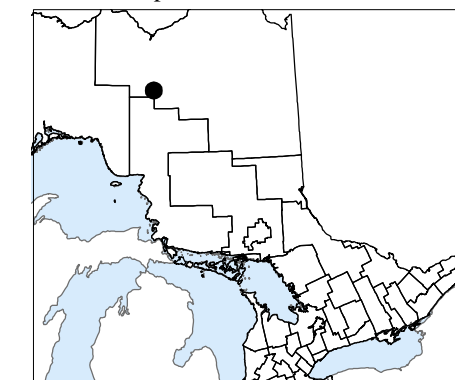
You may also visit the Ministry's Internet website at [www.ontarioslivinglegacy.com](http://www.ontarioslivinglegacy.com) for information about *Ontario's Living Legacy*.

Proposed Boundary  
Public Consultation Map  
NAGAGAMISIS &  
NAGAGAMI LAKE  
Provincial Park Addition  
(Natural Environment Class)

P1524

-  Nagagamisis & Nagagami Lake Provincial Park Addition
-  Forest Reserves
-  Existing Protected Areas
-  Lakes
-  Streams
-  Lot Lines
-  Townships
-  Roads
-  Utility Lines
-  Railroad Tracks

Locator Map



This map is illustrative only. Do not rely on it as being a precise indicator of routes, locations of features, nor as a guide to navigation.

Only Ontario Crown land is included in this provincial park. Where the boundary appears to overlap private land, Federal land, Indian Reserves, or existing Mining Act tenure, that portion of the site is not being regulated as a part of this provincial park. Consistent with the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy however, should mining claims or leases within this area be retired in the future through normal processes, these claim or lease areas will be withdrawn and added to the provincial park.

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