

BEYOND WABAKIMI – CONSERVATION RESERVES

In 1997, a provincial policy approved the stated goal for conservation reserves, formalized strategies for identifying new conservation reserves, provided that statements of conservation interest or resource management plans should be prepared for each conservation reserve; and laid out policies for dealing with a range of matters, including which activities are allowed to occur and which are prohibited.

Conservation reserves make up about 12% of the protected areas network. In 2006, they were incorporated into legislation in the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act. Unlike provincial parks, conservation reserves are not formally operated to provide facilities, services or collect fees. They are created primarily for protection, have limited policy direction, utilize basic planning processes that, in some cases, do not require public consultation; and do not currently employ a classification system or zoning. Informal recreation activities are generally allowed to continue, if compatible with protection of natural heritage.

In the Wabakimi Area, there are more than 300,000ha of conservation reserves that provide connectivity between the park and other protected areas. The chart below lists those within the Wabakimi Area in order of size. Descriptions of the commercial and recreational land uses and activities currently permitted in each of these parks are available in their respective policy reports posted in the [Crown Land Use Policy Atlas](#) (CLUPA).

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ID No.	Reserve Name	Hectares	km ²	Acres	Mi. ²
C2247	Lake Nipigon	188,136	1,881	464,894	726
C2242	Mojikit Lake	62,597	626	154,700	242
C2262	Ottertooth	28,793	288	71,149	111
C2249	Attwood River	21,314	213	52,670	82
C2410	Garden-Pakashkan	12,586	126	31,100	49
Totals		313,426	3,134	774,513	1,210

