



Parks Canada Zoning Summary

What is park zoning?

Park zoning is a method for classifying the water and land in the park according to ecosystem and cultural resource protection requirements, and their capability and suitability for visitor experience opportunities. Zoning provides direction for the activities of park managers and park visitors. The zones serve to guide visitor’s perception of the park and where certain activities are appropriate.

Zoning System Summary

ZONE	PURPOSE	MANAGEMENT
I Special Preservation	Specific areas or features which deserve special preservation because they contain or support unique, threatened or endangered natural or cultural features, or are among the best examples of the features that represent a natural region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preservation is the key consideration. - Motorized access and circulation will not be permitted. Internal access is by non-motorized means.
II Wilderness	Extensive areas which are good representations of a natural region and which will be conserved in a wilderness state.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor recreation activities which are dependent upon and within the capacity of the park’s ecosystems, and which require few, if any, rudimentary services and facilities.
III Natural Environment	Natural areas which can sustain low-density outdoor activities with a minimum of related facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor recreation activities requiring minimal services and facilities of a rustic nature. - Motorized access may be allowed, with public transit being preferred.
IV Outdoor Recreation	Limited areas capable of accommodating a broad range of opportunities for understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the park’s heritage values and related essential services and facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor opportunities supported by facility development. - The defining feature of this zone is direct access by motorized vehicles.
V Park Services	Applied to communities in national parks which contain a concentration of visitor services and support facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not applicable to Bruce Peninsula National Park

