

Indian Arm Brook

Publically Nominated Study Area

Size: 272 km² of the Indian Arm Brook (also known as Campbellton River) watershed.

Location: Central Newfoundland, south of Campbellton and east of Notre Dame Provincial Park.

Type: Representative (Component II)

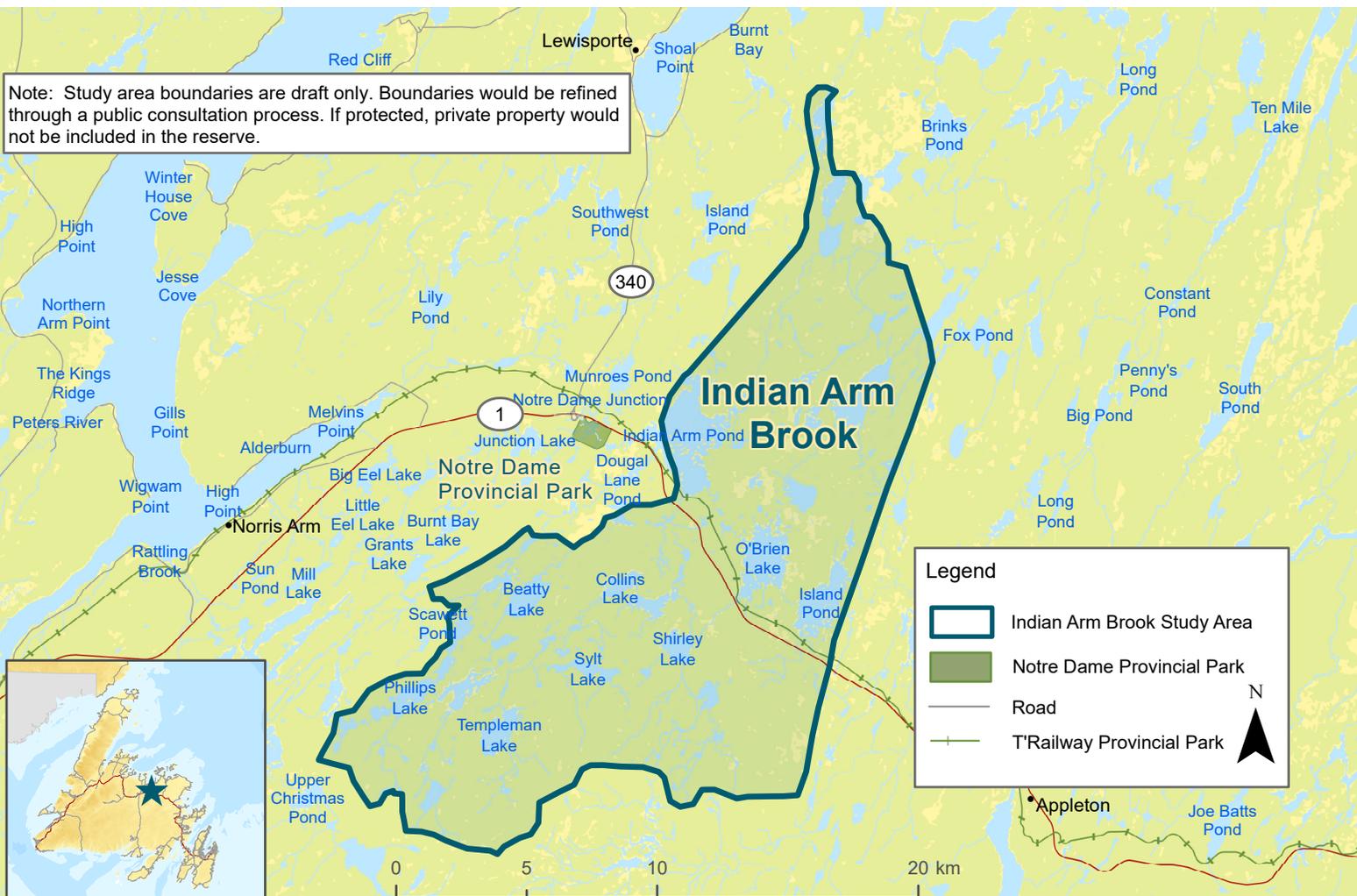
Indian Arm Brook was originally nominated by the Notre Dame Rod and Gun Club and Caribou Adventure Tours for protection as an ecological reserve in 2002. They submitted a formal proposal in 2009 and revised the proposed boundary in 2010.

Indian Arm Brook Study Area is being considered for provincial protection under the **Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Act**.

The study area includes:

- A forested example of the Central Newfoundland Natural Region;
- A large portion of the Campbellton River watershed's teeming freshwater system;
- A provincial Sensitive Wildlife Area for waterfowl habitat; and
- A resident Woodland Caribou population.

Note: Study area boundaries are draft only. Boundaries would be refined through a public consultation process. If protected, private property would not be included in the reserve.



Why is Indian Arm Brook being considered for protection?

The Indian Arm Brook Study Area is proposed to protect a representative part of an ecoregion. An ecoregion is like a neighbourhood - it's a place where different kinds of plants and animals live together in a similar environment.

For Indian Arm Brook, this means protecting this relatively undisturbed example of forests in this natural region. This particular combination of forests, geology, geography, weather, and plants is known as the Central Newfoundland Natural Region (or the Central Newfoundland Ecoregion - Northcentral Subregion).

Very little of this natural region is still unroaded and relatively intact, and only 1.5% of this subregion is protected. Indian Arm Brook would add significant and much-needed protection.

Protecting Indian Arm Brook can:

- Ensure this area remains in a natural state;
- Add protection for Woodland Caribou and waterfowl habitat;
- Allow for continued recreational activities like snowmobiling, hunting and small craft boating, pending public consultations;
- Improve safeguards for the Town of Campbellton's water supply; and
- Protect healthy forests and bog lands that help with climate change mitigation.

How can I get involved in the process and have an impact on how the area is managed if protected?

- Follow planning activities through the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Natural Areas Program website at www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/naturalareas.
- Contact the Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council (WERAC) to discuss any questions or concerns at werac@gov.nl.ca or 709.636.4836.
- Sign up via email to be advised of upcoming public consultations for Indian Arm Brook.
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