WALLACE BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE **AREA**









What makes Wallace Bay NWA so special?

Wallace Bay National Wildlife Area (NWA) is located on the Northumberland Strait in northeastern Nova Scotia. It encompasses 585 hectares of marine and freshwater wetlands, forested uplands, and fields. The NWA was established in 1980 to provide habitat for many species of marsh-dependent wildlife and is particularly important for migrant and nesting waterfowl.

Wallace Bay NWA is

- important breeding and migratory staging habitat for many species of waterfowl including Green-winged Teal, American Black Duck, Blue-winged Teal and Ring-necked Duck;
- breeding habitat for marsh birds such as the Pied-billed Grebe. American Bittern. Sora and American Coot:

- a nesting site for Ospreys;
- habitat for 155 bird species and 24 mammal species (Muskrats are particularly abundant).

The controlled water levels in the wetlands within Wallace Bay NWA are managed cooperatively by Ducks Unlimited Canada and Environment Canada's Canadian Wildlife Service.

What are Environment Canada Protected Areas?

Environment Canada establishes marine and terrestrial NWAs for the purposes of conservation, research and interpretation. NWAs are established to protect migratory birds, species at risk, and other wildlife and their habitats. NWAs are established

under the authority of the Canada Wildlife Act and are, first and foremost, places for wildlife. Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBSs) are established under the authority of the *Migratory Birds Convention* Act, 1994, and provide a refuge for migratory birds in marine and terrestrial environments. The current Protected Areas Network consists of 54 NWAs and 92 MBSs comprising more than 12 million hectares across Canada.

What can I do at Wallace Bay NWA?

Access to Wallace Bay NWA is permitted for activities such as wildlife observation. hiking and photography. Hunting, trapping and fishing are permitted but subject to federal and provincial regulations. For more information on access and permitting for Wallace Bay NWA, please contact the Environment Canada regional office.





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