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What can I do at Chignecto NWA?

Access to Chignecto NWA is not restricted, and activities such as wildlife observation, hiking and photography are permitted. Walking trails are maintained within the NWA and can be accessed from a parking lot at Amherst Point. Hunting is not permitted within the Chignecto NWA or Amherst Point MBS, but trapping is allowed, subject to provincial regulations.

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