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Protected Areas

Protected areas are composed of land, freshwater and marine areas set aside through legislation to protect representative examples of Canada's ecosystems. They are created and managed by the federal, provincial and territorial governments. A small but increasing number is also administered by Aboriginal governments and communities. Some protected areas are jointly managed by two or more administrations. While this map focuses on public and aboriginal protected areas, an increasing number of private lands are conserved by non-government organizations, such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Federal, provincial or territorial and Aboriginal protected areas are grouped separately on this map to show their distribution throughout Canada in 2007. This map shows only the 1385 protected areas which are 10 square kilometres or larger.

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Lambert Conformal Conic Projection. Standard Parallels 49°N and 77°N

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| Protected Areas by Jurisdiction | Populated Places | Roads |
| Federal | • 0 - 999 | — Trans-Canada Highway |
| Protected Area | • 1 000 - 4 999 | — Principal Road |
| Marine Component | • 5 000 - 24 999 | — Secondary Road |
| Provincial/Territorial | • 25 000 - 99 999 | — Winter Road |
| Protected Area | • 100 000 - 499 999 | — Ferry route |
| Marine Component | • 500 000 or greater | |
| Joint Management | | Boundaries |
| Protected Area | | — International |
| Marine Component | | — Provincial / Territorial |
| Aboriginal | | — EEZ (200 mile) |
| Protected Area | | — Canada / Kalaaallit Nunaat dividing line |
| Protected Area greater than or equal to 1 000 ha and less than 25 000 ha | | |

Source(s):
Protected Areas by Jurisdiction
The protected areas data originate from the Canadian Council on Ecological Areas (CCEA) and its members, representing all Canadian provinces, territories and the federal government. Environment Canada's Canadian Wildlife Service compiled spatial and attribute data for protected areas that were larger than 1000 hectares, and provided the data to the Atlas of Canada. The Atlas of Canada integrated and generalized the protected areas data for national scales of 1:1 000 000 and smaller.

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