



Little Greenwater Lake Provincial Park (P2645)

Interim Management Statement

**Administrative Update to Little Greenwater Provincial Nature Reserve
(P2645) Interim Management Statement (updated 1991)**

May 2013

1. PURPOSE/RATIONALE

While some policies were updated in 1991, legislation has changed over this period of time, so have policies and values within the park. New information should be added to keep the interim management statement (IMS) current, relevant and effective as management direction (eg. species at risk information, values and pressures). The current IMS is void of many provincially accepted policies which should be added to inform both MNR and external interests of accepted uses and policies.

The following adjustments are proposed, resulting from a review of the IMS and its relevance as management direction in the context of 2013;

- Add current provincial policies which have undergone public consultation since the IMS was written
- Add new / additional research information, as available, including life science, recreation and earth science information
- Omit references to D.L.U.G.s and modernize references by citing reference to PPCRA / CLUPA
- Modernize wording to be inclusive of all Aboriginal peoples (including Métis)
- Update mapping products

An administrative update has been chosen to modify the interim management statement as there are no new policies being developed for the park. Provincial policies which have undergone public consultation in the past along with additional general information are the only changes being implemented. These adjustments should produce a more cohesive document that is easy to use for both staff and the public in terms of direction for the park, permitted activities and convey additional information which may not have been available at the time the current IMS was authored.

2. DESCRIPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- See attached

3. DECISION

I approve this administrative update to the Little Greenwater Provincial Nature Reserve Interim Management Statement (updated 1991).



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Manager, Northwest Zone – Ontario Parks



Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Date: 15.06.85

NAME: Little Greenwater Lake	CLUPA ID: P2645
CLASS: Nature Reserve	
M.N.R. DISTRICT: Thunder Bay	
M.N.R. REGION: Northwest	
TOTAL AREA (HA): 244	LAND:
	WATER:
SITE REGION: 4W	
SITE DISTRICT: 1	
DATE IN REGULATION: June 15, 1985	

LIFE SCIENCE REPRESENTATION**TARGETS**

site type / landscape unit	species / communities
N/A	

EARTH SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

geological theme	feature
Algonquin Stadal	Brule Creek Moraine

CULTURAL RESOURCE REPRESENTATION

theme	theme segment
Unknown	

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

day use	car camping	wilderness/back country
N/A	N/A	N/A

INVENTORIES

level/type	reconnaissance/completion date	detailed/completion date	required?
life science			brief survey
earth science	checksheet		detailed inventory
cultural			
recreational			
other			

**LITTLE GREENWATER LAKE
PROVINCIAL PARK
INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

I LAND TENURE

All land within and adjacent to the park is Crown land. There is no tenure granted for any land within the park.

Guideline:

Granting of tenure will not be considered for any land within the park, until a management plan has been completed.

II LAND ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION

There is no patent land within the park.

Guideline:

No consideration will be given to acquiring additional land or disposing of land within the park until a management plan is completed.

III EXISTING/PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

There is no existing or proposed development at the present time.

Guideline:

Development (excluding that related to public health and safety) will not be undertaken prior to the completion of a management plan.

The boundaries for Little Greenwater Lake Provincial Park will be surveyed and cut, and appropriate signage provided, if funding permits.

IV RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Little Greenwater Lake is classified as a Nature Reserve Class park under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act. Therefore, the park was not established for recreational purposes.

No water bodies exist within the park.

Guideline:

Where compatible with park values, low-intensity day-use activities and facilities which enhance appreciation of the park will be encouraged.

Certain types of trails may be considered through planning.

Camping and hunting will not be permitted within the park.

Wildlife viewing will be permitted.

Snowmobiling and the use of motorized vehicles is not permitted within the park. Long-term management direction will be determined through planning.

V COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

The park is within trapline area TB115. Within the park, there is minimal beaver habitat and the area is believed to contribute little to the trapline harvest.

The park has been withdrawn from mineral staking and the area is considered as having low mining potential. The area has a high potential for aggregate extraction, however the distance from the market minimizes potential for use.

The park is adjacent to the Dog River-Matawin Forest Management Unit.

No other commercial activities presently exist.

Guideline:

Commercial timber harvest, oil, gas, peat and aggregate extraction, the generation of electricity and other commercial uses are prohibited within the park (PPCRA, Section 16). Prospecting, staking mining claims, developing mineral interests or working mines is not permitted in the park (PPCRA).

Existing commercial fur harvest may continue for the lifetime of the current head trapper. If a license is revoked, surrendered or an application for transfer is received prior to that time, all portions of the registered trapline within the park will be rescinded from the trapline's legal description.

There are no suitable waterbodies within the park to support baitfish harvest activities.

Trapline and baitfish cabins will not be permitted.

Transfers of licenses are permitted between or to Aboriginal peoples.

Other commercial activities will not be permitted in the park.

Ontario Parks will act as a plan advisor and reviewer during the Forest Management Planning Process, according to the northwest zone's protocol for Ontario Parks' participation in forest management planning. This process ensures that park values and park-related values are recognized and that protection and mitigation measures are worked out through the development of the forest management plan when these values are potentially affected by adjacent forestry operations.

VI NATURAL RESOURCES

The park has been established to protect significant earth science features, in particular the Brûlé Creek Moraine. This site provides good representation of this feature.

Little Greenwater Lake Provincial Park is within the Dog watershed, Wildlife Management Unit 11B, Cervid Ecological Framework Zone C1 and Fisheries Management Zone 6.

Guideline:

Maintenance of ecological integrity shall be the first priority and the restoration of ecological integrity shall be considered (PPCRA).

Restrictions on recreational (Section IV) and commercial activities (Section V), as noted above, are expected to provide adequate protection to the earth science features. If any unforeseen threats to the preservation of these features arise, appropriate measures and/or restrictions will be implemented.

Consistent with the protection objective for provincial parks, species declared 'special concern' and 'threatened' by the OMNR will be afforded the same protection as species declared endangered. The statutes and regulations of the Endangered Species Act apply to any species at risk noted or observed within the park.

Forest fires are recognized as a natural ecological process in the boreal forest ecosystem, necessary for both maintenance and renewal. As per the Forest Fire Management Strategy for Ontario, in the absence of a fire management plan for the park, the fire management objectives for the surrounding fire management zone will apply. All fires that occur within the park will receive a full response as per direction outlined in the Boreal Fire Management Zone.

To promote and maintain the ecological integrity within the park, prescribed burning, consistent with Ontario's Prescribed Burn Policy and associated guidelines may be used to reintroduce the natural role of forest fires within the park's boundaries. Further long term direction will be addressed during the development of management direction for the park.

Nuisance, rabid or invasive species may be controlled when essential to protect human health and safety, the health of the species outside the park, or the values for which the park was established. No wildlife habitat or populations will be enhanced, rehabilitated, restored or managed in the absence of a management plan (OMNR 2005).

Management of vegetation will be directed towards ongoing natural succession, unless other alternative strategies are desirable. Non-native plant species will not be deliberately introduced. Where species are already established, and threaten park values, a program for their eradication will be conducted through planning.

Occurrences of insect and disease outbreaks native to the forest region in which the park is situated, is recognized as an integral component of the park's ecology. Non-native species will not deliberately be introduced. Where they are already established, a management program for their eradication may be developed, if it is practical and feasible for the perpetuation of the values for which the park was established. When control is undertaken, it will be directed as narrowly as possible to the specific insect or disease, so as to have minimal effects on the balance of the park environment. Biological controls will be used whenever possible. The control of native species will be addressed in the management plan.

The harvesting of vegetation for commercial or personal use will not be permitted (O.Reg 347/07 s.2).

VII CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES

There are no known cultural heritage features within the park.

Guideline:

Archaeological and historical artefacts and landscapes will only be removed or altered through approved research projects for the purpose of defining past cultural activities.

The locations of any archaeological sites will not be public information. Necessary measures (access/development restrictions) to protect the integrity of any archaeological sites will be addressed through park management planning.

VIII CLIENT SERVICES

No literature is presently available.

Guideline:

Client services will not be provided until a management plan has been completed. Marketing or information products will be consistent with the Ontario Parks Marketing Plan.

IX RESEARCH AND INVENTORIES

An earth science checksheet has been completed for Little Greenwater Provincial Nature Reserve

Guideline:

An earth science inventory and a brief life science survey will be completed prior to preparing a management plan.

Additional research inventories by qualified individuals will be encouraged to further document park values and management needs. These may be carried out by MNR or by outside interest groups/individuals.

Research activities and facilities, under the auspices of an approved research application, approved by the park superintendent, will be compatible with protection values and recreational uses in the park (O.Reg 347/07 s. 2 (3)). Collecting may be permitted under the auspices of an approved research permit and valid collector's permit (O.Reg 347/07 s.2 (2)).

Should inventories identify significant features, an update or amendment to this statement or a re-write may be requested.

X ABORIGINAL INTERESTS

Aboriginal persons and their ancestors have long had a connection with utilizing and caring for the land that should be recognized, respected and celebrated. The park lies within the area covered by the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850. Lac des Milles Lacs is the nearest community to the park; however they are not adherent to this treaty.

Thunder Bay Métis Council and Red Sky Métis Independent Nation, based in Thunder Bay, may also have an interest in this area.

Guideline:

For greater certainty, nothing in this plan shall be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from the protection provided for the existing Aboriginal or Treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada as recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

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