

# Algonquin Provincial Park

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**Algonquin Provincial Park** is a provincial park located between Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River in Ontario, Canada, mostly within the Unorganized South Part of Nipissing District. Established in 1893, it is the oldest provincial park in Canada.<sup>[1]</sup> Additions since its creation have increased the park to its current size of about 7,653 square kilometres (2,955 sq mi). The park is contiguous with several smaller, administratively separate provincial parks that protect important rivers in the area, resulting in a larger total protected area.<sup>[2]</sup>

Its size, combined with its proximity to the major urban centres of Toronto and Ottawa, makes Algonquin one of the most popular provincial parks in the province and the country. Highway 60 runs through the south end of the park, while the Trans-Canada Highway bypasses it to the north. Over 2,400 lakes and 1,200 kilometres of streams and rivers are located within the park. Some notable examples include Canoe Lake and the Petawawa, Nipissing, Amable du Fond, Madawaska, and Tim rivers. These were formed by the retreat of the [glaciers](#) during the last ice age.

## Rivers

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The park contains and protects the headwaters of these rivers:

- Amable du Fond River
- Barron River
- Bonnechere River
- Gull River
- Madawaska River
- Magnetawan River
- Muskoka River
- Petawawa River
- York River

## References

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