

What are Canadian Heritage Rivers?

Canadian Heritage Rivers are Canada's outstanding rivers, nationally recognized and managed through the support and stewardship of local people and provincial, territorial and federal governments. This recognition ensures the long-term conservation of the rivers' natural, cultural and recreational values for future generations.

Which rivers in New Brunswick are Heritage Rivers?

N.B.'s Heritage Rivers consist of the entire length of the St. Croix River, St. John River and a 55 km portion of the Upper Restigouche River.

How are Heritage Rivers selected?

To be so designated, a river, or portion thereof, must have natural heritage, cultural heritage or recreational significance.

How are Heritage Rivers managed?

The Department of Energy and Resource Development (ERD) is the lead provincial organization. The Department works closely with other stakeholders and governments to ensure that the rivers are managed, developed and used consistent with the river's Heritage River management plan. These plans, developed together by all the stakeholders, outline the best methods to improve or maintain the significant values of the river.

Who looks after the Heritage Rivers?

ERD, under an agreement with the St. Croix International Waterway Commission (SCIWC) manages the recreation facilities along the St. Croix River. ERD, under an agreement with the Restigouche River Watershed Management Council (RRWMC), manages the recreation facilities along the Restigouche River.

Are there recreational facilities?

Yes, each river has boat/canoe launching points, picnic sites, and wilderness campsites. Public access is free.

Are activities restricted along Heritage Rivers?

Recreating public must follow safe and sustainable recreation practices as outlined by the SCIWC and the RRWMC. Canoeists/boaters must follow safe boating regulations issued by the Canadian Coast Guard.

Who do I contact for information or to report a problem?

For maintenance items such as fallen trees and overgrown vegetation, damaged or missing signs, damaged facilities, etc. on the St. Croix River, please phone the SCIWC at 506-466-7550. For the Restigouche River, please phone the RRWMC at 506-759-7300.

To report illegal activities, or unauthorized uses on either river, please contact ERD through the local office as listed in the blue pages of your telephone directory under Ranger Offices by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (7477).

For information on all Canadian Heritage Rivers, please contact the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS) at www.chrs.ca or by phone at 1-819-994-2913.

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