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National Park Zoning and Visitor Use Management in Parks Canada

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Topics for Today

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Introduction to Parks Canada Zoning Framework

Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks

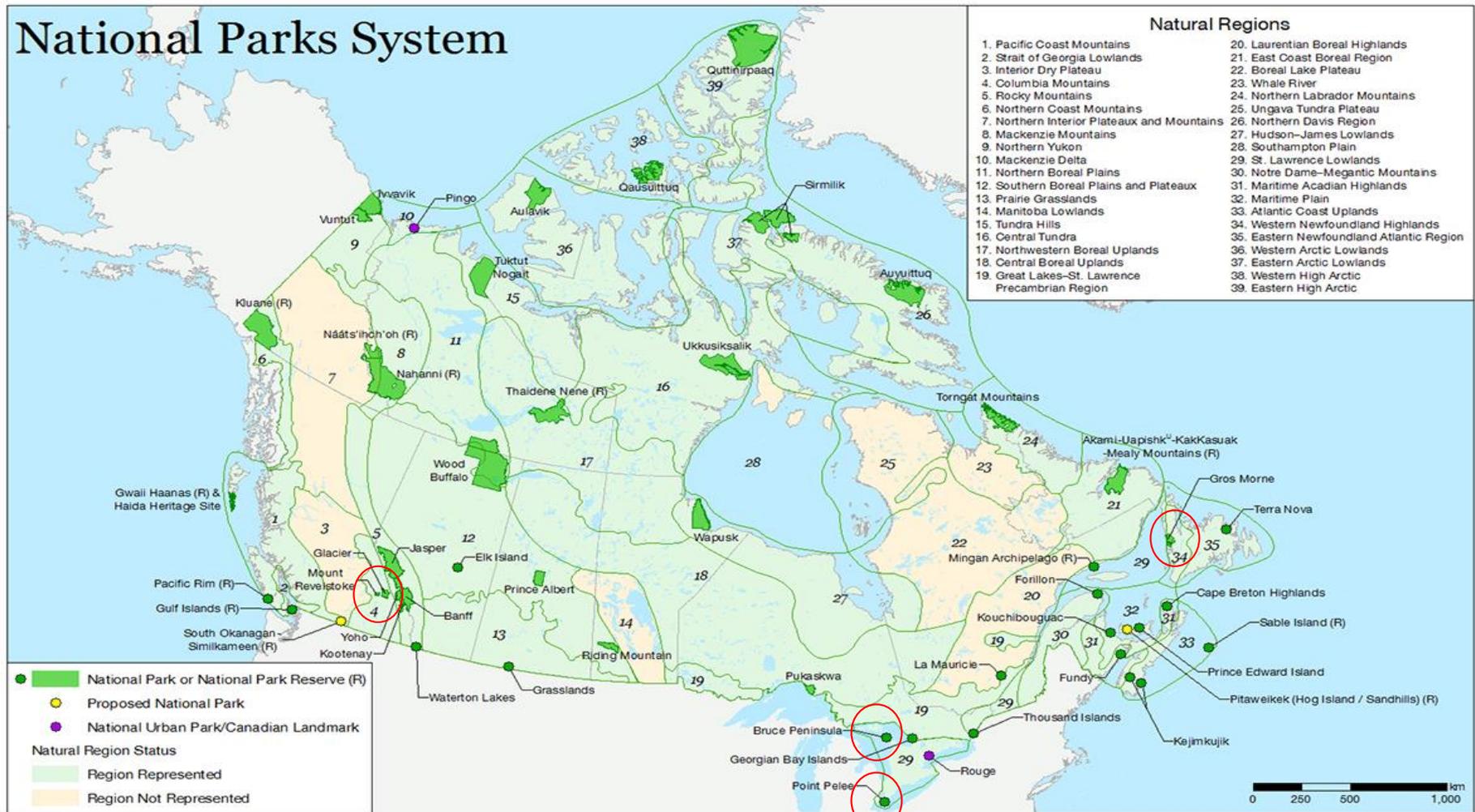
Point Pelee National Park

Examples of Visitor Use Management

Gros Morne National Park

Fathom Five National Marine Park

National Parks System





Parks Canada Mandate

On behalf of the people of Canada, we protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage, and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure the ecological and commemorative integrity of these places for present and future generations.

Maintaining and improving
the ecological integrity of
the park

Facilitating high quality
visitor experience
opportunities

Conducting effective
outreach, engagement
and promotional activities





What is a Management Plan?

- Outlines management direction for a national park, aligned with the Parks Canada Agency priorities
- Provides guidance to park managers over a 10-yr period
- A framework for consultation with Indigenous partners, stakeholders and the general public
- Approved and tabled in Parliament
- High-level, strategic, and results-based



The Parks Canada Zoning Framework





Why Zoning?

- Zoning concept, 1961 - Preservation lands and Development lands
- 5 zone framework established in 1967



Zoning first applied in 1961 at Point Pelee National Park



Five Zone System

Integrated approach by which land and water areas are classified according to ecosystem and cultural resource protection requirements, and their capability and suitability to provide opportunities for visitor experience

Zone I Special Preservation	Zone II Wilderness	Zone III Natural Environment	Zone IV Outdoor Recreation	Zone V Park Services
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Little or no
visitation

Backcountry,
few facilities

Minimal
facilities

Campgrounds,
full services

Park Office

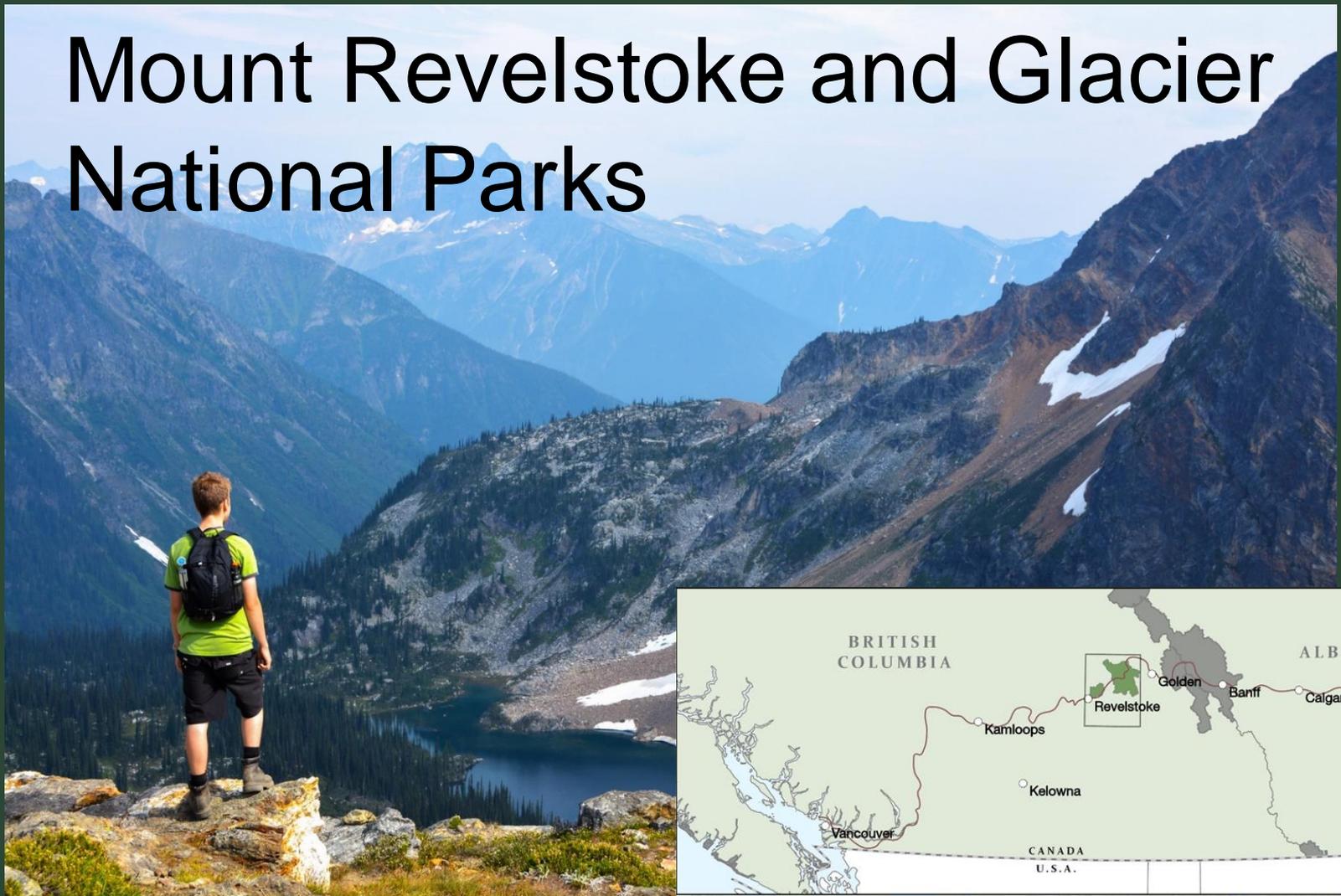


Application of Zoning

- National system, park-level application in the management plan
- Policy - Not regulatory
- Visual representation for how the park is managed
- 2 components
 - Map
 - Text description
- The number of zones in a park may vary
- Majority of the park in zones I & II (85% +)



Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks





Giant Cedars Day Use Area

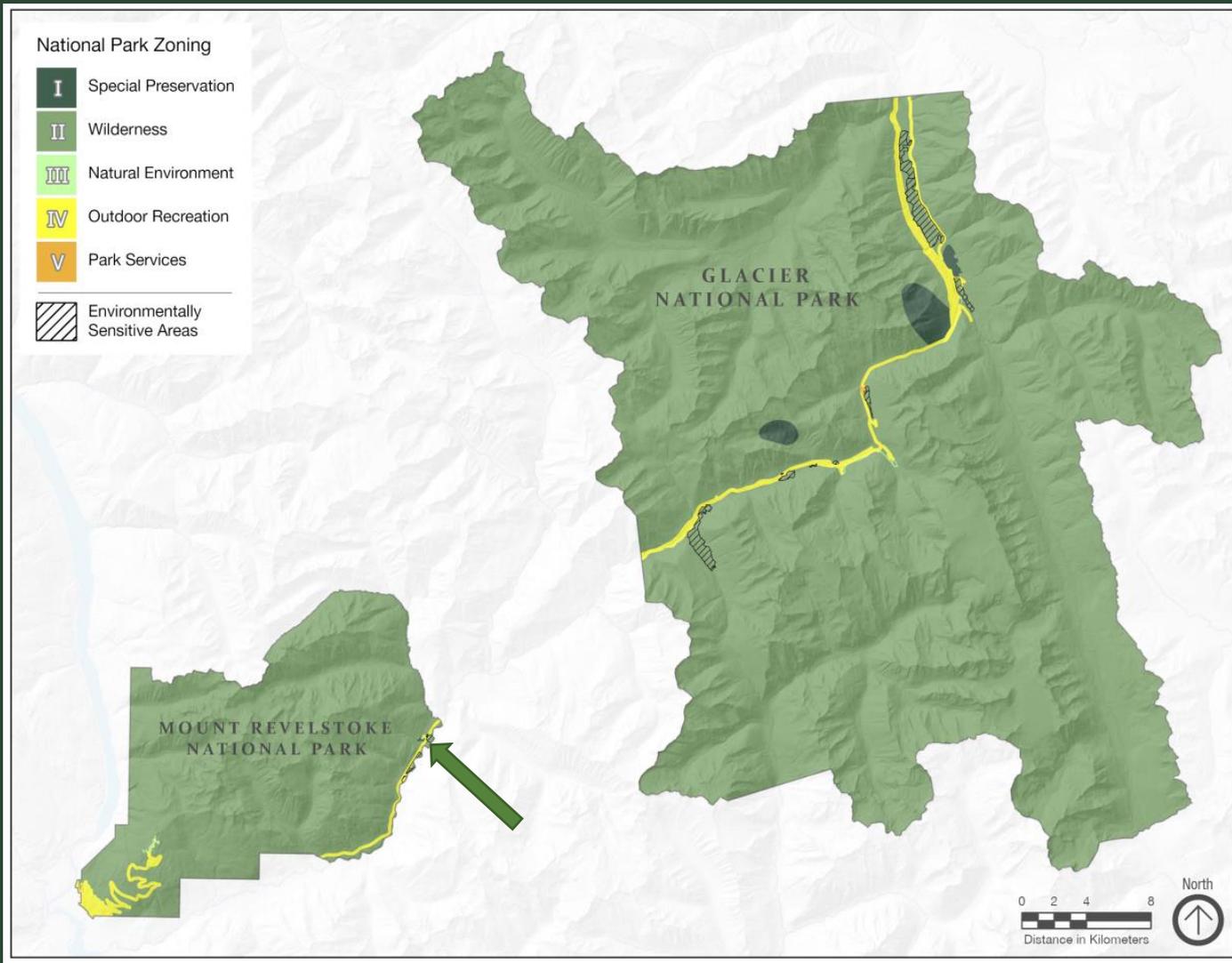


Zone Areas

I & II	98%
III & IV	2%

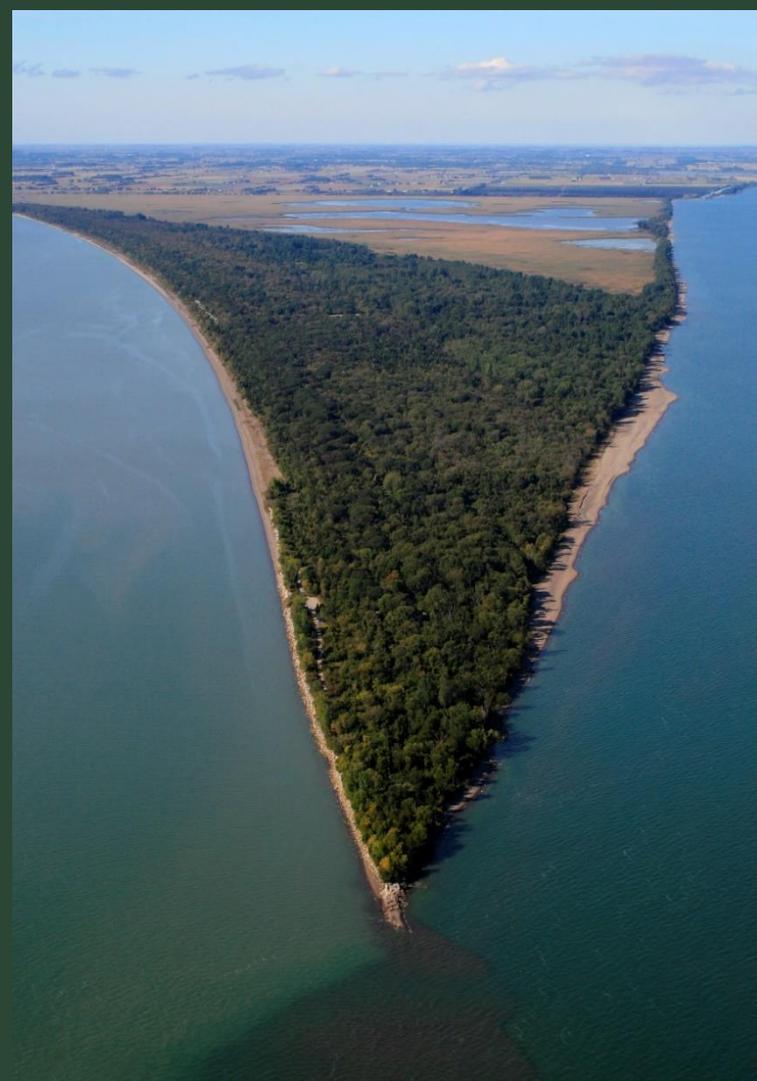
National Park Zoning

- I** Special Preservation
 - II** Wilderness
 - III** Natural Environment
 - IV** Outdoor Recreation
 - V** Park Services
-  Environmentally Sensitive Areas





Point Pelee National Park





Zones III & IV





What is Visitor Use Management?

- Framework developed by Interagency Visitor Use Management Council
- 4 main elements for managing visitor use characteristics to achieve desired conditions
- highly flexible and adaptable for different scales and complexities
- Informed by the best available science, staff expertise, and public input



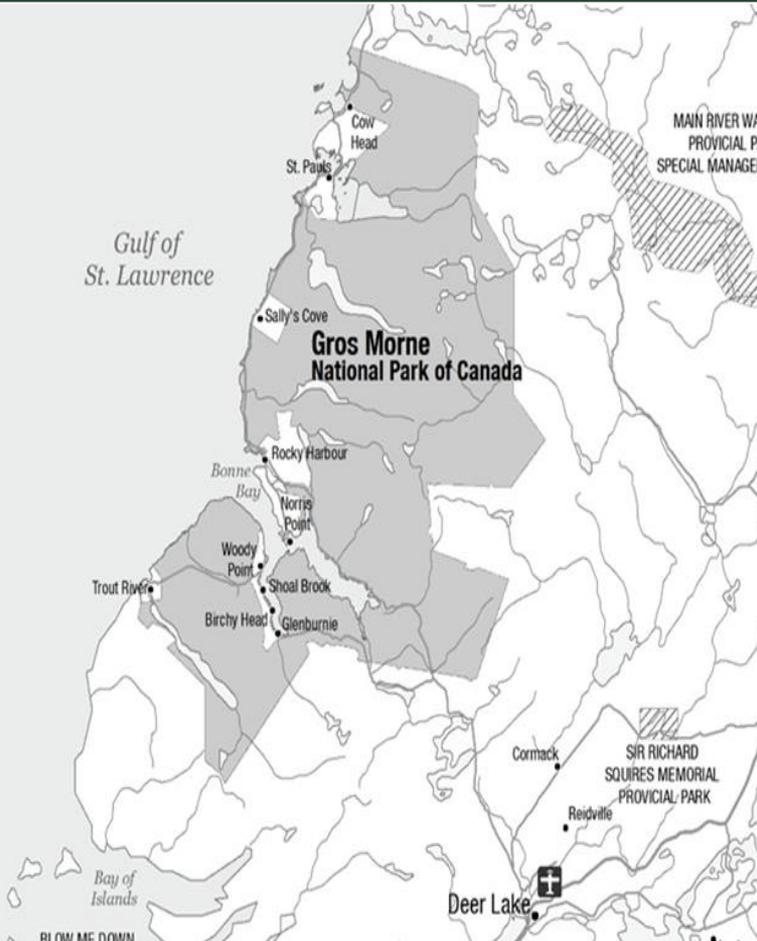


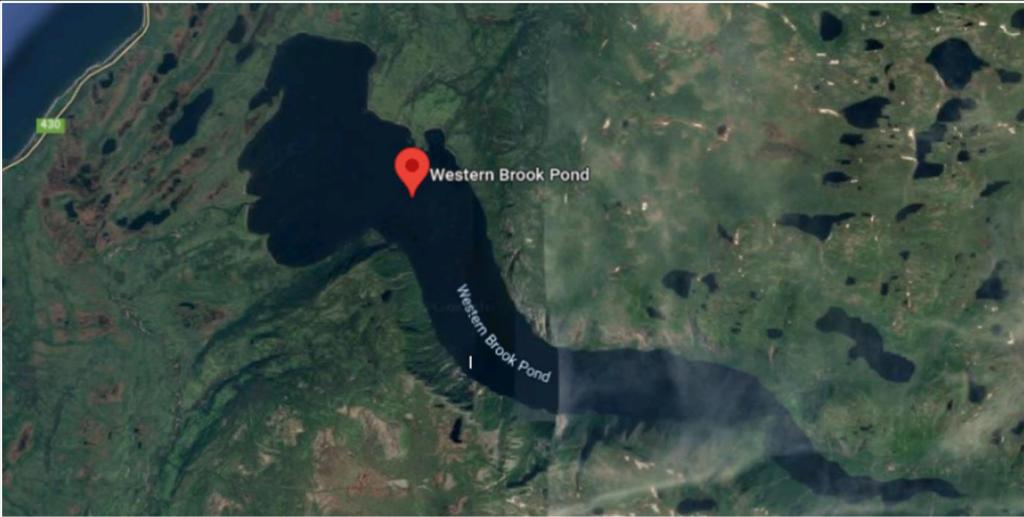
Parks Canada Departmental Plan





Western Brook Pond Gros Morne National Park





- 3 km trail
- Pedestrian access





2017-18

Controlled access
through an ecologically
sensitive area

1992-93



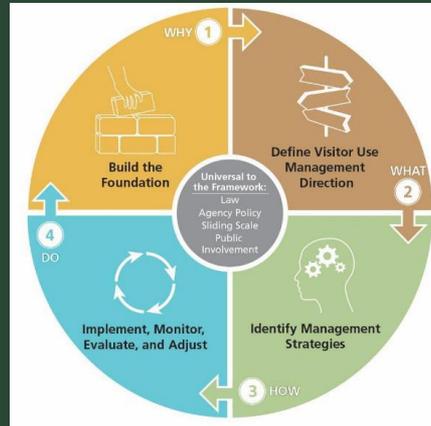


Safety
Maintenance
Accessibility

Visitor experience
Emergency response
Sustainability



Visitor Use Management Workshop



Draft Management Plan



Management Plan

Objectives and targets

- Annual engagement with tour operators
- Water quality monitoring
- Backcountry toilets and garbage management
- Lower emission alternatives for boat tour
- Accessibility opportunities for visitors



Park Zoning

“Use of personal vehicles and tour buses will not be permitted on the Western Brook Pond trail, nor will proposals for large-scale commercial development (i.e. hotels, restaurants or shops) or increased parking capacity.”





Flowerpot Island

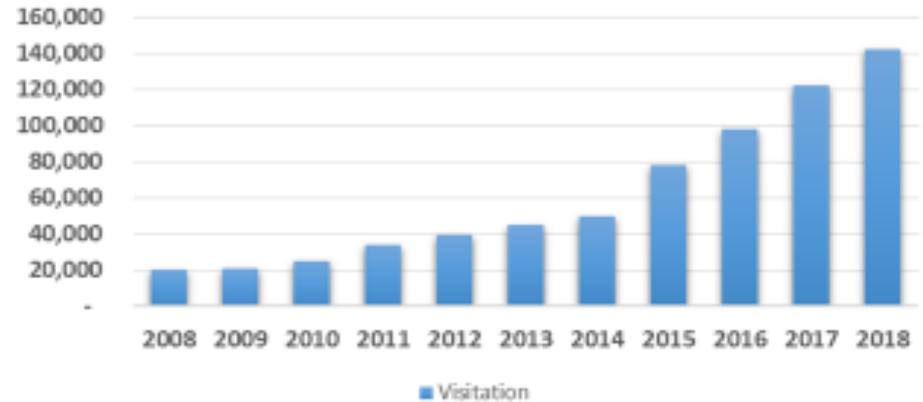




Issue

- Rapid visitation growth and commercial interests
- Emerging concerns about ecological and cultural impacts, safety, quality experience

Growth in Flowerpot Island Visitation
2008-2018





Strategies and Actions

Interim capacity - 2017

Visitor Use Management Plan – 2021-26

- Capacity limits, scheduling, commercial licensing, education, infrastructure, compliance/enforcement
- Protect ecological integrity, work towards sustainable tourism



In Summary

- Applied nationally across a diverse landscape
- Adaptable at the park level
- Involve engagement with Indigenous partners, stakeholders and the public
- Set expectations for park management
- Provide transparency & accountability



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