

WETLANDS GRAND LAKE MEADOWS



Great Blue Heron



Cooper's Hawk



Young Moose



Wetlands of the Saint John River, form the largest freshwater wetland habitat in the Maritimes.

The Grand Lake Meadows is an important part of these wetlands and covers over 3100 hectares- about the size of 50 city blocks.

Wetlands are the cradle of life for a number of species of plants and animals. They serve as breeding, nesting, and feeding grounds for fish, amphibians, insects, birds, and mammals.

The role of wetlands in the hydrology of this area is critical. These natural habitats help lessen flooding and reduce the effects of drought by absorbing excess water and slowly releasing it back into the river, much like a sponge. Wetlands also filter out pollutants and excess nutrients from the landscape, resulting in cleaner water throughout the watershed. Wetlands are critical to our survival, as they recharge valuable groundwater supplies. In addition, wetlands provide us with unique and mysterious places for recreation, education, cultural, esthetic and spiritual pursuits.

This region is best known for its variety of bird species. Over 260 birds call the Grand Lake Meadows home, including 40 species of birds that require wetlands for their survival.

Look for Osprey gliding overhead or listen for the rough caw of the Red-winged Blackbird. Be still and you may observe a Belted Kingfisher or Great Blue Heron as they fish for a meal.

- 1 Douglas Harbour:** Pump-out | Showers | Grocery | NB Liquor | Boat Ramp
- 2 Back Lake:** Boat Ramp
- 3 Lakeville Corner:** Boat Ramp
- 4 Gagetown Marina:** Full-service Marina | NB Liquor | Grocery | Restaurants & Pub | Art
- 5 Gagetown Rotary Park:** Boat Ramp

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 Local Highway
 Trans-Canada Highway
 Channels & Marker (not accurate for navigation)