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Protected Areas through Time

Protected areas are composed of land, freshwater and marine areas set aside through legislation to protect representative examples of Canada's ecosystems. They are created and managed by the federal, provincial and territorial governments. A small but increasing number is also administered by Aboriginal governments and communities. Some protected areas are jointly managed by two or more administrations. While this map focuses on public and aboriginal protected areas, an increasing number of private lands are conserved by non-government organizations, such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Federal, provincial or territorial and Aboriginal protected areas are grouped separately on this map to show their distribution throughout Canada in 2007. This map shows only the 1385 protected areas which are 10 square kilometres or larger.

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Lambert Conformal Conic Projection. Standard Parallels 49°N and 77°N

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| Greater or equal to 25 000 ha | Populated Places | Roads |
| 1992-2007 | 1 000 - 4 999 | Trans-Canada Highway |
| 1971-1991 | 5 000 - 24 999 | Principal Road |
| 1946-1970 | 25 000 - 99 999 | Secondary Road |
| 1929-1945 | 100 000 - 499 999 | Winter Road |
| 1985-1928 | 500 000 or greater | Ferry route |
| Marine Component | | |
| 1 000 ha to 24 999 ha | Abbreviations: | Boundaries |
| 1992-2007 | (FN) First Nation Community | International |
| 1971-1991 | | Provincial / Territorial |
| 1950-1970 | Capital Cities | EEZ (200 mile) |
| 1929-1949 | National: Ottawa | Canada / Kalaaait Nunaat dividing line |
| 1985-1928 | Provincial / Territorial | |

Source(s):
Protected Areas by Year Established
The protected areas data originate from the Canadian Council on Ecological Areas (CCEA) and its members, representing all Canadian provinces, territories and the federal government. Environment Canada's Canadian Wildlife Service compiled spatial and attribute data for protected areas that were larger than 1000 hectares, and provided the data to the Atlas of Canada. The Atlas of Canada integrated and generalized the protected areas data for national scales of 1:1 000 000 and smaller.

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