

Sackville Waterfowl Park

Sackville, New Brunswick

Coordinates: N45° 54.120 W064° 22.000

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The Town of Sackville partnered with Environment Canada's Canadian Wildlife Service and Ducks Unlimited to establish the Sackville Waterfowl Park in 1988. Located in the heart of town, this 22 hectare (54 acres) wetland complex borders the Tantramar marshes and includes 4 km (2.5 miles) of trails and boardwalks where visitors can enjoy marshes, meadows, woodlands and ponds. The park is home to over 160 species of birds and almost 200 varieties of wild plants.

Historically, the park was part of an expansive salt marsh that was flooded daily by the Bay of Fundy tides. In the 1700s, Acadian settlers began draining the marshes and built an extensive dyke system to gain access to the nutrient-rich soil for farming. Several farms still exist on the Tantramar marshes today.



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The Sackville Waterfowl Park is a past winner of Environment Canada's National Award for Environmental Achievement.

Learn more about this area:

sackville.com/visit/attractions/waterfowl

www.ducks.ca/your-province/new-brunswick/wetlands-area/sackville/



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Passport Question:

- What is the structure located at these coordinates?
- Bonus: Who is the structure named after? (Hint: read the commemorative panel)

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The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment's (GOMC) 2012-2017 Action Plan identifies goals for three broad issues that benefit significantly from regional collaboration:

1. Restore and conserve habitat
2. Environmental and human health
3. Sustainable communities

More information on the GOMC, its partners and its activities can be found at www.gulfofmaine.org



Did You Know: In 2010, the Gulf of Maine Council presented **Chris Porter** with an award for his work forming the Tantramar Wetlands Centre, a community-based centre for wetlands education.