



Beaudry Provincial Park Expansion

Land Designation

Provincial Park

Landscape Description

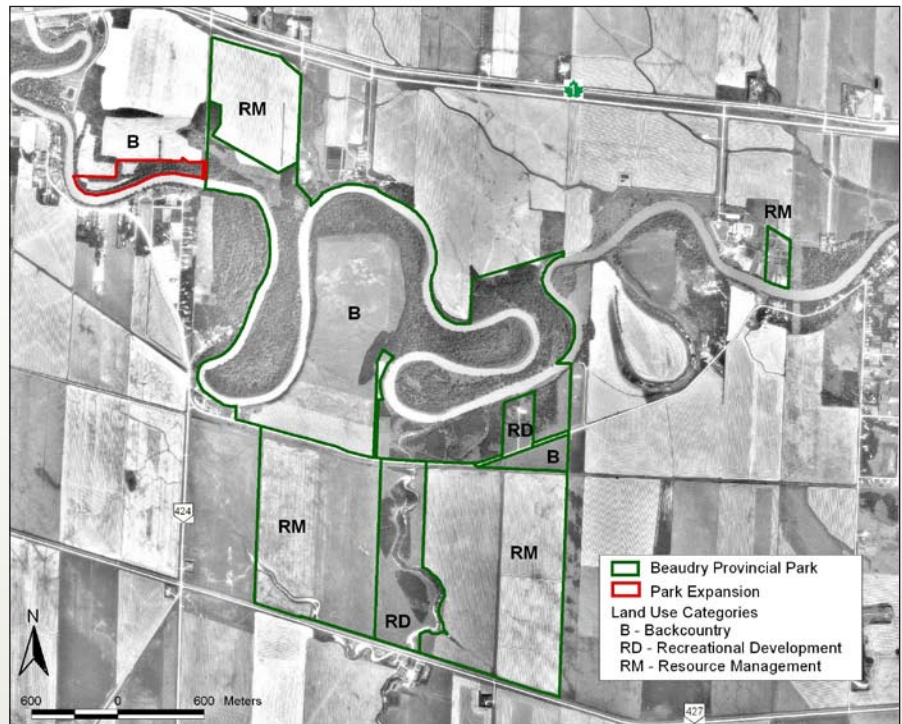
Beaudry Provincial Park is located 10 km west of Winnipeg on PR 241. In 2004, Manitoba's Parks and Natural Areas Branch entered into an agreement with adjacent landowner Mr. Marcel Tallieu to lease a parcel of land adjacent to Beaudry Provincial Park. A 15 hectare parcel of rare river-bottom forest has now been added to the park as a Backcountry Land Use Category.

Outstanding Features

Beaudry Provincial Park is home to some of the largest basswood, cottonwood and maple trees in the area. This diverse forest supports a wide variety of plants and wildlife; ferns, wild grapevines, white-tailed deer, fox, owls, beaver and muskrat are plentiful.

River-bottom forest growing along the Assiniboine River provides essential corridors for the movement and dispersal of wildlife in a region with large tracts of land used for development and agriculture. Undeveloped and relatively undisturbed river-bottom forest, such as that growing on the Taillieu property, is rare. River-bottom forest communities and their inhabitants must tolerate periodic flooding in order to survive.

The Taillieu property supports a variety of terrace, floodplain and channel shelf forest communities. In turn, these are dominated by bur oak, green ash, Manitoba maple, American elm and willows. Spectacular, large basswoods and cottonwoods up to 30 m in height grow in several places throughout the property.



The lease agreement provided for the adding of the Taillieu property to Beaudry Provincial Park under the Provincial Parks Act to enable management of the land as parkland. The lease has a term of 21 years with a renewal option and specifies that the river bottom forest is to be used primarily for nature trails and related facilities. The existing rudimentary trail on the Taillieu property is being upgraded to enable the extension of the existing year-round park trail system further west enhancing opportunities for hiking and cross-country skiing. The province also worked with the R.M. of St. François Xavier, who supported the initiative by closing the road allowance which separated the new parcel from the existing park.