

**Craig's Pit
Provincial Nature Reserve**

**Interim Management
Statement**



Ontario

Ministry of
Natural
Resources

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL STATEMENT

CRAIG'S PIT PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE

This revised Interim Management Statement will provide interim direction for the management of the above Provincial Nature Reserve until a comprehensive Park Management Plan is prepared.

This statement will provide the basis for the subsequent preparation of the Park Management Plan.

I am pleased to approve this Interim Management Statement.



M. S. Millar
A/Regional Director
North Central Region

Revised March 1991

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Date: 9.03.85

NAME: Craig's Pt	scale = 1: 600,000 	
CLASS: Nature Reserve		
M.N.R. DISTRICT: Terrace Bay		
M.N.R. REGION: North Central		
TOTAL AREA(ha): 530		LAND:
		WATER:
SITE REGION: 3W		
SITE DISTRICT: 5		
DATE IN REGULATION: March 9, 1985		

LIFE SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

TARGETS

site type/ landscape unit	species/communities
Undocumented	

EARTH SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

geological theme	feature
Timiskaming Interstadial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - steep bluffs from former glacial Lake Minong. - kettle features occur on relatively level sand/gravel deltaic deposit.

CULTURAL RESOURCE REPRESENTATION

theme	theme segment
Unknown	

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

day use	car camping	wilderness/back country
N/A	N/A	N/A

INVENTORIES

level/type	reconnaissance/ completion date	detailed completion date	required?
life science	field notes		
earth science	checksheet		
cultural			
recreational			
other			

**CRAIG'S PIT
PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE
INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

I LAND TENURE

The entire Park area is located within the municipal boundaries of the Township of Marathon. The southwest Park boundary abuts both the Canadian Pacific Railway main line and a patented ballast pit used for track maintenance.

Guideline:

Liaison with representatives from both the Township of Marathon and the Canadian Pacific Railway will be maintained, and their participation sought in future planning that may impact on the Park objectives.

II LAND ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION

N/A

III EXISTING/PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Existing development consists only of several short, unmaintained former logging roads accessing close to the most prominent kettle hole.

Guideline:

Road access to the Park will not be maintained by M.N.R.

No road improvement or general development will be permitted within the Park.

The Park boundaries will be surveyed and delineated on the ground.

IV RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

N/A

V COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

N/A

VI NATURAL RESOURCES

Craig's Pit Provincial Park protects three representative earth science landform/process themes consisting of:

- i) glacial - two troughs and four major kettle holes;
- ii) fluvial - deep deltaic deposits; and
- iii) lacustrine - a distinctive wave-cut bluff.

These features were formed during the Timiskaming Interstadial time period and are important environmental indicators of the Minong and later lake stages in the Superior basin.

The bluff area is an important migratory bird watching area, where hawks gather in numbers, riding the updrafts created along the face of the bluff.

MINERAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mineral resources have not been documented.

Guideline:

Mining will not be permitted within the Park.

AGGREGATE MANAGEMENT

Aggregate extraction has occurred in areas adjacent to the Park.

Guideline:

Aggregate extraction will not be permitted within the Park.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

A small part of the Park was previously logged.

Guideline:

Commercial logging will not be permitted within the Park.

Wildfire and insects/disease will be controlled, as required.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Present hunting pressure is considered to be moderate. High bluffs within the private C.P.R. ballast pit area and immediately adjacent to it, within the Park area, receive use as a migratory bird watching area.

Guideline:

Hunting and commercial fur trapping will not be permitted within the Park.

The bird watching area outside the park has received listing as a sensitive area. The bluff area has been recognized as a potential wildlife viewing area in an MNR regional publication.

VII CULTURAL RESOURCES

Guideline:

Cultural resources, as identified, will be protected from disturbance.

VIII CLIENT SERVICES

INTERPRETATION

Guideline:

Interpretation will be conducted as minor, occasional theme of the Neys Provincial Park visitor services program.

INFORMATION

Guideline:

A basic information leaflet will be produced providing information on access, significant resources, references, etc.

The Park area will be designated on Provincially produced maps to clearly delineate boundaries.

IX RESEARCH/INVENTORIES

Guideline:

Additional research inventories (earth/life science, cultural) will be encouraged to further document Park values, and may be carried out by M.N.R. or by outside interests.

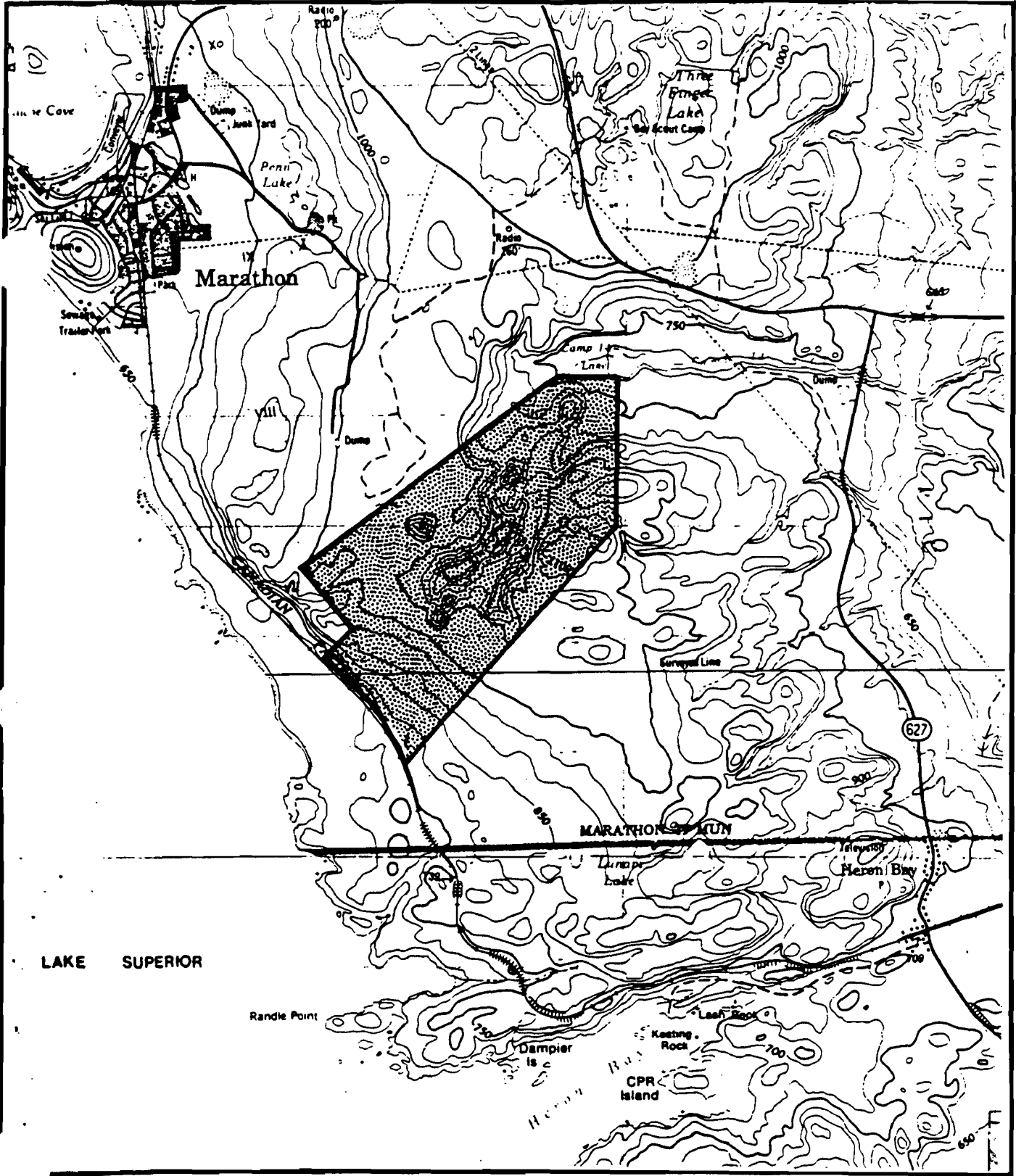
Should inventories identify significant features, interim resource management plans will be prepared.

REFERENCES/SOURCES

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. 1983. Terrace Bay District Land Use Guidelines.

PROVINCIAL PARK

PARK



LAKE SUPERIOR

MARATHON TOWN

Lunenburg Lake

Feron Bay

Randle Point

Dampier Is.

Keating Rock

CPR Island

NORTH



SCALE

