

K&P - Reid Lake Crown Land Nature Trail



Ferguslea Rd K&P Trail entrance

Directions from Renfrew

From Raglan Street (Highway 60) in Renfrew, turn on Munroe Ave West and follow the signs staying on Highway 132 for 3.8 km. Turn left onto Ferguslea Rd and proceed 3 km to McMahon Road and a short distance beyond to the K&P.

Trail Features

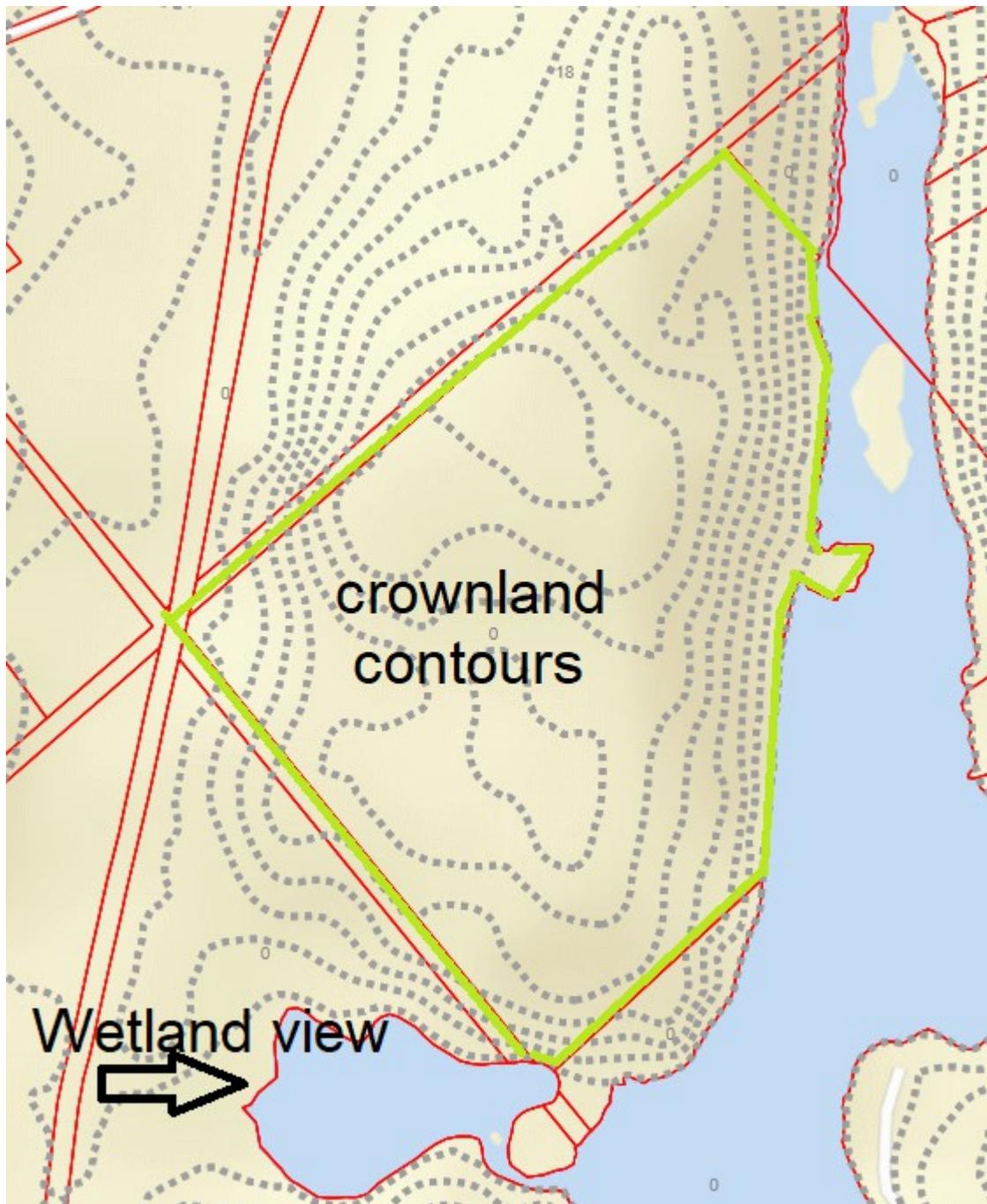
The Kingston and Pembroke Railway (K&P) operated from the mid 1800s until the 1950s. The rail bed is now a multi-purpose trail in three sections between Renfrew and Kingston. The northern 20 km section runs from Calabogie to Renfrew.

The Nature Trail starts at Ferguslea Rd and runs southerly along the K&P approx. 847 m (½ mi) to the crown land entrance on the east side of the trail.

The 72 acre crown land offers the unique opportunity to explore and enjoy nature in a wilderness setting with no marked trails yet somewhat safe from getting lost by being bounded by wetlands, the K&P and two small sections of bushland. Using the Renfrew County GIS to map property coordinates as illustrated on back of this pamphlet is a good safety strategy for this or any outing.

<https://renfrewcounty.geocortex.com/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=CountyOfRenfrewPublic.GisViewerPublic>

The contour map illustrates the steep slopes along the east and west boundaries with a somewhat flatter interior. This has an interesting visual effect as one approaches the property looking almost impenetrable from the K&P with a dense zone of conifers but opening up in the higher elevated interior with its mainly deciduous trees.



The property offers a unique compact area in which to explore a mixed forest terrestrial landscape with its variety of tree and plant life together with a provincially significant wetland with its biological diversity.

The K&P makes for an easy biologically interesting walk or cycle to the crown land and even an end in itself if one chooses to stay close to the trail. One can get an easy cardio-respiratory workout along the trail plus a mental workout for the hippocampus when one ventures into the crown land dodging the branches and ground obstacles.

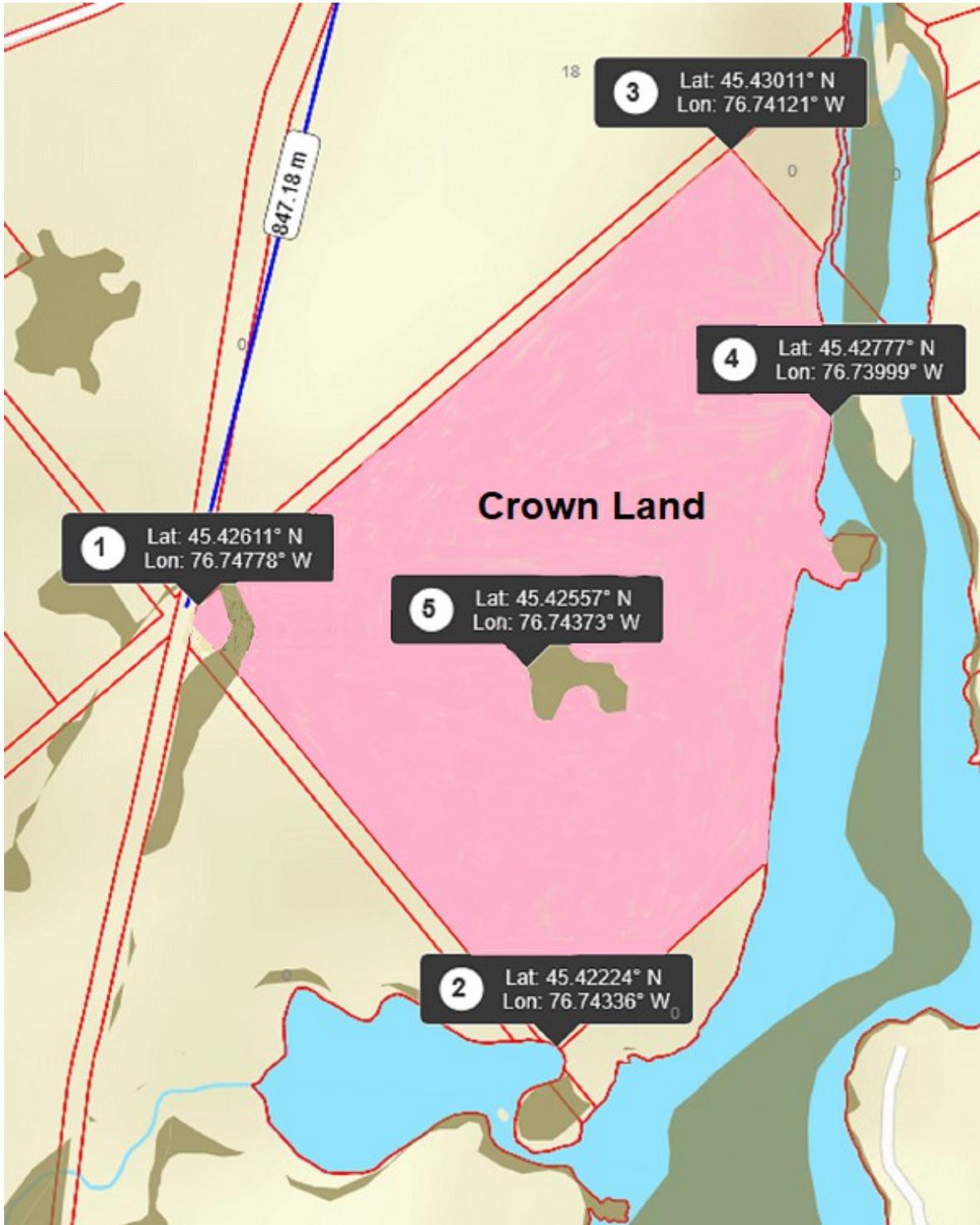


“Peaceful hibernating winter wetland” - refer to wetland view on map

Crownland and wetland natural features

There are no documented descriptions available for the flora and fauna of this Nature Trail. Ottawa River Institute and the Pembroke Field Naturalists are partners in accumulating such data and encourage trekkers to pass along their observations to info@ottawariverinstitute.ca

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