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Jessup's Falls Conservation Area

6675 Highway 17, West of Plantagenet
Plantagenet, Ontario

A Gateway to Natural Discovery

Hidden along Old Highway 17, Jessup's Falls is the perfect place to discover the South Nation River! Once beyond the busy highway, it is easy to see why this is a favorite spot for anglers and outdoor lovers.

This popular fishing paradise is home to the annual Walleye Festival and boasts outcroppings of rock, perfect for casting.

Visitors can enjoy a picnic and scenic views of cottages and wildflowers dotting the shoreline across the river.

Spread across 12.8 acres, the park features river access, and amenities for many recreational activities including:

- Ice, Small-boat, Fly, and Shoreline Fishing (Walleye, Pike, Muskellunge, and Smallmouth Bass)
- Boat launching
- Geocaching
- Picnics



A Rich History

The land of Jessup's Falls Conservation Area was originally owned by Lieutenant Edward Jessup, who was granted 2,000 acres of land along the South Nation River, following his military service.

In 1980, Jessup's Falls Conservation Area, previously named South Nation Provincial Park, was deregulated by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), and purchased by South Nation Conservation (SNC) in 1986.

The official grand opening of Jessup's Falls Conservation Area occurred on July 7th, 1987. The opening marked the 40th anniversary of SNC.

Jessup's Falls received its name from a set of rapids which existed prior to the construction of the Carillon Dam. In 1963, the Carillon Dam was developed along the Ottawa River. The Carillon Dam created higher water levels upstream, thus eliminating the falls on the South Nation River.

Over the years, the name Jessup's Falls has had many variations, including: "Jessop's Falls", "Les Chutes Jésuites", "les petites Chutes", and even "Le parc".

Today, Jessup's Falls Conservation Area is known as a fishing paradise to many local residents. The Conservation Area is an area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI).