

Research and Monitoring Needs Catalogue for Ontario Region National Parks*

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Abstract

The Heritage Resources Centre (HRC), University of Waterloo, recently compiled a catalogue of Research and Monitoring Needs for National Parks in Ontario. The purpose of the Catalogue is to help facilitate better communication between Parks Canada and its existing and potential research and monitoring partners in the public and private sectors including: volunteer and interest organizations; students on work term or undertaking Honours, Masters, PhD or group/class projects; researchers in universities, non-governmental organizations and the private sector; and other federal, provincial and local government departments and agencies.

The Catalogue identifies research and monitoring needs in broad terms and includes projects relating to data collection, analysis and/or documentation as well as projects relating to revisions and updates of cyclical or ongoing research and monitoring activities. The research and monitoring projects are presented in tabular form and are organized by Park. For each Park, projects are organized according to the general categories of Abiotic, Biotic, and Cultural Heritage and Human Use. Within these categories, the research and monitoring needs are organized more specifically by grouping together projects with similar subject matters. For example, within the Biotic category, research and monitoring needs are grouped according to avifauna, mammal, vegetation and other such sub-categories. These sub-categories are listed on an Index Page which precedes the research and monitoring needs tables for each Park. Descriptions, information and details about individual research and monitoring needs are listed in the various research and monitoring needs tables. It is intended that the Catalogue will be updated by Parks Canada biennially. The Catalogue is available on-line via the HRC's webpage at:

<http://www.fes.uwaterloo.ca/Research/HRC>

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