

SAUGEEN BRUCE PENINSULA

DYERS BAY WEST



The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has an exciting opportunity to protect a 100 acre (40 hectare) property on the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula.

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The Bruce Peninsula, also known as the Saugeen Peninsula, is world-renowned for its array of orchids and ferns, globally rare alvars, and for the remarkable beauty of its Lake Huron and Georgian Bay shorelines. Expanses of forest, interspersed with wetlands, lakes and rivers, provide enough connected habitat to support all its native wildlife, including sustainable populations of black bear and Massasauga rattlesnake.

Approximately 12% of the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula is currently protected, of which NCC owns and manages over 4,200 acres (1,700 hectares). Ecological systems on the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula are remarkably intact. However, with the high demand for cottage and recreational properties and the increased threat of invasive species, the area is facing the potential for dramatic changes in coming years.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITY

The Dyer's Bay West property contains habitat for a number of species at risk, and is a critical connection in an area with a high concentration of conservation lands. This property is located directly south of NCC's Dwarf Lake Iris Reserve.

The property is relatively open and borders forests dominated by jack pine, northern white cedar, and balsam fir. Although the property supports many other species, globally rare dwarf lake iris dominates the forest floor. The globally rare and threatened Hill's thistle is also found on the property, along with a number of provincially rare species, including purple-stemmed cliff-brake, northern dropseed, round-leaved ragwort, lance-leaf coreopsis, Cooper's milk-vetch, and *Psora decipiens*.

Habitat Type: The Dyers Bay West property contains alvar and wetlands that provide stopover points for migrating and breeding birds as well as habitat to species at risk such as Massasauga, wood thrush, and eastern ribbonsnake.

Size: 100 acres (40.5 hectares)

Location: Directly south of the Dwarf Lake Iris Reserve and adjacent to existing conservation lands. Approximately 22km from Tobermory and 10km from Dyer's Bay, Ontario.

Total project cost: \$140,442.50



Dwarf lake iris; Photo by NCC



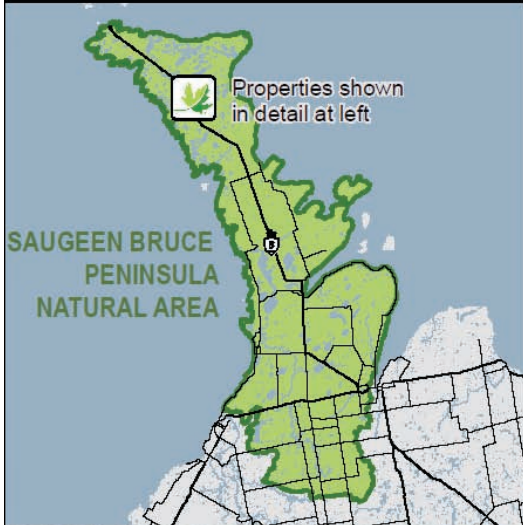
Wood thrush; Photo by Cheep Shot(wikimedia commons)



Forest near Dyers Bay; Photo by NCC

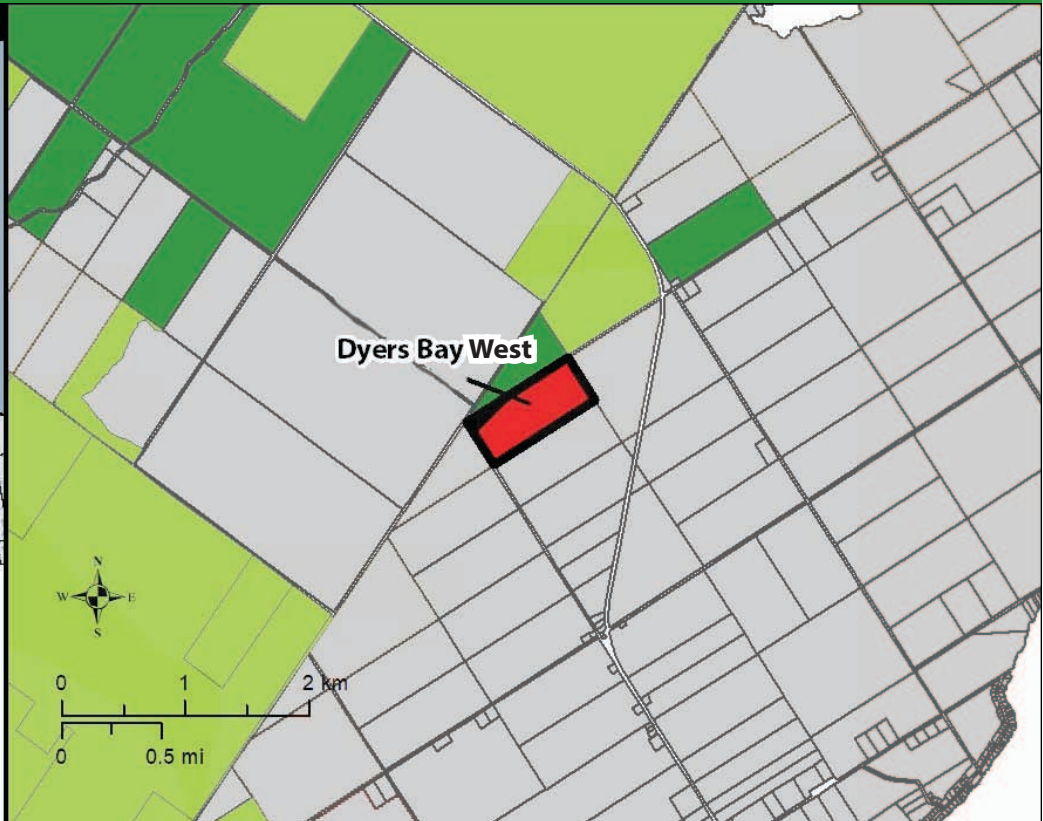
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Property Locator



Properties shown in detail at left

SAUGEEN BRUCE PENINSULA NATURAL AREA



Dyers Bay West

Legend

- Natural Areas Boundary
- NCC Property
- Conservation Land
- Current Opportunity

COLLABORATION

Active land stewardship is needed to ensure the lasting protection of our properties. NCC develops a management plan for each property it secures, identifying key strategies and opportunities to partner with other organizations.

Some of our key partners on the peninsula include the Owen Sound Field Naturalists, the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association, and Parks Canada. NCC is also working together with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation to ensure the long-term conservation of lands across the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula.

A NATURAL LEGACY

When it comes to conserving Canada's natural habitats, buying land is just the beginning. NCC takes great pride in ensuring that protected properties are monitored and managed so that the conservation values found on our sites today are maintained or enhanced for the long term.

NCC may direct all or a portion of gifts committed to the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula to NCC's Stewardship Endowment Fund for Ontario. Revenue generated by the Stewardship Endowment Fund provides for long-term management on properties across the province, including those on the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula. In the event that this project becomes fully funded or cannot be carried out, your gift will be allocated to the next urgent priority.

Donations may be made by cheque, stock transfer or credit card. Cheques should be made payable to "Nature Conservancy of Canada" and mailed to NCC at 410-245 Eglinton Ave E, Toronto, ON M4P 3J1. Please indicate either in the memo portion of your cheque, or in a note accompanying your donation, that your gift is for "Saugeen Bruce Peninsula".

Thank You For Your Support

NCC Charitable Registration Number: 11924 6544 RR0001

If a U.S. tax deduction could be more advantageous, NCC works in partnership with a registered U.S. charity, *American Friends of Nature Conservancy of Canada (AFNCC)*, and we would be pleased to explore options with you.



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