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Jessup's Falls Conservation Area

6675 Highway 17
Plantagenet, Ontario

A Gateway to Natural Discovery

Nestled along Old Highway 17, Jessup's Falls Conservation Area 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 a number of game fish 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 for ice, small-boat, fly, and shoreline fishing, boat launching, and an accessible dock.



A Rich History

The land 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 in 1986.

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 on the Ottawa River, 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", and "Les Petites Chutes".

The Conservation Area has been declared as an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI).

