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Provincial Parks are among various sectors in the province working toward adoption of new recycling programs. We hope to place the program initially in seven or eight parks as a pilot and eventually extend it to the remainder.

It is anticipated that we will adopt a depot system with separation of waste into several categories. The program would offer information at the gate to park visitors on location and use and will enlist co-operation through education.

So watch for the press release!

We have had park naturalists for the last few years in Mill River, Cedar Dunes, Cabot Beach and Brudenell Provincial Parks. Strathgartney will be added to the list this season at the urging of a new "This is your Park" community group supporting the park. This site has much potential for nature programs and needs a more diverse schedule of activities both in and around the park. Activity details are now being developed which will be announced in June but will certainly focus around the varied woodland and stream habitat. The nature trail is there now however for those of us who enjoy the maple woods as much in the spring as in the fall.

Parks are also hoping to initiate a systems study of significant rivers in the province this season in conjunction with the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board. A systems study is the first of three stages in a process which can culminate in recognition of one or more candidates as Canadian Heritage Rivers. It produces a comparative evaluation of the merits of each river under the values recognized by the Board, being natural heritage, human heritage and recreational opportunity. A river can be nominated for recognition as a Canadian Heritage River in the third stage of the process for significance in any one or combination of these values. This initial study could provide a management tool for the province as well, once rivers are ranked under each of the three values.

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