

THE SHORELINE

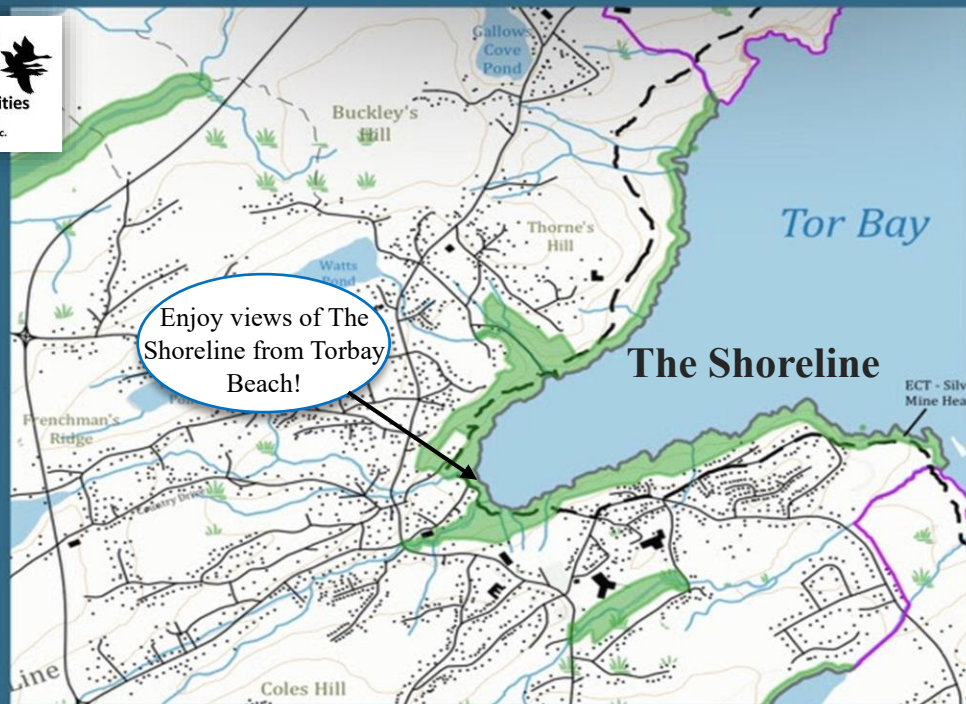
The Torbay shoreline is home to several species of animal and plant life. When visiting Torbay Beach, you may spot a sort of mallards. The shoreline is also home to the breath-taking East Coast Trail. Known for its beauty and tranquility, the East Coast Trail is a destination for residents and tourists alike and makes up a large part of Newfoundland and Labrador's identity.

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Since 1997, Torbay has worked in conjunction with the Stewardship Association of Municipalities Inc. (SAM) and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to conserve several special wildlife habitats found within the town boundaries.





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WHAT IS A CONSERVATION AREA?

Conservation Areas are municipal lands aimed at maintaining the integrity of the natural environment and the species that live there. These areas are designated under the Town of Torbay's Stewardship Agreement and its Municipal Plan, and include wetlands, indigenous preservation areas, marine habitats, uplands, coastal habitats, and more.



YOUR ROLE IN PROTECTING CONSERVATION AREAS

In Conservation Areas you are **unable** to:

- Cut trees or alter the forested area within the riparian buffer zone (15+ meters) of a body of water.
- Build infrastructure such as cabins, sheds, bridges, wharfs, decks, etc.
- Use motorized vehicles in unapproved areas, such as bogs and other wetlands, that cannot easily recover from the damage caused to them.
- Use fire in any capacity.

Conservation Areas are open to the public for non-commercial public uses, such as berry-picking, hunting, and fishing, where legal to do so.

While some activities are restricted these areas remain a great destination for Torbay residents and tourists to:

- Walk/Run
- Pedal bike
- Bird watch
- Kayak/Canoe
- And more!

The conservation of these areas will ultimately be determined by the people who live or visit there. Stewardship starts with you!



WHY ARE CONSERVATION AREAS IMPORTANT?

Designating a Conservation Area contributes to conserving, maintaining, and enhancing biodiversity in our province. The conservation efforts we make today will decide the permanence of our natural spaces and help guarantee they will be enjoyed for generations to come.

Protecting Conservation Areas is one way you can do your part to mitigate climate change. Peat based wetlands provide carbon storage which helps to combat greenhouse gas emissions. Also, many species use these natural systems for food, shelter, water, and as breeding grounds.