

HIGH PARK'S ESA STATUS

Just over half of High Park is designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area.*

*Total area of High Park: 161 Ha. ESA area: 83.25 Ha (51.7% of total area).

The following table is an excerpt from:

Summary of Characteristics that Qualify Sites as ESAs

(Source: Environmentally Significant Areas in the City of Toronto, June 2012, Appendix 2)

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| Number | 35 |
| Site Number | 38 |
| Name | High Park |
| Description | rolling sandy uplands vegetated with black oak savannah and prairie openings as well as steeply incised stream channels with mature forest, ponds with aquatic and shallow marsh |
| Area (Ha) | 83.25 |
| Valley System | Waterfront |
| CRITERION A: Rare Species/Rare Communities | 105 significant flora species 6 significant vegetation communities 10 significant fauna species |
| CRITERION B: Significant Landform | largely intact remnants of the interim period between the recession of Lake Iroquois and the modern lake processes that formed the Toronto Islands |
| CRITERION C: Significant Size, Levels of Diversity | 24 vegetation communities 167 L1 to L4 species |
| CRITERION D: Significant Ecological Functions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notable area for migrant songbirds: 20% of migrant songbird records are from High Park (Dougan and NSE 2010) • marshes, swamps and open water areas provide 22.3 ha of water storage area in the park |