

# PÊCHE ISLAND: A BRIEF DESCRIPTION



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- An uninhabited 41 ha island owned and managed by the City of Windsor since 1999.
- Located at the head of the Detroit River near Lake St. Clair, 1.9 km east of Belle Isle and is 330 m from the Windsor shore.
- Reduced by erosion from almost 44 ha in 1965.
- The island is composed of shale and limestone bedrock overtopped by clay plain and sand spits.
- Four kilometers of man-made channels have been developed through the interior of the island to provide fresh water supply and increased opportunities for recreation.
- The island's original vegetation was Carolinian forest, but much of the original flora and fauna was disrupted by human development.
- Today the island is largely woodland made up of both open and closed mixed shrub thicket and two unusual forest types: 'Norway maple-mixed hardwood forest' and a 'silver maple-mixed hardwood forest'.
- There are a few remaining maple and oak trees that are more than 175 years old.
- The Island became a Provincial Park in 1974, and in 1999 was purchased by the City of Windsor and designated a City Park and Environmentally Sensitive Area.



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## PÊCHE ISLAND DAY

Pêche Island Day is an annual celebration hosted by the DRCC and its member organizations since 2006 to highlight the island's ecology, biodiversity, and history as a part of the Detroit River. The Day also provides an opportunity for residents to visit and explore the island.



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