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Bill 26

An Act to amend the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006

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Private Member's Bill

1st Reading May 26, 2025

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



An Act to amend the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1 (1) Subsection 8 (1) of the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006* is amended by adding the following paragraphs:

7. Adventure Class Parks.
8. Urban Class Parks.
9. Such other class of parks as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(2) Section 8 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsections:

Objectives: adventure class parks

(8) The objective of adventure class parks is to provide opportunities for outdoor recreational activities that may or may not require alterations to the natural environment, including activities such as rock climbing, tree-top trekking, mountain biking and driving snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles.

Objectives: urban class parks

(9) The objective of urban class parks is to improve access to compatible nature-based recreation in or near urban centres.

2 Subsection 54 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following clause:

- (0.a) prescribing classes of parks for the purpose of subsection 8 (1) and specifying the objectives of each prescribed class;

Commencement

3 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

4 The short title of this Act is the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Amendment Act, 2025*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006* to add two new classes of provincial parks:

- (a) Urban Class Parks, the objective of which is to improve access to compatible nature-based recreation in or near urban centres; and
- (b) Adventure Class Parks, the objective of which is to provide opportunities for outdoor recreational activities that may or may not require alterations to the natural environment, including activities such as rock climbing, tree-top trekking, mountain biking and driving snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles.

The Bill also authorizes the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations adding new classes of provincial parks and specifying objectives for such parks.