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One of our most valuable resources for teaching and research are the University's five parcels of forest lands. The faculty of forestry and environmental management manages these lands and ensures that they continue to be healthy forests.

UNB WOODLOT

This is our oldest, closest, largest (1500 hectares) and most used woodlot. It was granted to UNB in 1800 by King George III. Portions of it were farmed until the early 20th century. Until about 50 years ago it was used as a source of firewood to heat the University buildings. Up until 1939, the wood was hauled out and taken to the University by teams of horses—a bulldozer took over the job in 1940. After a decade, alternate sources of heat were implemented at the University and the woodlot became more of a teaching and research property, although wood chips were supplied to the University for a period of years.

The woodlot is a provincially designated wildlife refuge and is a favourite place for people of Fredericton and surrounding communities to run, jog, walk and enjoy nature. The many wetlands attract a wide variety of birds, fish and mammals. The woodlot is home to many different stand structures varying from plantations (e.g. red pine) to selection harvest areas. It is actively managed for teaching and research needs.

CURRIE MOUNTAIN

This property, located in Douglas, was deeded to the University on September 17, 1964 by Prof. Earle Turner. It consists of 2 separate parcels of land, with the largest being located on the north side of route 105 and the remaining two parcels situated on the south side of the road adjacent to the Saint John River. The two parcels total 13 hectares.

The mountain has an elevation of 85 metres. The area is of geological interest because of its volcanic origin, and has brown forest soils which rarely occur. It is home to a number of unique and rare plants. Currie Mountain is used for geology and forestry field trips as well as for hiking and mountain biking by the public.

NOONAN

The Noonan Block was part of the Acadia Research Forest and was leased by UNB from the province beginning in 1949. In 1982 it was deeded to UNB as part of consideration for the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Center site. It is a 1531 hectare parcel and is in the Burpee Game Refuge.

Noonan is a teaching and research forest used by the Canadian Forest Service, the Maritime College of Forest Technology, the Department of Natural Resources and Energy as well as UNB.



THE PINDER BLOCK

The Pinder Block property is located approximately 30 km south of Fredericton, adjacent route 101 and near the village of Tracy. The property, which encompasses 53 hectares (130 acres) of land, was conveyed on May 21, 1953 to the university by Jack Pinder, then a university student.

The property is a valuable resource particularly with certain Maritime College of Forest Technology courses. It is new growth following a recent fire and the soil is completely different from that of the UNB Woodlot. Also, Red Pine, which does not occur naturally on other University forest properties, is common in the area.



THE SPRINGFORD RESERVE

The Springford Reserve was donated to UNB in 1988 by Norma Linton and William Springford with the intention that the property be used to promote wildlife. It is a 49 hectare parcel situated in Welsford on highway 101.

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