

The Pickard Quarry

The Pickard Quarry, located at the end of Quarry Lane and Pickard Place is a remnant of Sackville's industrial past. Up until the early 1970's, stone was being removed for buildings on the Mount Allison campus as well as stately buildings elsewhere. It's unique shade of sandstone was highly desirable for building facades and the testament of this adorns important buildings all up and down the Atlantic coast.

The quarry has mostly been left alone now for 40 years. What has evolved is a quiet sanctuary, resplendent in reflecting pools and now mature trees. In the winter months, the pools freeze to be suitable to community skating, protected from the cold winter winds, due to it's sunken environment. In the warmer months, it has been a gathering place for youth to revel in the extended twilight.

Few communities in the Maritimes have such a beautiful, natural sanctuary, with unique flora in the very midst of thriving neighborhoods. This setting is presently being considered for inclusion into the Sackville Parks collection, and with any luck, future generations will look back with thankfulness at the foresight of the town councillors as well as the mayor in taking action in this matter.