

Mineral Claims in New Brunswick

Frequently Asked Questions

Mineral claims: What are they?

Minerals are a public resource owned by all New Brunswickers. A mineral claim marks the area where a claim holder (Prospector) has exclusive mineral exploration rights.

Can I see where mineral claims are located?

Yes. You can find this information online at NB e-CLAIMS nbeclaims.gnb.ca



A mineral claim has been registered on my land. What happens next?

The Prospector may conduct light, non-damaging exploration work like soil sampling or surveys. Very few claims (only 5%) lead to consideration of mine development.

What are my rights?

Prospectors need your permission before conducting exploration work that would impact your property. Before beginning such work (i.e., cutting trees, constructing temporary roads, and drilling), a Prospector must:

- 1 Personally contact you and explain where, what, and when the planned work is to be done.
- 2 Reach an agreement with you regarding compensation for potential damages.

If you happen to meet a Prospector exploring on your land, you have the right to see their prospecting license.

What are the benefits of mineral exploration and mining to our economy?

Minerals provide the building blocks for the tools and technologies we use in our daily lives, and they are critical to advancing green technologies and decarbonization of our society.

Mineral exploration and mining also provide hundreds of jobs for New Brunswickers, and bring hundreds of millions of dollars to our economy.

What if things go wrong?

If work doesn't go as expected, or if the Prospector seems to be acting in bad faith, the best place to start is by contacting the Prospector or the Recorder's office, to discuss your concerns.



Where can I get more information?

You can reach the Recorder's office in Fredericton at 506-453-3826, or visit GNB.CA/NaturalResources

