



FOREST FIRE

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Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

- Parry Sound 33 Forest Fire is 7297 hectares in size. Due to southwest winds, the northeast side is the most active part of the fire.
- The Scott Elliott Incident Management Team from Alberta has taken over management of the fire as of today at 19:00. They are scheduled to be assigned to this fire for the next two weeks.
- The Northeast side of the fire is the focus for MNRF water bombers and helicopter bucketing as it is closest to the rail line and populated areas. There has been minimal growth on the southwest end of the fire.
- Structural protection continues in the area as crews set up sprinklers on buildings around the fire. The area from the Pickerel River to Highway 69 is complete and Henvey Inlet First Nation will be complete by tomorrow, pending ideal conditions.
- The southwest winds are expected to continue tomorrow possibly bringing heavy smoke conditions periodically into surrounding communities and along highway 69. The fire is approximately seven kilometres west of highway 69 and three kilometres south of the Pickerel River.
- Aerial ignition on the northwest portion of the fire was a success and connected the fire's edge into Fox Lake and Fox Creek.
- Wildfire crews continue to make excellent progress around the southwest side of the perimeter by laying hose lines and actively attacking hot spots on the Key Harbour. That area is protected nicely and MNRF does not expect any movement in that area over the next few days. Please keep in mind that at this time the fire is still classified as not being under control.

- Water bombers and helicopters worked most of the day halting the fire among most areas of the perimeter, with generally good results. As the fire is impacted the most by heavy winds the weather is closely monitored.

Parry Sound 33 Resources

- 90 firefighters
- 10 helicopters
- An incident management team
- Water bomber support

Forecast and weather information -

Weekend Forecast					NEXT WEEKEND >
FRI EVENING - SUN OVERNIGHT					 
	Fri Evening	Fri Overnight	Sat Morning	Sat Afternoon	Sat Evening
	Mainly sunny	Partly cloudy	A mix of sun and clouds	A mix of sun and clouds	Mainly sunny
					
	20°	15°	15°	21°	20°
Feels like	23	14	14	24	24
POP	20%	30%	30%	30%	30%
Rain	-	-	-	-	-
Wind (km/h)	15 sw	12 w	13 w	16 w	12 sw
Wind gust (km/h)	30	20	24	26	21
Humidity	63%	76%	82%	64%	68%

Cloudiness is expected throughout the day with sunny periods in the afternoon. Winds will be southwesterly at 20-25 km/h gusting to 30-40 km/h by the afternoon. Winds for Saturday will be out of the west shifting to the southwest. Temperatures will be in the low-to-mid 20s through Monday.

Travel Restrictions

Travel restrictions in parts of Parry Sound and Sudbury districts due to forest fires

Pursuant to the Emergency Area Order signed July 21, 2018, an Implementation Order has been issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry prohibiting access and travel in portions of Parry Sound District where there are public safety hazards as a result of increased fire activity from Parry Sound #033.

The Order restricts travel, access and use in an identified area (see attached map below) and may be modified regularly to reflect changing fire conditions.

This measure has been put in place to ensure public safety while allowing fire personnel to safely and effectively suppress the fires in the identified area.

- All travel and use on the French River waterway, Pickerel River (West of Hwy 69/400), Henvey Inlet, Key River basin, and all associated tributaries that access these river systems, including all access from Georgian Bay, and all islands on Georgian Bay within the French River Provincial Park boundaries, Dokis Island system, and Puddick island and all islands north of Henvey Inlet near shore is prohibited.
- All access roads west of Hwy 69/400, from Henvey Inlet north to the French River area are closed.

If a member of the public believes that access within the restricted travel area is necessary for non-recreational purposes, please call [705-773-4218](tel:705-773-4218) in Parry Sound or [705-564-7963](tel:705-564-7963) in Sudbury to request a travel authorization permit. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will review the request for access based on the rationale provided, local fire activity, and the potential fire risk.

See the [restricted travel and access areas on this PDF map](#) (Note: this map gets updated regularly).

For inquiries about the travel restrictions, please call:

- Parry Sound MNRF 705-773-4218.

Restricted Fire Zone

A Fire Restriction remains in effect.

When a Restricted Fire Zone is declared, it is illegal to set a fire within the affected area. Failure to comply could result in a fine of up to \$25,000 and three months in jail, as well as the financial responsibility for any costs incurred in fighting a forest fire caused by the illegal act. If you need heat

for cooking and warmth, you must use a portable gas or propane stove. Portable charcoal equipment (ex. BBQs, Hibachis, etc.) are illegal for use during a Restricted Fire Zone, except close to a dwelling you legally own or occupy or in an organized campground.

Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions> for more information.

Smoke Concerns

Many Ontario residents have reported smoke drift in their communities. Smokey conditions are expected to continue when fires are active until weather patterns change.

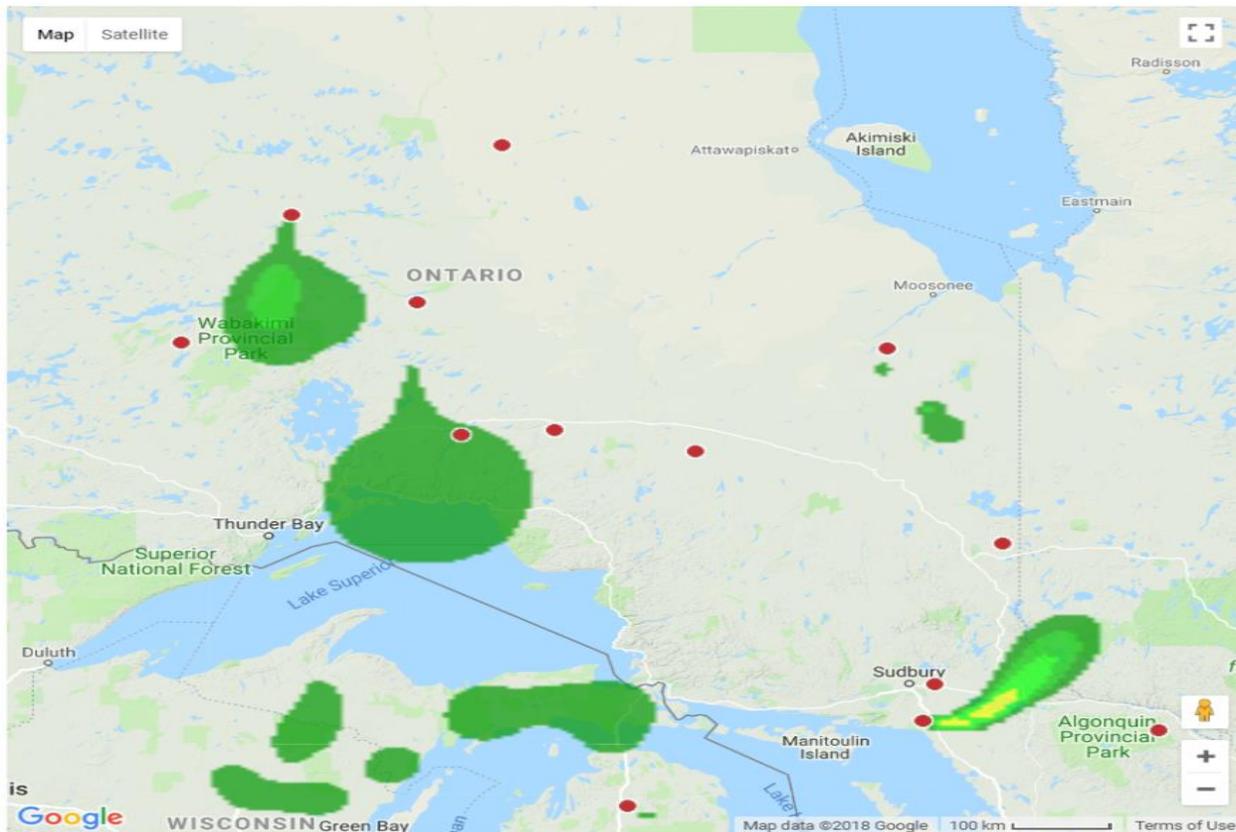
We would like to remind the public that if they do see flames or smoke, please report it. Stay away from the area for public safety.

If you have questions or concerns about smoke and your health, please contact TeleHealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

Did You Know?

- Smoke drift from recent large fires in the Northeast Region have been affecting many parts of northeastern Ontario. Hazy smoky skies are expected to be seen as the fires continue to burn. Here are some interesting facts about smoke drift.
- Around the world, ash and thick smoke from wildfires can fill the skies.
- While the smoke seems to disappear with distance from the fires, polluting gases and small particles that are invisible to the human eye can be carried away by global air currents.
- Over the past decade, satellite data helped reveal that pollution transport often occurs over hundreds and even thousands of miles, and long-distance transport has received increased attention due to the potential impact on the air quality of continents downwind.
- Smoke from extremely hot wildfires can rise 4 to 5 miles (7 to 8 kilometers) into the atmosphere, and can be carried even further with the fast winds at higher altitudes.
- The hotter the fire, the higher its smoke can go — and the higher the smoke goes into the atmosphere, the farther it typically travels. The winds are much stronger in the upper atmosphere there, so it gets transported much quicker.

Smoke drift models, like the picture below, are useful tools in predicting where smoke drift will occur over a given period. This can be used to help inform communities about potential smoke drift into their area. This smoke drift prediction tool can be found at <http://firesmoke.ca>.



Contact Numbers and Online Information

For more information about travel restrictions:

- Parry Sound MNRF 705-773-4218.

For general information about the fire situation: 705-564-6165

For information about highway closures: 5-1-1

For inquiries regarding Ontario Parks closures and updates:



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