



FOREST FIRE

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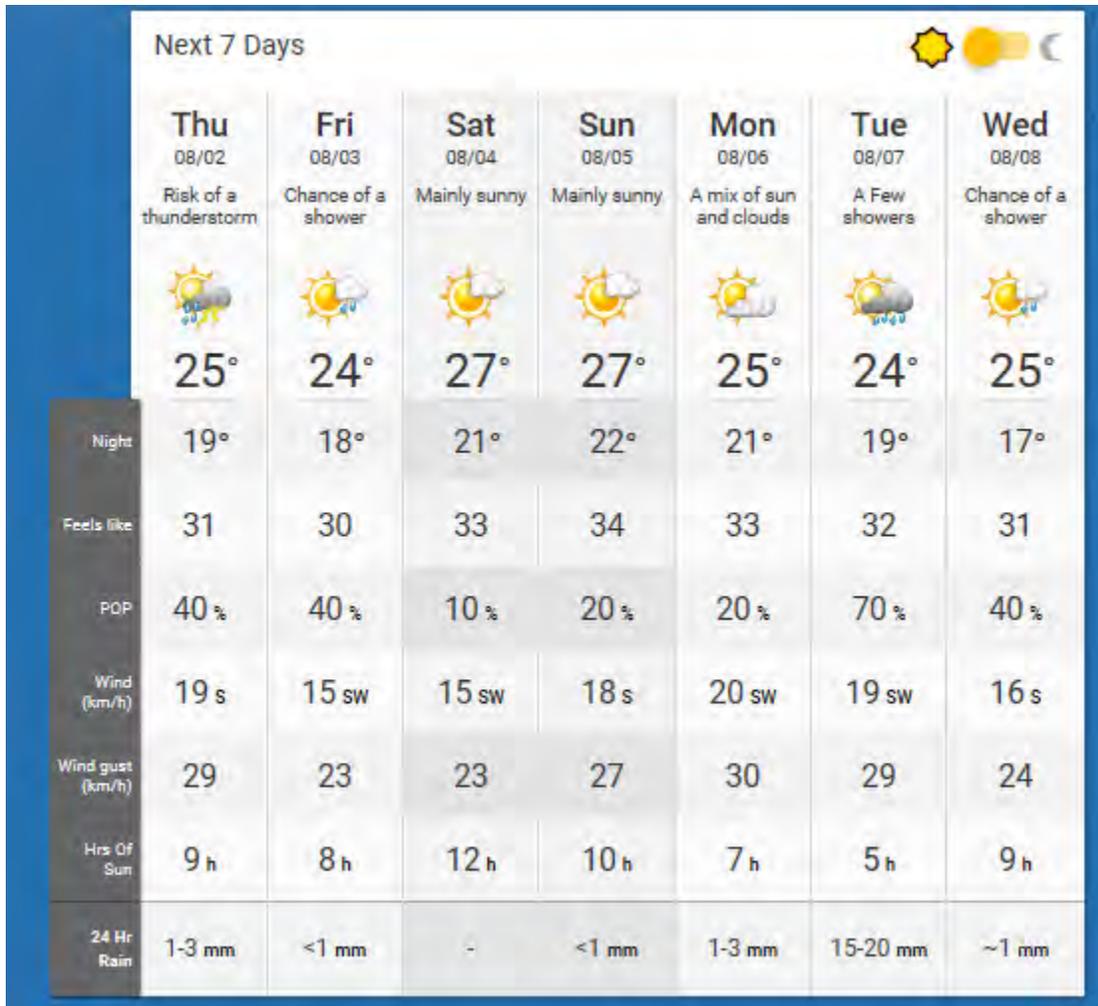
Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

- Parry Sound 33 Forest Fire has been remapped at 11,039 hectares in size. Recent weather allowed more accurate aerial mapping of the fire and aerial ignition in the southeast added to the increased size.
- Fire behaviour was less active today as high humidity levels and cloud cover aided in fire suppression.
- Winds were out of the east today and changed the fire's direction of spread to the west. Hose lines on the west side of the fire held the fire's spread in check.
- Excellent progress was made on the eastern side of the fire as crews were able to establish lines due to reduced fire behaviour when compared to previous days. Crews are laying hose from the Pickerel River south to establish a perimeter on areas that have passed over the CN line.
- Structural protection continues on identified properties. Establishment and maintenance of sprinklers continued along the Key and French Rivers in noted priority zones.
- Crews continue to work the perimeter of the fire by the north and northwest of Key Harbour. Sixty firefighters remain along the east side, south of the Key River to continue perimeter containment. Aerial ignition occurred in the southeast part of the fire removing hazardous fuels and tying the fire into the northern shore of Henvey Inlet.
- Even though the focus is on the northeast side, we continue to suppress and monitor all portions of the fire. The fire remained quiet in the vicinity of Fox Island on the western perimeter.
- North and east winds today made for smoky conditions in communities to the south. Winds are forecast to be out of the south tomorrow, moving to the southwest in the afternoon. The fire is approximately five kilometres west of highway 69 and less than one kilometre south of Pickerel River near the CN trestle bridge on the west side of highway 69.

Parry Sound 33 Resources

- 280 firefighters and support staff
- 16 helicopters
- An incident management team
- Water bomber support

Forecast and Weather Information



Unsettled conditions will continue to persist tomorrow with a bit more sunshine forecasted. However, the humidity will remain high for the day with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Rainfall amounts will likely range from trace to 10mm. Winds will be south/southwesterly at 10-15km/h tomorrow with gusts up to 25km/h. Temperatures will climb into the mid-20s under muggy conditions.

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 of all **water ways east and west** of Hwy. 69 in Mowat, Mason, Bigwood, Allen, Struthers, Kilpatrick and Travers townships and all associated tributaries that access the 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 2, southern boundary from mainland due west to Potvin Point is prohibited unless authorized by travel permit issued by Parry Sound District or Sudbury District Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).
- All road access west of Hwy. 69 in Bigwood, Allen, Struthers, Kilpatrick and Travers townships is prohibited and the unsurveyed lands from the French River to Nesbitt Creek including 14 Mile Island and French River Provincial Park and to the southern border of Henvey Inlet 2 Indian Reserve, excluding business and residences north of the French River directly adjacent to the west side of Hwy. 69.

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.
- Sudbury MNRF 705-564-7963

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?



**NO DRONE ZONE
WITHIN 9 KM OF ANY FOREST FIRE**



Flying drones around forest fires is **dangerous and **illegal**.**

When you fly a drone near a forest fire you can put the lives of pilots, firefighters and other emergency workers at risk.

**Be safe.
Stay clear of forest fires!**

**INTERDICTION DE PILOTER UN DRONE
À MOINS DE 9 KM D'UN FEU DE FORÊT**

Piloter un drone autour d'un feu de forêt est à la fois **dangereux et **illégal**.**

Lorsque vous pilotez un drone près d'un feu de forêt, vous pouvez mettre la vie des pilotes, garde-feux et autres membres des services d'urgence en danger.

**Faites preuve de prudence.
Demeurez à l'écart des feux de forêt!**



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Contact Numbers and Online Information

For more information about travel restrictions:

- Parry Sound MNRF 705-773-4218.
- Sudbury MNRF 705-564-7963

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: 705-857-1630 x 224



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