



FOREST FIRE

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Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

- The size of the fire remains at 11, 362 hectares. The fire was not re-mapped this morning but there was no growth today.
- It is important to note that despite the containment that has been achieved and the precipitation received, the fire remains active. There is still potential for high fire behaviour given the very dry fuels in the area.
- It is also important to remember the scale of Parry Sound 33. It is currently listed as 11, 362 hectares. One hectare is more than the size of a football field; so this fire is more than 11,000 football fields put together.
- Crews continue working into the interior of the fire, picking out and containing hotspots.
- Crews are working the perimeter and containment around the fire is almost complete. The total perimeter is almost 120 kilometers long.
- Though quiet over the past few days, large scale fire operations continue throughout the entire fire area.
- Wednesday may bring a good drying day with light winds, low humidity and temperatures in the mid-20s.

Parry Sound 33 Resources

- 275 firefighters and support staff
- 11 helicopters
- An incident management team
- Water bomber support as required

Forecast and Weather Information



Wednesday will bring cloudy skies with the odd sunny break. Winds will be fairly light throughout the day out of the southwest. Temperatures will climb to around 25 degrees by the afternoon.

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 send a travel request to travelpermitsPAR033@ontario.ca. 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?

Air Quality & Wildfire Smoke

The Government of Canada has several products to help Canadians protect themselves from wildfire smoke:

Air quality alerts

If your community is at immediate risk from air pollution caused by dense wildfire smoke, Environment and Climate Change Canada will issue an air quality alert. For more information visit:

https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html

Smoke predictions

Environment and Climate Change Canada issues twice-daily smoke predictions (FireWork) that show where smoke from fires in Canada and the United States is expected to spread over the next 48 hours (available early April to late October). FireWork does not predict the burn path of a wildfire.

Air Quality Health Index forecasts

Find out about the level of air pollution in your community year-round by checking the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI). The AQHI forecasts and current values will reflect the impacts that wildfire smoke may have on human health. AQHI forecasts are issued twice a day and current conditions are updated hourly. The AQHI can be viewed here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/air-quality-health-index.html>

Wildfire locations

Information on the location of current wildfires and on wildfire risks in different parts of the country can be found at Natural Resources Canada's Canadian Wildfire Information System here:

<http://cwfis.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/home>

Approaching wildfires

If you are in an area that is threatened by an approaching wildfire, you should be developing a plan to protect yourself, including being prepared to leave the area at short notice. Find out what to do in a wildfire emergency here: <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/hzd/wldfrs-en.aspx>

Contact Numbers and Online Information

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To request a travel permit: travelpermitsPAR033@ontario.ca

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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