



# FOREST FIRE

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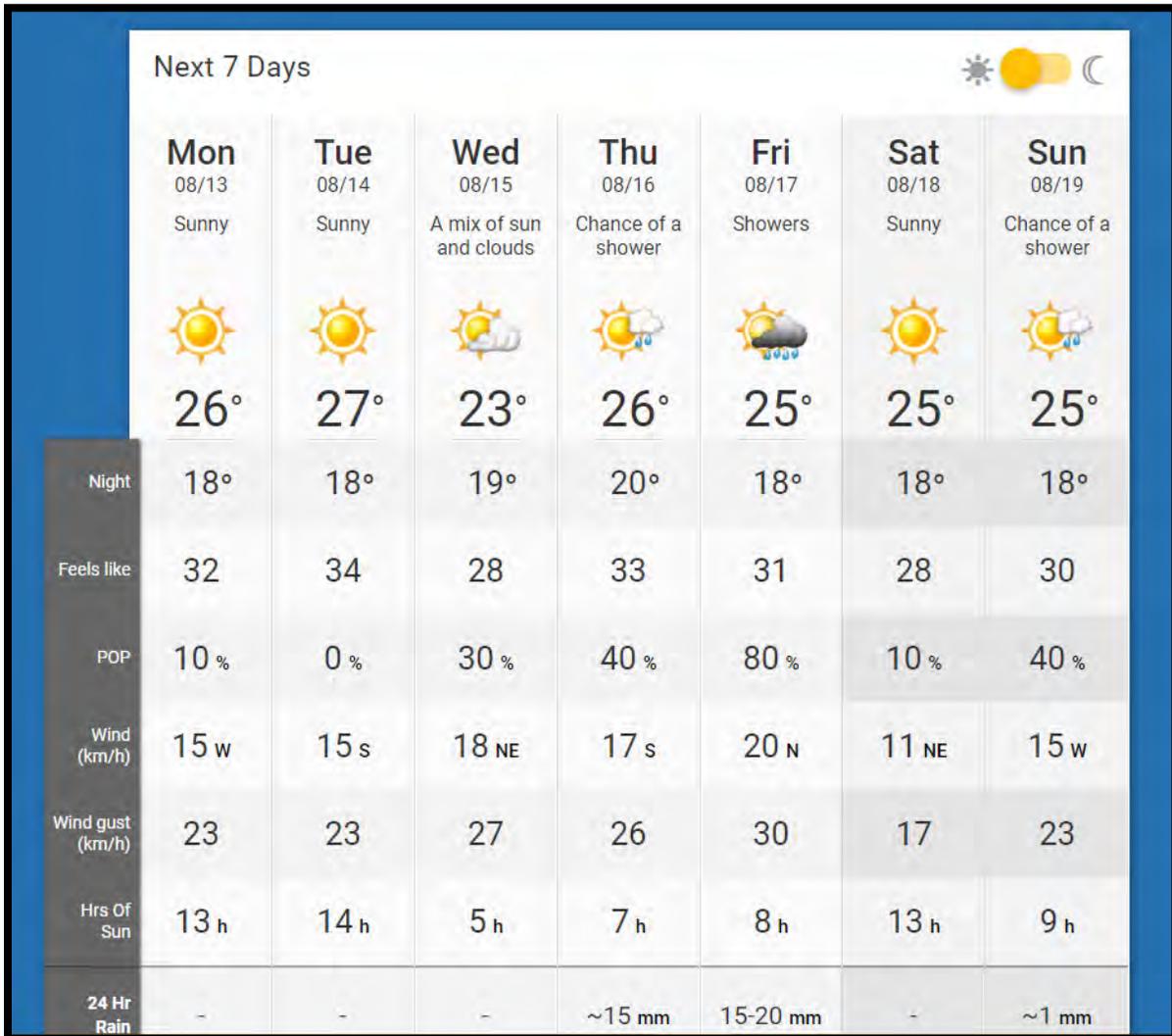
## Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

- Reports of smoke in the Dokis Island area were received on August 12, 2018. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) staff followed up and confirmed this was coming from within the perimeter of Parry Sound Fire 033.
- The Incident Management Team assigned to this fire assures the public that we have adequate resources on hand to manage this fire. In the coming days, as FireRangers who are currently working on high priority areas of the fire become available, we will relocate them to the Dokis Island area to extinguish remaining hot spots.
- Putting out hot spots is the “boots on the ground” hard work that helps prevent the fire from becoming active and growing in size.
- The likelihood of smoke drifting will continue over the next 2-3 days as weather conditions remain hot and dry.
- MNRF staff are working their way to each property where values protection equipment was utilized. Please refrain from removing the equipment yourself and let ministry staff retrieve their specialized equipment.
- Daytime travel restrictions remain in place for Pickerel River and Key River (see Travel Restriction Section below).
- We would like to extend our great thanks for the continued support and generosity we have received since Parry Sound Fire 033 began on July 18, 2018. We’ve received many kind gifts and thoughtful letters. These gestures have not gone unnoticed.

## Fire Facts

- Parry Sound Fire 033 was first recorded July 18, 2018.
- The fire remains approx. 11, 362 hectares in size and is categorized as Being Held.
- The Incident Command Post (ICP) is set up at the Royal Canadian Legion in Britt. The ICP and the building are closed to the public.
- For media inquiries regarding Parry Sound Fire 033 call 705-923-2814.

## Forecast and Weather Information



Monday, August 13, 2018 is looking to be a carbon copy of Sunday with sunny skies, temperatures reaching into the low 30's, and relative humidity levels in the 30-40% range.



# Travel Restrictions

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.

The Order restricts travel, access and use in an identified area 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.

The restrictions include:

## 1. Water ways

All travel and use of the Pickerel River **west of Hwy. 69** to Bear Island and Key River **west of Hwy. 69** to Georgian Bay including all access from Georgian Bay on those water ways entering the fire perimeter or adjacent to it on its northern boundary, is **prohibited** during the daylight hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm unless authorized by travel permit issued by Parry Sound District or Sudbury District Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

## 2. Roadways

All road access **west of Hwy. 69** south of Pickerel River in Mowat Township and the unsurveyed lands to the southern border of Henvey Inlet 2 Indian Reserve is prohibited unless authorized by travel permit issued by Parry Sound District or Sudbury District Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

## 3. Fire Perimeter

There is no access permitted within the fire perimeter as shown on the map unless authorized by travel permit issued by Parry Sound District or Sudbury District Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

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
- To request a travel permit: [travelpermitsPAR033@ontario.ca](mailto:travelpermitsPAR033@ontario.ca)

## Smoke Concerns

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

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.

## Contact Numbers and Online Information

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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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