



# FOREST FIRE

August 16, 2018 – 8:00am

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## Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) is pleased to advise that the travel restrictions associated with Parry Sound Fire 033 have been modified.

**All waterway and road restrictions have been lifted effective 18:00hr (6:00pm) EST on August 15, 2018.**

**The fire perimeter remains restricted which means you cannot go into the fire.**

Under the Emergency Area Order 2018-03 declared on July 21, 2018 and by the authority delegated to the Parry Sound and Sudbury District Managers, the following actions be taken which are deemed necessary for the purpose of safety and/or effectual fire suppression.

The following is designated as a Restrict Travel Zone under subsection 37(1) of the Forest Fires Prevention Act:

1. Fire Perimeter

There is no access permitted within the fire perimeter as shown on the Implementation map named "Implementation Order 2018-06-PAR09" unless authorized by travel permits issued by the Parry Sound or Sudbury District MNR.

**Any person violating this order is subject to enforcement action.**

**This order is in effect as of 18:00hr EST on August 15, 2018 and will remain in place until such time the order is revoked.**

## **We are keeping a continuously close eye on the fire perimeter. Please do not enter the fire perimeter for any reason.**

Think about this – the MNRF still has over 190 FireRangers on the ground actioning the remaining hot spots on Parry Sound Fire 033 in a coordinated and prioritized manner. The fire area will be a dangerous place for the next while as many root systems of large trees have burned out. If an area of the fire were to flare up and we needed aerial resources to calm it down, helibuckets and water bombers will pull away and not be able to work if they see members of the public on the ground. It's just too dangerous.

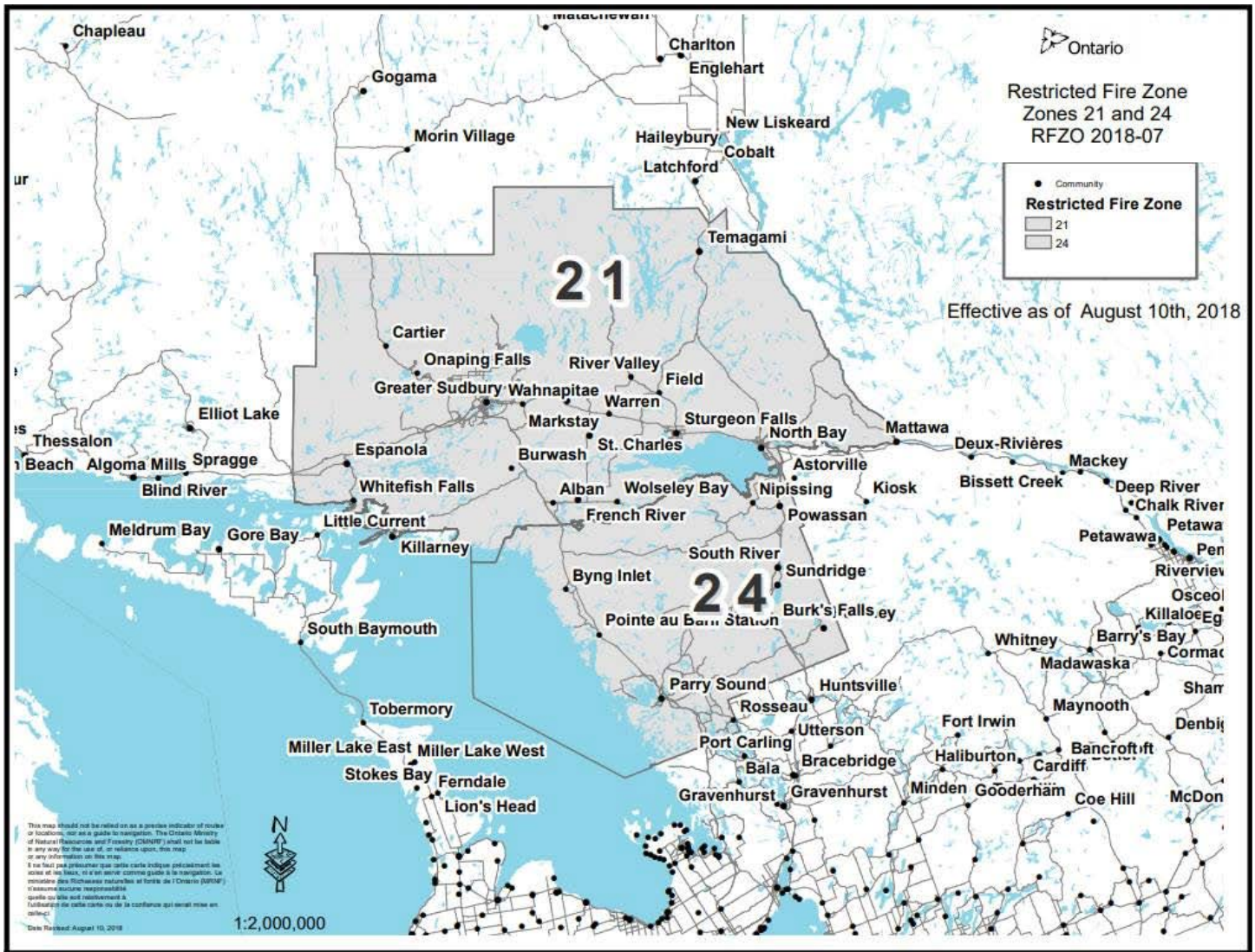
### **Tips on how to be FireSmart**

- Shore lunch and campfires are responsible for wildfires every year. Everyone is reminded that they must tend their fires at all times, making sure to put them dead out before leaving. If it is windy, the risk of a wildfire is high – don't burn!
- People who plan on burning grass, brush or other wood debris should consider composting or taking material to landfill sites instead. Each spring, grass fires get out of control and cause needless damage to barns, homes and cottages.
- Planning to use fireworks this weekend? Under the [Forest Fires Prevention Act \(FFPA\)](#), any person who sets off fireworks is responsible to ensure any hot residue from the discharge of fireworks is extinguished. There may also be municipal by-laws in place regarding the use of fireworks.
- Residents are reminded of their responsibilities under the FFPA. All forest fires are investigated to determine the cause, and a person can be held responsible for the costs of extinguishing or property damage incurred by a forest fire.
- Residents within organized municipalities should check with local fire departments or municipal offices for any burning restrictions in their area.

**Visit [Ontario.ca/forestfire](https://ontario.ca/forestfire) for everything you need to know about forest fires in Ontario.**

# The Restricted Fire Zone Remains in Place.

A Restricted Fire Zone remains in effect for some areas north of Rosseau, northwest to Espanola and Cartier, over to the Quebec border including Temagami and Mattawa north of the Mattawa River. This includes Parry Sound, Burk's Falls, Powassan, North Bay and Greater Sudbury. Below is a visual representation of the areas affected by the current RFZ. This is also available using the interactive map [Ontario.ca/forestfire](http://Ontario.ca/forestfire).



If you live in an area outside the RFZ, be sure before you burn to check with your local municipality to ensure there's no fire ban issued in your area.

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

## Contact Numbers and Online Information

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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