

Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Warning

Algonquin Provincial Park

April 30, 2019

Algonquin Provincial Park is advising park visitors that a flood warning is still in effect for most of Algonquin Provincial Park. High water levels and flow conditions are expected throughout the area on lakes, rivers and other tributaries.

Banks and shorelines adjacent to water bodies are extremely slippery and unstable. Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around water bodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

Algonquin Provincial Park advises extreme caution when using access roads for outdoor activities. Many are seasonally inundated with water, prone to washouts, and may be impassable due to current water levels. The public should avoid crossing any submerged roads as there may be a risk to traveler safety. Barricades are erected at roads where known washouts or dangerous driving conditions have been observed.

Algonquin Provincial Park is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended. Environment Canada bulletins can be found at <http://weather.gc.ca/>

The Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage can be found here:
www.ontario.ca/flooding

Weather Forecast and Implications

Water levels are remaining high as a result of last week's rain event and snow melt. In most cases lake levels have slowed their climb and are peaking, while others are starting to drop significantly. Environment Canada has issued a special weather statement for Wednesday May 1st into Thursday May 2nd, 2019.

Special Weather Statement: A mix of snow and ice pellets beginning Wednesday morning changing to rain or freezing rain through the day. Total rainfall amounts of 15 to



Safety Bulletin

25 millimetres are forecasted for areas of Eastern Ontario. The higher terrain areas near Algonquin Park are likely to receive significant freezing rain Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Lake levels and river flows are expected to rise due to this incoming rain event. This rain event will further compound local areas that are currently experiencing high water and flooding.

Expiry Date:

This message will expire on 05/06/2019 11:59 pm

Terminology: Notification Levels

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY: indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK: gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions

FLOOD WATCH: potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities

FLOOD WARNING: flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities

Inquiries from the public should be directed to Algonquin Provincial Park -

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