



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

Water Safety Statement

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ISSUED TO: Municipalities (Alnwick/Haldimand, Brighton, Centre Hastings, Cramahe, Quinte West, Stirling-Rawdon, Trent Hills), Northumberland & Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Parks Canada – Ontario Waterways, Ontario Power Generation, Innergex, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

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Valid until Tuesday, Feb 26, 2019

A **Water Safety Statement** is issued during high flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. **Nuisance flooding for some may occur.**

Stream flows and levels across the Lower Trent Conservation watershed region are generally in the normal range for this time of year. However, a significant weather system is forecast to move into the region later this weekend. Rain and above seasonal temperatures are anticipated through Saturday and Sunday.

Based on the survey results of the snow conditions across the Lower Trent Conservation watershed region, there is currently between 35 to 65mm of water equivalent existing in the current snow pack. Runoff from the rain combined with the snow melt could result in increased flows on small creeks and streams across the watershed region, including Mayhew, Cold, Rawdon, Mill, Trout, Butler, Salt, Colborne, and Shelter Valley Creeks.

Water levels are expected to remain stable for the Trent River.

Ice break up on the local creeks could also result in ice jamming and cause further flood concerns. The Trent River and the Bay of Quinte, however, remain primarily ice covered and should be considered extremely unsafe.

The public is further cautioned that fast moving water, cold water temperatures, and unstable streambanks will create additional hazards. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children and pets away from all waterways.

This Watershed Safety Statement will be in effect until (or updated before) Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

Lower Trent Conservation staff monitors water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Updates will be provided as conditions warrant. Anyone having concerns about water levels can call Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

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