



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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Water Safety Statement

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CONSERVATION

Water Safety Statement – Trent River

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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 Friday, Feb 8, 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.**

With unseasonably warm temperatures and rainfall over the past two days, snow melt has occurred resulting in runoff and increased stream flow. A forecast for additional precipitation and warming temperatures over the next two days (Wednesday and Thursday) will result in the reduction of more of the remaining snowpack in the area. This is resulting 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.

Break up of ice cover on these small creeks and streams is resulting in the potential for ice jamming. 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) Friday, February 8, 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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