



LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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Water Safety Statement

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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. **Flooding is not expected.**

DATE: March 9, 2017

TIME: 1:00 PM

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

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Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a **Water Safety Statement** has been issued for Rice Lake & the Trent River from Hastings to Trenton.

While the Trent River typically peaks in mid to late April, above normal temperatures through late February combined with recent rainfall has initiated the spring runoff on the river system about a month earlier than normal. Water flows and levels on the Trent River from Hastings to Trenton have increased slightly over the past week but remain below average springtime levels.

As considerable snowpack remains in the upper portions of the Trent River drainage basin (Minden/Haliburton areas), temperature and precipitation conditions over the next several weeks will affect the timing of the peak this spring. Lower Trent Conservation is maintaining regular contact with the Trent-Severn Waterway who are making operational changes to water control structures on the river system to manage runoff from snowmelt and rainfall.

With the depletion of most of the local snow pack in the past few weeks, water levels and flows on all small creeks and streams across the watershed region, including Mayhew, Cold, Rawdon, Mill, Trout, Butler, Salt, Colborne, and Shelter Valley Creeks, are dropping.

With March Break just around the corner and children looking to venture outside, Lower Trent Conservation advises parents that all local waterways are treacherous playgrounds for children. While the potential dangers presented by rivers, small streams and open ditches never cease to exist, they are particularly apparent at this time of the year. Local waterways fed by snowmelt and rainfall during spring runoff can become extremely dangerous. Water currents can be strong and temperatures dangerously cold. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children away from all waterways. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times.

Lower Trent Conservation monitors water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Daily water level updates are available at www.ltc.on.ca. If you have concerns about water levels, please contact Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829. This Flood Outlook Statement will be in effect for the next several weeks and will be updated if conditions change.

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