



LOWER TRENT
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WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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Water Safety Statement

Water Safety Statement – Trent River

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.**

DATE: May 16, 2019

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ISSUED TO: Municipalities (Brighton, Quinte West, Trent Hills), Northumberland and Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Parks Canada – Ontario Waterways, Ontario Power Generation, Innergex, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

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Lower Trent Conservation advises local municipalities and the public that the Flood Warning issued for Rice Lake and the Trent River from Hastings to Trenton is now terminated. High flow conditions still exist along the Trent River system but water levels have declined and further flooding is not expected.

The flows in the lower portion of the Trent River (Crowe Bay to Trenton) saw the highest flows at the end of April and they have slowly declined since then. The highest water levels in the Glen Ross area during this time did not reach the levels observed in 2014.

The flows in the upper portion of the Trent River (Hastings to Healey Falls) peaked around a 10-year flow on May 7, 2019 and the highest water levels on Rice Lake and in the Percy Boom area were observed during that week. The water did not reach the 2014 levels.

A steady decline in flows and water levels have been observed since these peak flows and a break in heavy rainfall is helping the situation. There is about 20 mm of rain forecast for the next 5 days. Although the ground is very saturated, this amount of rain is not expected to have much impact on the Trent River flows. Parks Canada is continuing with operations to drawdown the entire system to achieve navigation levels for next weekend. The flows through the Trent River will remain high as a result of these operations but flooding is not expected.

The Trent River should still be considered extremely unsafe in these conditions. 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.

Lower Trent Conservation staff monitors water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program, and maintains daily contact with Parks Canada. Anyone having concerns about water levels can call Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

Please note that the Flood Warning issued for Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte still remains in effect.

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