



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 Monday, April 1st, 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 weather system is forecast to move into the region on Saturday March 30th with 20-30 millimeters of mixed precipitation expected and above zero daytime temperatures. Local waterways fed by rainfall on frozen ground conditions and melt of remaining snowpack can become extremely unpredictable and hazardous.

No significant increases to water levels are anticipated for the Trent River at this time. In addition, due to the above zero daytime temperatures and previous run-off events, the threat of ice jams is no longer a significant concern.

While the potential dangers presented by rivers, small streams and open ditches never cease to exist, they are of particular concern at this time of the year. Water currents are strong and temperatures dangerously cold. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children and pets 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 Water Safety Statement will be in effect until (or updated before) **Monday April 1st, 2019.**

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