

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook
Parry Sound District
Including Muskoka River, Magnetawan River and Pickerel River
Watersheds

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The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNR) – Parry Sound District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook is in effect until Friday September 24, 2021. This message will affect residents within the NDMNR Parry Sound District which includes the District Municipality of Muskoka, the Territorial District of Parry Sound and a north-west portion in the County of Haliburton.

With forecasted rainfall the banks and shorelines adjacent to water bodies can become extremely slippery and unstable. Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around waterbodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

NDMNR also advises extreme caution when using forest access roads for outdoor activities as they may become inundated with water, are prone to washouts and may become impassible due to localized flooding.

Residents are reminded to keep a close watch on conditions and regularly check for updated messages.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

A slow moving frontal system will bring widespread rainfall across Parry Sound District. Rainfall Warnings and Special Weather Statements have been issued by Environment Canada for various locations throughout the district. This system is forecasted to bring rainfall accumulations of 75-100mm over the next several days.

Winds are expected to be from the south-southwest on the eastern side of the frontal system, sustained at 20 km/h, and from the north-northeast on the western side of the frontal system, sustained at 30 – 40 km/h as the front passes through today and Wednesday.

Description of Current Conditions.

Water levels and river flows are currently average or slightly lower than average for this time of year.

Water levels and river flows are expected to increase as the weather system moves through the area.

Minor flooding within flood prone areas is possible. Residents within flood prone areas are encouraged to monitor conditions and prepare accordingly.

The ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

DEFINITIONS

- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.
- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions
- **FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities
- **FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage www.ontario.ca/flooding
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.