



FOREST FIRE

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Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

- Parry Sound 33 Forest Fire is 7651 hectares in size. For most of the day winds from the southwest continued, keeping the northeast side as the most active part of the fire.
- Priority remains along the northeast side of the fire with fingers extending towards the CN rail line, as minimal movement occurred across the tracks. Minimal growth along the southwest portion of the fire occurred.
- Hose lay and containment will resume along the northern portion as crews will look to secure that area.
- Some structural protection will be removed from Key Harbour in areas where the fire perimeter is secure, as protection lines have been created on the fire in that area.
- Crews will continue to work the west/northwest side, along with the southwest portion of the fire.
- Water bombers and helicopters worked most of the day limiting movement among most areas of the fire perimeter, with generally good results. As the fire is impacted the most by heavy winds the weather is closely monitored. Please keep in mind that at this time the fire is still classified as not under control.
- The southwest winds are expected to continue tomorrow possibly bringing heavy smoke conditions periodically into surrounding communities and along highway 69. The fire remains approximately seven kilometres west of highway 69 and three kilometres south of the Pickereel River.

Parry Sound 33 Resources

- 184 firefighters and support staff
- 13 helicopters
- An incident management team
- Water bomber support

Forecast and weather information

Sat Evening	Sat Overnight	Sun Morning	Sun Afternoon	Sun Evening
A mix of sun and clouds	Partly cloudy	Mainly sunny	Mainly sunny	Mainly sunny
				
20°	14°	18°	24°	21°
23	14	22	27	24
20 %	20 %	20 %	20 %	10 %
-	-	-	-	-
12 sw	10 w	11 w	17 sw	14 sw
21	17	21	27	24
62 %	79 %	77 %	53 %	60 %

Mainly clear skies with some scattered clouds are expected for tomorrow. Winds from the west will begin in the morning at 10-15 km/h, becoming west/southwesterly in the afternoon at 15-20 km/h, with gusts from 30-35 km/h. The high for tomorrow is expected to be 24C, with temperatures likely climbing to the mid-to-upper 20s by the start of next week.

Did You Know?

A forest fire is any wildfire or prescribed fire that is burning in forested areas, grass, or alpine/tundra vegetation. A forest fire is divided into a number of different parts:

The Fire Perimeter

The entire outer edge boundary of a fire. The fire perimeter is sometimes referred to as the fire's edge.

The Head of a Fire

The head is the most rapidly spreading part of the fire's perimeter and has the greatest fire intensity. It is usually driven by the wind, the uphill effects of slope, or the flammability of the forest fuel.

Flanks

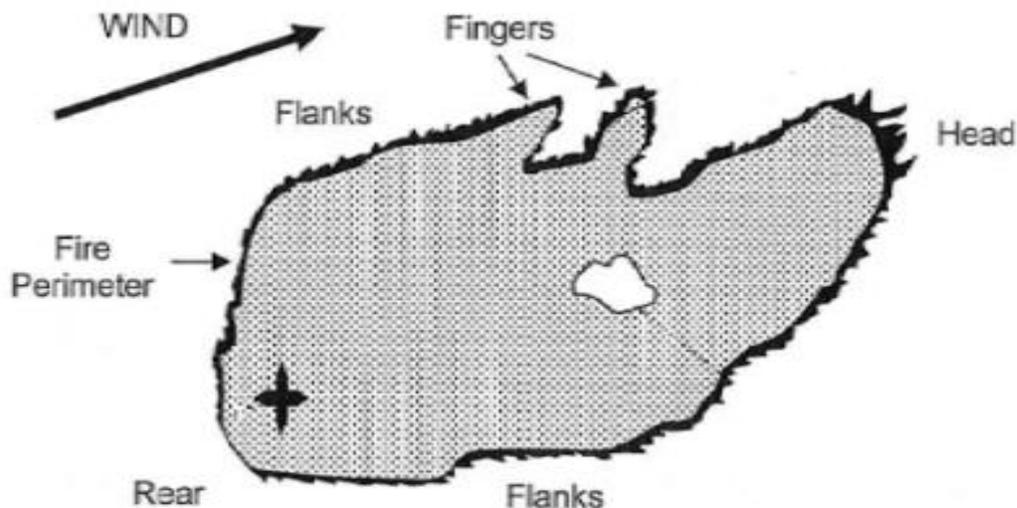
Those portions of the fire perimeter that are between the head and rear of the fire, and which are roughly parallel to the main direction of fire spread.

Rear

The portion of the fire perimeter that is opposite to the head. The rear is usually the slowest spreading part of the fire.

Finger

The long narrow extensions projecting from the main body of the fire resulting in an irregular fire perimeter. This fire pattern can happen when the forest fuel in the finger is more conducive to increased fire spread than the surrounding forest.



Travel Restrictions

Travel restrictions in parts of Parry Sound and Sudbury districts due to forest fires

Pursuant to the Emergency Area Order signed July 21, 2018, an Implementation Order has been issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry prohibiting access and travel in portions of Parry Sound District where there are public safety hazards as a result of increased fire activity from Parry Sound #033.

The Order restricts travel, access and use in an identified area (see attached map below) and may be modified regularly to reflect changing fire conditions.

This measure has been put in place to ensure public safety while allowing fire personnel to safely and effectively suppress the fires in the identified area.

- All travel and use on the French River waterway, Pickerel River (West of Hwy 69/400), Henvey Inlet, Key River basin, and all associated tributaries that access these river systems, including all access from Georgian Bay, and all islands on Georgian Bay within the French River Provincial Park boundaries, Dokis Island system, and Puddick island and all islands north of Henvey Inlet near shore is prohibited.
- All access roads west of Hwy 69/400, from Henvey Inlet north to the French River area are closed.

If a member of the public believes that access within the restricted travel area is necessary for non-recreational purposes, please call [705-773-4218](tel:705-773-4218) in Parry Sound or [705-564-7963](tel:705-564-7963) in Sudbury to request a travel authorization permit. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will review the request for access based on the rationale provided, local fire activity, and the potential fire risk.

See the [restricted travel and access areas on this PDF map](#) (Note: this map gets updated regularly).

For inquiries about the travel restrictions, please call:

- Parry Sound MNRF 705-773-4218.

Restricted Fire Zone

A Fire Restriction remains in effect.

When a Restricted Fire Zone is declared, it is illegal to set a fire within the affected area. Failure to comply could result in a fine of up to \$25,000 and three months in jail, as well as the financial responsibility for any costs incurred in fighting a forest fire caused by the illegal act. If you need heat for cooking and warmth, you must use a portable gas or propane stove. Portable charcoal equipment

(ex. BBQs, Hibachis, etc.) are illegal for use during a Restricted Fire Zone, except close to a dwelling you legally own or occupy or in an organized campground.

Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions> for more information.

Smoke Concerns

Many Ontario residents have reported smoke drift in their communities. Smokey conditions are expected to continue when fires are active until weather patterns change.

We would like to remind the public that if they do see flames or smoke, please report it. Stay away from the area for public safety.

If you have questions or concerns about smoke and your health, please contact TeleHealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

Contact Numbers and Online Information

For more information about travel restrictions:

- Parry Sound MNRF 705-773-4218.

For general information about the fire situation: 705-564-6165

For information about highway closures: 5-1-1

For inquiries regarding Ontario Parks closures and updates:



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