



FOREST FIRE

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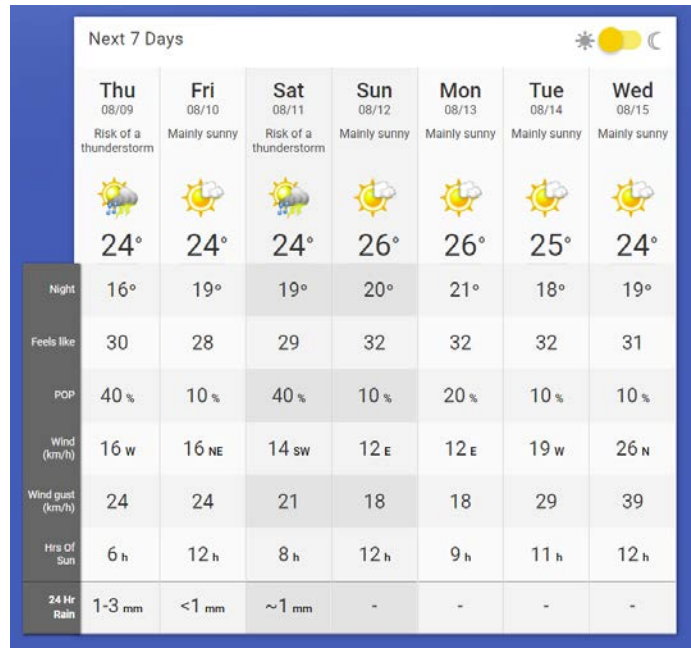
Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

- The size of the fire remains at 11, 362 hectares. There is no anticipated growth today.
- The fire status has changed from Not Under Control to Being Held. Being Held (BHE) indicates that with the current committed resources, sufficient suppression action has been taken so that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existent or predetermined control boundaries under prevailing or forecasted conditions.
- Given that this fire is now Being Held, access restrictions will be reviewed by local agencies. Any changes will be done with public safety, fire operations and anticipated fire behaviour in mind.
- Please remember, even though the fire status has changed, fire management operations are ongoing throughout the fire area.

Parry Sound 33 Resources

- 206 firefighters and support staff
- 8 helicopters
- An incident management team
- Water bomber support as required

Forecast and Weather Information



A cold front is predicted to move through the area today bringing with it a chance of showers and thundershowers. Precipitation could range from trace to 15 mm in heavier thunderstorm cells. Skies will clear in the afternoon and winds will switch from southwest to northwest at 10-20 km/h with gusts up to 30-40 km/h. Temperatures will be in the mid-20s and cool with the passage of the cold front.

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 of all **water ways east and west** of Hwy. 69 in Mowat, Mason, Bigwood, Allen, Struthers, Kilpatrick and Travers townships and all associated tributaries that access the 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 2, southern boundary from mainland due west to Potvin Point is prohibited unless authorized by travel permit issued by Parry Sound District or Sudbury District Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).
- All road access west of Hwy. 69 in Bigwood, Allen, Struthers, Kilpatrick and Travers townships is prohibited and the unsurveyed lands from the French River to Nesbitt Creek including 14 Mile Island and French River Provincial Park and to the southern border of Henvey Inlet 2 Indian Reserve, excluding business and residences north of the French River directly adjacent to the west side of Hwy. 69.

If a member of the public believes that access within the restricted travel area is necessary for non-recreational purposes, please send a travel request to travelpermitsPAR033@ontario.ca. 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.
- Sudbury MNRF 705-564-7963

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.

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Did You Know?

Being a FireRanger can be a rewarding job, but it is physically demanding and can involve weeks away from home.

Ontario FireRangers are trained and certified at the Type I crew level, the highest level. This means they can carry out all aspects of firefighting, including initial attack, sustained attack and mop-up.



Who is eligible?

You are eligible if you:

- are 18 years of age or older
- speak English
- Apply between November 1st and April 15th

Hiring usually takes place between February and May

You also need to successfully complete the following training:

- [Canadian Physical Performance Exchange Standard for Type 1 Wildland Firefighters \(WFX-FIT\)](#)
- [SP100 Forest Firefighter Training Course](#)
- [standard first aid \(St. John's, Red Cross or equivalent\)](#)

If successful, you will receive additional on-the-job training in:

- workplace hazardous material information system (WHMIS)
- transportation of dangerous goods
- chainsaw use
- workplace discrimination and harassment prevention training (WHDP)

Forest Fire Management can be called for not only forest fires, but assist in response for:

- Floods
- Erosion
- Droughts
- Dam failures
- Soil/bedrock instability
- Crude oil & natural gas emergencies

Contact Numbers and Online Information

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To request a travel permit: travelpermitsPAR033@ontario.ca

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: 705-857-1630 x 224



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