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Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

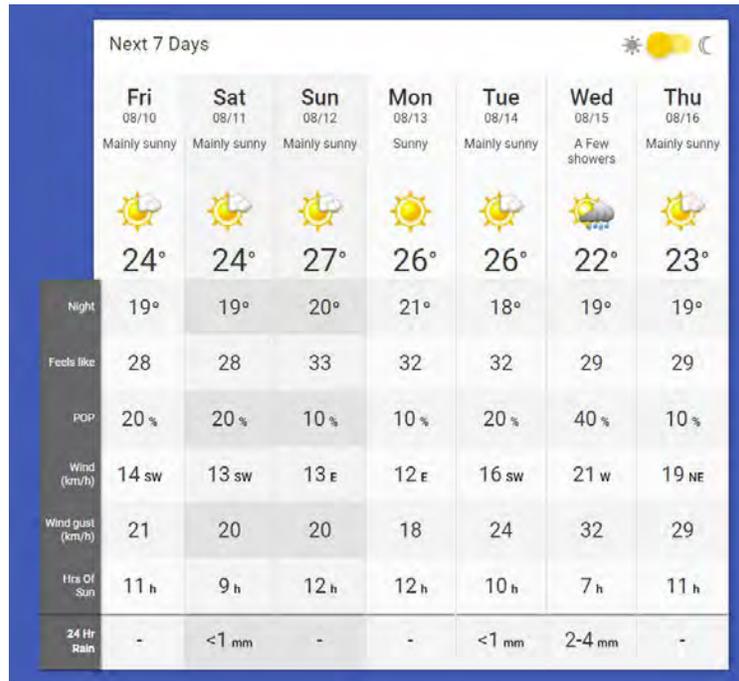
Fire Update

- No growth on the fire yesterday; it remains at 11, 362 hectares.
- Crews are making good progress in the interior of the fire, using air support as needed. This includes areas of deep-seeded ground fire along the northeast flank.
- Infrared scanning is taking place to help identify hotspots, which crews continue to track and extinguish.
- Values protection (spinklers) continue to be demobilized along the Pickerel River and other outlying areas.
- A new Incident Command Team from Ontario transitioned onto the fire yesterday. We thank our friends from Alberta for their excellent work.
- Today calls for mainly clear skies with clouds developing in the afternoon. Winds will be from the west/southwest.
- Drier air is moving into the area, which will lead to increased smoke being produced from the fire interior.

Parry Sound 33 Resources

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

Forecast and Weather Information



Mainly clear skies with clouds developing for inland areas in the afternoon. Clouds may give way to the odd isolated shower late in the afternoon. Northwest winds will shift west/southwesterly, with gusts to 20-25 km/h in the afternoon.

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.

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

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.

Did You Know?

Every year people and property in Ontario are threatened by wildfires. Many of these fires occur in wildland/urban interface zones. These are the areas where homes, cottages and subdivisions are built into the forest landscape.

Protect your property

Follow these steps to keep your home safe from wildland fires.

Manage the vegetation around your home

- reduce shrubs, evergreen trees and dead material within 10 metres of buildings
- thin and prune trees within 10-30 metres of your home
- ensure power lines are clear of tree limbs
- grow fire resistant plants
- use brick, stucco, metal siding, metal roofing or asphalt shingles
- enclose decks, porches and vents

Use fire-resistant building materials

For more ideas on protecting your property, read the Home Owners FireSmart Manual and FireSmart Landscaping Guide. You can use the risk assessment checklist to see where you can better protect your home and property.

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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