

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook

Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound District

Severn River Watershed

Friday, May 03, 2024
3:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook Bulletin is in effect for the district **until Friday, May 10, 2024**.

This bulletin will affect residents within the MNRF Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound, District of Muskoka within the Severn River Watershed.

Residents and those visiting the area are advised to be aware of current watershed conditions. Higher than normal water levels and flow conditions exist throughout the area and residents are reminded to keep a close watch on weather conditions, regularly check for updated messages, and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams.

Lower-lying portions of known flood-prone areas may be impacted to varying degrees as lake/river levels start to rise in response to significant precipitation. Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around waterbodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

Residents that have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should continue take necessary action to protect/secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes and closely monitor developing conditions and regularly check for updated messages.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Weather forecasts suggest that the area may receive 15 to 20mm of rain over the next 7 days. This additional precipitation is anticipated to have minimal impact on flows as weather events are spread out over the next week and no additional significant precipitation is forecasted at this time.

Description of Current Conditions

Lake water levels and river flows remain high within the Severn River watershed from recent precipitation and runoff. River flows and lake levels have improved but are anticipated to remain high over the next week as additional precipitation is received on the landscape.

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/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.
- Parks Canada Trent-Severn Waterway Updates - <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/infonet/point-gestion-eau-water-management-updates>