



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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CONSERVATION

Water Safety Statement

Water Safety Statement – Trent River

DATE: September 30, 2021

TIME: 2:00 PM

ISSUED TO: Municipalities (Quinte West, Trent Hills), Northumberland County, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Parks Canada – Ontario Waterways, Ontario Power Generation, Innergex, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

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Valid until Friday, October 8, 2021

A **Water Safety Statement** is issued during high flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. **Nuisance flooding for some may occur.**

As a result of heavy rains last week the water levels and flows in the Trent River are much higher than typical for this time of year along the entire portion of the Trent-Severn Waterway within the Lower Trent Conservation jurisdiction. High flows and high water levels are expected to remain along the Trent River until the Thanksgiving Weekend.

Parks Canada manages the water along the Trent-Severn Waterway and they are working to address high water levels and flows caused by recent high amounts of rain and more rains forecasted for this weekend.

Parks Canada has updated their advisement: *Lock 1 Trenton to Lock 27 Young's Point (excluding Locks 20 Ashburnham and Lock 21 Peterborough Lift Lock) will remain closed to recreational boat traffic until the morning of Saturday, October 2. Please stay off the water in this area and away from dams and the waters edge. Lockage in this area will be available on Saturday, October 2 for the purpose of allowing boaters to clear the system. Boaters currently in this area are requested to contact Trent-Severn Waterway operations (705-750-4517) who will coordinate and facilitate your exit from the system. The system in this area will then close again on Sunday, October 3. We are working towards reopening navigation in this area for the Thanksgiving Weekend, pending suitable water levels and flows. We will provide an update on this on Wednesday, October 6.*

The public is cautioned that fast moving water and unstable streambanks will create hazardous conditions along the Trent River. During this period of above normal water levels and flows, residents and visitors should exercise extreme caution on and around water. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children and pets away from all waterways.

This Watershed Safety Statement will be in effect until (or updated before) Friday, October 8, 2021.

Lower Trent Conservation staff monitors water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Updates will be provided as conditions warrant. Anyone having concerns about water levels can call Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

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