

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook
Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound District
Including Burnt River, Gull River, and Black River Watersheds

Friday, April 14, 2023
12:00pm

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 until 4:00 pm Friday April 21, 2023. This message will effect residents within the MNRF Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound District in the County of Haliburton and District of Muskoka.

Runoff to local lakes and rivers continues. Water levels and river flows are expected to remain high or rise slightly over the next few days.

No ice is safe ice. Ice conditions on local lakes have deteriorated with warmer temperatures and changing water levels and flows.

With rain, warmer temperatures and melting snow, banks and shorelines adjacent to water bodies can be extremely slippery and unstable. Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around waterbodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

MNRF also advises extreme caution when using forest access roads for outdoor activities as they may become seasonally inundated with water, are prone to washouts and may become impassible due to localized flooding.

Residents are reminded to keep a close watch on conditions and regularly check for updated messages

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Daytime highs over the next week are forecasted to range between +4°C and +25°C while nighttime lows range between -2°C and +10°C in the area.

Up to 20mm of rain is forecasted by April 21.

Description of Current Conditions.

Water levels in managed lakes are within their seasonal operating ranges for this time of year. The local snowpack has mostly melted but runoff from snowmelt is expected to continue for a few days.

MNRF 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/flooding
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.