

Flood Warning
Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound District
French River and Lower Pickerel Watersheds

Friday, May 10, 2024
3:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound District is advising area residents that a Flood Warning is in effect for the French River and Lower Pickerel River Watersheds. This message will remain in effect **until Friday May 17, 2024**.

This bulletin will affect residents within the MNRF Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound District for portions of the District of Parry Sound within the unorganized Townships of Mowat, Blair, and McConkey.

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.

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 that have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should continue to 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 up to 14mm of rain over the next 7 days. This precipitation is anticipated to have minimal impact on flows as no additional significant precipitation is forecasted at this time.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels and river flows within the French and Lower Pickerel Rivers have remained high over the past several weeks in response to previous precipitation events and high water levels of Lake Nipissing. River flows are anticipated to remain stable and start to decline with dryer weather conditions.

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