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## Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Warning

### Algonquin Provincial Park

April 26, 2019

Algonquin Provincial Park is advising park visitors that a flood warning is in effect for most of Algonquin Provincial Park. High water levels and flow conditions are expected throughout the area on lakes, rivers and other tributaries.

Banks and shorelines adjacent to water bodies are extremely slippery and unstable. Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around water bodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

Algonquin Provincial Park advises extreme caution when using access roads for outdoor activities. Many are seasonally inundated with water, prone to washouts, and may be impassable due to current water levels. The public should avoid crossing any submerged roads as there may be a risk to traveler safety. Barricades are erected at roads where known washouts or dangerous driving conditions have been observed.

**Algonquin Provincial Park is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.**

A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended. Environment Canada bulletins can be found at <http://weather.gc.ca/>

The Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage can be found here: [www.ontario.ca/flooding](http://www.ontario.ca/flooding) Environment Canada bulletins can be found at

#### **Weather Forecast and Implications**

Water levels are remaining high and are still climbing in a few cases as a result of last week's rain event and rapid melt. In most cases lake levels have slowed their climb and are peaking, while others are starting to drop significantly. Environment Canada has issued a rainfall warning that warns us of significant rain for today.

**Rainfall Warning:** Rain, heavy at times, will move into Central and Eastern Ontario overnight Thursday and continue into Friday evening. Total rainfall amounts of 25 to 40 millimetres are forecast by late Friday night. Local amounts exceeding 50 mm are possible.



# *Safety Bulletin*

**Lake levels and river flows are expected to rise due to this incoming rain event. This rain event will further compound local areas that are currently experiencing high water and flooding.**

**Expiry Date:**

This message will expire on 04/30/2019 11:59 pm

**Terminology: Notification Levels**

**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

**Inquiries from the public should be directed to Algonquin Provincial Park -**

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