

Travel Restrictions

River Valley and Elk Lake Areas, and Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater & Associated Provincial Parks

Restricted Fire Zone

Since Saturday, July 7, 2018, a Restricted Fire Zone (no open burning, no campfires) has been in effect for a large portion of Northeastern Ontario as a result of high forest fire activity.

Travel and Access Restrictions

Due to active forest fires in the River Valley and Elk Lake areas and in Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is advising the public that travel restrictions remain in effect for certain roads, provincial parks and Crown lands.

These restrictions are in place to protect the public and ensure public safety while allowing fire personnel to safely fight forest fires in the identified area.

Road blocks are set-up in specific locations to notify the public of the access restrictions.

Crown land camping, boating, landing of float planes, day-tripping, hiking, ATVing as well as accessing private or commercial camps and cottages are **NOT** permitted in the area.

All travel and use of roads within the IO including but not limited to South Pardo Road and St. Joseph's Road, Baie Jeanne Road north of Gibbons Road, Cooke Lake Road, Liskeard Lumber Road, Crane Lake Road, Indian Bay Road,

Klock Lake Road, Roadhouse Tower Road and Mountain Lake Road is prohibited.

All modes of travel/access into the closed backcountry provincial parks (Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater, Obabika River, Makobe-Grays River, Solace and Sturgeon River Provincial Parks) and all Crown lands as outlined on the attached map are prohibited.

To view the regularly updated map of the restricted travel area, please visit:

Ontario.ca/forestfire

Travel Permits

If a member of the public believes that access within the restricted travel area is necessary for non-recreational purposes, please call **your local District Office** to seek a travel authorization. MNRF will review the request for access based on the rationale provided, local fire activity and the potential fire risk.

Contacts

For **forest fire** information, call: **705-564-6165**

For inquiries on highway closures, call: **5-1-1**

For **travel permit** information, call:

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