



MEDIA RELEASE

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Long Point Region Conservation Authority – Campgrounds Closed, Other Properties Opening for Day Use

As of 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, Long Point Region Conservation Authority properties without campgrounds will be open to the public for limited day use activities. Conservation Areas with campgrounds will remain closed to the public.

On Saturday, LPRCA is reestablishing public day use access to Conservation Areas and forest tracts that do not have campgrounds. We are asking that visitors choose to visit the parks and trails closest to their communities to reduce travel distance.

While all LPRCA campgrounds will remain closed to the public for the time being, work is underway to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all. In the near future, LPRCA will release details on the process for opening campgrounds.

If accessing any of the non-campground LPRCA properties that are now open, please do so responsibly and follow the guidelines of health authorities. Visitors to LPRCA Conservation Areas and forest tracts must maintain at least two metres of space between themselves and others. Gatherings involving more than five people are prohibited. Please ensure you take any litter or pet waste with you rather than leaving it behind on the land. All LPRCA properties must be vacated by 8 p.m.

To maintain the health and safety of staff and the public LPRCA administrative facilities and properties with campgrounds remain closed. The following facilities and conservation areas are NOT open to the public:

- Backus Heritage Conservation Area
- Deer Creek Conservation Area
- Haldimand Conservation Area
- Norfolk Conservation Area
- Waterford North Conservation Area
- LPRCA Administration Office
- Waterford Workshop

LPRCA closed public access to all LPRCA-owned properties following an April 3 order from the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit to close parks and trails. The reopening of some LPRCA land is in line with health authority recommendations as the Health Unit [revoked the order to close trails and parks](#) on May 1 and the Ontario government determined it [safe to open to provincial parks for limited recreational use as of May 11](#).

Please note, LPRCA continues to follow the guidance of the government and health authorities and the status of property access and the camping season is subject to change based on their recommendations. Updates will continue to be posted to LPRCA's website and social media feeds.

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