

## **Water Level Management Update – Tuesday, July 31, 2018**

Parks Canada's water management team continues to actively monitor water levels and flows, and weather forecasts across the Trent-Severn Waterway. These factors are used to determine dam operations on a daily basis for the Trent-Severn Waterway.

This past spring, Parks Canada launched the Ontario Waterways Water Management InfoNet on the Trent-Severn Waterway website at [www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/infonet](http://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/infonet)

The InfoNet contains background information on water management practices, water management updates, frequently asked questions about water management, various reports on water management, and the most recent water levels of lakes along both the Rideau Canal and the Trent-Severn Waterway.

Of specific note is the new water levels tool within the InfoNet which provides lake levels data from the last 30 days and graphic representation of levels for the current year. The information comes from hydrometric gauges located at key points along both waterways and is vetted by trained and experienced Parks Canada water management staff.

This information is intended as supplemental information only. Stakeholders should continue to refer to their respective Conservation Authority or the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as the primary source for relevant flood forecasting information specific to their area. These are [Kawartha Conservation](#), [Otonabee Region Conservation Authority](#), [Ganaraska Conservation Authority](#), [Lower Trent Conservation Authority](#), [Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority](#) or, in all other areas of the Trent and Severn Watersheds, the [Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry](#).

### **Weather**

Rainfall amounts for May, June have been below normal and until last week the same was true for July. The 14 day forecast suggests a transition to high temperatures. There is about 10-20 mm of rainfall forecasted for this week and an additional 20 mm forecasted for the following week. Most of the rainfall forecasted is associated with thunderstorms and could be highly variable from one location to another.

### **Haliburton and Northern Areas**

Most lakes are near or above long term average water levels. The Gull River reservoirs are 79% full. Burnt River reservoirs are 83% full. The Central Reservoirs are 84% full. The drawdown will continue and the rate of drop will be largely dependent on the rainfall received. The most recent two week water level forecast can be found here at: <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/infonet/rabatement-drawdown-forecast>

### **Kawartha Lakes and the Otonabee River**

The Kawartha Lakes are near average. The dam in Lindsay, controlling the levels on Lake Scugog, has all logs in and the lake level has increased from the recent rain.

### **Rice Lake and the Lower Trent**

Rice Lake is above average and the Lower Trent river reaches remain in the standard ranges.

### **Severn River**

Lake Simcoe water levels are about average. Small flow increases have been seen on the Green and Severn Rivers. Flow increases may continue depending on the rainfall received. Lake St. John is at summer set.

Regards,

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