

**Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety**  
**Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound District**

Friday, June 27, 2025

12:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) – Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety Bulletin is in effect in the district until Friday, July 04, 2025.

This message is intended for residents and visitors within the MNR Bracebridge Minden Parry Sound District for portions of the District of Parry Sound, and District Municipality of Muskoka, and County of Haliburton within the Black, Magnetawan, Muskoka, Pickerel, Seguin, and Severn River watersheds.

Significant rainfall was received in the area from June 17-21. This rainfall caused water levels and river flows to increase higher than normal for this time of year. More rainfall is forecasted over the next week.

Residents and visitors are advised to be aware of current watershed conditions and should exercise caution while around waterbodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

Residents that have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should continue 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.

Lower-lying portions of known flood-prone areas may be impacted to varying degrees as water levels and river flows increase in response to received precipitation.

MNR 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.

The ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

## **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

### **Description of Weather System**

Environment Canada issued a Special Weather Statement highlighting the risk of locally heavy rainfall amounts of 30 to 50mm for the district with higher amounts possible for Friday June 27, 2025.

The weather forecast is predicting daytime highs of 21°C to 29°C over the next week.

### **Description of Current Conditions**

There is no flooding is anticipated at this time.

Water levels and river flows are higher than normal for this time of year due to previous significant rainfall and are expected to remain higher than normal with additional rainfall.

The watersheds are complex cascading systems: water inputs received upstream must travel down through the watershed before exiting the system and permitting water levels to return to normal levels. This means that water levels and river flows for locations near the bottom of the watersheds can remain elevated for longer periods of time while the additional water works its way through system.

## **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/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre](http://www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre)
- Environment Canada bulletins: [www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca)
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.

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