



ONTARIO PARKS

NOTICE

Aboriginal Deer Harvest in Short Hills Provincial Park

Hunting is one of the traditional activities of Aboriginal people which is recognized through their Aboriginal and Treaty rights. Ontario and the local Aboriginal community have come to an agreement on a traditional deer harvest in Short Hills Provincial Park.

Safety is the primary concern of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). To provide for the safety of both the public and the harvesters, a number of measures will be put in place:

- The harvest will take place from Thursday, November 21, 2013 to Sunday November 24, 2013 inclusive and from Thursday, November 28, 2013 to Sunday, December 1, 2013 inclusive.
- The harvest will take place from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- Archery will be the means of harvesting deer. There will be no use of firearms of any kind.
- Harvesters will be stationary using ground blinds and tree stands.
- All stands will be a minimum of 150 metres from the park boundary and trails.
- All harvesting activity will occur within the boundaries of the park excluding buffer areas and safety zones.
- During the harvest, the park will be closed, access points will be monitored, and public entry will be prohibited.
- MNR staff will be on site during the harvest.
- Notices will be posted at the park entrances.

All Aboriginal harvesters will be made aware of the mandatory traditional harvest safety protocol and will make every effort to ensure a safe and humane harvest of the deer.

For safety reasons, during the harvest, we ask that you do not enter the park and comply with all posted notices.

If you require additional information on this Aboriginal harvest, you are encouraged to attend a public meeting on September 19, 2013 which will be held at White Meadow Farms, 2519 Effingham Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.