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## **NOTICE**

### **Short Hills Provincial Park will be closed to the public for a Traditional Deer Harvest.**

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy has notified the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks that its constituent First Nations wish to conduct a traditional/community harvest for deer in Short Hills Provincial Park. Ontario recognizes the treaty rights of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy to conduct a deer harvest in an area of southwestern Ontario that includes Short Hills Provincial Park.

To facilitate the Haudenosaunee Confederacy's community harvest while balancing the interests of the different park users and the public and ensuring public safety, Short Hills Provincial Park will be closed on the following dates and will re-open at 8 a.m. the day after each scheduled closure:

- November 15
- November 20
- November 29
- November 30
- December 13
- December 14

To ensure public safety, the park will be closed to the public for the duration of the traditional harvest. During the harvest access points will be monitored. Park closures are authorized under the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006*. On the dates of the traditional harvest please comply with all posted notices.

To help protect the safety of harvesters, staff and the public, several additional measures will be in place throughout the harvest:

- Archery will be the means of harvesting deer.
- A harvest zone has been established and the deer harvest will stay confined to the agreed-upon zone.
- Harvesters will be stationary and away from the park boundary.
- All participants will be advised of the safety protocols and procedures.
- Ministry staff will be present at authorized access points and other locations to advise members of the public and park users that the park is closed during the harvests and that access is prohibited.

- Notices will be posted at the park entrances.
- Each harvest will consist of a harvest day (beginning one half-hour before sunrise and end one half-hour after sunset) and post-harvest maintenance which will be completed the following morning by 8 a.m.

All harvesters will be made aware of the terms of the harvest agreement between the ministry and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy to ensure a safe and humane deer harvest.

If you require additional information about the Traditional Harvest at Short Hills Provincial Park please contact Ontario Parks, Southwest Zone at 519-668-0897 or [Ontario.Parks.Southwest.Zone@ontario.ca](mailto:Ontario.Parks.Southwest.Zone@ontario.ca).