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NOTICE

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

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy has notified the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks that it wishes to undertake a harvest for white-tailed deer in Short Hills Provincial Park.

To help ensure public safety during the deer harvest, Short Hills Provincial Park will be closed on the following dates and will reopen at 8 a.m. the day after each scheduled closure:

- Wednesday, October 28
- Saturday, November 14
- Sunday, November 15
- Saturday, November 28
- Sunday, November 29
- Saturday, December 12

During the harvest, access points will be monitored. Park closures are authorized under the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006*. On harvest dates, members of the public are asked to comply with all posted notices and not enter the park.

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 harvesting will remain in 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 that the park is closed during the harvests and that access is prohibited.
- Notices will be posted at park entrances.

- Each harvest day begins one half-hour before sunrise and ends one half- hour after sunset. Post-harvest maintenance will be completed the following morning by 8 a.m.

All harvesters will be made aware of these measures to ensure a safe and humane deer harvest.

If you require additional information about the deer harvest at Short Hills Provincial Park please contact Ontario Parks, Southwest Zone at 519-668-0897 or Ontario.Parks.Southwest.Zone@ontario.ca.