

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

Peterborough-Bancroft District

Friday, March 13, 2026

The Ministry of Natural Resources— Peterborough Bancroft District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety is in effect in the District until Friday, March 20, 2026.

Residents in the Peterborough Bancroft District are advised to remain aware of current watershed conditions. Water levels in local lakes and rivers are elevated due to the snowmelt and rainfall experienced last week.

Residents are reminded to keep a close watch on weather conditions, regularly check for updated messages, and exercise caution near fast moving rivers and streams.

The Ministry advises residents to exercise extreme caution concerning ice conditions. No ice is safe ice.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Warm weather and rainfall over the past week contributed to increased runoff, which has resulted in elevated water levels in lakes and rivers.

Below freezing temperatures are forecasted overnight for the next 14 days.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels in most lakes and rivers are typical for this time of year. Forecasted cold temperatures will allow runoff to continue moving through the system.

At this time, water levels are expected to remain within a similar range to current conditions over the next 7 days.

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
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that **along the Great Lakes shorelines high water**, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous but flooding is not expected.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding **along the Great Lakes shorelines** based on weather and lake conditions, and water safety information.
- **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
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment and Climate Change Canada is recommended.

