



Media Release

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Notice- Update of Closures of Town Facilities, Parks, Trails & Beaches

This notice provides an update regarding closures of Town of The Blue Mountains facilities, including parks, trails and beaches.

To help provide clarification and consistent messaging the Town would like to remind residents that an interactive map confirming the open/closed status of parks, trails, greenspaces, beaches and recreational areas within the Town of The Blue Mountains is available on the Town website: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm>

In addition, the Town would like to emphasize that all Town-owned public washrooms remain closed, and there are only a limited amount of garbage receptacles available. In addition, all common touchpoints are not sanitized. Please plan accordingly.

Closed Town Facilities

The following municipal facilities remain **closed until further notice** to ensure and encourage physical distancing:

- Town Hall
- Beaver Valley Community Centre
- Craigleith Community Centre
- Ravenna Hall
- The Craigleith Heritage Depot
- Tomahawk Golf Course and Recreational Area (Re-opening scheduled for June 15, 2020)

Although Provincial restrictions may be lifted for some of the above properties or facilities, temporary closures may remain in place to allow for seasonal preparation or for modifications to be implemented to allow safe and effective use.

In addition, The Blue Mountains Public Library is open for Curbside Holds Pickup. Branches are physically closed to the public, with programs and services being provided virtually. Please check The Blue Mountains Public Library website for more information:

<https://thebluemountainslibrary.ca/>

Open Town Owned Parks and Properties

The following chart outlines key updates / changes. To view the full list and for specific information on each property, please visit: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm>

<p>Beaches</p>	<p>In late March, the Town of The Blue Mountains initiated the closure of Town owned facilities, parks, trails and beaches in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>On May 15, 2020, the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ian Arra, ordered municipalities to close all municipal managed beaches in Grey and Bruce Counties.</p> <p>On May 28, 2020, the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit rescinded the order to close all beaches in Grey and Bruce Counties. To view the full press release from the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit, please visit: https://www.thebluemountains.ca/document_viewer.cfm?doc=1337</p> <p>Although the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit order has been rescinded, the Town would like to advise residents that access to beach areas remains limited.</p> <p>The Town will be re-opening additional beach areas over the next month as management and control measures are put in place to ensure that physical distancing can be maintained.</p> <p>To view the status of each beach area, please visit: https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm</p> <p>The Town would like to remind residents that the Provincial Orders remain in effect and beach areas will actively be monitored and enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police and the Town’s By-Law Department.</p>
<p>Baseball Diamonds</p>	<p>Baseball diamonds are open for walkthroughs and for use by people from the same household and single-person activities.</p> <p>Gameplay is not permitted unless you are from the same household.</p> <p>Please note that common touchpoints are not sanitized.</p>
<p>Tennis Courts</p>	<p>Tennis Courts are open for use by people from the same household and single-person activities.</p> <p>Gameplay is not permitted unless you are from the same household.</p> <p>Please note that common touchpoints are not sanitized.</p>
<p>Dog Park</p>	<p>The Dog Park is open for public use. Please allow others to use the space by practicing physical distancing and not loitering within off-leash areas. Users are asked not to touch other individuals which includes the sharing of animal toys or equipment.</p> <p>Please note that off-leash areas are not cleaned or sanitized, this includes but is not limited to: Water Fountains, Shade Structures/Gazebos, Benches and Tables, Fences, Gates and Message Boards.</p>
<p>Thornbury</p>	<p>As of May 16, 2020, the Thornbury Harbour opened for recreational use. The</p>

Harbour	<p>launch ramp docks have now been installed and secured and are available for use.</p> <p>Please note that access to the Thornbury Harbour will be limited to boat owners only on Sunday, May 31, 2020 to allow for boat launch operations to take place.</p>
Parks & Trails	<p>The following parks and trails are now open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bayview Park Trail - Harbour Hill Park - Moreau Park - Hillcrest Park - Wyandot Park - Lora Bay Park - Firemans Park <p>To view the status of individual parks and trails, please visit: https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm</p> <p>A reminder when using public parks and trails that a limited number of garbage receptacles are available and public washrooms are not open. Please plan your visits accordingly.</p>

A reminder to residents that Town staff continue to remain available by phone and by email during regular business hours. Online services can be accessed 24/7 by visiting:
www.thebluemountains.ca/online-services.cfm

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