



# Media Release

May 15, 2020

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

This notice provides an update regarding closures to Town of The Blue Mountains ("Town") facilities, parks, trails and beaches.

Please be advised that Town Parks and Trails remain limited to walkthrough/passage only. Town-owned public washrooms also remain closed.

On May 14, 2020 The Grey Bruce Public Health Unit issued an Order to Close all Beaches in Grey and Bruce Counties. To view the Health Unit's Media Release, visit:

[https://www.thebluemountains.ca/document\\_viewer.cfm?doc=1337](https://www.thebluemountains.ca/document_viewer.cfm?doc=1337)

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>

Additionally, 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 Blue Mountains Public Library
- The Craigleith Heritage Depot

As of Saturday, May 16, 2020 the Thornbury Harbour will be open for public pedestrian/boat owner access only. The launch ramps remain closed until further notice as the Thornbury Harbour seasonal opening process is underway.

Tomahawk Golf Course and Recreational area remains closed until further notice.

The Blue Mountains Public Library would like to remind residents that although the library is physically closed, programs and services are being provided virtually. Please check the Blue Mountains Public Library website for more information: [www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/](http://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/)

Ontario Parks Staff provided the following information regarding the May 15<sup>th</sup> Craigeith Provincial Park opening:

On May 15, 2020 the Craigeith Provincial Park will open for self-guided recreational activities including walking, hiking, biking and bird watching. Some parking will be available at the overflow parking lot where the public normally pulls off the highway to go for a walk in the park.

At this time, camping and other activities are not permitted at any provincial park or conservation reserve. All buildings and facilities including washrooms, water taps, campgrounds, backcountry campsites, roofed accommodations and playgrounds continue to be closed. Over the next several weeks Ontario Parks staff will be conducting critical maintenance and other parks start-up procedures so that more recreational activities and facilities will be available when it is safe to do so.

In order to stop the spread of COVID-19, we all need to do our part. That is why we are asking that Ontarians only visit Ontario Parks close to where they live and to come prepared with hand sanitizer, extra water and other supplies, just in case.

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](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/online-services.cfm)

For more information regarding parks, trails and beaches, please contact:

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