

Environment, Climate and Parks

Manitoba Parks
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RE: Director's Order – Expanded Closure Area, North Whiteshell Provincial Park

Be it resolved that it is imperative that an issuance of a Director's Order, as Director of Parks, by way of section 27(1) of *The Provincial Parks Act*, is necessary to implement specific closures in north Whiteshell Provincial Park.

The expanded closure area for this Order extends from the west entrance at the north end of Whiteshell Provincial Park along Provincial Road (PR) 307 eastward to the junction of PR 307 and PR 309. Affected areas include Sylvia Lake, Eleanor Lake, Otter Falls, Barrier Bay and Nutimik Lake and the current Betula Lake closure area announced on Friday. This area includes all cottage subdivisions, commercial areas, campgrounds, group use, day use recreational and picnic areas, playgrounds, trail and beaches (See attached North Whiteshell Provincial Park Expanded Closure Area map).

The expanded closure area will come into effect on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022, at 5 pm. All persons are required to evacuate the closure area by this time. During the period of the closure, no person should reside in or enter the expanded closure area in the park.

Additionally, as part of this Order, Manitoba Parks is to close nightly and seasonal camping at Dorothy Lake, Opapiskaw and Nutimik Lake campgrounds effective Monday, May 23 at 3 p.m. The nightly campground at Big Whiteshell Lake south shore is to also close at this time. These closures will remain in effect until Monday, June 6, 2022.

This Order also includes the immediate closure of all backcountry campsites in Whiteshell Provincial Park.

This Director's Order under *The Provincial Parks Act* is in effect until such time as it is rescinded or otherwise outlined in this Order.

Dated the 22nd day of May 2022



Rob Nedotiafko
Director, Manitoba Parks

