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# *Information Bulletin*

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## **TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY AND RIDEAU CANAL 2017 NAVIGATION SEASON START DELAYED UNTIL MAY 26, 2017**

May 17, 2017

Peterborough, Ontario

Parks Canada

High water levels and flows caused by extreme amounts of precipitation have resulted in unsafe boating conditions across both waterways. For safety reasons, Parks Canada has delayed the start of the 2017 navigation season for the Trent-Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal by one week to Friday May 26, 2017.

Until May 26, 2017, the Trent-Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal closed to all boat traffic and all forms of water-based activities are discouraged. This closure will most importantly protect boater safety, and help to prevent further shoreline erosion and property damage experienced by local residents and businesses. During this week, Parks Canada will continue to diligently make adjustments to water flows in order to restore safe conditions in preparation for the navigation season.

The public are welcome to continue to enjoy the canals' lock stations, which will be fully open to land-based visitors effective May 19, 2017 and lock staff will be on hand to welcome them.

All visitors are encouraged to always exercise caution around water but especially now with elevated water levels and flows.

For more information about the Trent-Severn Waterway, visit [www.parkscanada.gc.ca/trent](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/trent), or follow us on Facebook and Twitter @TrentSevernNHS.

For more information about the Rideau Canal, visit [www.parkscanada.gc.ca/rideau](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/rideau), or follow us on Facebook and Twitter @RideauCanalNHS.

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