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Establishment of Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park and the Commencement of Management Planning

Ontario Parks, part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), is pleased to announce the creation of Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park under the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006*.

[Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park](#) is a 532 hectare (1,350 acre) operating recreational class park, located in the Township of Uxbridge, 25 kilometers east of Newmarket and 50 kilometers northeast of Toronto.

Effective July 1, 2024, the park will strengthen the long-term protection of biodiversity and important habitat for species at risk while providing opportunities for the public to enjoy the area's natural beauty, including hiking and other ecologically sustainable recreation activities. For more information on the boundary regulation decision, visit the Environmental Registry of Ontario at ero.ontario.ca and search for number 019-7733.

At this time, access to the park and recreational activities are limited while we conduct the required park management planning processes for the park. As of July 1, 2024, off-road motorized vehicle use will be prohibited. Changes in permitted uses could be made in the future if those uses threaten the values of the provincial park. These changes would be considered through a management planning process which would include public and Indigenous consultation.

Commencement of Management Planning

Management planning is a multi-stage process that guides the protection, development, and operation of the park over a 20-year period. A park management plan contains site-specific policies and direction for park management to ensure that there is an effective balance between protection and recreation.

As a first step, we have prepared a background information document that summarizes what we know at this point in time about Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park and a summary of the 2023 survey results and regulation amendment proposal comments received relating to park management planning. This information provides a starting point for upcoming planning stages, including the development of a management plan which will guide the parks' long-term protection, development and management.

The background information document provides information on:

- the park lands and those that are adjacent,
- Indigenous communities, treaties, and traditional areas,
- natural and cultural heritage,
- recreational use taking place in the area,
- commercial uses currently taking place within the park
- pressures having an effect on values within the park

We are inviting you to let us know if there is anything we missed or if there is any new information we should consider to help develop the preliminary park management plan.

The background information document and summary of survey results and comments relating to park management for Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park is currently available for review and comment for a 45-day period on the Environmental Registry of Ontario at ero.ontario.ca; search for number 019-8727. **The comment period ends on July 28, 2024.**

If you would like to be involved in the management planning process for Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park, please contact:

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