



**Hydrologic Forecast Centre
Regulatory and Operational Services
Manitoba Water Stewardship**

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High Water Advisory for Whiteshell and Nopiming Provincial Parks

Manitoba Water Stewardship advises that rainfall of 75 to 90 mm in eastern Manitoba last weekend has resulted in unusually high lake levels Whiteshell and Nopiming provincial parks.

Most lakes in Whiteshell Provincial Park are between half a foot and one foot above their normal summer level. Caddy Lake is 1.5 feet above its desirable level and could rise another quarter foot during the next few days even without additional rain.

Manitoba Water Stewardship with assistance of the Parks Branch of Manitoba Conservation has removed logs from Brereton Lake, Jessica Lake, White Lake and West Hawk Lake during the past two days to reduce or prevent further rises in levels. The control structure at West Hawk Lake had been partially opened August 18 but one log was replaced today (August 19) in response to very high water levels downstream on Caddy Lake.

Lakes in Nopiming Provincial Park are also very high. Bird Lake is presently at its second highest levels in the past 25 years and somewhat higher than the crest observed in early July this year. Lakes in Atikaki Park are also at above average levels but not as seriously high.

It is possible that lake levels in the parks could rise somewhat higher, especially if significant additional rain develops from the present storm system.

Cottagers are advised to take appropriate actions to protect their properties from high water levels as best possible.

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