



# FOREST FIRE

News June 1, 2023

First edition

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## WAW003 – Wildland Fire Update



*Picture of WAW003 May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.*

## Thursday's WAW003 Weather Forecast



**TODAY:** Southwesterly winds on Thursday afternoon will veer to the north and then northeast this evening as a cold front moves north to south across the fire. Winds overnight become near calm. A chance of showers arrives during the wind shift early this evening.

**OUTLOOK:** Mostly sunny with daytime high temperatures reaching 31C and Minimum RH values in the low 30% range. Winds will be easterly 10-15 km/h for most of the day, possibly switching to the northeast in the late afternoon or early evening. Gusts will be in the 30km/h range. No precipitation is expected.

## Wawa's Weather Forecast



**HEAT WARNING**



5:20 a.m. EDT Thursday 1 June 2023

Multi-day heat event continues.

Maximum temperatures:  
29 to 32 degrees Celsius.

Minimum temperatures:  
16 to 18 degrees Celsius.

Timing:  
Today, possibly continuing into Saturday.

Discussion:  
The heat event is expected to persist today, and may continue into Saturday in some locales.

Extreme heat affects everyone.

The risks are greater for young children, pregnant women, older adults, people with chronic illnesses and people working or exercising outdoors.

Drink plenty of water even before you feel thirsty and stay in a cool place.

Never leave people or pets inside a parked vehicle.

Heat warnings are issued when very high temperature or humidity conditions are expected to pose an elevated risk of heat illnesses, such as heat stroke or heat exhaustion.

Please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada. To report severe weather, send an email to [ONstorm@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ONstorm@ec.gc.ca) or tweet reports using [#ONStorm](https://twitter.com/ONStorm).



## SPECIAL AIR QUALITY STATEMENT



5:11 a.m. EDT Thursday 1 June 2023

High levels of air pollution have developed due to smoke from forest fires.

Smoke plumes from local forest fires have resulted in deteriorated air quality in the above regions.

For more details, please consult [www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/air-quality-health-index/wildfire-smoke.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/air-quality-health-index/wildfire-smoke.html).

Wildfire smoke can be harmful to everyone's health even at low concentrations. Continue to take actions to protect your health and reduce exposure to smoke.

People with lung disease (such as asthma) or heart disease, older adults, children, pregnant people, and people who work outdoors are at higher risk of experiencing health effects caused by wildfire smoke.

Stop outdoor activities and contact your health care provider if you or someone in your care experiences shortness of breath, wheezing (including asthma attacks), severe cough, dizziness or chest pains. Stay inside if you are feeling unwell and experiencing symptoms.

Keep your indoor air clean. Keep your doors and windows closed if the temperature in your home is comfortable. Use an air purifier with a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter in a room where you spend a lot of time. Avoid air purifiers that produce ozone. Check the filter and change it if required. For more information visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/publications/healthy-living/using-portable-air-cleaner-wildfire-smoke.html>.

Take a break from the smoke by temporarily relocating or finding a location in your community with clean, cool air such as a library, shopping mall or community centre. Contact your local health or municipal authorities for more information.

If you must spend time outdoors, a well-fitted respirator type mask (such as a NIOSH certified N95 or equivalent respirator) that does not allow air to pass through small openings between the mask and face, can help reduce your exposure to the fine particles in smoke. These fine particles generally pose the greatest risk to health. However, respirators do not reduce exposure to the gases in wildfire smoke. It is important to listen to your body and reduce or stop activities if you are experiencing symptoms.

Be sure to check on people in your care and those around you who may be more susceptible to smoke.

Pay attention to information and direction from your local authorities and evacuate if told to do so.














Review your wildfire smoke plan and make sure you have enough medical supplies if the smoke continues to impact your community. Contact your health care provider if your condition is not improving.

Be aware of your mental health. It is normal to feel anxious or isolated during a smoke event. If you experience any feelings of stress, anxiety, or depression, contact your mental health care provider for advice or visit <https://www.wellnesstogether.ca/en-CA>.

Visit [www.airhealth.ca](http://www.airhealth.ca) for information on how to reduce your health risk and your personal contribution to pollution levels, as well as for current and forecast AQHI values.

Please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada.

Issued by Environment Canada and the Province of Ontario

Forecast							<a href="#">Hourly Forecast</a>	<a href="#">Alerts</a>	<a href="#">Jet Stream</a>
<b>Thu</b> <b>1 Jun</b>	<b>Fri</b> <b>2 Jun</b>	<b>Sat</b> <b>3 Jun</b>	<b>Sun</b> <b>4 Jun</b>	<b>Mon</b> <b>5 Jun</b>	<b>Tue</b> <b>6 Jun</b>	<b>Wed</b> <b>7 Jun</b>			
 30°C 40% Chance of showers	 29°C 40% Chance of showers	 25°C Sunny	 24°C Sunny	 20°C A mix of sun and cloud	 19°C A mix of sun and cloud	 19°C A mix of sun and cloud			
<b>Tonight</b>	<b>Night</b>	<b>Night</b>	<b>Night</b>	<b>Night</b>	<b>Night</b>				
 17°C 40% Chance of showers	 12°C Cloudy periods	 9°C Clear	 10°C 30% Chance of showers	 7°C Cloudy periods	 8°C Cloudy periods				

▼ Forecast issued: 5:30 AM EDT Thursday 1 June 2023

[White River, ON - 7 Day Forecast - Environment Canada \(weather.gc.ca\)](https://weather.gc.ca/WhiteRiverON/forecast/7day/)

### Current Fire Situation:

- Wawa 3 was confirmed during the afternoon of May 27<sup>th</sup> along TransCanada highway 17 by the Depew River. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.
- Effective today, the Brown Incident Management Team (IMT) is managing Wawa 3. This is an Ontario Type 1 Incident Management Team. An Incident Command Post is being established for the Incident Management Team.
- The fire status is Not Under Control (NUC).
- Observed fire behaviour for Wawa 3 was fire intensity class 5 on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- The most up-to-date fire perimeter is 6810.67 ha.
- There are 5 helicopters, 12 Fire Ranger crews assigned to WAW003 and additional resources have been requested.
- Fixed wing fire suppression aircraft have been actively working priority areas of the fire. Bucketing helicopters, service, and transport helicopters are also working on the fire. Structural protection is ongoing in the area surrounding WAW003.
- To see a map of all active fires visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>
- A reminder that NOTAMs remain in place surrounding all active forest fires. **NOTAMs (Notice to Airmen):** [Section 601.15 of the Canadian Aviation Regulations \(CARs\)](#) states that the **airspace around forest fires is restricted to forest fire suppression aircraft only**, specifically airspace within 5 nautical miles, up to an altitude of 3000 feet above ground level is restricted to forest fire

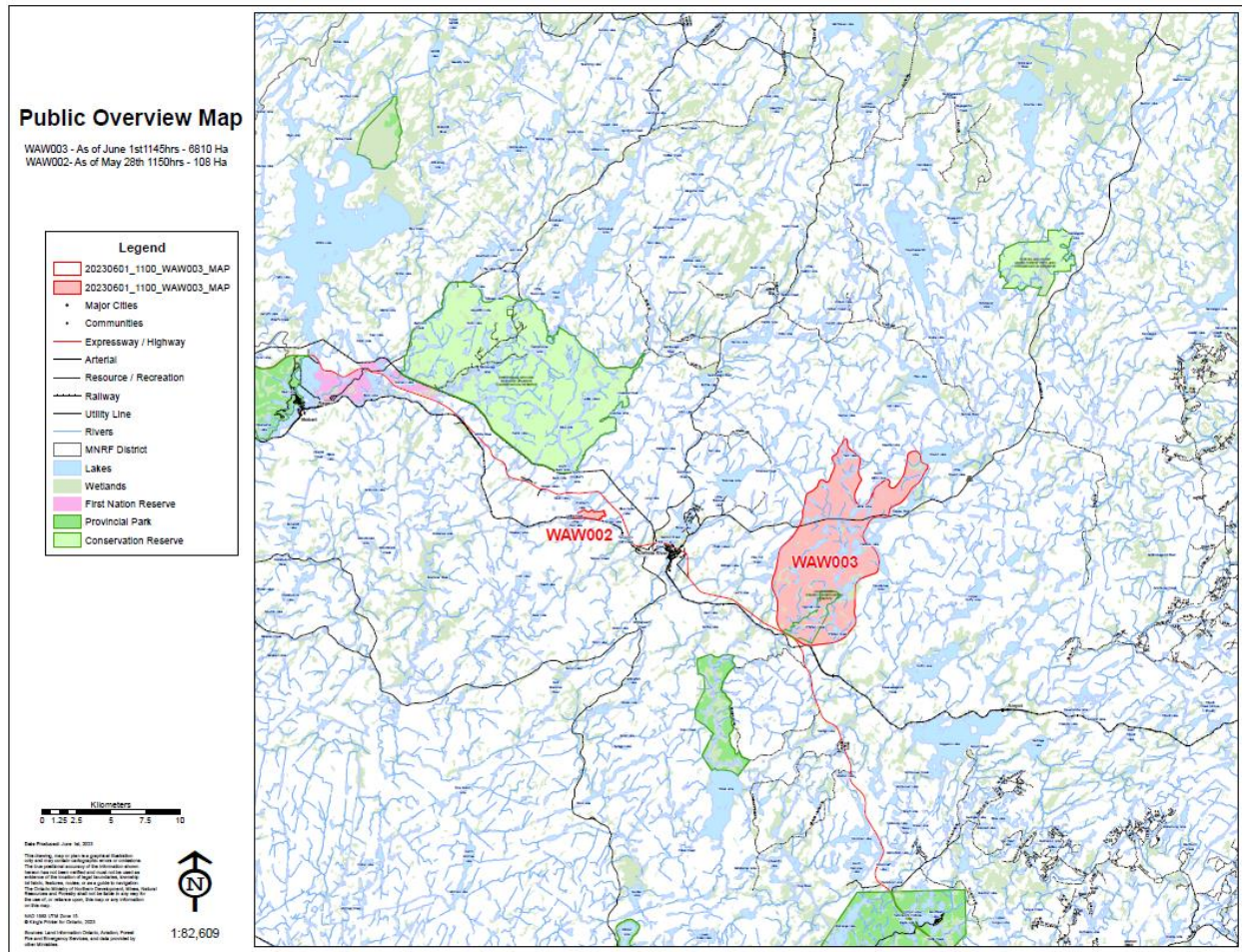


suppression aircraft only. Pilots are reminded that NOTAMs concerning forest fires can be found in the Flight Information Region (FIR) section when flight planning.

- For more information about drones, waterbombers and restricted airspace during forest fires please visit:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/drones-waterbombersrestricted-airspace-during-forest-fires>

## Latest Fire Perimeter Map



## **Implementation Order**

Under the Emergency Area Order EAO-2023-01 declared on May 31, 2023, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Chapleau-Wawa District has put in an Implementation Order for the WAW003 fire to protect public safety and to facilitate effective fire suppression. The following restrictions listed below and as outlined on the Implementation Order map, are now in effect until further notice.

All travel and use of the following areas is prohibited unless authorized by a Travel Permit issued by the Chapleau-Wawa District Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF):

- 400 south of where Road 400 intersects the White River Forest Unit boundary
- Road 300 south of the intersection of Road 300 and Road 350,
- Road 500 west of the intersection of Road 500 and Road 550,
- Road 226 west of the intersection of Road 226 and Hwy. 631,
- "Mink Lake East" Road north of intersection of "Mink Lake East" Road and Hwy. 631,
- "Mink Lake Boat Launch" Road north of intersection of "Mink Lake Boat Launch" Road and Hwy. 631,
- Operational Road 631-02 north of intersection of Road 631-02 and Hwy. 631,
- Operational Road 631-01 (aka. Tower Road) north of intersection of Road 631-01 and Hwy. 631,
- Road 100 north of intersection of Road 100 and the Picnic Lake Road,
- North Reagan Road north of intersection of North Reagan Road and Road 50,

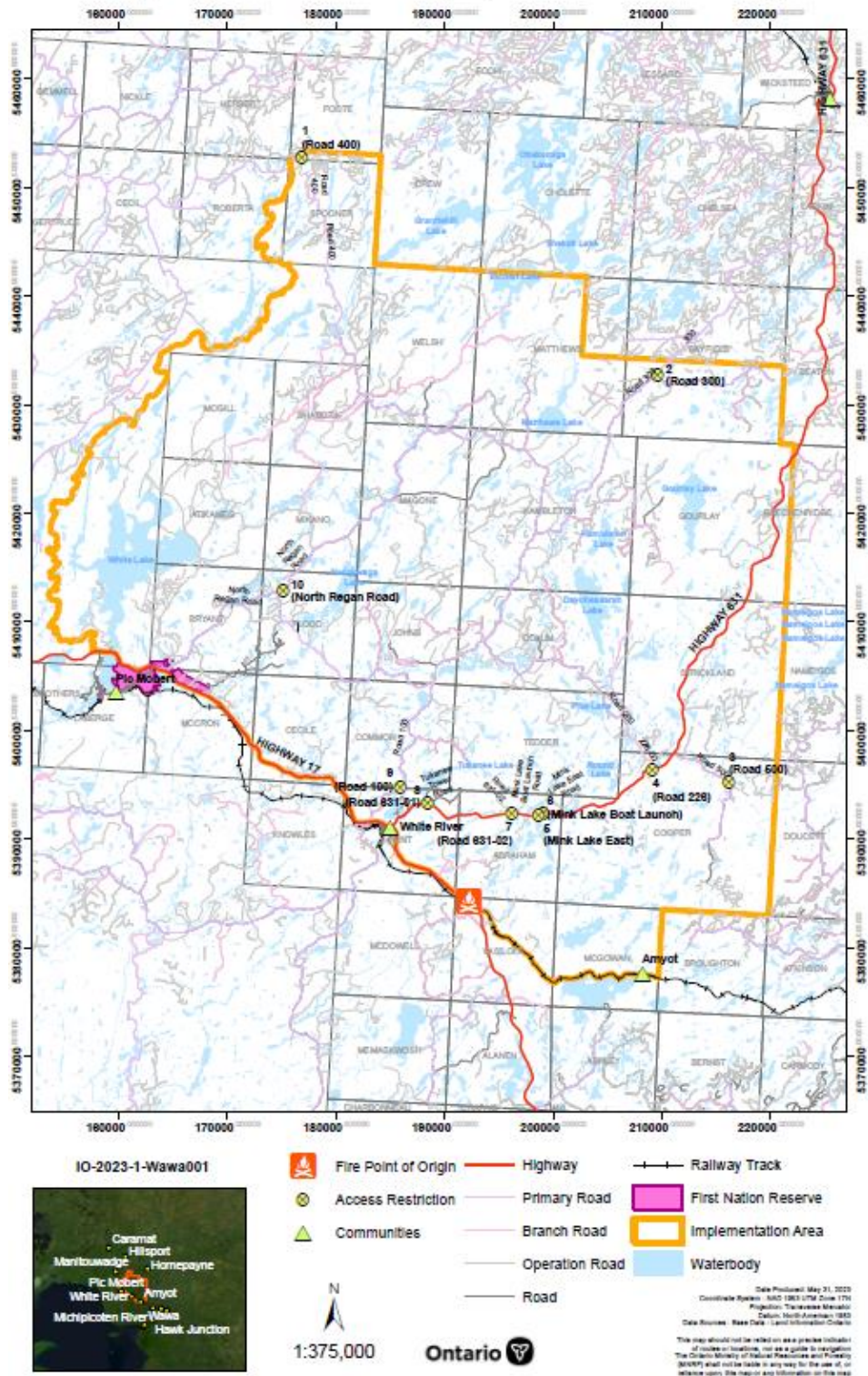
For more information on the restrictions and travel permits, please contact Tim Mutter, Information Officer at Chapleau-Wawa District Office at 705-465-2087.

**For inquiries about the travel restrictions please call:  
705-465-2087**



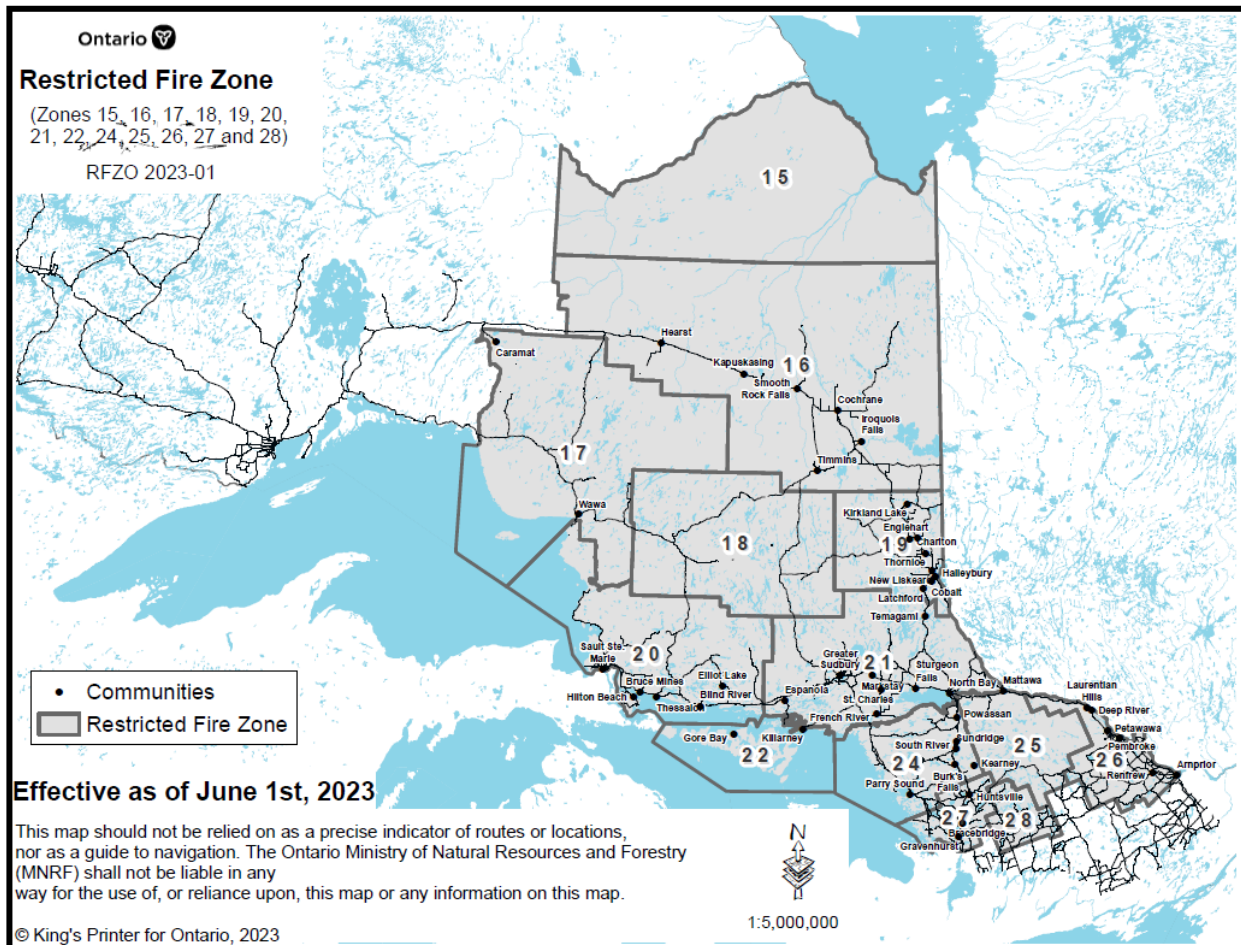
# Implementation Order Map

## Emergency Area Order 2023-1 (Implementation Order Map)



## Restricted Fire Zone

Due to high to extreme fire hazard, the commitment of resources to existing fires and the potential for resource shortages to occur, a Restricted Fire Zone Order is required for the Northeast Fire Region (Restricted Fire Zones 15-22, 24-28). The area impacted is; from Georgian Bay west of Gravenhurst to the Quebec border east of Arnprior, north to James Bay, west along the Albany River and then south to Marathon, continuing along the Georgian Bay back to Gravenhurst and also includes Manitoulin Island. This order is required to reduce the number of new human-caused wildfires. As we are expecting the hazard to increase into the foreseeable future, along with the potential for problematic fires to exist.





**RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE**  
**ZONE DE RESTRICTION DES FEUX**



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## **Smoke Concerns**

Due to unsettled weather, there may be an increase in the amount of dense smoke from Thursday evening through to Saturday until there is a shift in wind direction in the White River area.

If you have questions or concerns about smoke and your health, please contact TeleHealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

## **Contact Numbers and Online Information**

For more information about travel restrictions: 705-465-6281

**For general information about the fire situation call the Northeast Region Wildland Fire Information Hotline: 1-888-220-7242**

**For fire information about WAW003 call the Brown Incident Management Team Fire Information Officer, Maurice Lecours, for WAW003 at 708-856-4735**

For information about highway closures: 5-1-1

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