



**Management Options
Questionnaire**

Your responses to this questionnaire and any other comments you have will be carefully considered in the preparation of the Preliminary Park Management Plan for the Kawartha Highlands.

Please return this questionnaire to: David Coulas, Park Superintendent
Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park
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For your comments to be considered, they must reach us by September 8, 2006.

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Name: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Please indicate if you represent an interest group or agency: _____

Your interest in the park: _____

Refer to the Management Options document for full discussion of all topics noted below. For each topic, please check your preferred option and provide any additional comments you might have.

AIRCRAFT LANDING

Preferred management direction for aircraft landing permissions (for example, lakes on which landing an aircraft would be allowed) and any seasonal restrictions that might be warranted:

OPTION 1: Aircraft may land by permit for recreation and/or property/tenured land access purposes on any body of water, open or frozen, that the pilot in command determines to be safe to operate an aircraft on.

OPTION 2: Aircraft may land by permit on the following bodies of water only (open or frozen): Anstruther, Wolf, Loon Call, Long, Loucks, Bottle, Sucker, Rathbun, Copper, Serpentine, Poplar, Pilot, Elm, Fair, Bear, Cloudy, Crane, Agate, Cox, Triangle, Cherry, Stoplog and Vixen. Aircraft may also land by permit for access only to private properties and tenured land on lakes not included in the preceding list.

OPTION 3: Aircraft may land by permit on the following bodies of water only (open or frozen): the five main cottages lakes (Anstruther, Wolf, Loon Call, Long, Loucks) and the commercial outpost camp lakes (Pilot, Elm, Fair and Bear). Aircraft may also land by permit for access only to private properties and tenured land on lakes not included in the preceding list.

OPTION 4: Aircraft may land on lakes (open or frozen) by permit for access to private properties and tenured land only.

Comments:

MOTORBOATS

Preferred management direction on motorboat restrictions for lakes entirely surrounded by park land and the appropriateness and control of boat caches:

- 🍏 **OPTION 1:** No motorboat restrictions on lakes within Kawartha Highlands. Boats may be cached in specific locations identified by the superintendent for the purpose of accessing private property or tenured land only, with authorization by permit (*for example, a boat cache would be allowed between Anstruther and Rathbun lakes for the use of the Rathbun property owners*).
- 🍏 **OPTION 2:** Motorboats to be allowed on any lake which has private property and/or tenured land. All other lakes are motor free. Those lakes which have tenured land only would have a motor restriction imposed (e.g. horse power restriction or electric motors only or 4 stroke motors only). Boat cache(s) by permit and only available for access purposes to private property or tenured land.
- 🍏 **OPTION 3:** Motorboats to be allowed on any lake which has private property (Anstruther, Wolf, Loon Call, Long, Loucks, Rathbun, Crab, Bottle, Buzzard, Cox and Cold lakes) (subject to federal regulations). All other lakes are motor free. Boat caches by permit are only available for access purposes to private property or tenured land. Ontario Parks would consider motorboat access restrictions on Crab, Bottle, Buzzard, Cox and Cold lakes on a lake by lake basis where this is supported by the private land owners on these lakes.

Comments:

[If your choice is Option 2, please identify your preference for the type of motor restrictions]

ATV USE FOR HUNTING PURPOSES

Preferred management direction for the control of ATV use for the purposes of hunting:

- 🍏 **OPTION 1:** ATV use for hunting purposes within the park may only occur on the approved road and trail system during the open season for any legal species.
- 🍏 **OPTION 2:** ATV use for hunting purposes may only occur on the approved road and trail system during the open seasons for large game mammals - moose, deer and black bear.
- 🍏 **OPTION 3:** ATV use for hunting purposes may only occur on the approved road and trail system during the open seasons for deer and moose.

Comments:

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

Preferred management direction to address camping party-size restrictions, electronic noise management and waste management:

🍏 OPTION 1:

- Backcountry camping on authorized campsites only. Maximum of 9 persons per campsite.
- Campers carry out and take home garbage.
- No radio free campsites (electronic amplified music allowed).

🍏 OPTION 2:

- Backcountry camping on authorized campsites only. Maximum of 6 persons per campsite. Several group sites to be established which would accommodate up to 20 persons.
- Campers carry out and take home garbage. Bottle ban for entire park (restriction does not apply to private property or tenured land).
- Electronically amplified music allowed only with the use of head sets.

🍏 OPTION 3:

- Backcountry camping on authorized campsites only. Maximum of 6 persons per campsite. Several group sites to be established which would accommodate up to 20 persons.
- Campers carry out and take home garbage. Both a can and bottle ban for entire park (restriction does not apply to private property or tenured land).
- Electronically amplified music allowed only with the use of head sets.

Comments:

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Preferred management direction for activities that should continue in the park:

🍏 OPTION 1: Subject to certain conditions, the existing traditional activities allowed by park policy or regulations would be allowed to continue on designated trails only.

🍏 OPTION 2: Subject to certain conditions, the list of “Lower Impact Activities” noted would be allowed to continue. In addition, dog sledding and mountain biking would be allowed on designated trails with appropriate activity conditions.

🍏 OPTION 3: Subject to certain conditions, only the list of “Lower Impact Activities” noted would be allowed to continue.

Comments:

FUELWOOD PERMITS

Preferred management direction on the process for reviewing and approving new fuelwood permits and appropriate areas for collecting deadwood:

- 🍏 **OPTION 1:** Existing permits may continue to be issued and new permits for water access only properties may be issued based on an area identified by lot and concession. Dead wood harvesting only.
- 🍏 **OPTION 2:** Existing and new fuelwood permits may be issued with the following restrictions made for harvesting areas: water access cottagers may be allowed to harvest dead wood only within 100m of their property and recreation camp permit holders may be allowed to harvest dead wood only from the permit area (.5 ha) or within 5m on either side of the approved motorized vehicle access road and trail system. Other areas may be identified for fuelwood harvesting by the park superintendent (for example, a blowdown in a stand of trees may be identified as a location to allow harvesting).
- 🍏 **OPTION 3:** Future fuelwood permits may be issued for dead wood harvesting, but harvest areas would be identified outside the park boundary or areas within the park which may be identified for fuelwood harvesting by the superintendent (for example, a blowdown in a stand of trees may be identified as a location to allow harvesting).

Comments:

COMMERCIAL TOURISM

Preferred management direction for both new and existing commercial tourism opportunities:

- 🍏 **OPTION 1:** Existing outpost camps would continue and operators would be allowed to transfer their business if interest exists. New commercial tourism opportunities would be screened to ensure that they are consistent with the park values, vision and purpose and will not impact the ecological integrity of the park.
- 🍏 **OPTION 2:** Existing outpost camps would continue and when current operators no longer wish to continue their business venture the opportunity would be phased out. New commercial tourism opportunities, which are consistent with the park values, vision and purpose, would be considered only if the facilities are road accessible and will not impact the ecological integrity of the park.
- 🍏 **OPTION 3:** Existing outpost camps would continue and when current operators no longer wish to continue their business venture the opportunity would be phased out. New commercial tourism opportunities would not be considered.

Comments:

OTHER COMMENTS FOR OUR CONSIDERATION:

Thank you for providing your comments!