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## **The County of Brant Begins Re-Opening Some Recreational Amenities as Directed by the Province of Ontario**

**County of Brant, ON** – In light of the declining number of COVID-19 cases in Ontario, the County of Brant will begin re-opening some recreational amenities, as directed by the Province of Ontario.

“On May 14, 2020, Premier Doug Ford announced that some recreational amenities were permitted to re-open in the near future. These include river access points, tennis courts, the dog park and disc golf course,” said Kathy Ballantyne, Director of Parks and Facilities for the County of Brant. “At the County of Brant, we will be working over the next week to safely re-open these recreational amenities. We ask for the public’s patience.”

In order to protect community safety, additional procedures have been put in place:

### **River Access** - Re-opening Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 9:00 am

- The Eric Thomlinson River Access on Forbes Drive, Glen Morris is re-opening for launching and landing.
- Penman’s Dam (north of the dam), 116 Willow St. Paris is open for landing only (the dam is directly south of this landing area).
- The Penman’s Dam Portage/Launch (south of the dam) is temporarily closed due to spring flooding damage.
- Bean Park river access remains closed as Brant Park (owned by the Grand River Conservation Authority) remains closed (which means there is no public landing available if one launches from Bean Park).
- No commercial river access permits are being issued at this time.
- Use may occur between 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, 7 days per week, launches must occur by 2:00 pm daily
- Groups (of five people or less) must practice physical distancing from other groups
- Practice physical distancing when using the boardwalk and stairs

### **Tennis Courts** - Re-opening Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 11:00 am

- The non-member tennis courts are re-opening on May 19, 2020 at 11:00 am and include Mt. Pleasant Tennis Courts at 555 Burtch Rd. (2 courts) and Burford Tennis Courts at 14 Potter Drive (2 courts).
- The tennis courts with club membership in Paris and St. George will be re-opening. However, the date will be announced shortly.

- Singles play should occur on all courts
- Doubles may only be played by four (4) members of the same family, living at the same residence.

Additional information will be provided regarding the re-opening of the disc golf course and the Simply Grand Dog Park in the near future as directed by the provincial government and public health authorities.

For more information about re-opening the above amenities, please visit [www.brant.ca/COVID-19](http://www.brant.ca/COVID-19).

As a reminder, County-owned parks and trails remain open. Visit “Trails and Parks Information” on [www.brant.ca/COVID-19](http://www.brant.ca/COVID-19) for a full listing.

At this time, the Province of Ontario continues to direct the closure of:

- Playgrounds,
- Basketball courts,
- Baseball diamonds,
- Skate Parks,
- Picnic Shelters,
- Outdoor exercise equipment,
- Sports fields and
- Indoor recreation facilities

We ask that you avoid visiting these amenities until further notice.

Please remember, we all have a role to play to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Practice physical distancing if you must go out, wear a mask and wash your hands often. Our actions are saving lives in the community.

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