

### Eric Thomlinson and Penman's Dam

### River Access Points

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River Access:	Amenities available:	Location:
Eric Thomlinson Access Point	<b>Landing and Launching</b>	Forbes Drive, Glen Morris
Penman's Dam	<b>Landing ONLY</b> (Launch is temporarily closed due to spring flooding)	116 Willow St., Paris

#### General Information:

- The above noted river access points will be available for public use starting on Saturday, May 16
- **Permitted Hours of Use** - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm - 7 days per week, launches must occur by 2:00 pm daily
- Portable washrooms will be available at the access points. Additional cleaning protocols will be in place
- **No Commercial River Access Permits** are being issued at this time due to group size restrictions as included in the Provincial Emergency Order
- The Penman's Dam **Portage/Launch** is temporarily **closed** due to spring flooding damage
- The **Bean Park** River Access Point is **closed** until a public access point such as Brant Park re-opens between Paris and Brantford
- Check river flows to ensure safe trip conditions at [www.grandriver.ca](http://www.grandriver.ca)

#### Physical Distancing:

- Individuals within groups must practice physical distancing; staying a minimum of 2 metres away from others at all times
- Only **two (2)** groups of **5 or fewer people** may prepare to launch from the river's edge at one time, while still practicing physical distancing. All others shall remain in an adjacent staging area at least 5 metres away or in the parking area
- At Penman's Dam, one (1) group at a time of 5 or less people should carry watercraft up the stairs and exit via the boardwalk to the parking area. Others must remain at the docks until the area is clear
- If someone is walking on the Penman's Dam boardwalk, please wait until no one is present to enter from the pathway

## Cleanliness & Hygiene Strategies:

It is estimated that the virus responsible for COVID-19 can be transmitted through the use of public washrooms, amenities and spaces. **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.** Users are urged to take extra precautions before, during and after their trip.

- All individuals are encouraged to thoroughly wash their hands and bring plenty of hand sanitizer with them to sterilize their hands often during their trip. People should avoid touching their face
- People are reminded to be vigilant about coughing or sneezing into a tissue or into the crook of their elbow and to immediately dispose of any used tissue in receptacles; always wash your hands immediately after (or use sanitizer if soap and water is not readily available)
- Upon returning home, it is recommended that members sanitize the bottom of their shoes (prior to entering the home) and then wash their hands
- It is recommended that people wash all equipment such as paddles and lifejackets after use
- Members must refrain from river activities and stay home if they:
  - are not feeling well or are exhibiting flu-like symptoms, or any known coronavirus symptoms, (incl. fever, cough, difficulty breathing, etc.)
  - have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 and/or flu-like symptoms in the previous 14 days
  - have returned to Canada from abroad in the previous 14 days
  - are considered vulnerable or at risk and/or individuals suffering from serious health problems

## River Access Protocols:

- Plan your route and share your trip details with family and friends
- Bring and wear all safety equipment during your trip
- Vehicles loading and unloading watercraft shall not leave their vehicles idling
- **The County of Brant assumes no responsibility for any injuries or damage to persons or property that might occur during the use of river access points**
- All persons should wear foot coverings when getting in and out of watercraft
- Dogs are not permitted to be off leash
- Pack it in and pack it out, use litter receptacles before heading out or upon your return
- Alcoholic beverages or narcotics of any kind are not allowed in any parks or public property. As per the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, smoking or vaping of tobacco and cannabis on municipal property is prohibited
- No fires are permitted in any park / access point
- The use of sound equipment is not permitted at access points
- No wildlife or natural land features may be disturbed
- Be alert for people fishing from bridges, unexpected approaching watercraft and construction or repair activities
- Camping is not permitted at access points
- No discharges of any kind shall be made into the water
- No person shall discard fish or a portion thereof
- No person shall leave any watercraft unattended in the water or tied to any County dock or access point

- Personal property cannot be stored at the access points
- Overnight parking is not permitted at the access points /launch areas

Please report any facility problems to: [parksandrec@brant.ca](mailto:parksandrec@brant.ca) or call 519-44-BRANT (519-442-7268)

For the following concerns, please email [COVID-19@brant.ca](mailto:COVID-19@brant.ca) or call 519-761-8391

- Suspected breach of quarantine or self-isolation
- Groups of more than five people congregating
- Those not practicing social distancing