

Gypsy Moth Spraying in High Park – 2019

If you were in the park recently, you may have noticed large signs about Gypsy Moth spraying at park entrances. We did not receive any advance notice about spraying in High Park but have investigated and found out the following information:

Information about the spraying program is posted [on the City's website](#).

The spraying will occur along roadways. See this excerpt from the [City's map](#):



In response to our inquiries, Toronto Forestry has responded:

“At this point spraying will happen around May 24 and we will be flying a helicopter over the areas around 5:30am to 7:30am but High Park is just one little part of it so it won't take long. Another spray will happen 3 to 10 days later.

“The aim in High Park is to keep along the roadways. The oaks are more heavily hit there and are generally more stressed. We can find gypsy moth throughout the park but we are avoiding the natural areas since gypsy moth is not as heavy a presence there.

“The shape [on the map] looks weird since it chases the road and essentially 30m on either side will receive treatment. The pilot will be flying back and forth across the North end of the park to complete this shape and some trees in the North end around the pool and skating rink will receive treatment as well. The spray equipment gets turned on and off by the pilot following a gps flight plan which is basically the shape you can see on the online map.”

Karen Yukich, High Park Natural Environment Committee, May 13, 2019