

PRESCRIBED BURN NOTICE FOR HIGH PARK:

Friday, April 15

Please be advised that on **Friday, April 15**, the City of Toronto is planning to undertake a prescribed burn in High Park.

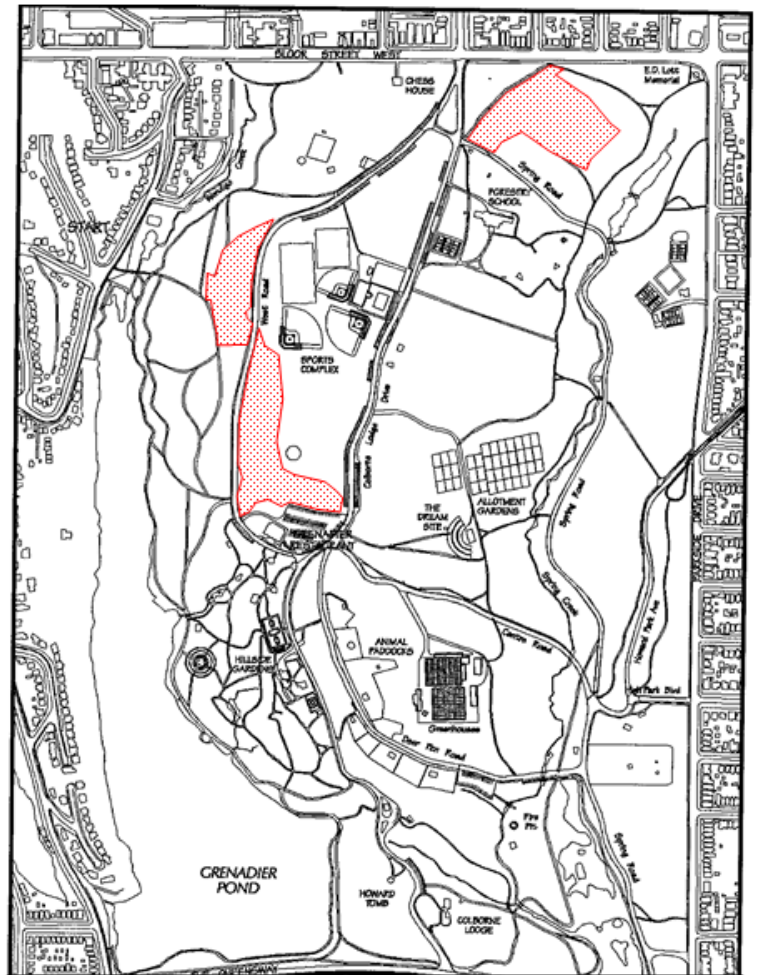
For more information, please visit www.toronto.ca/trees or call 311.

It is expected that the prescribed burn will take place between approximately **2:00 pm and 5:00 pm** in High Park, weather permitting. During the implementation of the burn, park users will be restricted from accessing the areas being burned and adjacent trails.

The highlighted areas on the map detail the expected coverage of the burn. In consultation with local Councillors, Urban Forestry is distributing this flyer to notify local residents who might be impacted by smoke.

A prescribed burn is a deliberately-set and carefully-controlled fire that burns low to the ground and consumes leaf litter but does not harm large trees. The 2016 burn continues the well-established program to restore black oak savannah, a rare vegetation community that is one of the most endangered ecosystems in the province of Ontario and at risk of extinction in Toronto. A High Complexity Burn Boss with extensive experience with prescribed burning will conduct the burn with a qualified crew.

The burn will temporarily produce large amounts of smoke in the park and surrounding community. Under ideal weather conditions, the smoke from the prescribed burn should rise and dissipate and not affect surrounding neighbourhoods. It is possible however, that weather conditions could change, and some smoke from burning vegetation could impact some residential areas near the park.



High Park Prescribed Burn Locations 2016

It is recommended that all residents close windows or leave the area at the time of the burn to avoid any potential sensitivity to the smoke.