

PRESCRIBED BURN NOTICE FOR HIGH PARK: MONDAY APRIL 23rd

Please be advised that on **April 23rd**, the City of Toronto is planning to undertake a prescribed burn in High Park. For more information, please call 311

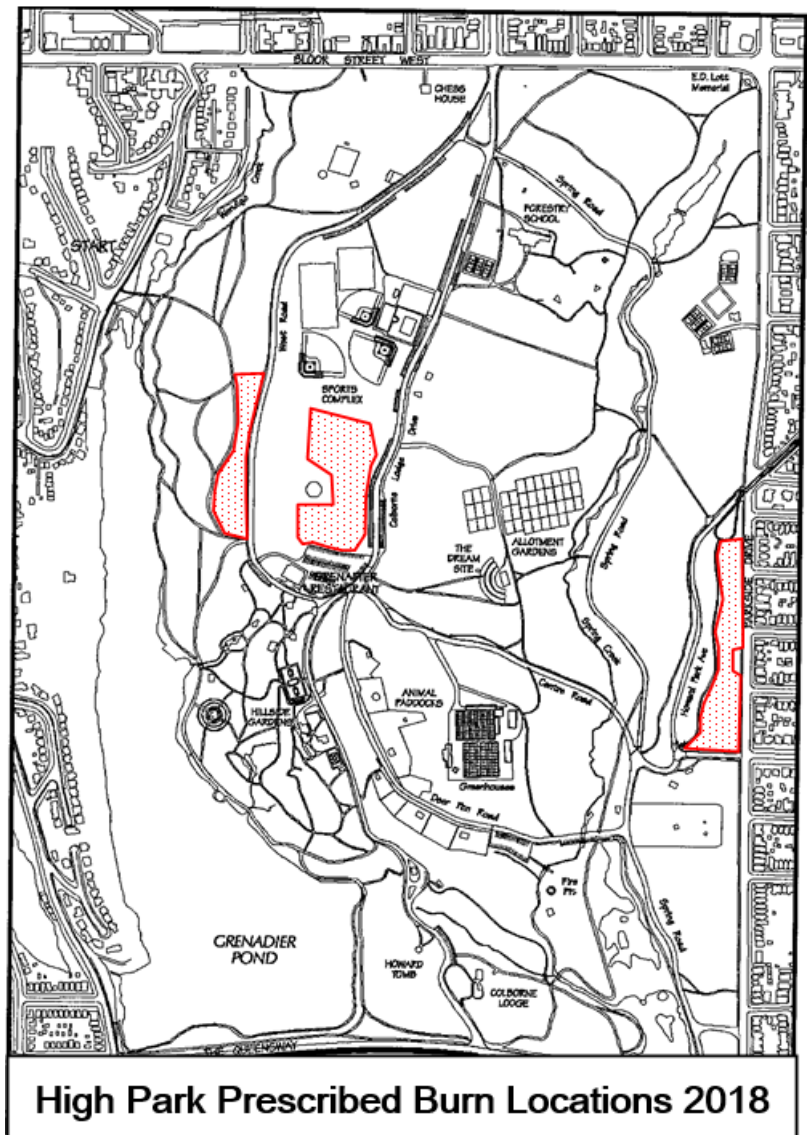
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It is expected that the prescribed burn will occur from approximately **2:00pm-5:00pm** in High Park. During the implementation of the burn, park users will be restricted from accessing the burn areas and adjacent trails. Park users should expect temporary road closures and reduced parking.

The highlighted areas on the map detail the expected coverage of the burn. In consultation with the local councillor, The City is distributing this flyer to notify nearby 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 2018 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 Fire Boss with extensive experience in prescribed burning will conduct the burn with a qualified crew.

The burn will temporarily produce large amounts of smoke in the parks and surrounding communities. Under ideal weather conditions, the smoke from the prescribed burn would rise and dissipate without affecting surrounding neighbourhoods. It is possible however, that weather conditions could change and that some smoke from burning vegetation would reach residential areas near the park.



We advise individuals with asthma and high sensitivity to poison ivy to close windows and stay out of the park on the day of the burn.