

PRESCRIBED BURN NOTICE FOR HIGH PARK: Tuesday April 18

Please be advised that on **April 18**, the City of Toronto is planning to undertake a prescribed burn in High Park.

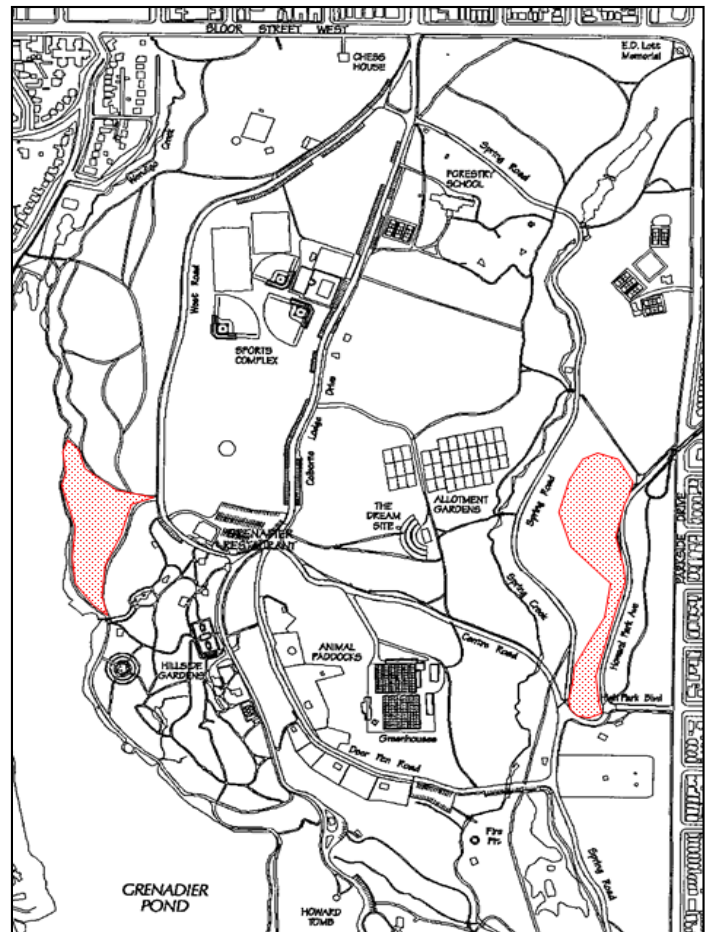
For more information, please visit www.toronto.ca/trees or call 311.

It is expected that the prescribed burn will occur approximately around **2:00pm** 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 also expect temporary road closures.

The highlighted areas on the map detail the expected coverage of the burn. In consultation with the local councillor, Urban Forestry 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 2017 burns continue 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 and 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.



High Park Prescribed Burn Locations 2017

Individuals with asthma and high sensitivity to poison ivy are advised to close windows and stay out of the park on the day of the burn.