
Parks and Recreation Ontario Welcomes Provincial Investment to Expand Camping Opportunities Across Ontario

Toronto, ON (September 22, 2025) – Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO) fully supports the recent provincial funding commitment of \$60 million to create more camping opportunities for Ontarians, adding 300 new campsites and upgrading 800 campsites with electrical services.

Ontario's parks and campgrounds are experiencing record visitation, with families, youth, and newcomers increasingly seeking opportunities to connect with nature. Expanding campsite capacity is a timely step that will not only enhance access to the outdoors but also support economic recovery through tourism and local business growth. Expansion and upgrades to popular campgrounds is a critical step in responding to increased demand.

“Ontario Parks carries a strong legacy of providing visitors with life-enriching outdoor recreation opportunities” says Jeff Pafford, Chair of PRO’s Board of Directors. “This funding boost reflects our shared commitment of ensuring more Ontarians have access to camping and outdoor recreation.”

While improving access to outdoor recreation, this investment will simultaneously increase the overall capacity of popular campgrounds, thereby generating more potential tourism dollars into local economies.

“Camping at Ontario Parks is a right-of-passage for many families in this province. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this funding increase will bring to citizens and communities across Ontario” says PRO’s Chief Executive Officer, Kim Gavine. “We will continue to advocate for regular and meaningful increases to investment in Ontario’s outdoor recreation sector and remain dedicated to collaborating with the government and supporting our members in providing vital outdoor recreation opportunities.”

PRO believes that investment in outdoor recreation is an investment in the physical, mental, social, environmental, and economic health of Ontario communities. We encourage the province to continue to fulfill its commitment of working with sector partners to create more opportunities for all Ontarians to access nature through recreation.

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