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## Invitation to Participate -- Murphys Point Management Planning

Ontario Parks invites you to participate in management planning for ***Murphys Point Provincial Park***. The terms of reference for this project have been approved and are available for review along with background information. This planning process will result in a park management plan that will guide the resource management, operation and development of the park for the next 20 years. You are invited to offer comments on any aspect of this management planning project.

### About the Park

Murphys Point Provincial Park is a natural environment class park, approximately 1239 ha in size, that provides camping and day use services to park visitors. The park is located in eastern Ontario approximately 19 km south of the town of Perth in the geographic township of Burgess and the municipality of Tay Valley.

The park consists primarily of a large peninsula extending into Big Rideau Lake bounded by Hogg Bay and Noble Bay. At present, the park's recreational infrastructure includes: 174 campsites (including serviced, boat-in and group camping sites), 13 trails, two maintained beaches, two day use areas, a boat launch, a visitor centre and an amphitheatre.

The park is located on the southern Canadian Shield and protects important earth and life science features associated with this environment. A variety of species at risk and their habitats are protected by the park. Murphys Point also protects a number of cultural heritage features.

The 1984 management plan for the park will continue to provide management direction until the new park management plan is approved.

### About Management Planning

The *Invitation to Participate* and review background information is the first of three stages in the management planning process. The next stage will be the *Preliminary Park Management Plan*, and there will be a second opportunity to comment at that stage. Lastly the approved *Park Management Plan will be released*.

Responses to this *Invitation to Participate* will be used to update our mailing list of individuals, groups, and businesses that wish to be involved in the management planning process.

Notices of the various stages of the planning process, including the *Invitation to Participate*, will be posted on the Environmental Registry of the *Environmental Bill of Rights* at the following web address (EBR Registry Number 011-5558):  
[www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca)

The web link below leads to an index page that will provide planning documents, including the terms of reference, for downloading.  
[http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/murp\\_planning.html](http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/murp_planning.html)

The web link below leads to additional information about the park on the Ontario Parks website: <http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/murp.html>

### **What's Next?**

The next stage in the planning process is to identify issues to be addressed by the new park management plan, and outline potential policy alternatives for the long term protection, management and use of the park. We encourage you to pass along knowledge you may have about the park to help us with this project.

### **Interested? Send us your comments!**

You will be invited to offer comments on any aspect of this management planning process at each stage – please send written comments to the address noted below by **Monday, March 12, 2012** to ensure they are considered. To have your name added to the mailing list for the next stages please contact the person noted below.

**If you wish to be removed from the mailing list for future mailings, please let us know. This will allow us to reduce costs by only contacting interested parties.**

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Comments and personal information received during this management planning project are collected under the authority of the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act* to assist in making decisions and to determine further public consultation needs. Comments may be included in documents that are made available for public review. Personal information, as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose it is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other projects.