

2020 HARVEST
WILD RICE

WHITESHELL PROVINCIAL PARK

First Nation Community Representatives are recommending that the start date for Hand Picking and Mechanical Harvest be:

Friday August 28, 2020

An inspection of the lakes found that there is a good wild rice crop this year in the Whiteshell. First Nation Community Representatives have requested the following harvest practice be followed:

HAND PICKING ONLY LAKES AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 11

Lone Island, Brant, and portions of the Whiteshell River connecting Lone Island.

MECHANICAL HARVESTING LAKES

Heart, Echo, Little Echo, South Cross Lakes, Jessica, White, Mallard, Betula, Little Whiteshell Lakes; and on the Whiteshell River between Jessica and “Flags of Freedom”.

PLEASE NOTE: First Nation Community Representatives are requesting that the HAND PICKING ONLY lakes remain hand pick only until September 11th. Starting September 12th the lakes listed above can be mechanically harvested.

Hand/Mechanical Picking Permit

A permit is NOT required by First Nations people to harvest rice in the Whiteshell.

Buyers Permit

Anyone purchasing wild rice for the purpose of resale requires a Buyer's Permit. Fees are waived for First nation peoples. Permits may be obtained at the Rennie District Office.

Please treat the rice with respect.

PARK REGULATIONS

CAMPING AREAS

A number of camping areas have been specifically designated for use by wild rice harvesters including the following locations: Lone Island, Flags of Freedom, Rennie River Bridge and Betula Group Use. No fees are required for these locations. For those choosing to camp at one of the provincial campgrounds, all camping fees are applicable.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

All household garbage must be packaged and removed to a designated garbage container; recyclables are to be placed in a designated recycling container. Your cooperation in this respect will help keep the Park clean and prevent bear problems.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

HUNTING AND FISHING

First Nations people may possess firearms in areas of the park and hunt where licenced hunting is permitted. Those people who wish to hunt or fish for food while in the park should contact the nearest Conservation Officer for additional information

The following should be noted:

1. No person shall carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle or discharge a firearm from a vehicle including a boat;
2. No one may hunt, discharge a firearm or bow, or possess a loaded firearm within 300 meters of a development such as roads, dumps, cottage areas, campgrounds, hiking trails and portages;
3. No one shall carry a firearm within the Mantario Wilderness Zone;
4. It is important to note that nets set for fish must be marked with the owner's name and treaty number and may not block off more than 2/3 of a river or stream.

People using firearms in the park are advised to exercise extreme caution and consideration, as there may be other park users in the area.

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