

WATER SAFETY

NIAGARA OPERATIONS

Safety is Ontario Power Generation's number one priority. In the Niagara Region, OPG operates five hydroelectric stations and 11 dams, some of which are remotely controlled. These areas are not safe for recreation activities, regardless of the time of year.

Please obey all signs, fences, buoys and booms in areas surrounding OPG facilities. They identify hazardous areas to stay clear of and are there for your protection.

STAY CLEAR, STAY SAFE

The Danger is Real

As demand for electricity changes, OPG operators start and stop generating units, and open and close gates as needed. This affects water levels and flows throughout the day. Obey the signs and stay clear of marked areas. It's the best way to ensure your safety.



Warning signs, fences, booms and other barriers indicate hazardous areas to stay clear of. Pictured: DeCew Falls Generating Station



Don't Put Your Life At Risk

A spot that looks safe one moment can become dangerous within a few seconds. Calm waters or a dry riverbed can change quickly into rapidly moving, dangerous waters.

Know Your Surroundings

Whether you are fishing, boating, swimming or skating, stay a safe distance from areas with fencing, buoys, booms and warning signs. These measures are there to protect you. Keep your eyes peeled and know where you are at all times.

IN THE NIAGARA AREA

St. Catharines and Thorold

Lake Gibson, including Marlatts Pond, is the reservoir for DeCew Falls Generating Station. Ice that forms in the winter can be thin and dangerous, and is unsafe for recreation activity. Water exits the station into Twelve Mile Creek (shown in red). Access to this area is prohibited due to sudden changes in water levels and flows.

Weirs on Twelve Mile Creek regulate water speed and levels. Water circulates backwards on these structures, creating a current that could result in drowning. Stay clear of these structures and obey all signs.



DeCew Falls Generating Station



12 Mile Creek - Weir #5

Don't be fooled. Water hazards can still exist in serene areas like Twelve Mile Creek. To ensure your safety, OPG maintains booms (pictured left) to identify dangerous areas. See a boom? Stop and go the other way.

Sir Adam Beck Generating Station

Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake

The Sir Adam Beck Generating Station is located on the lower Niagara River. Outflow from the two stations can cause sudden changes to water levels and flows. Please keep clear of these hazardous areas (shown in red). Don't risk your life to catch a fish.



FEDERALLY RESTRICTED VESSEL NAVIGATION ZONES

Buoys mark areas where boating is prohibited.

Entry into these hazardous areas can result in fines:

- \$2,000 under the *Trespass to Property Act*.
- \$500 under the *Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations, Sec. 15(1)*.



DON'T IGNORE THE WARNING SIGNS

If you are using the public trails that are adjacent to, or run through OPG's properties surrounding Lake Gibson, please obey the following sign:

NOTICE

This is private property. Members of the public are authorized to use this trail by Ontario Power Generation under the following conditions:

- No unauthorized motor vehicles
- No firearms
- No fires
- No garbage
- No camping
- No cutting of wood
- No damage to OPG property

Failure to stay on the trail or abide by the above conditions will result in prosecution under the *Trespass to Property Act*, including a fine of up to \$2,000.

For further information contact (905) 357-6903

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OPG wants you to be safe. We're proud to operate our facilities safely and in a manner that respects the environment and the rights of other waterway users.

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