

PRESCRIBED BURN NOTICE FOR HIGH PARK

FRIDAY APRIL 29TH

The City of Toronto is planning to undertake a prescribed burn in High Park tomorrow. For more information please visit toronto.ca/trees, @TorontoPFR, or call 311.



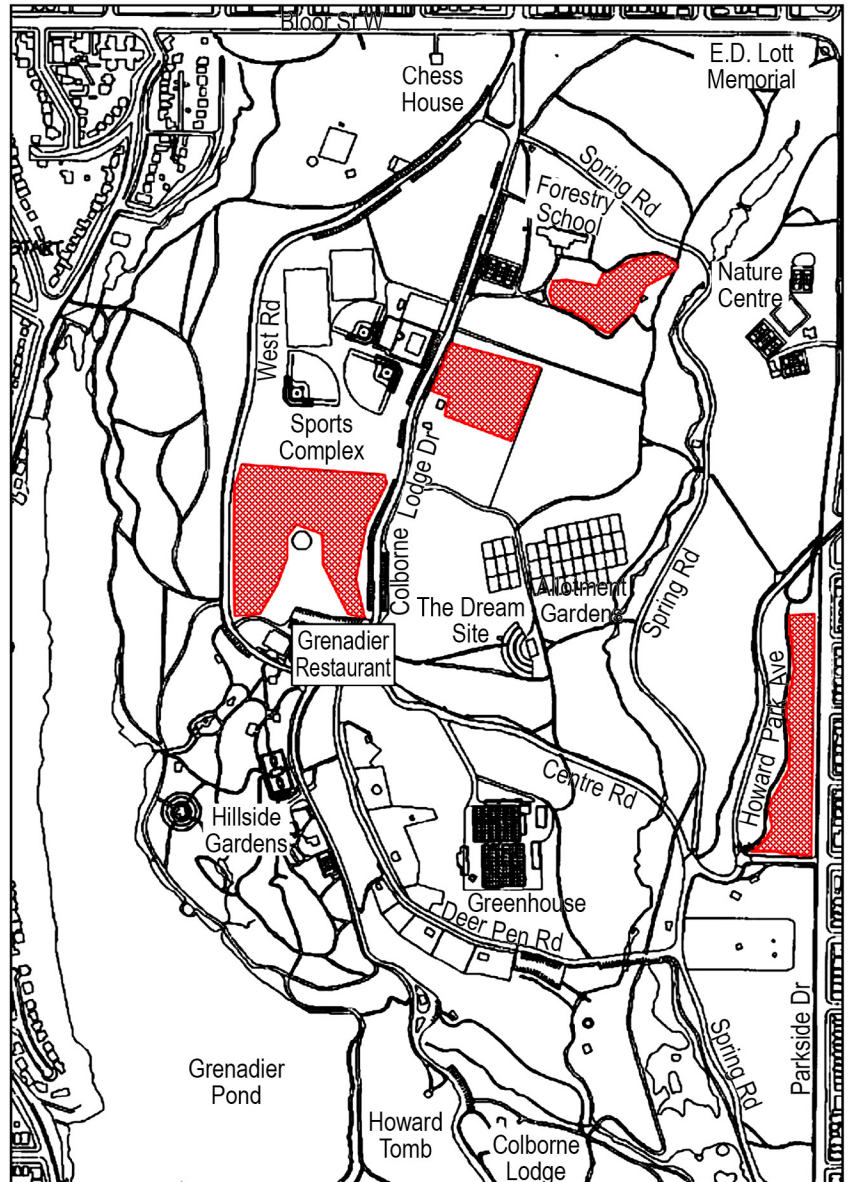
THE PARK WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC at 7 a.m., and re-opening early evening, after burning is complete.

It is expected that the prescribed burn will occur at approximately 11:00am - 5:30pm in High Park. Park users should also expect limited access near sites being burned.

The highlighted areas on the map indicate the expected coverage of the burn. In consultation with the local Councillor, the City of Toronto 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 2022 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 park. 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 may reach residential areas near the park.



The Queensway

 **Designated Burn Area**

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.