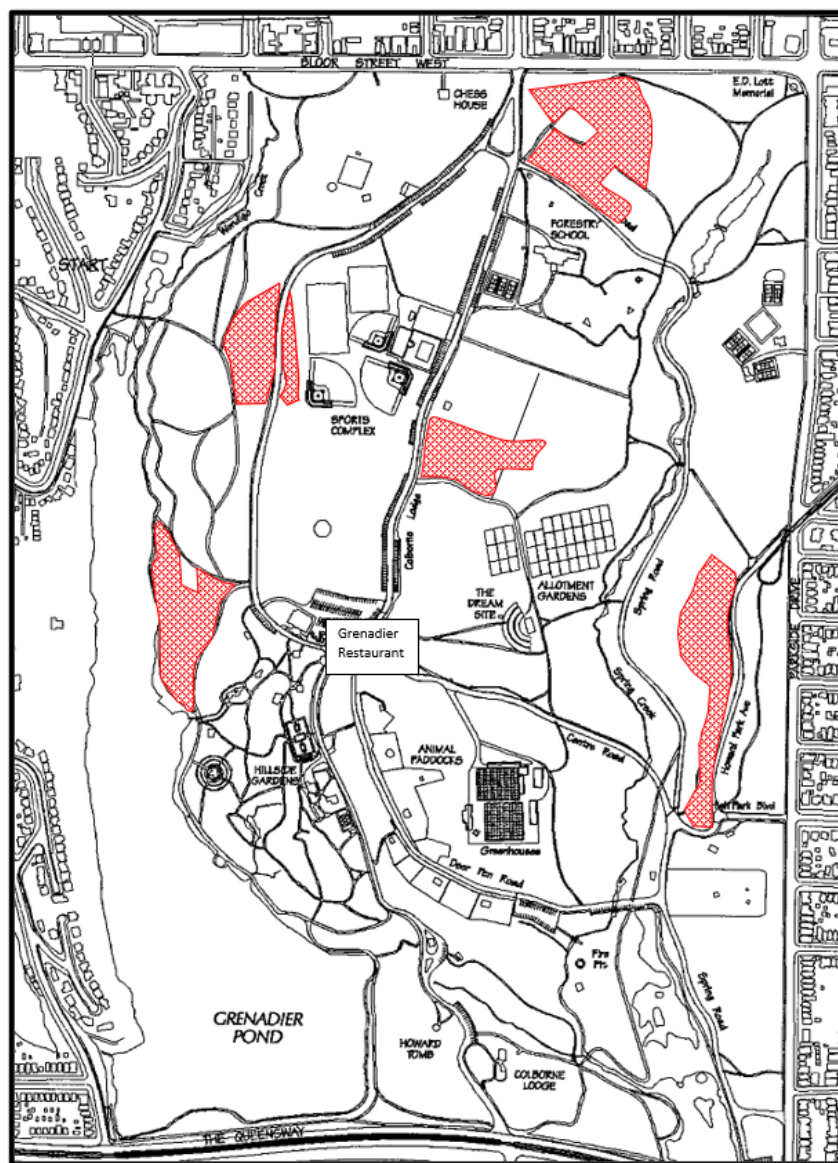


# Notice to Park Users

## City of Toronto Urban Forestry is planning to undertake a prescribed and traditional burn (Biinaakzigewok Anishnaabeg) in High Park in early spring 2024

City staff and burn consultants are monitoring the weather and on-site ground conditions to determine the date for the prescribed and traditional burn. Once ideal weather conditions are achieved and a burn date has been selected, an updated notice will be posted in the park and the City's website will be updated to notify the public, a minimum of 24 hours before.



During the implementation of the burn, access will be temporarily restricted in areas near the burn site. The Park will be closed to vehicular traffic to ensure the safety of park users. Portions of multi-use trails will also be closed to cyclists and pedestrians throughout the day.

Individuals with asthma and high sensitivity to poison ivy should limit their exposure by staying inside and keeping their windows closed. Some individuals may choose to leave the park during the burn if they are concerned about any potential sensitivity to smoke.

Prescribed and traditional burns are part of The City's long-term management plan to restore and protect Toronto's rare black oak woodlands and savannahs. Prior to European settlement, traditional burns were used by Indigenous Peoples. In collaboration with Indigenous Land Stewardship Circle (ILSC) and Elder Henry Pitawanakwat, the burn holds the name of Biinaakzigewok Anishnaabeg, meaning "the responsibility for a cleansing fire by all Native Peoples" in Anishinaabemowin.

For more information, updates and a confirmed date visit:

[toronto.ca/prescribedburn](https://toronto.ca/prescribedburn) and follow us on social media @TorontoPFR

