

Notice for High Park

TRADITIONAL AND PRESCRIBED BURN

BIINAAKZIGEWOK ANISHNAABEG

APRIL 17th, 2025

The park will be closed to vehicles at 6:00 A.M. and will reopen in the early evening, after the burn is complete.

The prescribed burn ignition will occur at approximately 11:00 AM.

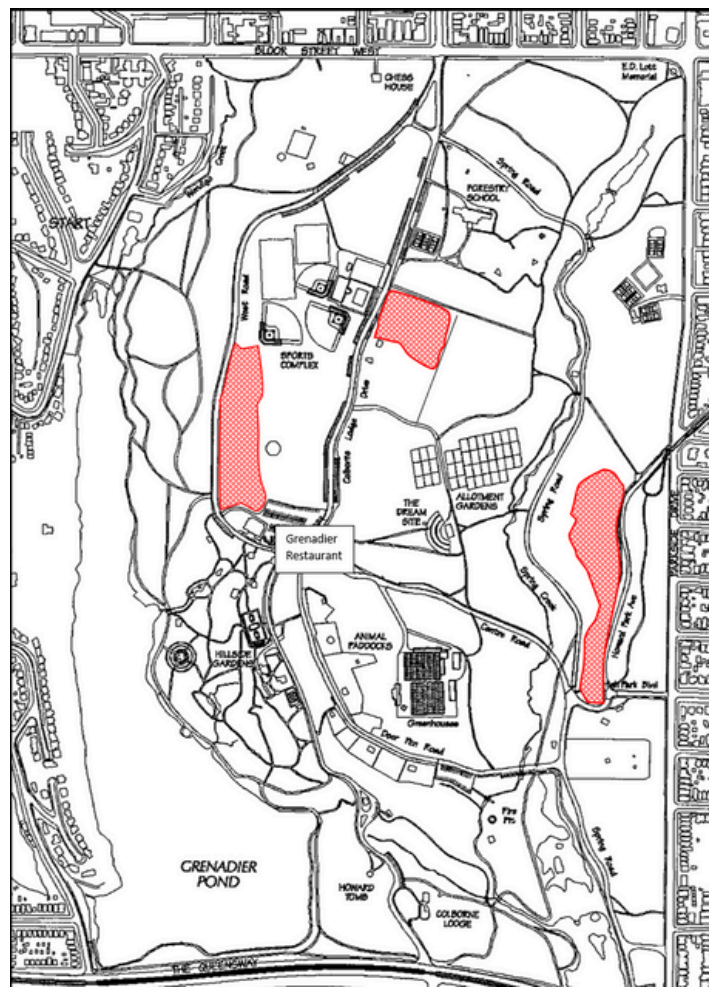
Park users should expect limited access near active burn sites, with portions of multi-use trails being temporarily closed to cyclists and pedestrians throughout the day.

The burn may produce large amounts of smoke in the park. Individuals with asthma or who are highly sensitive to poison ivy are advised to close windows and to stay out of the park on the day of the burn.

The prescribed burn, is now called the traditional and prescribed burn, to honour Indigenous practices on Turtle Island. A traditional burn is an Indigenous practice used to care for the land. Collaborating with the Indigenous Land Stewardship Circle and Elder Henry Pitawanakwat, the burn is named Biinaakzigewok Anishnaabeg, meaning “the responsibility for a cleansing fire by all Native Peoples” in Anishinaabemowin.

This burn is part of an ongoing practice to manage and care for the land, specifically aimed at restoring the Black Oak savannah ecosystem.

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Map shows areas planned for burning in 2025.