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WESTERN BROOK POND REVITALIZATION UNDERWAY – TRAIL CLOSED TO HIKERS AND HUNTERS

Gros Morne National Park

Rocky Harbour, NL, October 27 2017 – Parks Canada wishes to advise the public that work to revitalize the infrastructure at Western Brook Pond will begin on November 7th, 2017. This work includes:

- Expansion of the solar powered washroom facilities, as well as the parking lot adjacent to Route 430;
- Re-construction of the trail, including a realignment, lowering of grades, and a hardening of trail surfaces to allow for a longer life in our harsh environment;
- Widening of the trail to allow for emergency vehicle access;
- Replacing the wharf on Western Brook Pond;
- Repairing the boathouse and replacing the building exterior to protect it from extreme winds; and,
- Dredging of the pond near the boat house to allow for boat storage in early fall when water levels are naturally low.

The Western Brook Pond Trail is located inside the Gros Morne National Park Moose Management Area. The trail will be closed to hikers and hunters while construction is occurring. There will be a one-kilometre buffer zone around the trail construction zone – no hunting is permitted inside this zone. Signage is in place to mark areas where hunting is taking place. Parks Canada will update the public when the work is completed for the season and the hunting buffer zone has been lifted. Visitor safety is a priority for Parks Canada. Hunters and visitors are asked to respect all signage and temporary closures.

This project is part of the unprecedented \$3 billion Parks Canada is investing over 5 years to support infrastructure work to heritage, visitor, waterway, and highway assets located within national historic sites, national parks, and national marine conservation areas across Canada. These investments represent the largest federal infrastructure plan in the history of Parks Canada.

Individuals planning to visit the national park this fall and winter are encouraged to review maps and safety information at: www.pc.gc.ca/foresthealth. For up-to-date information on work locations and traffic flow, follow [@ParksCanadaNL](https://twitter.com/ParksCanadaNL), (#GrosMorne, #NLtraffic), visit www.parkscanada.gc.ca/grosmorne, or contact Parks Canada at 709-458-2417 or grosmorne.info@pc.gc.ca.

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