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## WESTERN BROOK POND INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES RESUME

*Trail will close for winter on October 15, 2018*

**Rocky Harbour, NL, October 10, 2018** – Parks Canada is preparing for vegetation restoration, trail and wharf reconstruction in Western Brook Pond as the peak operational season winds down in Gros Morne National Park. The goal of the multi-year project is to complete a trail that is safe, sustainable and accessible while protecting the ecology and offering rewarding experiences to visitors.

Visitor safety is a priority for Parks Canada. The trail to Western Brook Pond will close to all visitors on October 15th, 2018 as work resumes. This phase of the project will involve: vegetation restoration; finishing of the surface of the trail to create a smooth, compact tread that is safer and more accessible; reconstruction of the wharf, which has less than 5 years of service-life remaining; limited dredging along the channel to the boathouse to provide safe and reliable access for vessels; and, replacement of siding and roof on the boathouse. More details on this important project can be found in the latest update posted on the park's website at:

<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/nl/grosmorne/visit/infra/wbp>.

The trail will reopen in May 2019. Over the coming seasons, Parks Canada will continue to restore vegetation along the trail and introduce interpretive elements to enhance the visitor experience including the introduction of rest areas and viewpoints. Changes to the trail will create opportunities to address the needs and interests of a broader range of park users including cyclists and those who may have limited mobility.

Western Brook Pond trail falls within the Gros Morne National Park Moose Management Area (2E) and, for safety reasons, will also be closed to hunters during construction, including a 1km buffer around the trail and boathouse. Hunters and visitors should pay attention to signage indicating hunting areas and temporary closures. All 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](http://www.pc.gc.ca/foresthealth). Parks Canada will provide an update when work is completed for the season.

In managing national parks, Parks Canada maintains or restores ecological integrity and provides Canadians with opportunities to discover and enjoy them. Over the past several years, Parks Canada has been investing in visitor infrastructure within national parks to improve visitor safety, ensure high-quality visitor experiences, and better protect the environment.

For up-to-date information on various projects, work locations and traffic flow in the park, follow @ParksCanadaNL, (#GrosMorne, #NLtraffic), visit [www.parksCanada.gc.ca/grosmorne](http://www.parksCanada.gc.ca/grosmorne), or contact Parks Canada at 709-458-2417 or [grosmorne.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:grosmorne.info@pc.gc.ca).

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