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SAVE ONTARIO PARKS

Stop the cuts! Visit www.saveontarioparks.ca

Sign our online petition

The Ontario government has slashed summer staff in our provincial parks by 19 per cent this year.

Park wardens are being cut back.

Park interpreters are being cut back.

Park maintenance staff are being cut back.

Park stores are closing.

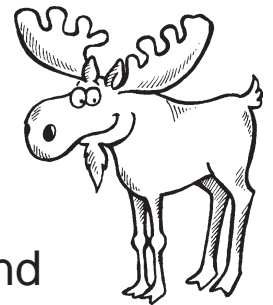
These cuts reduce environmental protection, park safety, nature education, recreational opportunities, and convenience for all park users.

Clean bathrooms, frequent garbage pick-up, well-groomed trails, and easy access to information may become a thing of the past.

To save money, some parks will shut their gates early when summer ends.

These cuts are very unwise. They are also totally unnecessary. The total cost to the province to operate all 319 provincial parks is only \$13.7 million – just over a dollar for each Ontarian.

Our parks are precious. We can afford to take care of them.



You can speak out against the cuts to Ontario parks. To find out more, and to sign our online petition, visit www.saveontarioparks.ca.

We're calling on the McGuinty Liberals to undo this year's cuts and develop a long-term plan for stable funding for the parks system.

When you sign the petition, add your comments, too: What do provincial parks mean to you and your family? What do you think of our parks now? How could they be improved?

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