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Student workers protest at Algonquin Provincial Park

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Visitors to Algonquin Provincial Park, north of Bancroft, will be greeted late tomorrow afternoon by student workers angry with the provincial government.

The young people will stop vehicles at the east and west entrances to the park, informing park users vacation and holiday pay is being denied to 34-hundred high school, college and university students working for the province this summer.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union, which represents the workers, says it is an abuse of the government's own labour laws.

Students received vacation and holiday pay in the past, but the government said this year the Crown is exempt from the vacation and holiday pay provisions of the Employment Standards Act.

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