



## Adverse Conditions

Most often, all outdoor adventures will run regardless of the weather...no fair-weather outdoorsfolk here! However, our primary concern is for the safety of all involved, so in the following instances, your adventure may need to be rescheduled, postponed or cancelled\*.

### Hiking

**Terrain:** location may be changed, or the hike may be cancelled, in the case of major weather-related terrain changes that have, or are very likely to, occur such as flooding, bridges out, rockfalls, ice, obstructions that cannot be safely rerouted, etc.

**Wind:** if there is significant wind in the forecast, hikes may be cancelled due to unpredictable windfall (branches or trees falling)

**Lightning:** if lightning is forecast, hikes will be cancelled

**Blizzard:** if snowfall is likely to hinder visibility en route to the trailhead or during a hike, the hike may be cancelled

**Hunting:** Hunting takes place in county forests, Conservation Areas, Crown Land and on private property (with the permission of the owner) from early September to mid-December, and late April to the end of May.

**\*Please note:** there are many other potential hazards for novice hikers. Those listed above are the ones that you are likely to encounter in Southwestern Ontario. Please always use caution and common-sense when hiking, regardless of where you are!

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## Paddling

**Water Flow:** location may be changed, or the paddle may be cancelled, in the case of unseasonable changes in water flow that have, or are very likely to, occur and may cause the water to be higher, faster, lower, or more unpredictable than usual. All efforts are made to select a location based on patterns of flow over the last several years.

**Wind:** if there is significant wind in the forecast, paddles may be cancelled due to unpredictable currents, swells, rapidly changing wind direction and/or strength

**Fog / Lightning:** if heavy fog or lightning are forecast, paddles will be cancelled

**Unseasonable Weather:** recent flooding or quick changes in weather may cause submerged debris, overhanging branches, changes to launches, unstable shorelines or other hazards that may cause changes to the paddle location, launch, time or even the cancellation of a paddle. Extremes of temperature may also cause changes to the start and/or end of the paddling season.

**\*Please note:** there are many other potential hazards for novice paddlers. Those listed above are the ones that you are likely to encounter in Southwestern Ontario. Please always use caution and common-sense when paddling, regardless of where you are!

## Camping

It is extremely rare for a camping trip to be cancelled due to weather. All campers will be required to participate in training (*before* embarking) that will include management of weather-related issues.

If there is a *strong likelihood* of extreme conditions such as tornado, blizzard, etc. participants will be contacted to determine their level of risk-tolerance and a plan will be made about whether to postpone, shorten, change or cancel the camping trip.