

Section 4: Summary of Offences Related to Hunting in Rondeau Provincial Park and/or Rondeau Bay

While in Ontario Provincial Parks there is one general concept all should abide by: ***Have respect and consideration for fellow visitors and the park environment.*** The Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act and other legislation governing activities and behaviour in provincial parks, are enforced by Park Wardens, Conservation Officers, and Police Officers. The following table illustrates only some of the common offences which apply to hunting in Rondeau Provincial Park and/or Rondeau Bay, it is not intended to be a complete list of laws and regulations.


**** *Fines do not include victim fine surcharge* ****

Please note, that you are required to comply with the guidelines and practices in the “*Information Guide for Waterfowling Practices in Rondeau Provincial Park and Rondeau Bay*” (the Guide). By the authority granted to the Superintendent, Rondeau Provincial Park, who is an agent of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the occupier of the said provincial park; you may be prohibited from future entrance and use of Rondeau Provincial Park for any purpose whatsoever, should you not be in compliance with the Guide.

Also, be advised that the *Trespass to Property Act* states:

“A police officer, or the occupier of premises, or a person authorized by the occupier may arrest without warrant any person he/she believes on reasonable and probable grounds to be on the premises in contravention of Section 2”.

Furthermore, be advised that should you enter the premises when entry is prohibited you would be guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$2000 as provided by Section 2 of the *Trespass to Property Act*

Offence		Min. Fine	Explanation
<i>Migratory Birds Convention Act</i>	• Hunt Migratory Bird from a power boat	\$200	Except as provided, no person shall use a power boat to chase, pursue, injure, harass, or kill a migratory bird
	• Hunt Rondeau Bay outside of designated area	\$200	There is <u>NO</u> open season for migratory birds 300m from shore or natural rush bed within Rondeau Bay
<i>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act</i>	• Careless hunting with firearm	\$300	A person must handle a firearm with all due care and attention, and with reasonable consideration for people or property.
	• Unlawfully have loaded firearm in a motorboat	\$200	Except as provided in the MBCA, no person shall have a loaded firearm in or on or discharge a firearm from a motorboat
	• Unlawfully hunt at night	\$250	All firearms must be unloaded and encased half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset
	• Unlawfully possess firearm at night	\$150	All firearms must be unloaded and encased unless in blind. Hunt within parameters of blind or stake, etc.
	• Unlawfully hunt in Zone-A	\$150	
<i>Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act</i>	• Unlawfully disturb, harass, harm, damage plant or tree	\$125	<p>All vegetation, wildlife and natural features are protected by law in provincial parks. Nothing, including cattails, wild rice, wildflowers and dead wood may be disturbed, collected, removed or damaged.</p> 
	• Unlawfully remove natural object	\$125	
	• Start or tend fire other than in fireplace	\$150	
	• Litter	\$125	
	• Unlawfully take vehicle into park or possess or operate it	\$125	
<i>Highway Traffic Act</i>	• Disobey stop sign – fail to stop	\$110	All roads in provincial parks are subject to laws under the Highway Traffic Act
<i>Liquor Licence Act</i>	• Have liquor in other than licenced premises, residence or private place	\$125	A person is permitted to consume or possess open alcoholic beverages on registered campsites only. A person may <u>not</u> have or consume alcohol while at a designated blind or while travelling to or from the blind.
	• Intoxicated in a public place	\$50	
	• Have liquor in a vessel	\$175	