



OUTDOOR RECREATION COMPLEX (ORC) PARKING NOTICE

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The purpose of this notice is to advise all users/visitors to the Outdoor Recreation Complex (ORC), located at 3245 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, that the parking lot expansion project may not be completed in time for the beginning of the busy baseball and soccer season. As a result, we want to make you aware of the project progress and provide recommendations for safe and stress-free enjoyment of our premier facility during the parking lot expansion project.

Hamilton Road – No Parking in 80km/hr Zone

Hamilton Road is a County-owned roadway, and for the portion that runs past the ORC, it is an 80 kilometre per hour zone where roadside parking is strictly prohibited. Please note that this 'No Parking' zone applies to both sides of Hamilton Road in this area.

Recommendations for Visitors to the ORC

1 – Consider walking or cycling to the ORC via Thames Centre's trail system (Harry Small Trail to Weaver Trail).

Link to Trail Map:

https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/sites/default/files/2020-11/Dorchester_Trails_2020.pdf

2 – Carpool with other families/teammates to reduce the demand for parking spaces

3 – Drop off players/participants at the ORC (assuming the coach/team does not require guardian supervision for their practices or games).

Parking Plans & Timeline

The parking lot expansion project is in the works, bringing almost 200 additional parking spaces to the ORC, including accessible spaces. At this time, it is estimated that the project will be completed by Friday May 5, 2023 (in advance of when the soccer fields are currently set to open on May 8, 2023). Please note that inclement weather, material shortages and/or other unforeseen circumstances could impact the completion date of the parking lot.

Accessible Parking

With guidance/input from the Middlesex County Accessibility Coordinator, plans are in place to provide designated accessible parking spaces at the ORC. Those plans ultimately include the hard surfacing of all accessible parking spaces, however, that hard surfacing may not occur right away.