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### *Thank You For Visiting Presqu'ile, But Please, Don't Come Back!*

This long weekend, The Peaceful Parks Coalition will be encouraging visitors not to return to Presqu'ile Provincial Park until the Liberal government recognizes the park as an ecological jewel and manages it accordingly.

The park is shut down for one month in the winter to kill deer. The marsh areas are shut down for four months in the fall to allow for waterfowl hunting, and now they are shooting thousands of double-crested cormorants in the spring.

"This park is a killing field," says Debbie Hoskins of the Peaceful Parks Coalition. "It has become a dangerous place for wildlife."

"I am from Belleville, and I used to camp at Presqu'ile year-round, even in the winter. I was even a park host. But once they decided to kill the deer, that was it for me. Now they're killing birds by the thousands, and I think people should reconsider their support for this park."

Visitors will be redirected to Sandbanks Provincial Park. It is located just south of Trenton, Ontario. Presqu'ile is just east of Trenton.

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#### **Note to the Editor**

From September through to December, the marsh areas are closed four days out of seven for waterfowl hunting. Only hunters are allowed in these areas. The other three days are open to all other visitors.

Photos will be available to the media at <http://www.pronature.on.ca/cormorantpictures.html> compliments of The ProNature Network

(Link to Automated Cormorant Letter or use this template to write your own letter to the minister!)

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