



# PRESCRIBED BURN

The Provincial Capital Commission has selected **five locations** in Wascana Centre for a multi-agency prescribed burn training event this spring. The sites include **Wascana Hill**, the **Prairie Arboretum**, the **Habitat Conservation Area**, the **Old Native Prairie Restoration Site (north of First Nations University)**, and “**Bobolink Field**” (north of Wascana Country Club). These are five of 13 training sites in the Regina area.

## *When is the prescribed burn planned for?*

The window for the prescribed burn is the **week of April 20**. The prescribed burn may be postponed if day-of weather conditions will not allow us to proceed safely. If the burn is rescheduled, information will be posted at [Wascana.ca](http://Wascana.ca).

## *What is a prescribed burn?*

A prescribed burn is a controlled and planned use of fire set to a certain area of land. Fire can be a natural process that plays a key role in the evolution of grassland and forest ecosystems in Saskatchewan.

Fire can be used to renew vegetation and help maintain healthy ecosystems. After a fire, the vegetation of a burned-over area quickly regenerates; a controlled burn does not harm ecosystems but contributes to their long-term health and sustainability.

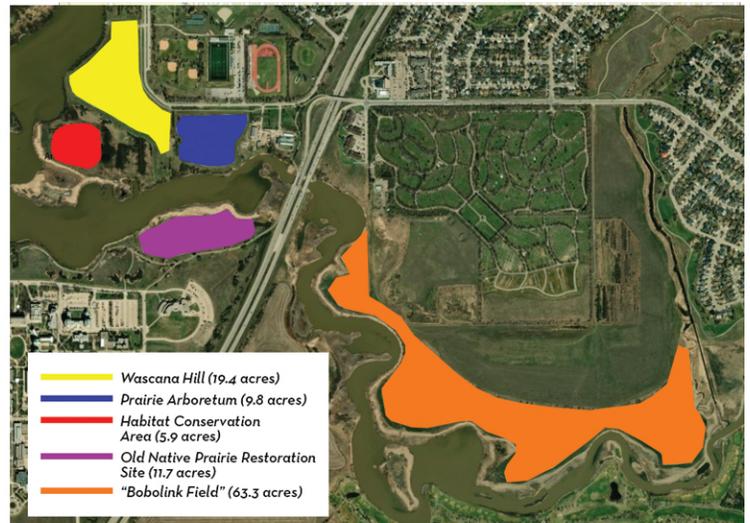
## *What can I expect?*

The surrounding area around each location may experience smoke during the prescribed burn. Please exercise caution. The City of Regina fire department has been notified of the prescribed burn in advance.

With a prescribed burn, extensive planning allows us to know the exact weather requirements we need for a safe and effective fire. Equipment and personnel are on site to make sure things go to plan, and detailed emergency plans are in place for if they don't.

## *For more information...*

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Romuld at [sarah.romuld@gov.sk.ca](mailto:sarah.romuld@gov.sk.ca) or visit [Wascana.ca](http://Wascana.ca) for more information regarding the prescribed burn.



*Map of the locations selected for a prescribed burn within Wascana Centre this spring.*

## *How will a prescribed burn help Wascana Centre?*

- Control of invasive exotic plant species such as Bluegrass and Smooth brome grass.
- Reduce hazardous fuel loads.
- Stimulate native grass regeneration.
- May help reduce the abundance of ticks and the transmission of disease pathogens they carry.
- Enhance species diversity and habitat health.