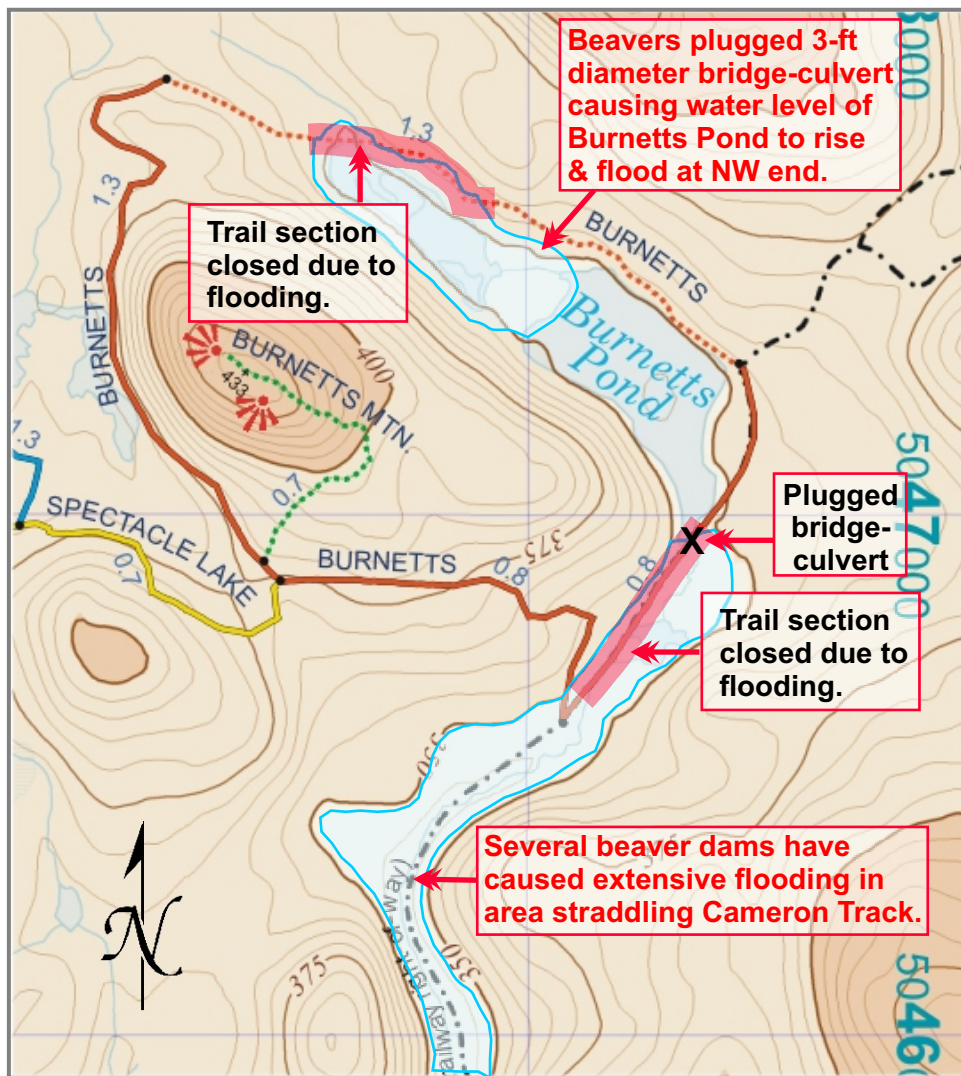


## Burnetts Trail ~ 2 Sections Flooded

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Where are the wolves?

There has been an explosion in the beaver population in area around Burnetts Mountain. They have constructed a number of dams along Burnetts Creek from Burnetts Pond south for some 1.5 km, flooding a wide swath along both sides of the Cameron Track (abandoned rail roadbed<sup>1</sup>). They have also plugged the bridge-culvert where Burnett Creek drains from Burnetts Pond, raising water level in Burnetts Pond to point of flooding area at northwest side of the Pond. A 2004 reforestation research project<sup>2</sup> undertaken by the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry has provided an ample supply of food and construction materials for the beavers.



This beaver activity has resulted in 2 sections of the Burnetts trail being flooded (see map).

Provincial environmental regulations prohibit any activity to remove the beaver dams.

While the flooded north section of the trail can be rerouted, there is no such possibility for the flooded east section.

It will take an act of God (i.e., Mother Nature) to alleviate the flooding.

Thus, we anticipate that the east section of Burnetts trail that is affected by flooding will remain closed for an indeterminate period.

1. Spur line off the former Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound (OA&PS) Railway that was used primarily to transport logs to Bell Bay on Bark Lake.
2. An area of some 2 sq km encompassing Burnetts and Fish Lake mountains is a forestry research plot administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry. Area was logged and controlled burned-off in autumn 2004, followed by planting of merchantable timber seedlings in spring 2005. Forest regeneration in progress.

