

\$1,000 Fine for Illegal Camping on Lake Temagami

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A Sturgeon Falls man has been fined \$1,000 for an offence under the Public Lands Act.

Gary Burton pleaded guilty to camping at one location on Crown land for more than 21 days.

Court heard that during the summer of 2017, conservation officers conducted an investigation into complaints of people camping for extended periods of time at popular Crown land access points. On July 8, officers contacted Burton, who was camping at the Baie Jeanne access point to Lake Temagami, north of River Valley. Burton was told he could only remain at that site for 21 days. Despite this warning, and a sign at the location advising of the camping limit, Burton left his camper trailer at the same spot from July 8 to August 31.

Justice of the Peace Theodore Hodgins heard the case on September 7, 2017, in the Ontario Court of Justice, Haileybury.

The public is reminded that camping on Crown land is restricted to 21 days per year at one location to allow equal access to popular camping spots and to reduce environmental impacts.

To report a natural resources violation, call the MNRF TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667 toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).