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Book Your Vacation Now To Save The Birds!

Last spring everyone was caught off guard when the McGuinty government announced 6000 nesting Double-crested Cormorants would be shot at Presqu'ile Provincial Park. No sooner did he make the announcement, that the shooting began.

This month, Dalton McGuinty will announce whether he will continue shooting cormorants at Presqu'ile. In anticipation that McGuinty will give Ontario Parks the green light to continue with the program, we want to be prepared.

Last spring, Ontario Parks would not shoot the birds in front of witnesses. This spring, The Peaceful Parks Coalition wants to organize around the clock surveillance at Presqu'ile when the shooting begins. If Ontario Parks wants to shoot these birds, they must do so in front of witnesses.

How You Can Help

We need people at Presqu'ile watching over the birds for a period of six weeks – April 30 through to June 15. Any time you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Presqu'ile Provincial Park is located on the shores of Lake Ontario near Belleville.

Our intention is to rent a houseboat in which people can stay. So we need to raise \$3000.

We need a good telescope that can also photograph the colony from a distance of 200 metres – the water boundary of Presqu'ile and the distance at which all boats are kept away from the colony. We need a good video or film camera that can document the shooting from 200 metres.

Please help to protect these birds. Birds are most vulnerable during the nesting period. Being dedicated parents, cormorants will not move off their nests during incubation. They are literally "sitting ducks" and easy targets for anyone who wants to kill them.

[Click here](#) for a recent media release describing the outcome of last year's shooting spree.

To Book Your Vacation Now, Please Contact Any of The Following Organizations

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