



Fact File

Is wind power noisy?

Wind turbines are not noisy. Noise levels are generally not noticeable against existing background noise levels.

Over the past number of years, wind turbine developments and improvements in technology have dramatically reduced noise levels and improved the efficiency.

The noise produced by the Vestas wind turbines selected by Huron Wind is about 43 decibels at a distance of 250 metres. This is about the same as normal conversation. Ambient noise in this area is normally above 50 decibels because of nearby industry.

Recent studies have also indicated that the perception of noise from wind turbines has more to do with people's attitude to the source of the noise rather than the noise itself.

Some people in fact find the sound from wind turbines pleasant as a form of "white" noise similar to the distant sound of waves on a large lake or ocean.

Visitors are welcome to come and hear the Huron Wind turbines as well as to come and see them.

The Huron Wind farm is located seven kilometres northwest of Tiverton in the municipality of Kincardine, Ontario.