

Newport Forest

August 19 2000

2:30 - 5:15 pm

Weather: sunny, cooler 22C, light wind from NW

Purpose: to extend OCF trail

Participants: Kee, Nic

We came in with seven bags of wood chips and succeeded in extending the trail by another 100 metres. Reconnoitering ahead, I found that our present course would take us right to the line fence (by the deer-hunting blind), so I redirected the trail gradually up the side of the Hogsback until we nearly gained the summit. (out of chips) We now have about 200 m to go (straight-line distance) to hook up with the RSF trail.

Nic and I walked over the hogsback, soon finding ourselves descending into the RSF, but all looked strange from the heights. At first I thought we were coming down near the end of our RSF trail, but the sight of the slough reassured me. We walked a good 100 metres before we picked up the old trail by the "Nicamore," a very useful landmark.

We had a break on the riverbank, noting that the gravel bars were exposed a good third of the way out into the river, gaining (temporarily) almost half an acre of additional land for Newport Forest. We prowled around the west end of these bars, finding a few clams, possibly one of them new.