

**Newport Forest**

Sept 13 2000

3:00 - 5:30 pm

**Weather:** sunny, dry, cool 22C+, breeze from NW

**Purpose:** to complete the trail

**Participants:** Kee, Nic

On this occasion, we brought in 6 bags of wood chips and went straight into the RSF and the trail's end on the shoulder of the Hogsback. This part of the forest has been growing on me lately, and I enjoy spotting the many species of trees that grow there: American Beech, Sugar Maple, Black Maple, Shagbark Hickory, Bitternut Hickory, Slippery Elm, White Ash, Amelanchier, Bluebeech, Ironwood. Just a bit further up, we find Red Oak and White Oak, as well. (I don't recall seeing any Black Cherry yet!)

Anyway, it didn't take more than half an hour to finish scraping and chipping the rest of the trail. Even as we finished, I began to think of improvements. For example, to make the trail a little plainer in places, it would be a good idea to line both sides with the many dead limbs to be found lying about. This will also make the trail more visible when the snow falls. But, except for some "grooming" (more clipping and chipping in spots), that would pretty well finish the Hogsback Circuit, except for two signs at the entrances.

We took a brief break, then headed back along the RSF Trail to the River, where we set to work on the Bluffs, levelling and widening another 40 metres of the heavy clay trail and laying down chips. Pat (and others of uncertain footing) will now feel more secure on this portion of the trail.