

**Newport Forest**

June 3 2001

1:45 - 5:00 pm

**Weather:** cool 16C, (rained this morning) heavy cloud

**Purpose:** to install cradle for bridge

**Participants:** Kee, Nic, Caleb

We brought the first of three bridge cradles on site today and tested it by lifting one of the heavy pipes to make sure it fit in the guide. It did, nicely.

The creek was up a good inch since our last visit. After much difficulty, we succeeded in placing four 2x2 stakes accurately enough that, when sawn to peg-length, the holes in the cradle could be snugged over them nicely.

That done, we moved our operations to the BCf where we spent over an hour clearing the trail through the disturbed zone (where rose and Black-cap dominate) and chipping it anew. We extended this work about 100 metres into the forest, where the trail was much less choked with new vegetation and hardly needed any maintenance.

We then repaired to the RL to check the river, finding that it was little changed from my last visit, the gravel bars still about half exposed. We then checked the White Ash saplings “parked” along the edge of the LM. All are apparently doing well and hopefully can be planted out next year.

**Birds** seen/heard: Crow, Chickadee, Robin, Mallard (R), Red-winged Blackbird.