

Newport Forest

August 04 2001

1:15 - 5:25 pm

Weather: sunny, scattered cloud, meadow 38C, FC forest 28C, NW brz

Purpose: maintenance - trails

Participants: Kee, Nic

Coming in, we spotted several feathers which appeared, on closer inspection, to come from the breast of a Wild Turkey. Possible kill? Two birds fighting? There weren't a lot of feathers, in any case.

We filled four bags at the chip pile, then headed into the New Creek Forest, following the trail until we came to the end, near Harvey's lot line. By 3:30 we had finished the trail up to that point. We measured the trail from the entrance using the 30-metre tape. Every 100 metres we drove a stake, the fifth being the last and about 115 metres short of Harvey's lot-line.

We then had our break after which we tried to get the toilet flushing straight out the sewage outlet. I found some valves that one pulls out to let the sewage out, but the flow was still minimal. (Only next day would I discover that it's not enough to pour water down the toilet, as at home. One must press a flush lever on the floor!)

By 4:00 pm the temperatures had climbed as follows: LM 43C; NCF 30C

After the abortive attempt to get the latrine facilities going, we watered the trees up the bluffs, as well as those parked along the edge of Harvey's Bean Field. The Tulip Tree got a little necrotic during our vacation absence but appears to be coming back. The KC is fine, although it has stopped growing.

Birds: "Sweet-sweet shredded wheat" _____ (LM); Blue Jays (with young?) (NCF); Red-bellied woodpecker (? sound only) (NCF)