

Newport Forest

August 16 2001

1:45 - 5:30 pm

Weather: cloudy with light rain, 6mm, LM: 21C, FCF: 20 C, no breeze

Purpose: maintenance - trails

Participants: Kee, Nic and Caleb

Opening the gate, I was surprised to find about one-half dozen small brown birds flitting about, making a sort of buzzing noise. It took me a while to realize they were wrens. Their tails would flick up into a 90-degree angle, every time they changed their perch.

We went straight to the end of the trail in Harvey's Woods (Old Creek Forest) and set to work, stripping out another 100-plus metres and using up 4.5 bags of chips in the process. We took the trail through the Beech section, heading a little E of N until we came upon the terrace edge, Fleming Creek lying another 10 m ahead of us. We turned the trail, heading W of N along the terrace edge, more or less paralleling the creek, but gradually diverging as the terrace broadened. I explored ahead and came upon a hill within another 100 m of the (current) trail's end. I thought we might simply take the path along the flank of this hill, but neglected to realize that we were going upstream, after all, and would end up in Rodney if we weren't careful! Better to go over the hill, then NW, at a guess.

We took a short break back at the trailer, then headed back down to the bridge to work on the short end of the trail (heading into Eva's property). It makes sense to do this because of the rather long time it now takes to get to and from the end of the trail on the "long" side.

We used another two bags of chips to make another 25 m of trail before it was quitting time.

New Species:

Oyster Mushroom *Pleurotus ostreatus*

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