

**Newport Forest**

March 6 2003

3:00 - 5:15 pm

**Weather:** sunny/clear; calm; LM -3 C; FCf -2 C

**Purpose:** to walk Fleming Creek Trail

**Participants:** Kee, Darren, Steve

We filled the feeders. Darren volunteered to fill the deer feeder down by the creek, then to make his way up to Tower Hill to set up some potential deer for Steve and me to observe. We noticed more insulation on the ground under the raccoon box, so there's been another visit - but no raccoon in the box today.

Steve and I crossed Fleming Creek on 3" ice just downstream from the bridge, then set out along the trail counterclockwise. The snow was crunchy and hard to walk for me, but I kept up.

We saw little of note, but enjoyed the sunlight infiltrating the woods. Darren joined up with us near the crest of Tower Hill and we completed the walk together, straying down to the surface of Fleming Creek, which we walked all the way to the bridge before going back up to the trailer.

We left for supper at Willy's Corners, then on to Moraviantown, where I went to visit Steve's place. He had a dead possum out in his sugar bush. I collected it for the "paw project."