

Newport Forest

May 28 2003

2:15 - 7:15 pm

Weather: prec. 3 mm; SW < 5 kmh; overcast; LM 20 C; FCF 19 C

Purpose: maintenance

Participants: Kee, Nic

We stopped in the UM to inspect Lorne's tree and the TS. The SM and TT by the gate are doing well, so far. Everything in the TS is thriving except the dogwoods.

We finished rebuilding the main trestle, then built a new cradle for it. This absorbed so much time, we were not able to install the trestle, taking it down to the bridge, anyway. We crossed the Creek and went to the Garlic Mustard monitoring plot, where we cut all the plants down to a few inches, sparing what non-Gm plants we could. The purpose of this plot is to evaluate the cutting practice we've been following on site. Next year we'll cut again and, as the GM gradually clears, we'll note what species replace them. (See plot map below.)

We also spray-painted 14 water-cans and placed them in both core areas. We then went into the RSF to check where we have to pick up the mapping project. It will be at Plot # at the 30-degree angle. (last record: WA 3.3 m)

rough
map of
GM
monitoring
plot

most stems
are Hawthorns
on Prickly
Gooseberry
marked "GB"

Phenology: first Ebony Jewelwing, about 5 mosquitoes in FCF, 100 in RSF