

Newport Forest Sunday April 9 2006

2:00 - 6:46 pm

**Weather:** prec. 21mm; RH 54%; sun/cld; SSW 15kmh; LM 12C; FCF 11C

**Purpose:** maintenance & tree-planting

**Participants:** Kee, will Cable, Abdelrahman Abid, Abdullatif Abid

With my crew-for-the-day of three, I was able to get the tree-station repaired. We also extended the drain ditch and placed the large (& very heavy) drain pipe in the ditch. Before heading for the LM, I planted one of 10 pot-grown Sugar Maples (Springbank Gardens) by the gate as a planting demonstration for our two newcomers.

In the LM, I got everyone cutting thorn trees for an hour, after which we planted the remaining maples, 5 in the SC and 4 in the NC. After a lunch break there was some free time, so I took everyone around the TRT for a get-acquainted walk.

I noticed with some dismay that the new trail section goes right through the Virginia Bluebell "reserve."

**Phenology:** Trout Lillies emerging, size 1-2"  
Virginia Bluebells emerging, size 2-4"