

Newport Forest Sunday July 16 2006

1:50 - 5:50 pm

Weather: prec. 32mm; RH 74%; sn/hz; calm;LM 35C; FCF 30C

Purpose: trail maintenance

Participants: Kee, Steve Logan, Brian Cornish; George Nicholas, Will Cable, Leroy Carlson

We had what might be called a “full crew” to work on scraping the BCF trail. The wonderful rains we’ve been getting have their downside - an enormous burst of growth in herbaceous vegetation.

Will and Brian cleared the FCT right up to the bench at “Junior’s Beach.” Meanwhile, Lee, George, and Steve worked the BCF trail, clearing it all the way from Edgar’s trail to the shoulder of the HB. The work was tiring, even in the slightly cooler forest. I had to ensure that everyone was getting adequate fluids and that those with medical problems did not overwork.

Two bird events: Brian and Will found a young Red-breasted Grosbeak, as yet flightless, on the trail they worked. They did not touch it, but worked around it. Meanwhile, as Steve & I made our way along ET toward the rest of the BCF crew, the mother Red-tailed Hawk soared low over our heads, screaming vociferously with her rasping cry. She MUST have a stick nest up on the E end of the HB.