

Newport Forest

Monday July 31 2006

1:45 - 5:10 pm

Weather: air temp 35C

Purpose: to retrieve girls, if possible

Participants: Kee

I had arranged for the Murrays to reschedule their release to today. They drove in sans coons to announce that in their opinion it was too hot to release their three young males today. After the Murrays left, I put out some food in the Nook, then walked the 2BT to call the sisters in, but with no luck. I therefore prepared for a longish expedition and had gotten as far as the bridge, when I felt a slight tug on my trousers. It was Thelma. Louise came puffing down the trail, so I broke open my emergency relief rations, noting that the girls displayed only a moderate appetite.

I carried them back up to the Nook, astonished to see that half the food was already eaten. The little #@\$%^&* had let me call all that time, but waited until I left before coming out.

I busied myself with other things until about 5, when I decided to leave, with them or without them. I did not call or whistle. Did they want to go back to 42 Askin or not? As I loaded the van, Thelma came trotting down the road from the trailer toward the van. I took that as a "yes." So ended the sisters first day & night alone on site. This kind of gradual release might just work!