

**Newport Forest**

Sunday July 29 2007

2:00 - 6:05 pm

**weather:** prec. 18 mm; RH 70%; BP 23.8"; calm; cld/sn; LM 31 C

**purpose:** trails & watering

**participants:** Kee, Will, Jamie, Steve

We filled the tray and meadow feeders and, while waiting for Steve to show up, I went to Camera 1 and Camera 2 to change the memory cards. (Later I looked at the cards, seeing only people in the images taken by the cameras-- at least the system works.)

I sent Will and Jamie in to work on the TRT (hoeing, hooking and clipping). On the way in a Giant Swallowtail fluttered through the Hole and out into the meadow. I drove the van up to the tank to load up on 150 litres. Steve finally arrived. He helped me finish the filling and I called Will and Jamie out for a break on the walkie-talkie. As we took refreshments, Steve spotted a Meadow Jumping Mouse running through the back of the Nook.

Then Will & Jamie went back to their trail work and Steve took the chain saw into the BCF/HB, where all the deadfall was. I never thought I'd hear a chain saw in these woods but now that the easement has been extinguished, I ventured to use it this once to speed up the work. I spent the time watering, nearly finishing before a light rain started around 5:20 pm. An Eastern Cottontail dashed from the meadow into the GF. This is probably the one that lives in a burrow under one of our young Tulip Trees. By the time we were all back in the Nook, there was a five-minute downpour in the LM. This added another Hmmm to the day's total.