

Newport Forest Monday September 3 2007

2:00 - 6:15 pm

weather: prec. 0 mm; RH 65%; BP 99.6 kPa; clr; clr; LM 30 C

purpose: trail

participants: Kee, Will & Jamie

Our work was delayed for an hour by a visit from Steve Logan and his friend, Neil, from Moraviantown. Neil is from the Delaware reserve in New Jersey, but frequently visits his friends at Moraviantown.

On this occasion I took an active part in the trail-grooming operation, which began inside the RSF and slowly progressed up to the HB. While taking a break at the large (step-thru) log in the Beech/maple portion of the RSF, I spotted an interesting orange slime growing on the log. (S) Later, while gathering liner-logs, I found a barkless section of branch with the same fungus that I had found growing on the stake pile (at the trailer) two weeks ago. (This and the log-slime had best go to Greg Thorn for ID.)

While Will was finishing scraping up to the HB, I went into the hole to change the memory card on Camera #1. Will came out as I finished. As we walked out of the Hole, Will spotted what he thought was a dead mouse in the grass on the path. This turned out to be a very small shrew which I later ID'd as a Masked Shrew, a new species for us.

During a break at the end of the afternoon, I went down to the bridge to change the memory card in Camera #2. On the way back, I spied a new mushroom emerging from the sawdust/earth at the base of the hollow BM that fell over last spring. (where we first found Thelma & Louise)

One more work session should suffice to put the trail in shape for tours on the 22nd.

ps: the memory card from Cam#2 had the image of a fawn on it.

new species:

Masked Shrew	<i>Sorex cinereus</i>	LM/BCF wc/KD Sp03/07
Flat-topped Agaricus	<i>Agaricus placomyces</i>	GF/FC KD Sp03/07
“Paper Crust”	<i>Porotheleum fimbriatum</i>	RSF kd/GT Sp03/07