

Newport Forest

Wednesday November 21 2007

2:30 - 4:15 pm

weather: prec. 14 mm; RH 95%; BP 98.33 kPa; ovcst/lt rn; calm; LM 6 C

purpose: maintenance

participants: Kee, Pat, Nic, Sarah

It was a pleasure to bring Nic and his new wife, Sarah, back to Nic's old stamping ground. It was cold and rainy, but we tramped around cheerfully enough. I changed the memory cards in both trail cameras, noting that one needed new batteries, an operation performed on the spot. (Lately we picked up a wild turkey during the day and a young doe during the night on Cam 1, bringing our total to three Virginia Deer and one Wild Turkey.

We walked to the RL, where I fed wild grapes to everyone, then to the creek & bridge, where I spotted what appeared to be a new species of waterweed. Pat later ID'd it as a species of smartweed, a plant that is actually semi-aquatic. Sarah also found what may be a new sp. of bracket fungus on a log in the BCF -- which we walked into about 400 m.

Note: we forgot to drain the tank or take the canoe up to Edgar's garage, things that will have to be done on the next visit.