

Newport Forest Thursday December 6 2007 2:40 - 4:45 pm

weather: prec. 26 mm; RH n/a; BP 99.52 kPa; calm; cld/sn; LM -3 C

purpose: cleanup/maintenance

participants: Kee, Nic, Sarah

On the way in I opened the main valve of the water tank and let it run.

We filled two trays with birdseed, put suet in one of the suet cages and filled both feeders with corn for the deer (to distract them from tender tree buds). Nic discovered two more Bitternuts -- big ones -- over the FC trail leading to the bridge. These were mature trees !

Fleming Creek is frozen over, but the Thames is flowing well, with a lot of cake-ice rounded by jostling. On the beach we made out the tracks of deer, coyote, skunk, and raccoon. Elsewhere on ET we found rabbit and turkey tracks.

We loaded the canoe onto the van, secured it lightly and were on the way up the track to the gate, when we ran into Mr Chevalier and his band of merrie hunters heading down (so he said) to meet us. I had some hard words for Mr Chevalier and sent him packing, warning that I would file a report with the OPP soon and that if he were caught in the area after that he might find himself in hot water -- or words to that effect.

We loaded the canoe into Edgar's garage for winter storage, watching as Chevalier & Co, drove out the gate and down the road west.

Charles Chevalier

Red 4X4

Ford F 350

lic. no 0L3 651

this or another truck bears a sticker that reads LONE WOLF