

Newport Forest

March 27 2003

3:35 - 5:30 pm

Weather: sunny/hazy; calm; LM 13 C; FCF 12 C

Purpose: maintenance

Participants: Kee and Nic

Fleming Creek is now up to the foot of the near trestle, both pipes are off their cradles, far trestle now lying on bank about 3 m upstream from its original position. The midstream trestle appears to have gone downstream.

We filled both deer feeders and bird feeders. The Redbelly called frequently and many other birds are calling.

We fixed the broken step on the FCT on the bluff.

We walked to the RL, finding the river down about 3m from its crest, now not quite up to the lower landing. We continued on to walk the RST, finding the new trail spongy and a bit uneven underfoot, but otherwise very promising. When we got to the HB, we walked its length (to the SE) and then downslope to pick up the BCT near ET.

Birds: (10)

American Crow (1 LM); American Robin (1 RSF); Blue Jay (1 Tr); Canada Goose (several RL); Downy Woodpecker (1 Tr); Mourning Dove (heard BCF); Northern Cardinal (3 Tr); Red-bellied Woodpecker (2 Tr); White-breasted Nuthatch (3 Tr); Wild Turkey (heard UM);