

Bluff Trail Stewardship Program (BTSP) Summary: July 2017

Program Events & Activity Highlights

Inventory of "Boat Graveyard" and Designation of Moose LNT Site: On 4 July 2017, the BTSP Coordinator and Assistant (Mike Lancaster and Fiona Brooks) conducted an inventory of the 'boat graveyard' near Upper Five Bridge Lake, remediated an illegal campsite there, and designated the Moose LNT site (N 44° 37.842 W 063° 48.695.)

BTSP Stewardship Training and Wilderness/Remote Area First Aid Training: On 8 July 2017, two (2) new BTSP stewards were trained bringing the total to 26. From 30 July to 1 August 2017, Fiona Brooks completed her Wilderness/Remote Area First Aid Training.

Boardwalk Assessment and Spur Count: On 16 July 2017, BTSP Assistant, Fiona Brooks, conducted an assessment of boardwalk infrastructure, identified boards to be replaced and recorded a 42 trail spurs off of the Pot Lake Loop.

Forest Sampling: From 17 July to 19 July 2017, the BTSP Coordinator, Mike Lancaster, and three volunteers (Paul Berry, Jayden Gross, and Zach Feener) visited the area west of Big Five Bridge Lake and conducted forest samples at the following coordinates: 44.58937, -63.8321 and 44.58008, -63.82996.

Timberlea Baptist Church Youth Engagement: On 28 July 2017, with assistance from Iain Rankin (MLA for Timberlea-Prospect), the BTSP facilitated a volunteer event for youth from the Timberlea Baptist Church and their visitors from Lewisville Baptist Church in Moncton. In total, approximately eleven youth and two chaperons participated.

Summer Stewardship Assistants: With funding assistance from the Canada Summer Jobs, and in collaboration with St Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association (SMBSA), St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails to Trails Association (SMBARTA), and Safety Minded ATV Association (SMATVA), the BTSP was able to employ Allyssa Poulin and Ryan McKay, two Natural Resources Environmental Technology (NRET) students from Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC), as Summer Stewardship Assistants for a total of 16 days (13 days in July and 3 days in August).

BTSP Reports = 30

15 Trail Reports
11 Summer Steward Reports
4 Event Reports
Total reports to date: 73

Hours on Trail = 303

187 (65%) paid
117 (38%) unpaid
Total hours to date: 830.03
326.33 (39%) paid; 505.53 (61%) unpaid

Presence on Trail = 23 Days (74%)

20 days on Pot Lake Loop
10 days on Mi'kmaw Hill Loop
5 days on Bluff & Hay Marsh Loops
Total days to date: 56/212 (26%)

BTSP Stewards

2 trained in July
Total stewards to date: 26

Check-Ins at LNT Sites

6 at Crow LNT & Coyote LNT; 2 at Squirrel LNT; 4 at Moose LNT
Total to date: 20 at Crow & Coyote; 8 at Squirrel; 4 at Moose

People Count = 569

569 People Observed (2 per hr.); 297 People Engaged (1 per hr.)
Total people to date: 1449 observed; 607 engaged (42%)

Dog Count = 111

75 (68%) off leash; 36 (32%) on leash
Total dogs to date: 306

Remediation & Repair

- 14 spur barriers built/refurbished
- 7 trail barriers built/refurbished
- 9 feet of Rock hardening (4ft between Crow & Coyote; 3ft on 3C; 2ft on 4C)
- 4 fire pits remediated
- 1 protected area sign retied
- 1 LNT Site sign posted
- 1 wobbling rock fixed
- 1 hole filled
- 1 stay on trail sign removed
- 1 stay on trail sign repaired
- 2 human harm signs posted
- garbage collected