

ONTARIO PARKS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WILLOW BEACH FIELD NATURALISTS

Peter's Woods

Maintenance & Operational Report
2009

VISITORS

Registered visitors totaled **2526** - up by 864 from last year.

MONTHLY VISITOR DISTRIBUTION

May	324 ('08 – 165)	June	286 ('08 – 172)	July	343 ('08 – 202)
Aug	493 ('08 – 225)	Sept	497 ('08 – 300)	Oct / Nov	583 ('08 – 618)

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

Local Visitors (within 1 hour drive)	2311
Ontario Visitors	178
Other Canadian Visitors	5
US Visitors	12
Visitors from other Countries	20

GROUP VISITORS

May	Peterborough Naturalist Group
June	Bird Monitoring Program (Bryan Baxter June 16 & 27)
	Orillia Naturalists
	Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative
July	Toronto S.O.L.E.
August	Ontario Stewardship Rangers
September	Brotherhood for Mary Morton Tours (Toronto)
October	Nature Conservatory of Canada Volunteers

SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

Forest Bird Monitoring (Bryan Baxter)
List of sightings attached

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

- opening was well attended
- grass was cut when needed
- cleaned outhouses and supplied toilet paper
- replaced trail guides
- Cut and removed trees and branches
- cut sections of 3 fallen trees that were across the trail
- cleaned away debris and garbage
- closing was attended by Chris Drew, Petra Hartwig and Michael Bigger
- Reviewed the possibility of a board walk in the low lying areas

SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- wild life
 - chickadees
 - harrise woodpecker
 - trilliums
 - poison ivy
 - blue jay
 - Jack-in-the-Pulpit
 - red squirrel
 - wild boar
- ferns (at their best June)

COMMENTS

- wet, low lying area could be a hazard
- this year saw an increase in local visitors
- visitors bring their pets – dogs and ferrets
- **significant amount of dog strangling vine at entrance and parking lot area**
- **sign for washrooms has disappeared**
- **privies could use a coat of stain and backfill around the outside**

The following members have again agreed to volunteer next year:

Hans & Marlene Maas
Fran & Les Jack
Marg & Bob Short
Joan & Dave Norris
Deborah Panko & Ron Cole
Petra Hartwig

Gina Brouwer
Klaus & Margaret Schroeder
Russell & Janet Lake
Chris & Karen Drew
Kevin Burn & Family
Barry & Margaret Robinson

Thank you to all the volunteers – without you it wouldn't be possible.

Chris Drew & Petra Hartwig
Co-coordinators of Volunteers - Peter's Woods
Ontario Parks

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Date	Groups	Local			Other		Total
		Ontario	Candians	US	Countries		
May	Peterborough Group	290	3	2	4	324	
June	Bird Monitoring Program (Jun.16 & 27) Orillia Naturalists Rice Lakes Plains Joint Initiative Toronto - S.O.L.E.	265	2	0	3	286	
July	Ont. Stewardship Rangers	343				343	
August	Brotherhood for Mary Morton Tours (Toronto)	477	13	5	2	497	
October	Nature conservancy of Canada Volunteers	242	121	5	10	378	
November		201	3		1	205	
		2311	178	5	12	2526	

Other Notable Notes:

October David asked Rosie to marry him and she said "yes"

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Petra:

I have forgotten the format for last years report; however, following is a summary of our observations during two visits (June 16th & 27th.) for the Forest Bird Monitoring Program:

Wild Turkey	1
Northern Flicker	2
Pileated Woodpecker	1
Easter Wood Pewee	4
Great-crested Flycatcher	1
Red-eyed Vireo	7
Blue Jay	3
American Crow	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2
Veery	2
Wood Thrush	4
American Robin	2
Pine Warbler	1
Black & White Warbler	1
Ovenbird	2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1

Bryan