

ONTARIO PARKS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WILLOW BEACH FIELD NATURALISTS
Peter's Woods
Maintenance & Operational Report
2010

VISITORS

Registered visitors totaled **1657** - down from last year.

MONTHLY VISITOR DISTRIBUTION

May	265 ('09 – 324)	June	117 ('09 – 286)	July	270 ('09 – 343)
Aug	234 ('09 – 493)	Sept	198 ('09 – 497)	Oct / Nov	573 ('09 – 583)

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

Local Visitors (within 1 hour drive)	1147
Ontario Visitors	412
Other Canadian Visitors	66
US Visitors	9
Visitors from other Countries	23

GROUP VISITORS

May	WBFN President's Walk University Women's Hiking Club
June	Bird Monitoring Program (Bryan Baxter June 15 & 29)
July	FBNP
August	Community Living West

SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

Forest Bird Monitoring (Bryan Baxter)
List of sightings attached

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

- opening was April 24th
- Board walk was installed in two low lying areas
- grass was cut when needed
- cleaned outhouses and supplied toilet paper
- replaced trail guides
- Cut and removed trees and branches
- cut sections of fallen trees that were across the trail
- cleaned away debris and garbage
- closing was attended by Chris Drew, Petra Hartwig, Russell Lake and Curt Morris, MNR.

SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- wild life (flora/fauna) - migrant warbler
- harry woodpecker
- garter snake
- oven bird
- trilliums (red, white, green/white)
- ferns (Christmas, Intermediate, Bracken)
- fungi (bracken, turkey tail, light spored, red tree brain, sac-Devil's Urn, mycena and many more)
- mosses (juniper, plumb, pin cushion)
- lichen (pixie cup, hammered shield, tree flute, British soldiers and many more)
- over abundance of scouring rush
- poison ivy
- raven
- crows
- chickadees
- brown creeper
- bear sightings (2)

COMMENTS

- wet, low lying areas are still a hazard. More sections of boardwalk to follow
- this year saw a decrease in visitors. However, 2/3 of visitors do not sign in
- visitors bring their pets – dogs and ferrets
- significant amount of dog strangling vine at entrance and parking lot area
- new sign for washrooms
- new doors on the privies. Staining will follow in the spring
- privies will get more backfill around the outside in the spring

SUGGESTIONS

- entrance sign on south side (looking into it)
- monitor flow of water in the creek (normal for it to dry up after the spring thaw)
- don't cut any more trees (safety factor as trees age and are leaning over the trail)

The following members have again agreed to volunteer next year:

Hans & Marlene Maas

Fran & Les Jack

Marg & Bob Short

Joan & Dave Norris

Deborah Panko

Barry & Margaret Robinson

Gina Brouwer

Klaus & Margaret Schroeder

Russell & Janet Lake

Chris & Karen Drew

Kevin Burn & Family

Petra Hartwig

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

Peter's Woods: (FBMP) Bird Monitoring on June 15 & July 1, 2010

- 1 Ruffed Grouse
- 1 Wild Turkey
- 5 Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)
- 1 Pileated Woodpecker
- 4 Eastern Wood-Pewee

- 1 Great Crested Flycatcher
- 9 Red-eyed Vireo
- 4 Blue Jay
- 2 American Crow
- 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch
- 4 Veery

- 1 Wood Thrush
- 2 American Robin

- 1 Pine Warbler
- 4 Ovenbird
- 2 Scarlet Tanager
- 1 Baltimore Oriole

Total Species: 17