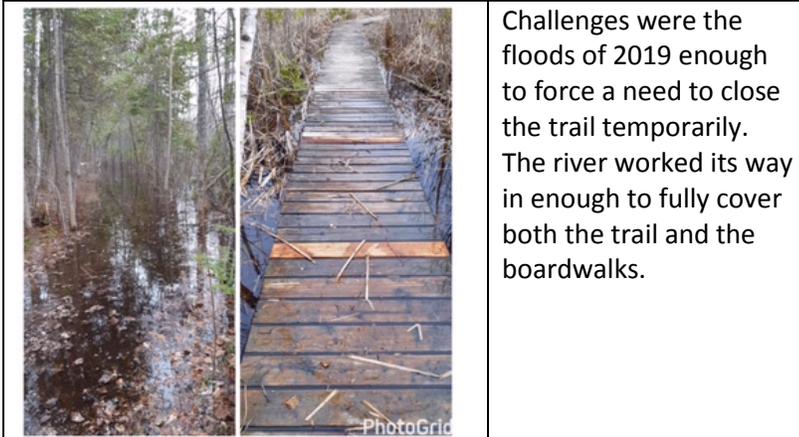


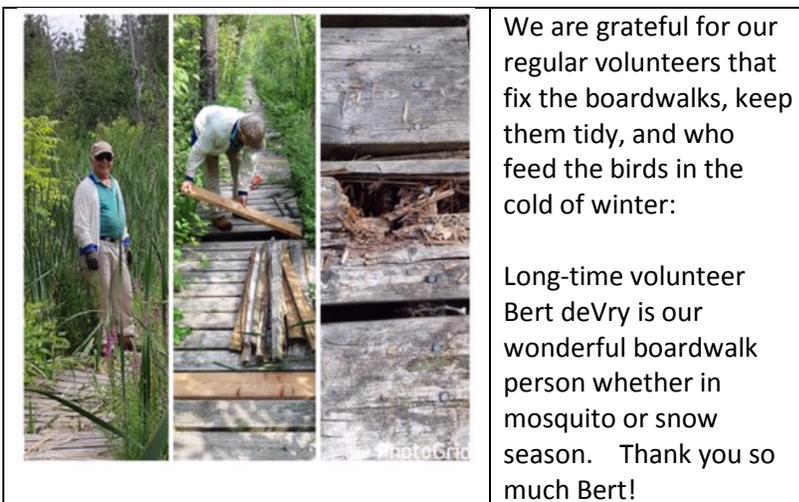
## Macnamara Trail Report 2019

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The heritage (South) trail remains in good shape.

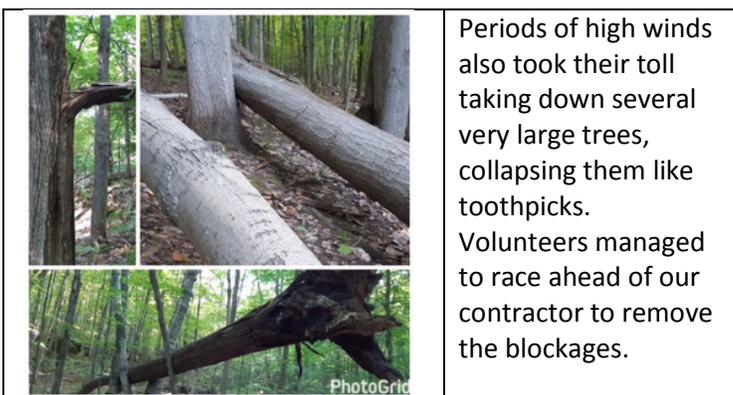


Challenges were the floods of 2019 enough to force a need to close the trail temporarily. The river worked its way in enough to fully cover both the trail and the boardwalks.



We are grateful for our regular volunteers that fix the boardwalks, keep them tidy, and who feed the birds in the cold of winter:

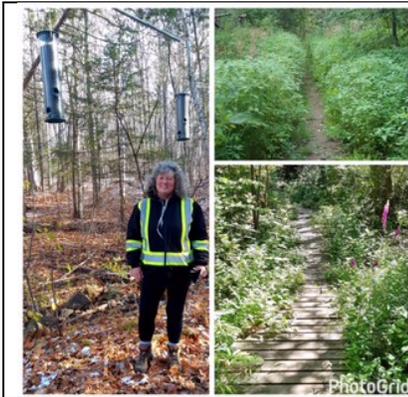
Long-time volunteer Bert deVry is our wonderful boardwalk person whether in mosquito or snow season. Thank you so much Bert!



Periods of high winds also took their toll taking down several very large trees, collapsing them like toothpicks. Volunteers managed to race ahead of our contractor to remove the blockages.



Accomplishments include getting some new signage, just in time for our 35th year of operation.



New volunteer Karen Thorne has a gardener's thumb and has started making sure the vegetation doesn't overtake the boardwalk or trails. She is also feeding the birds. Thank you, Karen.



We have another volunteer who helped feed the birds this past winter and who wishes to stay under the radar ... initials AK. She also builds snowmen.



Finally, our trail clean-up day was perfectly timed the day after a fall windstorm. Thank you crew! (Is someone trying to cut a tree with some shears?).



Next up is clearing the trail to the river which is scheduled to be completed by the time you're viewing this. Challenges there are fixing and securing some sort of boardwalk that can withstand expected seasonal flooding as well as what may become severe annual flooding. And if someone's missing their beams from their boat dock this year, call us, they floated onto the Macnamara last spring!

Finally, the Marsh Lookout needs an innovative solution to withstand the annual ice movement of the river below it. The boardwalk has now zig-zagged all over the place coming to rest a good 6ft from the steps up to the Lookout. We are pondering solutions for this.

There is a lot more work to do including updating the Trailhead, maps, points of interest, and trail-marking.

See you on the trail.