

Macnamara Field Naturalists Club
2020 Annual Report – Macnamara Trail

The Macnamara Trail, including the Nopiming Loop, was used extensively throughout the year by hikers, snowshoers and cross-country skiers. No doubt the pandemic lockdown encouraged more people to explore and enjoy the outdoors.

A Covid advisory was posted on the kiosk in March to inform visitors to use the trail at their own risk and that the trail would not be maintained. However, the trail was actually well looked after throughout the year by numerous Trail Angels, volunteers and the Trail Coordinators. Fallen trees and branches were removed as needed, while other trail and boardwalk maintenance activities were performed later in the year.

Accomplishments

1. Walked trail monthly to clear fallen trees and branches
2. Trail work performed on October 17, 22, 23, 28 & 30:
 - a. Cut brush beside Lady's-slipper Boardwalk
 - b. Built extension to Marsh Lookout Boardwalk to easily access Tower
 - c. Leveled Lady's-slipper Boardwalk and replaced several boards
 - d. Added "Closed Trail" signs at Goodwins Bay Trail Extension and old bush road
 - e. Added numerous trail markers
3. Trail work performed on November 6 & 17:
 - a. Replaced 26 boards on Lady's-slipper Boardwalk
 - b. Replaced the Marsh Lookout Tower railing
 - c. Leveled Marsh Lookout Tower Boardwalk
4. Bird feeders were cleaned, repaired and installed. Kinburn Farm Supply donated two 50 lb bags of sunflower seed.

Activities and Plans for 2021

1. Purchased and installed new squirrel-proof bird feeders
2. Purchased and installed six "Parking" signs at trail junctions
3. Trailhead Kiosk update plan:
 - a. New Trail Map to include Nopiming Loop
 - b. Points of interest (POI) to be updated for the Main Trail, and added for Nopiming Loop
 - c. Welcome sign to provide trail background & donor recognition
 - d. New "No Dogs" sign
 - e. Warning signs for poison ivy & ticks to be added
 - f. New Donation box to be made and installed
4. Build new boardwalk section at start of Marsh Lookout Tower Boardwalk
5. Re-open trail spur to Goodwins Bay
 - a. Realign and repair boardwalk which was moved by floods
 - b. Add trail markers

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MNFC Trail Volunteers – 2020

Paul Carrier, Steve Duffield, Brian LaBrie, John McLaughlan and Brian Roadhouse

MNFC Bird Feeding Team

Mary Green, Jean-Marc Verreault and Yvonne Wiss

Trail Coordinators

Béatrice & Julian Romeskie

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