

ONTARIO PARKS
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Peter's Woods

Maintenance & Operational Report
2012

Opening Day: April 28, 2012
Closing Day: November 24, 2012

VISITORS

Registered visitors totaled 1553 (down from 2011 by 357 visitors)

MONTHLY VISITOR DISTRIBUTION

May 158	June 176	July 155	Aug 211	Sept 174	Oct 287
Nov 214	Groups (9) 178				

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

Local Visitors (within 1 hour drive)	994
Ontario Visitors	271
Other Canadian Visitors	45
US Visitors	33
Visitors from other Countries	32
Groups & Tours	178

GROUP VISITORS

Cobourg Camera Club
WBFN/Rice Lake Plains Tall Grass – Field Walk
Kawartha Woodlot Owners
Brodie Club
Bird Monitoring
Uxbridge Cubs and Scouts
Falconhurst (Baltimore)
OFO Walk (Ontario)
Kingston Field Naturalist

SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

Forest Bird Monitoring (Bryan Baxter)
List of sightings attached

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

Opening was April 23rd
Grass was cut when needed
Outhouses cleaned and supplied with toilet paper
Cut and removed trees and branches where needed
Cleaned away debris and garbage
Closing was attended by Chris Drew and Petra Hartwig

SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS BY VISITORS

April: pileated woodpecker

September: raven, partridge

October: woodthrush, golden crown kinglets, hairy woodpecker

November: yellow rumped warblers, blue headed vireos, winter wrens, brown creepers, eastern phoebes, ruby crowned and yellow crowned kinglets, chickadees, blue jays, downy woodpecker, black throated blue warblers, white throated sparrows, juncos, red and white breasted nuthatches

COMMENTS

A family of 5 from Colborne regularly bring their pet duck for a walk

Another family regularly bring their ferrets for a walk

Even cats are brought for a walk

High winds this year felled a few more trees

No brochures from MNR available

Visitor Guide stand with box needs replacing

SUGGESTIONS

- Visitor Guides of Peter's Woods under the Ontario Parks umbrella were not available this year due to their budget restrictions. We were unhappy that we could not offer it to our visitors. We have suggested that the MNR add it to their budget considerations for 2013
- The post on which our visitor box is attached has rotted – it needs to be replaced. MNR has offered to replace it in the new year

We are grateful for all the assistance MNR provides for us as stewards of Peter's Woods. WBFN is a non-profit organization, with excess funds we receive from membership going toward education awards and sending youth to summer camps with a natural and environmental theme. There is nothing left over for things such as producing brochures or interpretive booklets. May I appeal to our members to kindly consider donating a little extra this coming year to help defray the cost of producing interpretive and visitor guides for Peter's Woods. Many thanks in advance.

The following members have again agreed to volunteer next year, and a great big thank you to the two newest maintenance members – Jesse and Lisa:

Hans & Marlene Maas

Klaus & Margaret Schroeder

Marg & Bob Short

Joan & Dave Norris

Deborah Panko

Barry & Margaret Robinson

Gina Brouwer

Russell & Janet Lake

Chris & Karen Drew

Kevin Burn & Family

Ted & Louise Schmidt

Simone Merey

Lisa Cullen

Jesse Harnden

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 Conservation Area

On behalf of WBFN and Ontario Parks

(Bird Monitoring on next page)

Peter's Woods Forest Bird Monitoring Sites & Property: Thu Jun 14, 2012 & Fri Jun 22, 2012

1 Ruffed Grouse
1 Wild Turkey
1 Downy Woodpecker
3 Northern Flicker
2 Pileated Woodpecker
2 Eastern Wood-Pewee
1 Great-crested Flycatcher
7 Red-eyed Vireo
2 Blue Jay
3 American Crow
2 Red-breasted Nuthatch
2 Winter Wren
3 Veery
1 Wood Thrush
1 American Robin
1 Ovenbird
2 Black-throated Green Warbler
1 Mourning Warbler
1 Scarlet Tanager
1 Indigo Bunting
1 Rose-breasted Grosbeak