

2020 Trails Committee task reports.

Trail clearing in Boyle Point Park. January 20th.

People in attendance: 2.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

Using the big chainsaw we removed a 16" diameter fallen tree from across the trail at the head of the Main trail in Boyle Point Park
(4-man hours total.)

Trail clearing in Boyle Point Park. February 2nd.

People in attendance: 5.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

Using the ATV to carry our tools we used a small chainsaws to remove several small trees across the trail and drainage ditch. The using shovels, mattocks and rakes we improved the drainage from a flooded area on the Main trail. Our efforts were well rewarded by the end of our work party the large puddle of standing water was all but gone. We still need to improve the trail in this area but this was a big step.
(12.5-man hours, 16.5-total.)

Trail clearing in Boyle Point Park. February 15th.

People in attendance: 2.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

Using the big chainsaw we removed a 14" diameter fallen tree from across the trail on a newer section of trail on route to Betty's Beach.
(4-man hours, 20.5-total.)

Sign replacement in Boyle Point Park. February 23rd.

People in attendance: 2

With a loaded up ATV carrying a bunch of tools and material we located and replaced a directional sign. This post was more securely planted in the ground hopefully allowing it to withstand vandalism.

Time includes prep time.

(6-man hours, 26.5-total.)

Sign replacement in Boyle Point Park. March 15th.

People in attendance: 7.

With a loaded up ATV carrying a bunch of tools and material we located and replaced 2- directional signposts and re-secured a third. These posts were more securely planted in the ground hopefully allowing it to withstand vandalism.

Time includes prep time.

(23-man hours, 49.5-total.)

Work in Denman Island Park. March 26th:

People in attendance: 2.

Using Graeme's tractor with a flail mower attachment cut vegetation from centre of multi-purpose trails. This is an effective way to attack broom that is prevalent in the Park. We kept apart at all times.
(6-man hours, 55.5-total.)

Work in Denman Island Park. May 31st:

People in attendance: 7.

We discussed an operating plan before work and kept Social Distances at all times.

Using Graeme's tractor with a flail mower attachment cut vegetation from the sides of multi-purpose trails. This is an effective way to attack broom that is prevalent in the Park. We also removed a few clumps of broom that grew near trail junctions. We used loppers to remove partially mowed sections of broom where necessary.

(22-man hours, 77.5-total.)

Work in Denman Island Park. June 2th:

People in attendance: 9 (1 new member).

We discussed an operating plan before work and kept Social Distances at all times.

Using Duncan's tractor with a flail mower attachment cut vegetation from the sides of multi-purpose trails. This is an effective way to attack broom that is prevalent in the Park. We also removed a few clumps of broom that grew near trail junctions. We used loppers to remove partially mowed sections of broom where necessary.

(29-man hours, 106.5-total.)

Work in Boyle Point Park. July 12th:

People in attendance: 8.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

Using the ATV to carry our tools that included 2-hedge-trimmers, small chainsaw and an assortment of hand tools we completed clearing vegetation from the trail that leads to Boyle Point.

(24-man hours, 130.5-total.)

Work in Denman Island Park. July 26th:

People in attendance: 4

Using hand tools and flagging we clearly marked a trail from Shady Lane trail to a Multi-Purpose trail leading to Wren Road. The trail now makes a secure link to a favourite loop circuit in the Park.

(8-man hours, 138.5-total.)

Work in Boyle Point Park. August 10th:

People in attendance: 7.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

Using the ATV to carry our tools that included 2-hedge-trimmers, 2-chainsaws and an assortment of hand tools we constructed a new trail to by-pass a steep and slippery section of trail. Just as we had finished construction 2-runners used the trail and later complimented us for our diligence at making the trail safer.

(21-man hours. 159.5-total.)

Work in Boyle Point Park. September 5th:

People in attendance: 2.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

Using a small chainsaw we cut and removed a 4" tree from the trail and on another trail we cut and cleared a 24"-dead tree that had fallen across the trail.

(4-man hours. 163.5 total.)

Work in Boyle Point Park. September 6th:

People in attendance: 9.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

Starting from the north Boyle Point Park entrance we found a route for the ATV to the west trail. Once there we started on replacing the existing trail that runs too close to the cliff edge with a new trail a minimum of 10-feet back from the edge. To accomplish this work we used 3- chainsaws, 2-hedge trimmers and motors as well as assorted hand tools. This was a good start to a long project.

(27-man hours. 190.5-total.)

Work in Boyle Point Park. September 20th:

People in attendance: 7.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

We continued replacing the existing trail that runs too close to the cliff edge with a new trail a minimum of 10-feet back from the edge. To accomplish this work we used 3- chainsaws, 2-hedge trimmers and motors as well as assorted hand tools. We were pleased with our progress to-date.

(21-man hours. 111.5-total.)

Work in Boyle Point Park. October 4th:

People in attendance: 6.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

We continued replacing the existing trail that runs too close to the cliff edge with a new trail a minimum of 10-feet back from the edge. To accomplish this work we used 3- chainsaws, 2-hedge trimmers and motors as well as assorted hand tools. We continue to extend the trail.

(18-man hours. 129.5-total.)

Work in Boyle Point Park. October 18th:

People in attendance: 3.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

Two large rotten trees had fallen along the trail about 300-yds to the north of the Betty's Beach turn-off. While they may have looked rotten they both had very hard centres.

(7.5-man hours. 137-total.)

Work in Boyle Point Park. October 25th:

People in attendance: 6.

We carried a First Aid kit and cell phone and wore boots, protective clothing, helmets with visors and hearing protection.

This is our 4th work-party to extend the safe trail on the west side. To accomplish this work we used 3- chainsaws, 2-hedge trimmers and motors as well as assorted hand tools. Again we met our objective.

(18-man hours. 155-total.)

Work in Boyle Point Park. October 25th:

People in attendance: 1.

I took the ATV and 2-chainsaws into the Park to remove 5-trees that lay across trails. The biggest was about 16" diameter, 2-were rotten logs and the remainder smaller trees.
(3-man hours. 158-total.)

Work in Denman Island Park. December 15th:

People in attendance: 1.

Using a small chainsaw Graeme removed several trees from across the trail in many locations.
(3-man hours. 158-total.)