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## Editor;s Note

Normally TREADWAY is 'off' during July and August. But we couldn't resist sending this story out right away. Look upon it as an invitation. If you have friends visiting this summer, bring them out to see the new Leech-Porter boardwalk - a great example of what trail maintenance is all about.

Photos by Richard Pomeroy

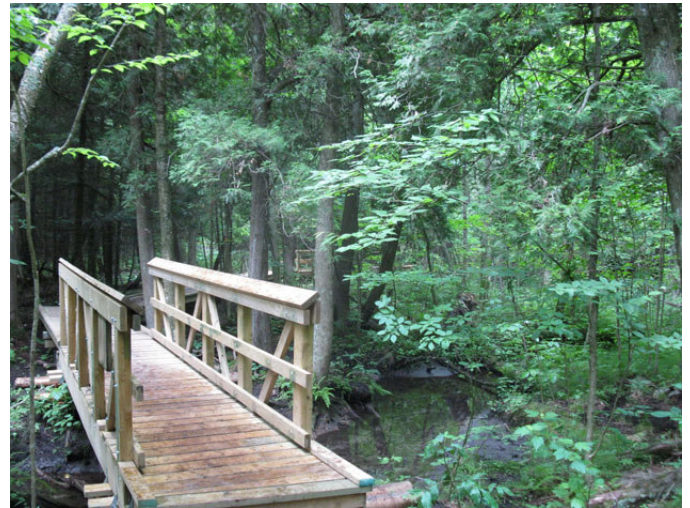
## THE LAST SPIKE LEECH- PORTER SIDE TRAIL FINISHED JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER VISITORS



One of the most challenging projects that our trail maintenance volunteers have

undertaken in the past several years is now complete.

On Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 the last spike(s) was driven into the decking of our new 480-foot Leech-Porter boardwalk that links Crawford Lake and Rattlesnake Conservation Areas. The old Leech-Porter boardwalk, built by Chris Walker with the help of students from Bramalea Secondary School back in the mid 1980's has now been replaced. After 25 years of hard use, its replacement time had come. But what a service the original boardwalk rendered to the community. Thousands of hikers have enjoyed this unique walk through the woods. And now the adventure continues for another 25 years, Chris would be pleased.



The new boardwalk is a masterful piece of work. Careful to minimize any disturbance to the surrounding ecology, the structure winds its way through a marsh filled with cedars and deciduous trees. A 16-foot bridge, which is part of the boardwalk, traverses a small stream. And a rest area with benches, also part of the

boardwalk, offers the weary hiker a pleasurable pause. Klaus Truderung, Trial Director for the Iroquoia Club, designed the boardwalk. The financing was arranged by Jan Graves through the Halton South Chapter and the Hamilton Chapter of the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.



This project was no easy task. The boardwalk is located in the Nassagaweya Canyon. Getting tools, equipment and materials to the site required imagination and innovation. The site could be approached from two directions; down a kilometre of steep slope or a 2- kilometre trek along a previously constructed causeway. Both routes were used



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refurbished by our volunteers, materials were hauled in by way of the Walkers Line causeway, built 7 years ago by Paul Beneteau and BT volunteers who had the forth sight to build the causeway wide enough and strong enough to facilitate this kind of traffic.



It took 34 work parties and 1765 volunteer hours to complete the work. Our volunteers also managed to salvage a good portion of the materials used in the original boardwalk. The unofficial 'opening' will take place on July 1<sup>st</sup> - a gathering of the volunteers who worked on the project. Nothing fancy; everyone brings their on sandwiches, water, possibly a banana, maybe a cookie or two. We're simple folk.

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### **Bob Ellison**

The Bruce Trail has lost a good friend. Bob Ellison passed away Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Ellison family. Bob was a great leader. He served his community well, far and above the call of duty. His talent and skills were boundless.. He brought happiness and joy to the lives he touched. He will be sorrowfully missed. Thank you Bob for all you have done to make this a better place to live. DC

