

July 17th, 2022

Hello,

This past week has been busy for staff and myself with the hot weather and bear sightings adding to the regular workload.

Park Maintenance

Although we didn't have any more rain this week, maintenance staff worked on the pump in C13 to clear out the accumulated silt and to install more drainage points to help prevent any future blockages. Maintenance also spent time working on improving the boat launch. The hot weather dried the area out sufficiently so that the ruts and low spots could be filled to create a smooth road surface. An ongoing issue at the boat launch is the use of the area by cabin owners and seasonals for storage. Despite it being posted that it is for day use only there appear to be numerous trailers that don't belong to any day campers. I have received several complaints from day campers over the past week because they have had to park their boats at their sites because there isn't room at the boat launch and this leads to more congestion within the campground. I have also received complaints from other cabin owners questioning why we are allowing certain individuals to use the area for storage.

The hot weather also helped to dry out the spot where the new outhouse is going to be built and maintenance staff were able to prepare the area for building to begin. This week we will pick up the building supplies and Earl will start to work on constructing the foundation. Maintenance staff also did work on the other outhouses to fill in holes around the base of the washrooms, and to prevent any animals from moving in underneath the outhouses again. Earl had time this week to complete the building of an electrical box to replace another rotten one in the horseshoe. In the future more of the electrical boxes will need replacing as many of them are starting to become rotten to the point they are falling apart. Staff also had time to work on the trail a bit more this week. They spent time trimming new growth on the trail surface as well as working on chipping the piles of branches remaining from last year.

Concessions

At the beach concession, this past week has been busy largely due to the hot weather and an increase in the number of day passes sold. On Saturday the beach concession had its busiest day of the year so far, and staff at the beach were able to handle the increased volume well. The campground was fully booked this weekend and in addition, it seemed that many cabin owners and seasonals were up to enjoy the weekend. At the front, staff were also busy with many day passes and an increase in gate traffic over the week. Front store staff were also occupied over the past week helping to arrange Emfest events, trying to sign up volunteers, and calling businesses for silent auction donations.



Bear Sightings

On Monday we had the peak of the bear sightings with a total of 53 bear sightings being reported over the previous 4 days. When the conservation officers came out on Monday, they were able to deal with the one bear and they moved the bear trap from the burn pit to the front garbage bins. On Monday morning we also pulled the majority of the garbage cans around the park and reinforced the dumpster lids. On Tuesday morning there were two bear sightings reported before 7:00 am, however since then no bear sightings have been reported and the garbages have remained undisturbed. Maintenance has continued to pick up camper garbage twice daily as well as pick up the cabin and seasonal garbage daily. The conservation officers were out this morning and they suggested that we keep our garbage cans put away and that most likely they would be removing the trap this week if we don't have any more sightings.

Incidents

This week was again fairly calm with few incidents occurring within the park. There were no major noise incidents this weekend and everyone seemed to be well behaved.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Kind Regards,

Damen Van Meter

