

Daly Point Nature News -

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Daly Point Nature Reserve gets helping hand

Thanks to a loyal user and friend, DPNR was nominated for the Bridgestone Fuel the Cause contest. As the only Canadian entry, the reserve received a lot of positive attention and media coverage, and although it was not the top vote-getter, DPNR still ended up a winner. The nominator followed up with the company and after review, Bridgestone decided to make a \$10 000 contribution to Daly Point to help with renewal projects. The DPNR commission is working on a plan to put that generous donation to good use.

Daly Point celebrates 25 years in 2014



Forester Karl Branch, Director, Maritime College of Forest Technology, plants a fir tree

2014 was the 25th anniversary of Daly Point Nature Reserve, and it was celebrated in grand style in September, with more than 500 people in attendance. A trail was dedicated to Daly Point champion Alan Young, and a 2 new trails were opened, the White Birch Trail, and the Gulch Extension. A memorial plaque was also unveiled, and a tree planted.

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"Daly Point Nature Reserve has been built upon the principles of maintaining a tourist attraction that is financially viable without risk to the very natural and cultural heritage it is striving to showcase"



Black and MacDonald employees and families proudly bear the company standard in front of the Interpretation Center



Students and instructors from MCFT

TIANB Tourism Award

Daly Point Nature Reserve was the recipient of the Parks Canada Sustainable Tourism Award at the annual conference for the Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick, held in Bathurst in May.

"To qualify for this award, an operator must demonstrate a commitment to excellence and an appreciation and respect for our natural, cultural, and aesthetic heritage. Harmonizing economic objectives with the protection and enhancement of this heritage, the operator must offer tourism products and services that are consistent with community values and the surrounding environment. In cooperation with tourism industry colleagues the operator must also work to promote the benefits of sustainable tourism"

Black and MacDonald Enviro Day

DPNR also enjoyed being the recipient of Black and MacDonald's employee Enviro Day, which saw employees donate their time and resources to improvements to the Interpretation Center.

Among these were restaining the exterior of the main building and bathroom; re-caulking the windows, and replacing the skirting around the building. Volunteers brought their families,

and worked from 7 am to noon. A huge thanks again to Black and MacDonald!

New partnership with MCFT

Another sustainable step was accomplished with the signing of a partnership agreement with the Maritime College of Forest Technology, Bathurst campus. allowing the College to use the city-owned land across from the Reserve as a teaching woodlot, highlighting silviculture and biodiversity and habitat preservation.

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New benches for users

Twelve new benches were installed along the trails, to provide some rest spots especially for the elderly, and mobility challenged. These beautiful benches were built to last for a very long time. More are planned for in the future!

Project Webfoot

In 2014, over 200 grade-four students from Bathurst to Tide Head had their bus trips sponsored by local companies to visit Daly Point and participate in Duck's Unlimited's Project Webfoot wetland education program. With the help of local volunteers, students learned about the importance of wetland conservation

through hands-on activities, such as "critter dipping",. They also enjoyed bird watching and some very innovative games. Daly Point signed a 30-year stewardship agreement with DU in 2008, and a 3-year partnership for Project Webfoot, which is up for renewal in 2016.



Students search for fresh-water invertebrates at Daly Point

Blessing of the Animals

For the third year in a row, Daly Point celebrated an observance of the Feast of St. Francis. Father Wade conducted the ceremony, and local vocalist, Bernice Winsor, provided beautiful music to compliment the occasion. More than 30 people attended, despite the inclement weather.



More than 30 pet owners attended the 3rd annual observance of the Feast of St. Francis.

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"To protect the natural aspect of DPNR (Daly Point Nature Reserve) while making it accessible to the public by ensuring sustainability and engaging four-season experiences." (Mandate of the Daly Point Nature Reserve Commission)

During the winter months, we have a wide selection of snowshoes for folks to borrow!
For more information, contact the coordinator at 548-0778, or by email dpnr@bathurst.ca

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Local historian, Florence Gray, describing her encounter with the phantom

Haunted Daly Point—Local legend and lore

2014 was the inaugural year for An Evening of Ghost Stories, and a Haunted walk in October. Local historian, Florence Gray, entertained a standing-room only crowd with her personal account of a phantom ship sighting, as well as several other local legends., accompanied by visuals on the Smart board, The audience was then invited to walk the trails,, to see some of the more renowned specters, with special effects supplied by local volunteers!