

Field Day 2012

Woodend Conservation Area

Niagara On the Lake, Ontario
Saturday, June 23rd & Sunday, June 24th, 2012

There was nothing amateurish about this years edition of Field Day at Woodend Conservation Area. Everyone chipped in and made this Field Day one of the smoothest and most active. We had almost forty participants. The club operated eight stations on emergency power showcasing a variety of antennas. The weather was awesome to boot. Radio conditions were not the best. Everyone continued to plug along and the contacts did eventually grow. Band Captains, please forward me your contact totals only ASAP with a list of your team and what they did. I do not need your logs. The summary should include your North American count and DX count. I will have a final score for the ARRL within the next couple weeks

I would like to thank Darcy Baker at the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for the use of Woodend Conservation Area. We were stuck for a location and they came through for us. Everyone enjoyed the park, especially those that were stringing wires. The smaller evergreens provided excellent shade for the stations and the kitchen. The combination lock on the main gate worked well providing easy entry and exit for participants when the gate was locked after hours. Many suggested that we use the park again next year if it is available.

I would like to thank the following - Oscar, VE3PIO and his team for feeding the troops. The variety of food and quality could not have been better. Thank-you for accommodating the vegetarians in the crowd. -Larry, VE3TLN for the use of the generators and for supplying the fuel. -Rick, VE3ROC for making the fuel run on Sunday morning and for the transportation of goods with his quad.

I would like to thank the following Band Captains for getting their teams and equipment together: Kevin, VA3KGS on 80 meters; Rick, VA3WU on 40 meters; Bob, VE3HNN on 40 meters CW; Kaitlynn, VE3AUO on 20 meters; Doug, VE3JDF on 20 meters PSK-31; Ian, VE3ERL on 10 meters and Peter, VE3HM at the GOTA Station. I was on 40 meters operating PSK-31 with my sister.

Lastly, Thank-you to all the members and guests who chipped in to help put stations together, to operate, to log contacts and to stick around for the disassembly and clean-up on Sunday. This event could not have been done without your help. Thank-you very much.

There were many people walking around with cameras. If you have any note worthy photos, please forward them to Dale, VE3LVW and he will see they are placed on the NPARC website and into the archives.

Directions

From the QEW just east of St. Catharines, exit on Glendale Avenue and go west a short distance to Taylor Road. Turn left (south) and proceed up the Escarpment to the entrance of Woodend Conservation Area. The entrance is at the brink of the escarpment