

News Release

CENTRAL FRONTENAC CELEBRATES NEW BRIDGE AND TRAIL AT MEISEL WOODS CONSERVATION AREA

RIDEAU VALLEY, October 2, 2008 — On October 18, the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation will join the Crow Lake community to celebrate two fabulous, new, year-round additions to outdoor recreation in Central Frontenac at the Meisel Woods Conservation Area:

the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston Bridge, and the extension of the 'Sandi Slater Memorial Walk' with the addition of a 700-metre walking trail and visitor seating facilities.

The celebrants are pleased to be joined in the festivities by The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston, The Davies Charitable Foundation and volunteers from the Crow Lake community. These are the three major sponsors of this wonderful new facility. The work was generously financed by the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston and the Davies Charitable Foundation. The actual physical management, delivery and installation work was done by volunteers from the Crow Lake community under the genial and inspiring leadership of Mr Joe Slater assisted by staff from the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

Thanks to all of their generous donations, visitors can now safely cross Beaver Creek and enjoy the new trail system on the west side of Beaver Lake. These new amenities finally make available all of the best that Meisel Woods has to offer - a peaceful oasis in the middle of a breathtaking chunk of the Precambrian Shield at its autumn best.

These additions complete the 'Meisel Woods Conservation Area Development Project Phase II' which provides a valuable, family-oriented recreational site near Crow Lake Village. Facilities offered to the public include a six-kilometre walking/hiking trail, parking lot, information kiosk and comfort benches/picnic tables along the trail.

Meisel Woods Conservation Area was created through a gift of land several years ago from Dr. John Meisel, Professor Emeritus and well-known philanthropist in the Queens University and greater Kingston community.

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