



## Foster Parkland & Walking Trails

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On Saturday, 23 snowshoers traveled out to Desbarats, Ontario to take a tour of the Foster Parkland and Walking Trails. These trails are found on two adjacent properties owned by The Kensington Conservancy, which is a land trust who conserves ecologically sensitive land in the area. Late this past summer, they opened a brand new 1.7 km stretch of trail and hope to add even more this upcoming summer.

The hike started out from the TKC Conservation Centre, not the actual trailhead on Mink Point Road, and headed south through the back meadow, into the forest. We worked our way through an unofficial trail until we reached up to where the South Boyer Loop starts. We completed this this loop, stopping for lunch about half way through, and then worked our way back to our starting point.

Along the way, many wildlife tracks were found, including fox, snowshoe hare, squirrel, and grouse. An active



porcupine den was also found. Some chickadees were seen and heard in the forest, but with that many people snowshoeing along, it was hard to hear if there were any other birds calling! The feeder setup at the TKC Conservation Centre made up for that though, and we got to see a variety of feeder birds there before and after the hike.

Since there is now a well broken trail, anyone is welcome to come to the TKC Conservation Centre and snowshoe this trail until the next significant snowfall comes and wipes out the trail. The entire hike would be approximately 3km.

For more photos of this outing click [HERE](#)

