

## **Frontenac Provincial Park Updates**

North/South Otter Lake Cottage Association AGM (August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

1) Senior Park Staff in 2022 are:

Ben Chabot – Park Superintendent  
Tim Pearson – A/Senior Park Operations Technician  
Erica Kendrick – Senior Park Clerk  
Rebecca Tigchelaar – Park Warden  
Austin Cunningham – A/Park Warden

2) Both camping and day-use visitation has been strong through the 2022 season thus far. It appears that our visitation numbers have dropped from pandemic times and are more consistent with our visitation pre-COVID.

We are seeing an increase in winter visitation, most significantly our day-use visitors. It appears that more people are now visiting in the winter to go cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

3) Significant Achievements in 2022:

- Added (2) new wooden tent platforms to campsite cluster #9 and cluster #2
- Replaced the privy at campsite 5 with a new cedar style building
- Replaced two split log foot bridges on the Little Salmon Lake Loop
- Repairs to the Arab Gorge boardwalk
- Construction of the Outdoor Classroom
- Addition of interpretive elements outside the Outdoor Classroom (educational displays)
- Extensive tree removal from storm damage
- Replacement of several fire grills on campsites

4) Some Research initiatives in 2022:

- MNRF Broad scale monitoring of Little Clear Lake (overall lake health)
- Frontenac Bird Studies (species monitoring and assessment)
- Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas updates
- Influence of environmental change on zooplankton communities (Queens University)
- Park staff continue to try to manage invasive species within the park. Our main focus was on Dog Strangling Vine again in 2022.

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