

ALGONQUIN TRAIL PEMBROKE-PETAWAWA REPORT MAY 2020

MUNICIPALITIES TOWN OF PETAWAWA, TWP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY and CITY OF PEMBROKE

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Sunday May 3 late morning this report covers from the marina in Pembroke into Petawawa to Portage Road on Algonquin Trail (17 km and return).

The weather was great for getting out with 20 deg temperature, slightly cloudy with strong winds developing for the ride home.

The following trail participants were manually counted:

54 walkers 47%

55 cyclists 48%

4 atvers 4%

(mostly side by sides) and 1 trail bike without a licence plate.

TOTAL users 114

Saturday, May 18 The following trail participants were manually counted:

27 walkers 27%

37 cyclists 50%

2 atvs and 8 side by sides 14%

A few of the side by sides resembled dune buggies.

TOTAL users 74

TRAIL CONDITION

The trail surface was hard and smooth. There is a short distance on the trail from Pembroke Street west to the CN spur connection in the Lea St area consisting of a granular M material that does not hold compaction like the crushed limestone material, the surface is rough and uneven, particularly for elderly users or parents with baby carriages or similar devices.

In the vicinity of the Shaw pole yard it would appear that atv traffic was leaving the trail and then returning to the trail causing much railway ballast material being deposited on the trail. This is a dangerous condition as a cyclist may fall because of the ballast on the trail.

Thru rural areas 50 km/hr speed signs, 25km/hr and 20 km/hr speed signs are posted thru residential areas were observed as well as trail rules signs.

As a result of rain last night dust was not encountered when motorized vehicles passed by. There were several locations on Algonquin Trail where motorized vehicles access properties adjacent to the trail. These access locations are showing some trail deterioration.

A cycle counter has been installed near Biesenthal Rd by Discovery Routes Trails Organization and will remain there until late October.

COMPLAINTS

The few people on the trail spoken to have no complaints.

PICTURES









Liter observed between Pembroke St W and Munro St crossing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Suggested improvements apply to the **Town of Petawawa, Twp of Laurentian Valley and City of Pembroke.**

1. Replace or place over the Granular M material in Pembroke with crushed limestone.
2. Place Garbage and recycle containers in convenient locations.

WISH LIST

1. Designated parking and access to trail for trailer vehicles transporting atvs and for out of town vehicles transporting bicycles.
Yantha Cycle has offered trail access and parking at Yantha Cycle shop TV Tower Rd. Shelter and washroom facilities are suggested at Yantha Cycle trailhead.
2. Washroom/shelters and water sources should be located within view of the Algonquin Trail. Suggested locations would be in the Town of Petawawa and City of Pembroke preferably close to trail access and parking.
3. Wayfinding boards having downtown attractions and local commercial outlet locations, events and trail map.
4. Enhance trail access parking and washrooms with landscaping vegetation, flowers, shrubs etc.
5. Posted distance markers along Algonquin Trail. Former CPR had mileage markers posted with starting point being in Smiths Falls.