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Project title	Ancient Forest Trail Tread Protection Project
Total cost of project	77000
Amount received from the FMCBC towards your project	1370
Did you successfully complete your project?	No
If you answered No to the question above, please provide your plans are for completing it	The plank pathway was too narrow at a width of 18 inches using 2 planks, therefore the goal for 2015 is to complete the project by making the 4755 feet of plank pathway 36 inches wide using 4 planks.
Please describe how your project went including any challenges, surprises, or highlights. If your project was not completed please use this space to explain why it was not completed.	<p>The major challenge was carrying over 60 tons of lumber and foundation stones up to 300 metres into the forest by hand; for every hour spent constructing the pathway, ten hours were spent carrying these materials.</p> <p>Despite hot weather, cool wet days, hot-cold stormy days with flashing lightening accompanied by hailstones as large as marbles, and the usual rainforest hosts of blackflies, horseflies, mosquitoes and hornets to keep the volunteers on the move - it was a wonder anyone would keep coming out to help, but one shouldn't really be surprised; these are not ordinary volunteers - they are the Caledonia Ramblers!</p> <p>Adding two more boards to the entire length of the pathway is the reason why the project wasn't completed in 2014.</p>
List 1 to 3 lessons you learned through your project	<p>In order for visitors to pass one another without stepping off the plank pathway, it needs to be 36 inches wide.</p> <p>A 36 inch wide pathway also allows visitors to walk more safely while walking and looking around the forest.</p> <p>Enthusiastic praise from the thousands of visitors to the Ancient Forest for the work being done by volunteers is a potent and positive medicine when energy needs a boost!</p>
Please provide any additional comments you may have on your project and/or advice for other clubs who might be considering a similar project	When constructing a boardwalk through a forest of enduring beauty, aim to make it blend in so that it looks as if someone had walked through the forest dropping boardwalk seeds along the way, and they grew in such a way that the boardwalk looked like it belonged there.
Approximately how many volunteer hours (if any) were involved in your project?	2040 to date
Please include links to press releases, newsletter articles, blog posts and/or social media and website updates which recognize the FMCBC's financial contribution to your project.	<p>Please see our website:</p> <p>caledoniarambles.ca and link, Ancient Forest Interpretive Site</p>

Please upload a minimum of 2 and maximum of 10 photos of your project - please submit these in JPEG or PNG format.



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