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## **Visitors to Lemoine Point Conservation Area are encouraged to stay on the trails**

**Kingston** – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority is taking steps to preserve habitat and reduce human impact at Lemoine Point Conservation Area.

“It’s important to stay on the marked trails,” said CRCA General Manager Stephen Knechtel. “Going off the trails disturbs the wildlife, tramples vegetation, spreads invasive species, and has a detrimental impact on the ecology of Lemoine Point.”

“We are also looking out for the health and safety of our visitors,” added Mr. Knechtel. “Unauthorized paths are not monitored and users may encounter hazards like falling or hanging limbs, poison ivy, ticks, and steep slopes.”

The official trail network is being enhanced by upgrading trail surfaces with new gravel and adding or replacing culverts for better drainage. CRCA staff and members of the Friends of Lemoine Point will be adding natural barriers of brush and logs across unofficial paths. These barriers are being installed to discourage access to these unauthorized paths allowing the trees and plants to grow.

Signs that explain why these paths are not to be used are being posted.

“We feel that many visitors simply don’t understand the impact they have on the environment when they go off the trails. When they understand their impact, we hope they appreciate our efforts to keep visitors on the trails,” said Mr. Knechtel.

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