

Bruce Trail gets new bridge courtesy of volunteers

The Bruce Trail has a new bridge over Silver Creek thanks to the hard work of several volunteers.

The bridge is located over Silver Creek, 600 metres west of the junction of 27 Sideroad and Fallbrook Trail, north of Georgetown.

Project manager Paul Vanhanen, of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club, designed the bridge and the club received the permit to build the structure from Credit Valley Conservation late in 2011.

In April of 2012, Vanhanen and fellow club member and Georgetown resident Don Sargent met with a CVC engineer and management to select location of bridge.

At the end of May, two cribs were installed by Sargent and Vanhanen, and five volunteers from a Korean hiking club.

After steps were installed by the Georgetown duo in early June, two 34-ft. beams were delivered in mid-June.

Fifteen volunteers from Hamilton, five local volunteers and six CVC staff members carried the 500 lb. beams through the woods to the bridge site.

Vanhanen continued to work on the bridge during the next few weeks before seven Bruce Trail volunteers and 30 members of another Korean hiking group carried the lumber



from the road along the trail down to the bridge site.

The Bruce Trail volunteers, along with eight Korean volunteers, finished the new bridge and dismantled the old one. The Korean hiking group made several trips to carry out the old lumber.



Bruce Trail enthusiasts prepare to carry in a large beam for the Silver Creek bridge.

Volunteers celebrate the completion of the new Silver Creek bridge on the Bruce Trail.
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