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# Wanton vandalism in Limehouse

Thousands of dollars of interpretive signs were stolen or damaged at the Limehouse Conservation Area in a weekend vandalism spree that has Credit Valley Conservation and Limehouse Kiln Society officials shaking their heads in disgust.

"It's almost like it was a planned attack," Limehouse Kiln Society spokesperson Mary Shier said on Monday, adding "it's like they came in with tools," to remove the signs, including two

large laminated signs at an information kiosk at the entrance to the Limehouse property.

Shier said a ladder at the Hole in the Wall, a rock outcropping off of Fifth Line near the Bruce Trail was damaged – the vandals used the wood in a bonfire – and a "poop and scoop" station was stolen.

"Apparently, they chopped down a tree with an axe to burn," Shier said, adding some of the signs had just been installed in June.

CVC property superintendent Brian Kristy said CVC staff had to help some hikers on Monday morning when they found part of the ladder missing and couldn't move along the trail.

"We've only found two of the hazardous area signs – one in the creek and one by the railroad tracks," Kristy said on Monday, adding "I don't get vandalism." He said a \$1,500 trail counter was also stolen from a wooden box, which was damaged.

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**BIRDS OF A FEATHER:** The birds of prey that Conservation Halton resource interpreter Lana Butt brought to the Acton Farmers' Market last Thursday drew large crowds of curious people, fascinated with Octavis, a Great Horned Owl and a Screech owl, both that live at the Mounstberg Raptor's Centre. – Frances Niblock photo

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