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Sprucing up the trail

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Ontario Rangers will soon begin work to improve the safety and appearance of the Kawartha Trans-Canada Trail.

The work will take place Monday and Tuesday.

They will be repairing bridge decking, removing hazardous tree and shrub limbs, installing fencing, painting protective barriers and installing signs along a 44-km stretch of the trail, a release states.

This is the 10th year for the Ministry of Natural Resources' Stewardship Ranger Program, the release states.

The program provides 17-year-old youths with the opportunity to work on natural resources management projects that help support biodiversity and fight climate change.

Ontario Rangers work with ministry staff and partners in their own communities, the release states.

This year, the MNR is funding 35 of the 39 Ontario Stewardship Ranger teams across the province.

Trees Ontario, a not-for-profit tree planting organization, is partnering with MNR to provide \$120,000 to fund the youth ranger teams, as part of the 2009 Ontario Stewardship Ranger program.

The teams are undertaking a variety of forestry-related projects including assessing tree planting sites and maintaining tree seed orchards.

At Hwy. 36 near Lindsay on Monday, they will also be removing dangerous limbs and invasive species along the trail.

The next day in Omemee, the plan is to remove brush and limbs from trees along the trail, repair a bridge at Pigeon River and painting barriers at road intersections along route to Peterborough.

The community is invited to meet the rangers at 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days.

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Project details

When: Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Near Lindsay - Highway 36 - east side of Lindsay at overpass bridge, Trans Canada Trail passes under this bridge and enters Lindsay

When: Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Work starts in Omemee and travels east to Peterborough finishing at 2 p.m.

More information: Call Stewardship co-ordinator Doug van Hemessen at 324-1478 or e-mail doug.vanhemessen@ontario.ca or visit the website at www.ontario.ca/mnryouthprograms