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## **Cascades Conservation Area Re-Opens**

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) says the Cascades Conservation Area has re-opened to the public.

The popular recreation area at the end of Balsam Street was closed on February 16th to allow for a clean-up of damage caused by a windstorm last September. Trees which were blown down, were leaning on other trees or which were in danger of falling were removed. The clean-up took place around the parking lot, pavilion and along the Blue Trail east of the parking lot.

Originally, it was expected the work would take three weeks to complete, however work wrapped up about a week ahead of schedule.

“We are very pleased to be able to welcome the public back to the Cascades and would like to thank them for their patience and co-operation during this time,” says Authority Chairman Bill Bartley.

Bartley points out that planting of seedlings in the clean-up area is planned for late spring or early summer.

Visitors to the Cascades and other LRCA Conservation Areas are reminded there is a \$2/vehicle visitor fee which is collected to help finance maintenance of the Conservation Areas. Frequent visitors can purchase an annual “Explorer Card” which allows unlimited seasonal access to local Conservation Areas.