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From: Daniel F. Brunton [dbruntonn211@rogers.com]
Sent: May 20, 2004 8:57 AM
To: daryl.coulson@mnr.gov.on.ca
Subject: Re: Sand Point alvar

Great. I'll be in touch shortly beforehand concerning meeting point, time, etc. (including blood type if the Black Flies are still this bad !).

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From: daryl.coulson@mnr.gov.on.ca
To: dbruntonn211@rogers.com
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2004 8:25 AM
Subject: RE: Sand Point alvar

June 8th is ok for me too.
Looking forward to the visit.
Daryl

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From: Daniel F. Brunton [mailto:dbruntonn211@rogers.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2004 3:24 PM
To: daryl.coulson@mnr.gov.on.ca
Subject: Re: Sand Point alvar

Terrific - that's good news all 'round. Thanks for undertaking to round up the aerials. A jpg would be just fine. I have a 1926 aerial of the whole area, by the way, which shows this Bula Property to be the core of a formerly much larger area. And I don't see any signs of fences, which suggests no grazing (?). Hope, hope.

Let's set a date - say 8 June (I'll play hooky !)? That week is clear for me (right now - but they're filling fast); the week before is a disaster and the following one is not good.

I talked this AM with a fellow at the federal ecological gifts program in Toronto and he was so excited about it that it sounds like he'd like to come visit the site too ! I think I'd like to have my ducks a bit better lined up though, before jumping at that. Still, if we could somehow hook this site up with the world's largest population of a PS plant (and a rare orchid to boot) That is a magnificent *arietinum* photo, by the way.

Cheers,
Dan

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From: daryl.coulson@mnr.gov.on.ca

To: dbruntonn211@rogers.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2004 2:54 PM
Subject: RE: Sand Point alvar

Hi Dan !

Great to hear from you!
What exciting news!! I almost fell over when I read your email. Wow!
This alvar site is an awesome feature, and I am sure there are many 'treasures' to be discovered here.

I would be more than pleased to accompany you on a site visit in early June, please count me in.

I quickly visited a property south of Golf Course Road last year to confirm *Cypripedium arietinum* and found it to be abundant, possibly the largest population in the world with thousands of plants, possibly tens of thousands throughout the alvar! This piece of land (similar to what you have described on your parcel but significantly more disturbed) is associated with an approved plan of subdivision where estate building lots are situated below the upper escarpment. The subdivision lot on the upper table lands (alvar) is apparently to be transferred to the municipality as 'park'. Would be nice to get this piece into ownership of a conservation organization as well since even the disturbed portions could be restored with some tlc. Perhaps the municipality could be talked into giving it up!

Attached is a photo *Cypripedium arietinum* from this alvar site that I took in early June 2003.

I will get together whatever air photo coverage we have for this site over the next few days and send via email as jpg's along with an OBM type base map with UTM (nad83) grid.

As requested, you can count on me to keep this strictly confidential.

Daryl

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-----Original Message-----

From: Daniel F. Brunton [mailto:dbruntonn211@rogers.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2004 10:31 AM

To: MNR, Daryl Coulson

Subject: Sand Point alvar

Hi Daryl:

'Member we talked about checking out that alvar area near Braeside - Sand Point some time ? Well, we have extra incentive to do so this year.

The owner of a large land parcel near Sand Point (see attached) is offering to donate it to Ottawa Rverkeeper "*if it's of any interest*" - it makes up a huge chunk of the alvar ! I looked at the wooded, western end last weekend and even despite the early season I found 80 native species, including PS *Astragalus neglectus*. The alvar forest habitat is in excellent condition, with relatively little invasive impact evident (except for the ubiquitous *Euphorbia cyparissias*). And Bill Crins has seen *Pterospora* and *Cypripedium arietinum* in the property to the south. What a gem !

Needless to say, ORK is pursuing this offer enthusiastically. I will want to get back in, this time in the central open alvar area and into the woodland to the east (area C), probably in early June. Want to join me ? In the interim, though, I was wondering if you could provide better, more up-to-date aerial photos of the site. This is a 1986 print blown up from 1:50,000 scale.

Exciting stuff, eh ?

Cheers,
Dan

P.S. This is CONFIDENTIAL information right now so please keep it to yourself; I
have no authorization from the owner or ORK to be sharing this info.

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