



Improvements Ongoing at Shubie Wildlife Park

By *Pert Vissers*

Spring is always a time for change, and there have been lots happening at the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park! Besides the usual spring clean-up, improvements are being made to the bobcat and lynx enclosures. Unfortunately these big cats have to be off display while we work but they'll be back

soon to enjoy their new shade and climbing structures. Next door to the felines, the Dall's sheep and bighorn sheep are already enjoying their newly renovated enclosures.

Since it's hard to have spring and not think of baby animals, a few of our park family were happy to oblige. This year we welcomed two reindeer calves and one bighorn sheep lamb as well as plenty of ducklings and goslings. The parents are protective of their young so we ask you to be respectful when viewing; swans and geese will bite!

Other changes have to do with an ongoing project with our longtime partners Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC). Together the provincial government and DUC have pooled money to improve the visitor experience at the park. Last year, this involved adding a new pathway to better connect the park and the wetland trails as well as making improvements the entry pathway.

We also saw an expansion of the gift shop and the addition of a canteen. This year new signage is being placed throughout the park to help visitors make the most of their time. There is also a new park map to go along with the new trails and signs.

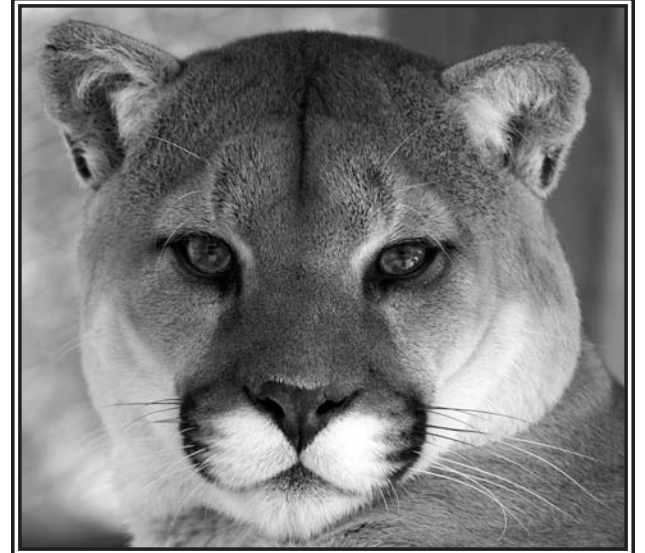
Something we're particularly excited about this year is the addition of a pair of binoculars to the deck of the Wetland Centre. From here visitors can view the wetlands, deer enclosures and a wild bald eagle nest where there are currently two eaglets. The parents built the nest last year and returned as normal this year. Eagles stay loyal to their nest as long as

they can successfully raise their young so we hope to enjoy this pair for many years.

Spring also means a return to our full season hours. We are open daily from 9am to 6:30pm including all weekends and holidays. For

information on our admission fees and special events check out our website: <https://wildlifepark.novascotia.ca/> or our Facebook page.

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