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## UNAUTHORIZED TRAIL LEADS TO FINE

**NEWS**

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A Newcastle man has been fined \$500 for constructing a trail in Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Provincial Park without the authority of a work permit.

Donald Brooks, 56, pleaded guilty to the charge under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act. In addition to the fine, he voluntarily rehabilitated the site prior to his court appearance.

Court was told that during the fall of 2007, Brooks constructed an all-terrain vehicle trail by cutting down trees and filling in holes where no trail had existed.

Justice of the Peace Jason Mariasine heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Peterborough, on January 8, 2009.

Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Provincial Park is a natural environment park that is approximately 37,587 hectares in size. The construction of any new trails in the Kawartha Highlands Park has been prohibited since June 2007.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).