

Hike It! Love It! Keep It Clean!

2023 Project Results

46

Cleanups

69

Participants

511

Hours

11,525

Pieces of Litter



From May to September 2023, volunteers and staff picked up litter along the Peninsula section of the Bruce Trail.

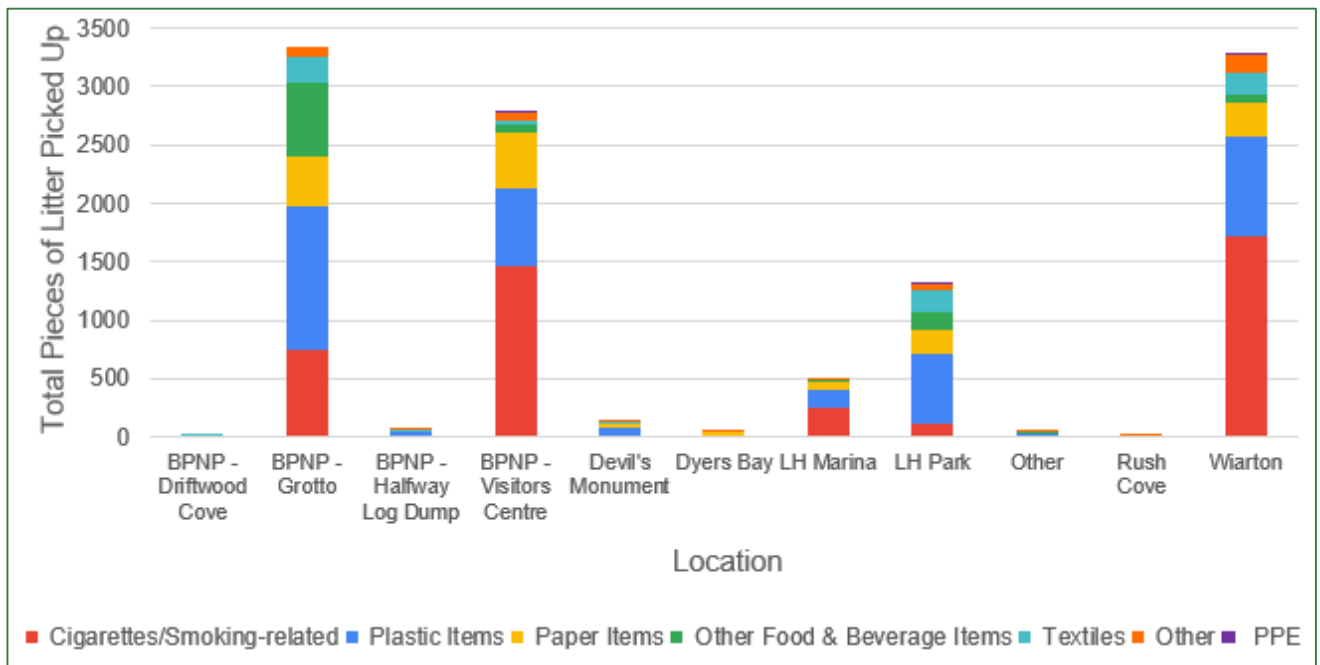
In total, they removed **11,525** pieces of litter from the Trail and access points!

Summary of Litter in the Peninsula Section

Despite having fewer cleanups in 2023 compared to 2022, participants picked up slightly more litter (11,525 pieces vs 10,418). The average amount of litter per cleanup was higher in 2023, possibly because the cleanups were less frequent and so allowed for more litter to accumulate.

General trends in which hotspots accumulated the most litter were similar to 2022.

Location	Total Litter Picked Up		Number of Cleanups		Average Litter Per Cleanup	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
BPNP – Driftwood Cove	11	9	2	1	6	8
BPNP - Grotto	1521	3333	7	6	217	556
BPNP Halfway Log Dump	180	76	3	2	60	38
BPNP – Visitors Centre	2343	2779	25	13	94	214
Devil's Monument	311	132	9	1	35	132
Dyers Bay	201	43	10	1	20	43
LH Marina	1524	502	12	2	127	251
LH Park	954	1313	12	6	80	218
Other	505	52	15	10	34	5
Rush Cove	48	17	3	1	16	17
Wiarton	2542	3270	6	3	424	1090



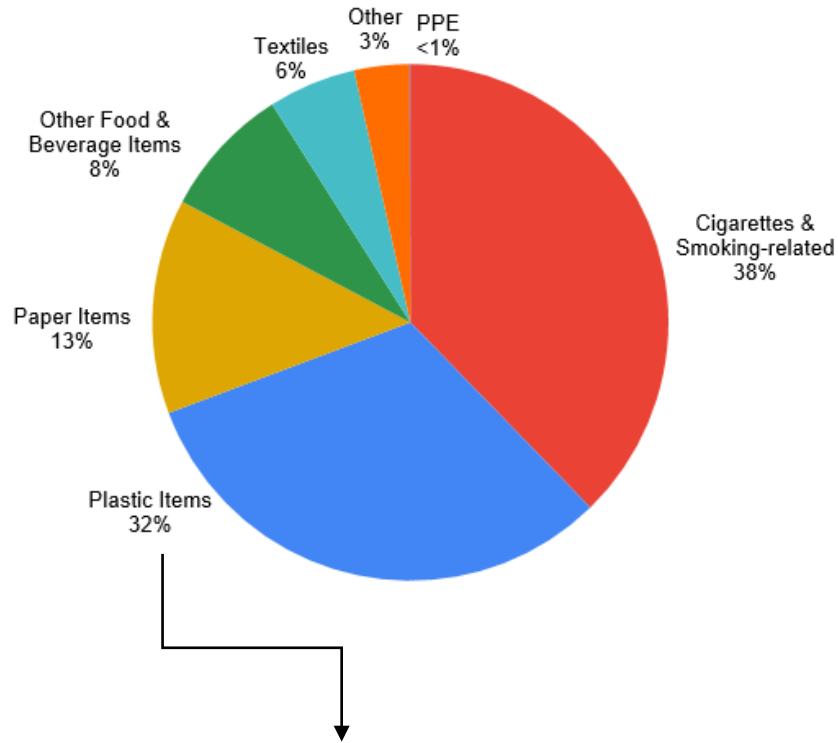
Litter Breakdown – What Did We Find?

Cigarette butts and other smoking-related items (e.g. packaging, lighters) made up the greatest proportion of litter (38%), highlighting the importance of communicating the impact of cigarette butts on the environment.

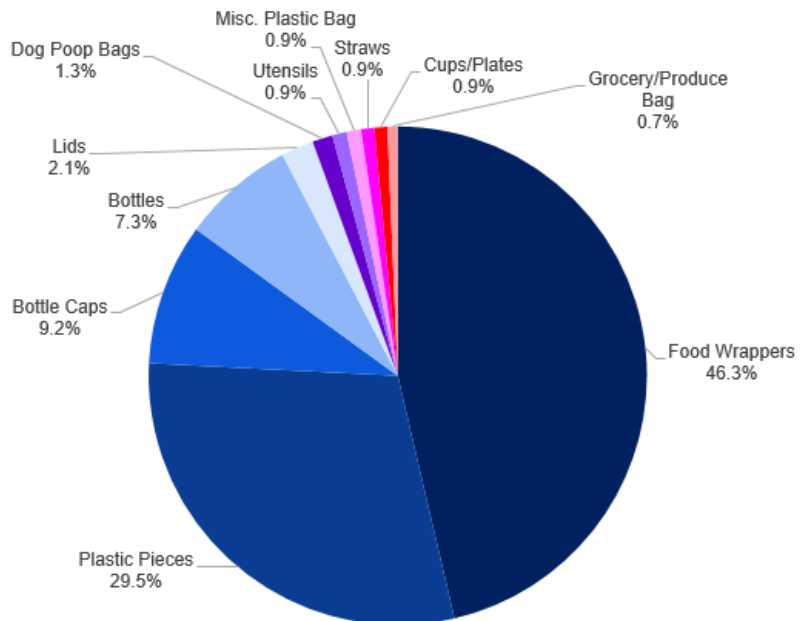
Plastic items were next, comprising 32% of all litter pieces.

The general makeup of the litter collected was similar in 2023 vs 2022, except that plastic made up a greater proportion of litter than smoking items last year.

Breakdown of All Items



Breakdown of Plastic Items



Delving deeper into the plastic items collected, we see that food-related items, including wrappers, bottles, lids and dishware, make up the majority (68%) of plastic collected. Continued emphasis on packing food in reusable containers is needed.

Unidentifiable plastic pieces were also a portion of the plastic litter collected.



Thank You to All Who Participated in the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club's 2023 Hike It! Love It! Keep It Clean! Project!

You are making a real positive difference on the Trail and in the environment.

