

Hike It! Love It! Keep It Clean!

2025 Project Results

38

Cleanups

91

Participants

49

Hours

4654

Pieces of Litter



From May to August 2025, volunteers and staff picked up litter along the Peninsula section of the Bruce Trail.

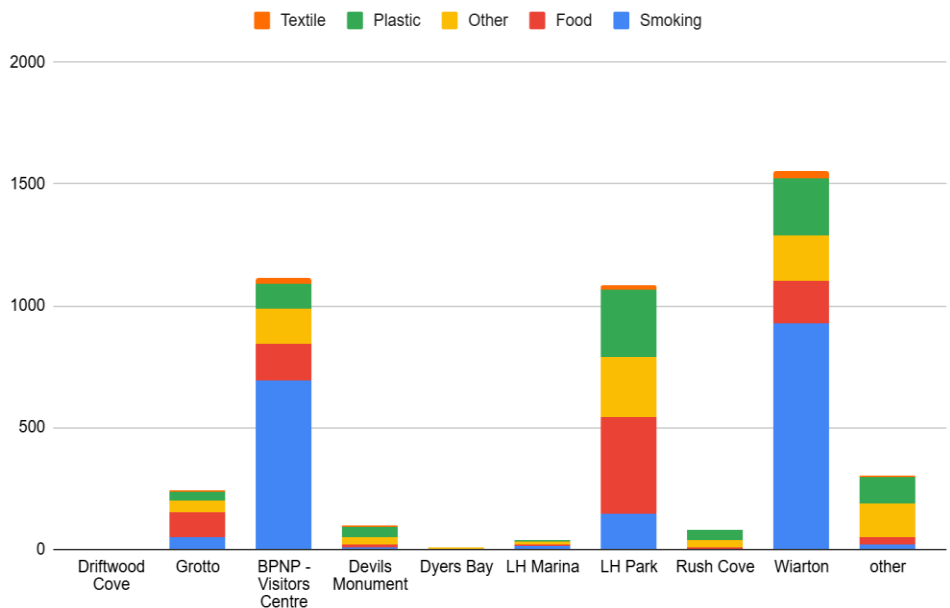
In total, they removed **4654** pieces of litter from the Trail and access points!

Summary of Litter in the Peninsula Section

Location	Total Litter Picked Up				Number of Cleanups				Average Litter Per Cleanup			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
Driftwood Cove -BPNP	11	9	-	0	2	1	-	1	6	8	-	0
Grotto -BPNP	1521	3333	1937	245	7	6	3	2	217	556	645	122
Halfway Log Dump -BPNP	180	76	-	-	3	2	-	-	60	38	-	-
Visitors Centre -BPNP	2343	2779	3711	1116	25	13	11	3	94	214	337	372
Devil's Monument	311	132	-	97	9	1	-	1	35	132	-	97
Dyers Bay	201	43	-	7	10	1	-	1	20	43	-	7
LH Marina	1524	502	-	39	12	2	-	2	127	251	-	23
LH Park	954	1313	1297	1085	12	6	8	4	80	218	162	278
Other	505	52	94	431	15	10	15	14	34	5	6	27
Rush Cove	48	17	8	79	3	1	2	2	16	17	4	39
Wiar-ton	2542	3270	3843	1555	6	3	5	2	424	1090	768	777
TOTAL	10418	11525	10890	4654	104	46	44	24	101	233	320	1726

This year the BTC Conservation Ambassadors were responsible for the Sydenham section in addition to the Peninsula section, and spent more time focused on other stewardship activities, (such as invasive removal and plantings) compared to previous years where parking lot pickups at hotspots occurred multiple times a week.

Most Frequently Found Litter Items by Hotspot



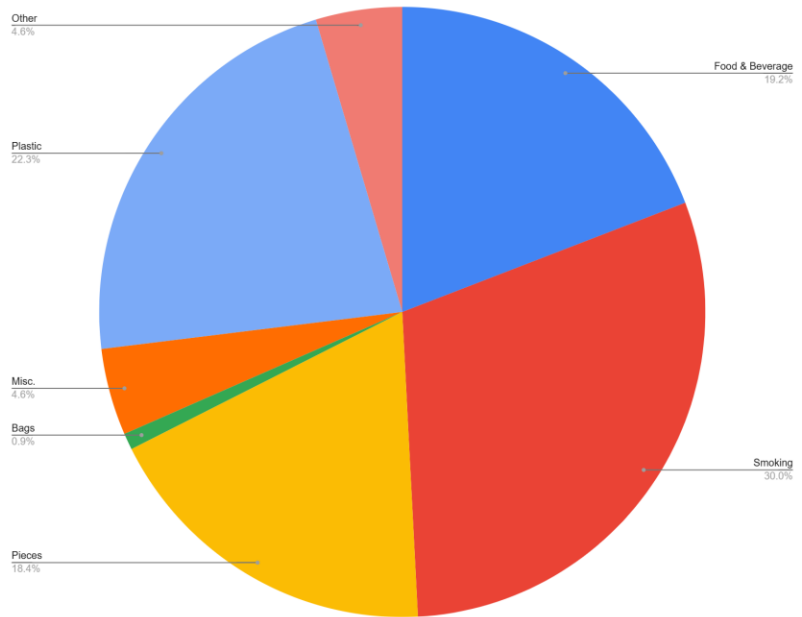
Litter Breakdown – What Did We Find?

Cigarette butts and other smoking-related items (e.g. packaging, lighters) made up the greatest proportion of litter pieces (41%), highlighting the importance of communicating the impact of cigarette butts on the environment.

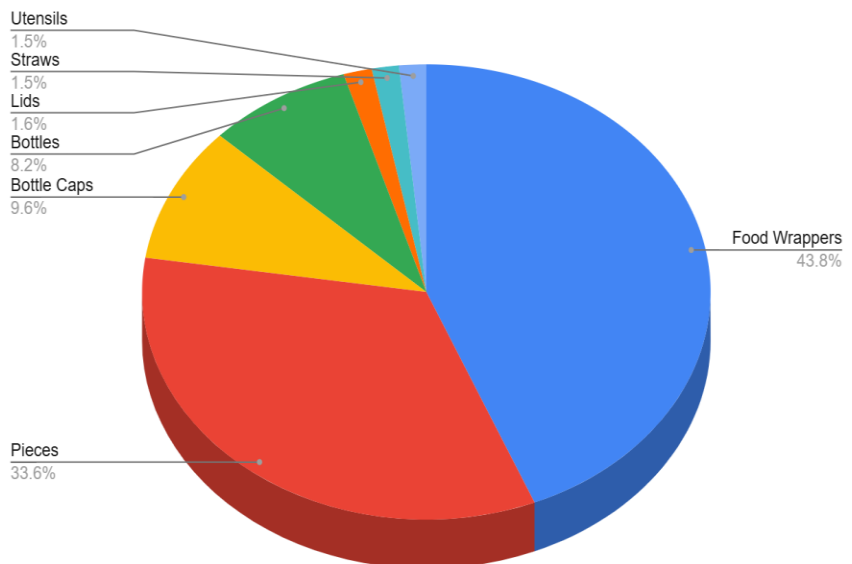
Food and Beverage items were next, comprising 27% of all litter pieces.

The general makeup of the litter collected was similar in 2024 vs 2025, except that pieces made up a greater proportion of litter than 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 of plastic collected. Continued emphasis on packing food in reusable containers is needed.

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

Summary of Litter in the Peninsula Section

Number of pieces of litter collected

Litter Type	Total	%	Avg. Weight	Total Grams
Cigarette Butts	1836	40.33%	0.2	367.2
Food Wrappers	595	13.07%	3	1785
Paper Pieces	587	12.89%	2	1174
Plastic Pieces	457	10.04%	8	3656
Food	133	2.92%	30	3990
Plastic Bottle Caps	131	2.88%	8	1048
Plastic Bottles	112	2.46%	3	336
Cans	102	2.24%	14	1428
Other (quantity)	102	2.24%	20	2040
Textiles	96	2.11%	2.5	240
Glass Pieces	66	1.45%	3.5	231
Packaging	51	1.12%	4	204
Metal Pieces	35	0.77%	2	70
Hygiene Items	31	0.68%	6	186
Metal Bottle Caps	27	0.59%	20	540
Dog Poo Bags	23	0.51%	20	460
Plastic Lids	22	0.48%	0.5	11
Plastic Straws	21	0.46%	4	84
Utensils	21	0.46%	3	63
Other Plastic Bags	20	0.44%	10	200
Plastic Cups/Plates	16	0.35%	8	128
Paper Cups/Plates	15	0.33%	11	165
Construction Items	14	0.31%	14	196
Foam Pieces	14	0.31%	15	210
Glass Bottles	12	0.26%	20	240
Plastic Grocery Bags	11	0.24%	10	110
Lighters	2	0.04%	6	12
Paper Bag	1	0.02%	15	15
Vape Cartridges	0	0.00%	5	0
Fishing Items	0	0.00%	20	0
PPE: Gloves	0	0.00%	3.5	0
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The category with the most items collected was smoking and smoking related waste. However, the bulk weight of waste collected comes from food and food related waste as the average weight of these items is much greater.



Thank You to All Who Participated in the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club's 2025 Hike It! Love It! Keep It Clean! Project!

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

