



# It's the world's longest and grandest trail!

The Trans Canada Trail is the world's longest network of trails. When completed, the Trail will stretch 22,500 kilometres from the Atlantic to the Pacific to the Arctic Oceans, linking 1000 communities and 34 million Canadians.

Today, more than 16,500 kilometres of trail are developed. Millions of Canadians and international visitors are using the Trail to hike, cycle, ski, horseback ride, canoe and snowmobile.

The Trans Canada Trail is made up of over 400 community trails each with diverse features and unique landscapes. Thousands of Canadians, community partner organizations, corporations, local businesses and all levels of government are involved in developing and maintaining these trails and creating our world-renowned national Trail.

This Year-End Review is a tribute to everyone involved in building and supporting the Trans Canada Trail.

# Thanks to the Government of Canada

Trans Canada Trail (TCT) thanks the Government of Canada, particularly Canadian Heritage, for its support of the Trail.

With the \$15-million grant awarded to the Trail in 2004, TCT has contributed to local trail construction and engineering studies in all provinces and territories. Canadian Heritage announced it will extend the Trail's five-year grant into 2010-11. TCT is grateful for the Government of Canada's on-going commitment to the Trail.

Cover photo: Fundy Trail, NB (photo: New Brunswick Tourism & Parks) Above: Traversée de Charlevoix, QC (photo: Jean-François Bergeron/Enviro foto)

# A message from the Chair and CEO



The Olympic Torch Relay was a highlight for the Trans Canada Trail this year. TCT proudly welcomed the Torch at 25 Trail pavilions from Nanaimo to Yellowknife to St. John's. At each location, Trail supporters and donors came out to celebrate a special Canadian moment.

From coast to coast to coast, the Torch inspired and united Canadians and communities, just as the Trans Canada Trail does. In this report, you will read about Trail volunteers, groups, community members, donors, supporters and Trail users who are dedicated to the Trans Canada Trail because they believe in the Trail's benefits, are proud of Canada, and are committed to creating a unique legacy for future generations. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved.

#### Year of change. Year of success.

It was a successful year for the Trans Canada Trail. Thanks to trail builders, partners and communities across the country, the Trail added 1000 kilometres of operational trail, bringing the total to 16,500 kilometres or 73.4 percent of the proposed route.

TCT announced our commitment to connect the Trail by 2017 for the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation and the Trail's 25th anniversary. The connected Trail will be a magnificent gift

from Canadians to Canadians and will contribute to the Canada-wide celebrations in 2017. Connecting the Trail by 2017 is an aggressive goal. To ensure success, TCT initiated many changes in programs and operations.

#### We:

- Established closer relations with all levels of government, resulting in the extension of our Canadian Heritage grant and renewed interest in the Trail from provincial governments.
   We are deeply grateful to the federal government for its ongoing commitment to the Trail.
- Strengthened formal ties with territorial and provincial partner organizations, focussing on new ways to provide supports needed at the local level.
- With trail partners, initiated the development of a Trail Master Plan which will serve as a blueprint for future Trail development.
- Forged new strategic alliances including a formal agreement with Parks Canada to promote trail development and trail use.
- Broadened our fundraising base, attracting new individual, major and corporate donors.



Valerie Pringle



**Deborah Apps** 

- Refreshed the Trans Canada Trail brand to increase awareness and excitement about the Trail.
- Stepped up marketing and promotion activities, including a generous partnership with the Globe and Mail and social media initiatives, to engage all Canadians in completing the Trail.

We continued to carefully steward our finances, directing maximum resources to our core business. This year we contributed a record amount, \$3.7 million, to trail construction across the country. We were successful in increasing donation revenue to \$1.2 million. We reduced general and administrative expenses by 15%, bringing administrative spending to less than 10% of revenue.

#### People power

Building the world's longest recreational trail requires the vision, inspiration and dedication of Canadians. For every metre of Trail, there are stories to tell of heroic efforts, dogged determination and bold dreams.

We must acknowledge the extraordinary work of our partner organizations which oversee trail development in each province and territory as well as the trail groups and communities that manage over 400 local trails that make up the Trans Canada Trail. The impressive trail building projects in this report are only a sample of their many achievements this year.

#### Strong leadership

Our accomplishments would not have been possible without the tireless work of our Board of Directors and our staff. We extend our sincere thanks to all members of the Board for their superior efforts on behalf of the Trail. We particularly want to acknowledge the lasting contribution of members who will be retiring from the Board in 2010: Judi Dunn, Hugh Scott, Paul LaBarge, Bill Shurniak, Edwina Stoate and Jodi White. We also want to thank our staff, both in our national office in Montreal as well as in home offices across Canada, for their hard work and dedication to the Trail.

Valerie Pringle
Chair, Board of Directors

#### Realizing the Vision

Our greatest event this year was the celebration of our founders, Dr. Pierre Camu and the late William Pratt, at a reception at Rideau Hall, hosted by the Right Hon. Michaëlle Jean, then Governor General of Canada, who made a magnificent speech. The dream of these two visionary Canadians to create a national trail linking Canadians from coast to coast has inspired thousands of Trail supporters and continues to motivate us today.

We invite everyone to join us in building the world's longest and grandest Trail and celebrating our iconic Canadian project.



#### TCT thanks trail-Ghair

#### Valerie Pringle

On behalf of the Trans Canada Trail Board, staff and volunteers, we want to thank Valerie Pringle who is retiring from the Board in 2010 after five years as Chair and eight as a Board member. Valerie is the Trail's greatest enthusiast and her contribution to TCT is simply immeasurable.



It was a red line on a map, winding across Canada that first ignited Valerie's passion for the Trail. "When I saw that first Trail ad and imagined the Trail connecting three oceans and linking Canadians, I thought it was the greatest idea ever," she says.

At the time, she was host of CTV's Canada AM and soon she was doing stories promoting the Trail. "It was iconic and celebrated everything I love – the outdoors, fitness, Canada. I was captivated by the big idea and the grand vision."

TCT moved quickly to get Valerie on the Board and within a few years she was Chair. She laughs about this, "I had never chaired anything in my life... It was a steep learning curve." Valerie certainly knew how to get things done and she had clear goals: She wanted to raise awareness of the Trail; honour Trail founders, Pierre Camu and the late William Pratt; make International Trails Day a day of celebration; and promote the "jewels" on the Trail as destination trails for Canadians and international visitors. With her leadership, TCT has made progress on every one.

Valerie has taken every opportunity to get out on the Trail, attending Trail events and openings much to the delight of volunteers and trail organizations across the country. "I have had so many great experiences," she says. "There was snowmobiling on the Iron Horse Trail with volunteer Jerry Bidulock; biking in BC's Myra Canyon with trail builder Ken Campbell; opening the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail with hundreds of school

children and Al MacPherson; announcing the magnificent Banff Legacy Trail with Environment Minister Jim Prentice and Parks Canada; cycling the Trail in St. Peters Bay, PEI. I also loved every pavilion opening, meeting donors and hearing their stories about personal connections to the Trail."

There is no doubt Valerie will stay connected with the Trail and continue to promote it passionately. "It has taken so much on the part of volunteers, donors, government, sponsors to get this Trail built to this point, but it is a legacy that will last for generations... and once it is on the ground, it is sacred," she says. Thank you, Valerie, from all your Trail friends across the county!

Photos: Valerie Pringle at Iron Horse Trailhead; with Ken Campbell at Myra Canyon reopening; with donor at Sault Ste. Marie pavilion ceremony.





Since 1992, when the Trans Canada Trail was initiated, it has galvanized the support of Canadians from every region and all walks of life. "It was such a bold undertaking to create a trail across a country as vast as Canada; I was inspired right away to get involved," said Betty Anne Graves of Calgary, AB. Betty Anne attended the founding meeting of the Trail in Banff. For almost two decades, she has been active as a Board member of Alberta TrailNet and now the Trans Canada Trail.



Betty Anne Graves sees the Trail as a special tie that binds diverse people, communities, provinces and territories to each other and to the natural world we all enjoy.

Betty Anne's passion for the Trail is shared by thousands of Canadians who are involved in provincial and territorial organizations and local trail groups or who work with municipalities, conservation authorities and provincial and national parks that are building local trails that are part of the Trans Canada Trail.



Simon Mitchell with the St. John River Society works with community stakeholders to manage a 94-km section of the Trail in

New Brunswick between Grand Bay-Westfield and Oromocto. "We are so pleased that our waterway, with its rich history, is part of the Trans Canada Trail. In order to understand what it is to be Canadian, it's to be out enjoying the natural environment. It's an open road and every corner, every bend is a new adventure and a new experience."

#### Provincial and territorial partners

Partner organizations in each province and territory are responsible for developing the Trail in their area and generating and supporting local trail-building activities. Trans Canada Trail thanks all of the provincial and territorial partners for their dedication.

Newfoundland T'Railway Council	www.trailway.ca
PEI - Island Trails	www.islandtrails.ca
Nova Scotia Trails Federation	www.novascotiatrails.com
New Brunswick Trails Council	www.sentiernbtrail.com
Conseil québecois du sentier Transcanadien	www.tctrail.ca
Trans Canada Trail Ontario	www.tctontario.ca
Manitoba Recreational Trails Association	www.mrta.mb.ca
Saskatchewan Trails Association	www.sasktrails.ca
Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association	www.sasksnowmobiling.sk.ca
Alberta TrailNet	www.albertatrailnet.com
The Trails Society of British Columbia (Trails BC)	www.trailsbc.ca
NWT Recreation and Parks Association	www.nwtrpa.org
Nunavut Department of the Environment	www.nunavutparks.ca
Yukon - Klondike Snowmobile Association	www.ksa.yk.ca

# Connecting the Trail from coast to coast to coast

TCT's goal is to connect the Trail across Canada by 2017 to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation and the 25th year of the Trail. This is an ambitious goal, given the harsh terrain, infrastructure needs and sparse population in many of the areas where there are gaps. This year's achievements show that TCT, partner organizations and trail groups are going to make it happen.

#### Trail milestones 2009-10

#### TCT:

- · Added over 1000 kilometres of operational trail.
- Registered over 400 kilometres of new routes as part of the Trail.
- Spent \$3.7 million on trail construction, more than in any other year.
- Welcomed the start of construction on key destination trails including Manitoba's Border to Beaches Trail and Alberta's Banff Legacy Trail.
- Celebrated the completion of long-standing projects including BC's Bridge of Dreams and Newfoundland's 130 bridges.
- At year end, the Trans Canada Trail totalled 16,574
   kilometres of operational trail 73% of the proposed 22,500-km route.





#### Trail Master Plan

TCT invested significant time and resources this year to the development of a Trail Master Plan that will guide the completion and management of the Trail. The plan is well underway and will be finished later this year. It will include:

- An analysis of the key issues and challenges in completing the Trail (completed)
- Guidelines and tools for trail builders (near completion)
- An inventory of existing trail sections and gaps (in progress)
- Strategies for connecting the Trail by 2017 and developing destination trails (in progress)
- Sustainability, management and socioeconomic impact of the Trail (2011).

TCT hired Cascade Environmental Resource Group, a BC-based consulting agency, to help with this plan. Cascade has worked with many organizations and governments across North America on trail development and recreation projects.

There has been extensive consultation with provincial and territorial partners and local trail builders in the development of the Master Plan. It will assist TCT and partners in completing the Trail and guide TCT's strategic planning, fundraising and marketing.

Photos L: Wascana Park, Regina TCT (photo: Tourism Saskatchewan/Douglas E. Walker); R: Junior cyclists on TCT in Quebec; trail grooming in Yukon (photo: Klondike Snowmobile Assoc.)

#### **Greenways Vision**

Since TCT's founding, the vision has always been a trail, stretching from coast to coast to coast, for the enjoyment of hikers/walkers, cyclists, horseback riders, canoeists, cross-country skiers and snowmobilers. In spring 2009, the TCT Board reaffirmed this vision, approving the *Greenways Vision and Core Principles* which states the organization's commitment to developing, as a priority, a greenway trail that promotes non-motorized uses in summer, and skiing and snowmobiling in winter.

This vision forms the foundation of the Master Plan. All plans and strategies focus on maximizing greenway trail as we move forward to 2017.

#### Collaboration

**Territorial and Provincial Advisory Council** 

The Trans Canada Trail's success is tied to strong partnerships with our dedicated trail groups, volunteers, and donors. The Territorial and Provincial Advisory Council (TPAC), which is made up of representatives from each of our provincial and territorial partners, met regularly throughout the year to discuss issues and share ideas, expertise, and solutions for completing the Trail.

#### Partnership agreements

TCT is committed to find new ways to support Trail partners. We introduced formal partnership agreements with our provincial/territorial partners to facilitate collaboration. These agreements recognize the longstanding relationships between TCT and each of the provincial/territorial organizations, formally designate the partner organizations as the official TCT representative in their respective areas, and clarify roles and responsibilities. They lay the ground-work for new and innovative ways to collaborate.





#### **British Columbia**

#### Bridge of Dreams opened



After a decade in the works, Princeton's magnificent Bridge of Dreams opened, providing an important link for cyclists and hikers on the Kettle Valley Rail (KVR) Trail. The bridge, built by StuctureCraft, the award-winning company that designed the Richmond Olympic speed-skating oval, is a jewel on the Trans Canada Trail. Trans Canada Trail contributed \$192,000.

#### Rebuilding the Kinsol Trestle

Work has begun on the restoration of BC's historic Kinsol Trestle, a vital link on Vancouver Island's Cowichan Valley Trail and an important heritage site. Built over 90 years ago, the trestle is one of the largest and most spectacular timber rail trestle structures in the world. Last used by trains in 1979 and closed for decades to foot passengers, this \$7.4 million project will complete a missing link on the Trans Canada Trail. Trans Canada Trail committed \$250,000.

#### Brilliant Bridge reopens

An important piece of BC heritage is now accessible to the public thanks to trail enthusiasts and community members in Castlegar, BC who worked for years to restore the Brilliant Suspension Bridge. Built by the local Doukhobor community in 1913, it stands as a testament to the pioneering spirit of the region's early settlers.

#### Events on the Trail

#### Trans Canada Trail Challenge:

Over 200 cyclists, runners, and walkers took part in Trails BC's 9th Annual TCT Challenge. The 50-km route from Port Moody to Fort Langley featured the scenic beauty of the Coquitlam, Pitt, and Fraser Rivers and the newly-opened Golden Ears Bridge.

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#### TCT thanks trail volunteers

#### **Judy Short & Vermilion Trail Society**

Princeton's new Bridge of Dreams reflects the dedication of BC's Vermilion Trails Society (VTS). Since 1998, this small but resourceful group has been responsible for the development and maintenance of the Princeton section of the Trans Canada Trail from Osprey Lake to Brookmere.

Judy Short, VTS past-president, is a driving force behind the group. Since moving to Princeton seven years ago with her husband Jim, she has spearheaded a long list of projects - the Bridge of Dreams, the Weyerhaeuser Roundhouse, a town history mural, and most recently a new Rotary Park.

Judy and VTS volunteers are constantly improving their stretch of the Trans Canada Trail. When they are not applying for grants and promoting new projects, they are out on the Trail clearing brush, picking up garbage, installing signs and planting trees. While Judy moved to Princeton to retire, she admits she works 4-5 hours a day, 7 days a week on the Trail. "I am always looking for ways to bring business into town and attract tourists. The Trail is so important for a small town like this."

Judy and the VTS are highly regarded in the community. "They have done so much to help Princeton, it is kind of infectious," says local contractor Dana Stevens. Recently Princeton won first prize in BC's GamesTown 2010 competition for community spirit, commitment to healthy living, and excitement about the Olympics. Part of the \$100,000 prize will go to VTS for new Trail improvements.





#### **Destination Maillardville:**

Trails BC also organized an event for Maillardville's 100th Anniversary celebration. Participants walked, cycled, and paddled traditional Voyageur canoes. The 23-km canoe route started at Fort Langley, and featured "voyageurs" in traditional costumes and a welcome from Kwikwetlem First Nations.

#### **Alberta**

#### Banff Legacy Trail

Work is well-underway on the Banff Legacy Trail, announced last spring by Canada's Environment Minister, the Hon. Jim Prentice. The first section of the 26-km paved path from Canmore to the Bow River Parkway has been built. Cyclists, hikers and in-line skaters are enjoying the trail and its spectacular Rocky Mountain views. The Banff Legacy Trail will officially become part of the Trans Canada Trail when it is finished in fall 2010.



#### Blindman River crossing

The dream of a recreational trail for hikers, cyclists and in-line skaters from Ponoka to Penhold moved one step closer to completion with the construction of the Blindman River pedestrian bridge, south of Blackfalds. The \$300,000 bridge on the Calgary & Edmonton (C & E) Trail was installed by Canadian Army reservists from the 41 Combat Engineer Regiment. Lacombe County spearheaded the project in cooperation with Red Deer County, the City of Red Deer, Blackfalds, and Lacombe. *Trans Canada Trail committed* \$68,000.

#### Missing links

Trail construction is underway in the Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park, a new provincial park along the Bow River Valley. The new walking and cycling trail will fill a missing link on the Trans Canada Trail from Cochrane to the Calgary area.

Alberta TrailNet has nearly completed a tourism recreation/business opportunity study to determine a route for the Trans Canada Trail from Goat Creek Trail (near Canmore) to Elk Pass (the BC/Alberta crossing). This is an important step in developing the Trail through the spectacular Rocky Mountains.

# TCT thanks trail

#### **Debbie Olsen & CARTS**

The dedicated volunteers of the Central Alberta Regional Trails Society (CARTS) have been busy helping local trail groups build bridges and connect communities this past year as part of an ambitious plan to link the Trans Canada Trail from Penhold to Ponoka, a distance of over 70 kilometres. The Town of Ponoka will celebrate the completion of the Battle River Bridge this fall.



Three counties and over a dozen municipalities are involved in developing the Trail in Central Alberta. For the past 11 years, CARTS has acted as a resource, providing essential guidance and support to local trail development groups on everything from grant applications to trail planning to promotion.

Debbie Olsen, President of CARTS since 2007, is a busy freelance writer, wife, and mother of four whose particular interests—travel, sport, health and agriculture—tend to lead her straight outdoors. As one who has written widely on family-oriented tourism, Debbie sees the Trail as "a special place to spend time together in a healthy way," adding that, "Activities like hiking are a wonderful way to introduce children to nature."



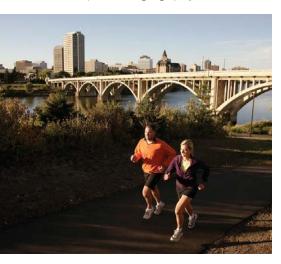
#### Saskatchewan

#### **Carlton Trail**

The Carlton Trail is near completion after 10 years in development. The 180-km rail trail, which runs from Prince to Paradise Hill, is an important connection on the Trans Canada Trail in north-western Saskatchewan. This trail is a testament to the ongoing vision of a dedicated group of volunteers and the 10 municipalities involved.

#### New signage

Trail users on the Meewasin Trail through Saskatoon now can see that they are on the Trans Canada Trail. TCT markers have been embedded in the pathways, as part of a signage project.





#### Destination trails under study

TCT is working with Saskatchewan Tourism, the Town of Outlook, Whitecap Dakota First Nations and Parkland Trans Canada Trail to develop a 200-km destination trail from Saskatoon to Danielson Provincial Park, running parallel to the Saskatchewan River. A feasibility study is being commissioned.

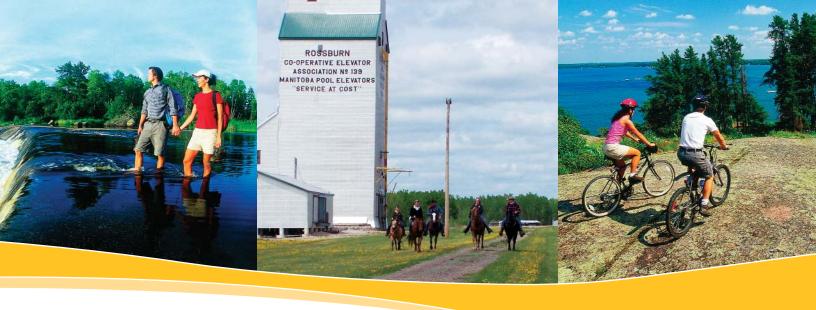
This project could serve as a model for trail building in Saskatchewan and provide a template for other destination trails, including a 50-km trail from Moose Jaw to Buffalo Pound Provincial Park and a 45-km trail from Regina to Lumsden through the Qu'Appelle Valley.

#### Manitoba

#### Green light for Border to Beaches Trail



Work is progressing on the Border to Beaches Trail, following the May 2009 announcement by then Manitoba Premier Gary Doer and Federal Treasury Board President Vic Toews of \$2.9 million funding. This magnificent 370km route, winding through the rugged terrain of the Canadian shield in eastern Manitoba to Lake Winnipeg, will be a highlight of the Trans Canada Trail. Close to half the trail has yet to be developed, some of it through difficult and marshy terrain. Manitoba Recreational Trails Association has hired an engineer and landscape architect to work on plans. Trans Canada Trail committed \$895,000.



#### River crossings

A major hurdle in completing the Border to Beaches section of the Trans Canada Trail used to be crossing the Whiteshell River near Nutimik. Now, an 86-metre cable-stayed bridge spans the river, providing hikers and cyclists a safe offroad travel corridor. The concept for the innovative \$575,000 structure in Whiteshell Provincial Park was inspired by bridges along the trails of New Zealand. The Caddy Lake Bridge on the South Whiteshell Trail was also completed this year.



Photos top I to r: Buffalo Pound Prov. Park, Nicolle Flats (photo: Tourism Saskatchewan/Paul Austring); Duck Mountain Prov. Park, SK (photo courtesy Jeannette Klein); Good Spirit Lake Trail (photo: Tourism Saskatchewan/Paul Austring); Whiteshell Prov. Park Trail (photo: Travel Manitoba); Rossburn Trail (photo: Ilse Ketelsen); Whiteshell Prov. Park Trail (photo: Travel Manitoba) I: Meewasin Valley Trail, Saskatoon (Tourism Saskatchewan/Black Box Images); canoeists under Outlook Trail Bridge (photo: Wendy McKellar); V. Pringle, D. Apps and Harold Westdal, TCT Board Member, MB.; r: Whiteshell River Bridge (photo: MRTA).

#### Rossburn Trail improvements

Substantial improvements have been made to the Rossburn Subdivision Trail, which runs from Russell to Neepawa in western Manitoba. Over 120 kilometres of a 165-km abandoned rail bed have been surfaced to improve the trail experience for cyclists, hikers and equestrians. This trail features beautiful valleys, vistas and abundant birds and wildlife. Trans Canada Trail committed \$44,500.

#### New Crow Wing Trail Resource Guide

The 191-km Crow Wing Trail is the longest section of the Trans Canada Trail in Manitoba. Connecting Emerson to Winnipeg through seven municipalities, the trail offers many special features. These are outlined in a new Crow Wing Heritage Resource Guide, developed by the Crow Wing Trail Association. The guide focuses on the history of the trail, the lifestyle of those who used it and its importance for the development of our fledgling nation.

#### Operational Trail (at March 31, 2010)

At year-end, Trans Canada Trail recorded a total of 16,574 kilometres of operational Trail

	LAND TRAIL	WATER TRAIL	TRAIL TOTAL	MAIN OBJECTIVE	TRAIL %	OTHER TRAILS
NL	903	0	903	903	100.0	0
NS	370	0	370	820	45.1	0
PEI	362	0	362	362	100.0	0
NB	296	94	390	827	47.2	0
QC	1422	27	1449	1592	91.0	66
ON	2647	245	2892	4794	60.3	11
MB	1263	0	1263	1391	90.8	0
SK	552	0	552	1432	38.4	51
AB	874	826	1700	2960	57.4	41
BC	2158	0	2158	2869	75.2	70
NU	144	0	144	144	100.0	0
NWT	628	2240	2868	2868	100.0	0
YT	1523	0	1523	1614	94.4	6
TOTAL	13,142	3432	16,574	22,583	73.4	245



#### **Ontario**



#### A great year

It was a banner year for trail planning and development in Ontario with more than 10 projects underway; \$1 million in funding committed by TCT; and 21 projects approved for federal funding through the National Trails Coalition. Much of this success can be attributed to the growing network of 25 regional trail committees which are able to position multiple small projects into a larger regional trail development and the continuing collaboration between Trans Canada Trail Ontario and the Ontario Trails Council.

Photos top I to r: Skier on Toronto Waterfront Trail; Caledon Trailway cyclist; Mariposa Public School students receive Kawartha TCT map for their Trail work; Toronto Waterfront Trail runner; Kabeyun Trail, Sleeping Giant Provincial Park (photo: Ontario Tourism); St. Thomas Aquinas students build sun shelter (all Kawartha photos courtesy Kawartha TCT Assoc.); I: Tillsonburg Mayor Stephen Molnar with Parks & Rec. staff on the Trail (photo: Dana Meise); Norfolk Sunrise Trail volunteers; Bottom r: Midland ON Rotary Trail group at ribbon-cutting ceremony

- TCT added nine new trail sections, totalling over 125 kilometres. Five of the new trails are operational: T H & B Rail Trail (City of Brantford and County of Brant); Lanark Link and Norfolk County Rail Trails (Norfolk Sunrise Trail and Waterford Heritage Trail).
- Trail groups in all parts of the province were busy with projects: Northern Ontario
   Klinghorn Rail Trail; Central Ontario
   North and South Duffins Creek Trail, Simcoe Rotary Trail and Beaver River Trail; South-western Ontario
   Caledonia Rotary Trail and Chatham Kent, Haldimand County and Norfolk County Master Plans; South-eastern Ontario
   Kingston and Pembroke Railway bridge engineering and signage plan.



#### Trail twinned with Panama trail

Trans Canada Trail Ontario, Discovery Routes Trail Organization and the Fundación TransPanamá held simultaneous events in Callander, Ontario and Panama in June 2009 to celebrate the opening of a new section of the Trans Canada Trail and the inauguration of the first

# TCT thanks trail

#### Steve Alcock & Muskoka trails

The Trans Canada Trail in Huntsville features a unique floating trail section along Lake Vernon's Hunters Bay. "Kids love the Trail," says Steve Alcock (centre front), who has worked for over a decade planning, building and promoting the Trans Canada Trail.



As a town councillor and member of the Huntsville Parks and Trails Committee, Steve was instrumental in getting the floating trail built. It was a truly innovative solution for an area where the lake and train tracks made a land trail impossible. Seven years in the making, this scenic trail is now bustling with walkers, cyclists and swimmers and is popular for town events and local races.

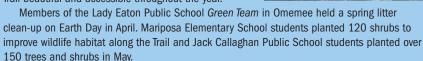
Steve is known for getting things done. Through his work with Park-to-Park Trail Association, the Muskoka Trails Council, the Ontario Trails Council, as well as the Georgian Bay Coast Trail, he has helped develop a significant network of trails. "Trails are important for local economic development and for promoting a healthy active lifestyle. We are working hard in Muskoka to get all school kids – plus their families – out on trails."



# TCT thanks trail volunteers

#### Students work on Kawartha Trans Canada Trail

Four primary schools, two high schools and one college back on Ontario's 44-km Kawartha Trans Canada Trail. Students have stepped up in a big way to help keep the Trail beautiful and accessible throughout the year.



Earlier in the year, students from IE Weldon High School built and installed a boardwalk from Jack Callaghan Public School to the Trail, providing access for people with physical disabilities. Students from the Community-Based Construction Program at St. Thomas Aquinas High in Lindsay built a sun shelter on the Trail.

phase of the Gran Sendero TransPanamá. The 45-km trail in Callander is part of a 150-km stretch of Trail from Huntsville to North Bay. The Panama trail is a new hiking trail that will run the length of the country. The Trans Canada Trail and TransPanamá organizations share a commitment to promoting sustainable tourism; showcasing the beauty of our countries; and encouraging volunteerism.

#### Amazing fundraiser

Trans Canada Trail's Hunters Bay Trail in Huntsville was the finish of Muskoka's inaugural adventure race in August 2009. Organized by the Muskoka Trails Council, the event was modeled after the hit television show, The Amazing Race. Fifty teams of two raced across Muskoka on the endurance challenge. Over \$11,500 was raised for local trail development.



#### Quebec

#### Gabrielle Roy Trail opens



A new 7.5-km Trail section in the Charlevoix region had its official opening in October. The Gabrielle Roy Trail, which links Petite-Rivière-Saint-François to Baie-Saint-Paul, features breathtaking vistas including a panoramic 360-degree view of the St. Lawrence River.

#### Trail celebrates an Olympic hero

The Trans Canada Trail opened its ninth Quebec pavilion in June 2009 in the Laurentian town of Rosemère. Canadian Olympic skier Alexandre Bilodeau led a group of youngsters from his public school on bicycles as part of the ceremony. The pavilion, located on the P'tit Train du Nord Trail, includes inscriptions recognizing people from the Laurentian area who have donated to the Trail.



In April 2010, TCT took part in a ceremony re-naming the TCT Pavilion Park, the Alexandre-Bilodeau Park. Rosemère Mayor, Madame Hélène Daneault, congratulated the local hero:



"Alexandre, on February 14th, you thrilled Rosemère and all of Canada by winning the first Olympic gold on home soil. We want to draw attention to both your gold medal and your commitment to community involvement. For these reasons, the Town of Rosemère recently agreed to immortalize this historic moment by renaming Rosemère's Trans Canada Trail Park the Alexandre Bilodeau Park. This park represents our link to the Trail which spans all of Canada and reaches, among other places, Vancouver, the site of your greatest success to date."



#### Welcome rest

Rest stops are a special feature of many Trail sections in Quebec. With tables, benches and shelter, the stops are ideal for a picnic or a break. Since 1999, over 20 rest stops have been constructed through a TCT Quebec partnership with Goodfellow, a wood products distributor, and CORCAN Industries. This year, new rest area kits were provided to two trail groups, Pégase Mauricie and Saint-Siméon municipality.

#### **New Brunswick**

#### Critical link

A new \$600,000 bridge over the Gaspereau River in Port Elgin was installed in March 2010, a crucial step towards the completion of the Trans Canada Trail in eastern New Brunswick. Next summer, NB Trails Council plans to resurface 14.2 kilometres of trail in the area in order to complete the Trans Canada Trail from Sackville to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. *Trans Canada Trail contributed* \$143,000.

#### On the horizon

NB Trails Council is working with the Fundy Biosphere (UNESCO) to connect a 200-km stretch of Trail that will include Fundy Footpath, Fundy National Park and the Dobson Trail. Trail routing and inventory assessment have begun.





#### **Nova Scotia**

#### Salt Marsh Trail rehabilitation

The Cole Harbour Salt Marsh Trail, a well-used section of the Trans Canada Trail in Dartmouth, has been repaired many times. Battered by Hurricane Juan in 2003, it is now at risk in high winds, due to rising sea levels and changing tides. Raising the trail and fortifying its sides are a priority for Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association. This year the trail group completed protection in one section as part of a multi-year project. TCT contributed \$25,000 to this project.

#### French River Bridge repairs

The east-west portion of the Trans Canada Trail in NS follows the former railway line 25 km through northern Colchester County. The well-used trail section through Tatamagouche, named the Butter Trail after the Tatamagouche Creamery beside the Trail, was closed in 2008 when the Department of Natural Resources declared the French River Bridge unsafe. The Tatamagouche Area Trails Association completed the most pressing repairs on the bridge in 2009. Further repairs are planned for 2010. The bridge is an important link on the Trail and provides wonderful views of the scenic waterfront. *TCT has contributed* \$20,000.

#### National staff visit local trails



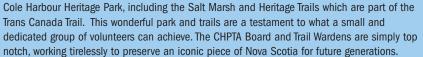
In July 2009, Nova Scotia Trails
Federation welcomed TCT's National
Director of Trail Tim Hoskin and then
Atlantic Trail Coordinator Jane Murphy.
They toured six trails and met with trail
groups and provincial government
representatives.

Photos top I to r: Cross-country skiing on the Traversée de Charlevoix (photo: Jean-François Bergeron/Enviro foto); Cycling on Parcours des Anses, QC; winter horseback riding (photo: Québec à cheval); Fundy Trail (New Brunswick Tourism & Parks); suspension bridge near St. Martin's (New Brunswick Tourism & Parks); Cameron Bridge, St Mary's Trail, NS (photo: Vanda Jackson); I: Alexandre Bilodeau and students at Rosemère Pavilion opening, QC; Port Elgin Bridge, NB (photo: Poul Jorgensen).

# TCT thanks trail

#### Holly Woodill & Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association

Since 1998, Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association has spent countless hours planning, building and maintaining the



Holly Woodill, president of CHPTA, has been active in trails since she was 15 and got involved in a lobby to protect the Shubie Park from development. "I have a passion for wetlands, green spaces, trails and parks and I want to help preserve them," she said. She has dedicated 35 years to doing just that. Holly has been a board member of Nova Scotia Trails Federation, president of Hike Nova Scotia and a long-time supporter of the Trans Canada Trail.

Holly is proud that the Salt Marsh and Heritage Trails are part of the Trans Canada Trail. "It's huge to be part of this national project and associated with such a well-known brand." TCT is proud to be associated with Holly and CHPTA.





#### PEI

#### PEI celebrates Trailblazer Donald Deacon



On August 6, 2009, Island Trails unveiled a memorial panel on PEI's Confederation Trail, dedicated to the memory and pioneering spirit of Donald Deacon (1920 – 2003). Avid hikers and cyclists, Donald and his wife Florence retired to PEI. It wasn't long before Don came out of retirement to create Island Trails, the group that built the Confederation Trail, the first section of the Trans Canada Trail to be completed across a province.

The dedication panel was installed in Charlottetown and unveiled before a large crowd including Florence and many family members who shared stories and paid tribute to an indefatigable and inspirational leader.

#### Newfoundland

#### Done!

In spring 2010, the Newfoundland T'Railway Council completed its 3-year bridge upgrading program. The 130 bridges on the 900-km Newfoundland route of the Trans Canada Trail have been decked, had safety railings installed and approaches upgraded. New bridges were built at Morris Brook, Middle Brook, North Branch and Indian Pond. Trans Canada Trail contributed \$1 million.

#### Paving program

The Town of Gander continues its T'Railway paving program. So far, two kilometres have been paved and plans are in the works to do an additional section this year. The T'Railway runs right through town and is popular with walkers and cyclists.

#### St. John's Pavilion moved

Newfoundland T'Railway relocated the Trans Canada Trail pavilion in St. John's to the grounds of the Railway Coastal Museum which occupies the 105-year-old former CN train station on Water Street. This is a fitting new home, given that the Trans Canada Trail is built on the former railway across the island.

#### Yukon

#### Trail improvements

The Trans Canada Trail is connected from the BC to NWT borders through Yukon. Klondike Snowmobile Association, our Yukon partner, continues to make improvements and conduct winter and summer maintenance on the Trail. This year, it upgraded the Trail in the Whitehorse area, with a \$40K grant from the National Trails Coalition and the Community Development Fund (Yukon).

Photos top I to r: Confederation Trail near St.
Peter's Bay, PEI (photo: Tourism PEI/John
Sylvester); biking on the T'Railway, NL (photo:
Leon Organ); Signal Hill Trail look-off point, NL
(photo: Lynn Wilson); snowshoe fun in Yukon
(Gov't. of Yukon photo/C Archbould); paddling
Great Slave Lake, NT (photo: Jamie Bastedo); Trail
skiing (Gov't. of Yukon photo/C Archbould); r:
Carcross Desert, near the White Pass Trail, Yukon
(Gov't of Yukon photo/D. Crowe)









#### **NWT**

#### Community trail developments

The Trans Canada Trail is fully connected in the NWT with a 2240-km water route and 628-km land route. The Northwest Territories Recreation and Parks Association (NWTRPA), our partner organization, continues to work with local communities along the Trail route to improve trail signage and to encourage interest in building, extending and upgrading community trails.

#### New guidebook

A new guidebook of the Trans Canada Trail in Northwest Territories will be launched soon. Written by Jamie Bastedo and published by Fitzhenry and Whiteside, the long-awaited publication will be a must-have guide for people planning to explore the Trail and for those wanting to know more about the culture and special features of this vast northern territory.

## Trail Registration 2009-10

Trans Canada Trail registered 14 new sections of trail this year. TCT looks forward to working with the local trail groups and trail managers.

NAME OF TRAIL	STATUS LEN	GTH (KM)
NB - St. John River Trail - St. Basile to Grand Falls	Non-operational trail	57
NB - St. John River Trail - Woodstock to Fredericton	Non-operational trail	113
ON - T.H. & B. Rail Trail - City of Brantford	Operational trail	7.6
ON - T.H. & B. Rail Trail - County of Brant	Operational trail	12
ON - Lanark Link	Operational trail	100
ON - Norfolk County Rail Trails - Norfolk Sunrise Trail	Operational trail	3.8
ON - Norfolk County Rail Trails - Delhi Rail Trail	Non-operational trail	16.9
ON - Norfolk County Rail Trails - Waterford Heritage Trail	Operational trail (7.7 km	) 18.9
ON - Tillsonburg Trans Canada Trail	Non-operational trail	9.8
ON - Frontenac K&P Trail	Non-operational trail	41
ON - Minnow Pond to Finlayson Lake Route	Non-operational trail	14.5
AB - Trail-Head Park	Operational trail	2.1
AB - Village of Beiseker	Operational trail	1
BC - Pitt River Greenway	Operational trail	26.7
	TOTAL	424.3



#### **Nunavut**

#### Radio network in the works

Trail development along the 120-km stretch of the Itijjagiaq Trail between the hamlet of Kimmirut and the capital city of Iqaluit continues to improve. Officials with Nunavut Parks and Special Places have conducted topographical and radio transmission surveys for the development of a hand-held radio network along the trail. There is significant demand for quick and reliable communication given the increase in visitors to the North.



#### New trail facilities

Facilities along the trail have been improved, including a comfort station at Cabin 1 towards the north end of the trail. Work is set to begin on a new overnight facility at Livingstone River which will include a 24'-diameter yurt and site furnishings. This will give trail users the option of varied overnight shelter the length of their journey along the trail.



#### Trail information

Visitors can now obtain detailed trail maps of both the Itijjagiaq Trail and the Soper Heritage River. The maps include the location of features, park facilities and other points of interest.

Photos top I to r: Chan Lake, NT (photo: Jamie Bastedo); TCT Director Bruce Simpson on Itijjagiaq Trail, NU; Trail in BC (photo: Bruce Obee); Spray Reservoir, AB (photo: Al Skucas); I: Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park, NU (photo: Bruce Simpson); r: Parks Canada CEO Alan Latourelle, Deborah Apps, The Hon. Jim Prentice and Valerie Pringle; Director Jim Bishop and Annie Chu.

# Trail Projects Approved for Funding in 2009-10

TCT approved funding for 30 trail development and engineer	ering projects
BC - Spirit of 2010 (Tourism BC)	\$259,000
BC - Trout Creek Brookmere Trail (Vermilion Trails Society)	5,550
BC - Kinsol Trestle (Cowichan Foundation)	250,000
BC - Fort Langley to Golden Ears Bridge	107,000
AB - Athabasca Landing Trails	30,000
AB - Blindman Crossing	51,040
AB - Red River Bridge Engineering Study	13,745
AB - Red River Bridge construction	48,000
SK - Moose Jaw (Moose Jaw Trans Canada Trail)	145,000
MB - Birdtail Bridge Engineering Study	48,000
ON - Tillsonburg	116,900
ON - Midland	18,279
ON - Kate Pace Way (Discovery Routes)	377,600
ON - Muskoka Trails Council	34,700
ON - Junction Creek Trail (Rainbow Routes)	11,050
ON - Junction Creek Stairs (Rainbow Routes)	4,400
ON - Uxbridge to Lindsay (Kawartha Lakes)	87,480
ON - Atikokan Trails opening	1,000
ON - Sunrise Rotary Trail	7,332
ON - Brant County	116,000
ON - City of Peterborough	79,990
ON - Waterford Heritage Trail Association Engineering Study	18,080
QC - Gabrielle Roy Trail	19,460
QC - Charlevoix Côte-de-Beaupré	45,175
NB - Fundy Trail Bridges Engineering Study	8,600
NB - Port Elgin-Gaspereau River Engineering Study	17,500
NB - Shogomoc Bridge Engineering Study	58,000
NB - Shogomoc Bridge Capital construction	42,800
NB - St. John River Inventory	24,500
NS - Regional Staff Nova Scotia Trails	20,000
NS - Salt Marsh Trail (Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association)	25,000
TOTAL	\$2,091,181



Building a trail as long as the Trans Canada Trail requires the participation and support of Canadians from every region and walk of life. Trans Canada Trail works with many groups to promote the benefits of trails, support active living, and encourage environmental stewardship. This year we proudly forged new relations with the following organizations.

#### Parks Canada



Trans Canada Trail formalized an agreement with Parks Canada to work together to further trail planning, development, management and promotion in Canada. The terms of the agreement are set out in a Memorandum of Understanding which was signed by Deborah Apps, Trail President and CEO, and Minister of the Environment, the Hon. Jim Prentice, in November 2009.

"Trans Canada Trail is honoured to partner with Parks Canada, one of Canada's most treasured and iconic natural and cultural heritage organizations," said Deborah Apps. "Both organizations are committed to preserving Canada's special outdoor and historic places as a living legacy and are inspiring Canadians and visitors to explore and discover our magnificent country."

#### International Year of Biodiversity 2010



Trans Canada Trail is partnering with Environment Canada to promote the International Year of Biodiversity. The Trans Canada Trail offers Canadians the opportunity to experience biodiversity in a wide variety of natural settings. New resources and biokits for International Year of Biodiversity provide facts about the Trail.

#### Leave No Trace

Trans Canada Trail is a partner of Leave No

leave no trace
Canada, an organization that shares TCT's commitment to
green living and the environment. Leave No Trace promotes
responsible outdoor recreation and is helping to ensure that
Canadians can enjoy wilderness and natural areas today, while
preserving them for future generations.

#### Atlantic Canada Tourism

TCT is developing a marketing partnership with Atlantic Canada provincial partners, government tourism departments, and ACOA to encourage the development and promotion of destination trails. Trails in Atlantic Canada, as in other parts of the country, have untapped potential for tourism and local economic development.

#### Canadian Heritage Canada Day Poster Challenge

TCT again partnered with Canadian Heritage for the Canada Day Poster Challenge. This year, over 10,000 young people, aged 5 to 18, submitted posters on the theme My Canada is... Annie Chu, 14, of Burnaby, BC was the national winner. Her poster will be placed on a panel near TCT's Burnaby pavilion.



# Special Trail events



#### Olympic Torch Relay from coast to coast to coast

The Trans Canada Trail welcomed the Olympic Flame at 25 pavilions as it travelled from coast to coast to coast from October 2009 to February 2010. Local Trail accomplishments were recognized and the infectious spirit of the Torch Relay was experienced at every stop. We were proud to help celebrate these special Olympic moments along Canada's national Trail.

Two TCT Board members were proud torch bearers. Chair Valerie Pringle ran with the Olympic flame in Squamish and Jodi White in Ottawa.

A legacy inscription has been placed in each host community to commemorate the passage of the Olympic Flame and to recognize the RBC Foundation, proud supporter of the Trans Canada Trail Torch Relay program.



# Trans Canada Trail founders honoured at Rideau Hall

Trans Canada Trail founders, Dr. Pierre Camu and the late William (Bill) Pratt, were honoured at a reception at Rideau Hall, hosted by Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, then Governor General of Canada.

Valerie Pringle, Trans Canada Trail chair, announced the naming of the Trail's Calgary pavilion as the William Pratt Pavilion and the Trail's Gatineau pavilion as the Dr. Pierre Camu Pavilion.

The Governor General spoke passionately about the importance of the Trail to Canada. "It is a path cutting across fields, a bridge spanning a river, a trail through the heart of a forest or skirting the foot of a mountain, a lake crossed by paddle stroke. It is a range of diverse breathtaking landscapes. And it is so much more. It is a chain of solidarity. It is a collective endeavour. It is a source of national pride."



Photos L: Canmore Pavilion, AB; Torch relay festivities in BC; equestrian escorts Shauntelle Harding & Pete Pasqaloto, Trail, BC (photo: Trish Harrison); r: Paul LaBarge, Valerie Pringle, Laureen Harper and Jim Bishop; Her Excellency the Rt. Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, Dr. Pierre Camu & Valerie Pringle (photo: MCpl Jean-Francois Néron, Rideau Hall)



# Laureen Harper leads walk on Trail

Board members and supporters were pleased to welcome Laureen Harper, wife of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, for a walk on the Trail, following TCT's AGM in Ottawa.

The group walked from Jacques Cartier Park in Gatineau, QC to the Bytown Museum, a wonderful section of the Trans Canada Trail that features views of the Parliament Buildings, the Supreme Court of Canada, the National War Museum and the Rideau Canal.

"Mrs. Harper is an avid supporter of the Trail as an initiative that links Canadians from coast to coast to coast and promotes a fit and active life style," said Valerie Pringle.

#### Chris Hauserman 1969-2009

Trans Canada Trail board and staff were saddened by Chris's sudden passing in December 2009. As a member of the Cascade Environmental team, Chris played a lead role in helping TCT develop the Trail Master Plan. His passion for life inspired everyone who met him. His memory will live on through the Trans Canada Trail. A tribute to Chris has been installed in our North Vancouver pavilion.



# Journeys on the Trail

The Trail is used by millions of Canadians and international visitors. With rural, urban and wilderness sections, it offers something for everyone to enjoy. The Trail inspires people to get active. It offers a unique way to experience Canada's natural beauty, learn about our rich history, pursue personal dreams and share special moments with friends and family.



#### Annual Trans Canada Trail hike builds family ties

Since 2002, at the age of 16, Hayley (Mash) Pongracz has spent three weeks every year with her parents Bart and Heather, younger brother Ben, and grandmother Ann Lees, hiking the Trans Canada Trail. The group has grown over the years and now includes Hayley's husband Darryl Pongracz, Ben's girlfriend Tasha Weatherston, and Ann's husband Jim Lees.

Starting in Victoria, the Mash family has now walked more than 2,200 kilometres across western Canada, finishing this August in Red Deer. They complete about 150 kilometres per year; walking 10 days and spending rest days visiting local attractions and relaxing.

Among the benefits of the annual trek, Hayley cites the close relationship with her grandmother which, "wouldn't have happened without the chance to spend hours walking and talking." Next year, the Mash clan will set out from Red Deer bound for Edmonton. Hayley will continue walking as she and Darryl start their own family. "I'm glad we'll be getting into the Prairies during my childbearing years," she said. "It's not as hilly."

#### Walk for health

The Squamish Hearts in Motion™ Club is a group of senior women that encourages participation in regular physical activity by walking. The group, led by Maureen Gilmour and Darleen Arnold, meets every Friday at 10:00 am at a location listed in the local paper. All ages over 60 are welcome but keeping up with Myra Caulfield, at 92 the eldest (and spryest) member, can be challenging.

When the group finished their regular Friday walk on February 6, Trans Canada Trail Chair Valerie Pringle and husband Andrew had just completed their Olympic Torch runs. Ms. Gilmour reported that the women were thrilled to meet the Pringles and have their photo taken on the Sea to Sky Trail, site of past and future walks.

The Hearts in Motion™ program is an initiative of the BC Heart & Stroke Foundation, with 26 active walking clubs.



# Jeannette and Donnamae in Gambo, NL (photo; Lynn Wilgon)

Cycled the Trail from coast to coast. Jeannette Klein and Donnamae Wilson of Victoria completed their journey across Canada on the Trans Canada Trail in October 2009. The cyclists were welcomed by Trans Canada Trail board members and staff in Ottawa, the final stop on their 10-province, 12-summer adventure.

#### A family adventure

In 2008, Rick Long began a lengthy journey. His goal is to hike across BC and beyond on the Trans Canada Trail. The University of Saskatchewan business professor is in no particular hurry. He plans to explore the Trail, section by section, several weeks at a time.

To date, Long has travelled from Victoria to Chute Lake, a total of 850 km. In 2008, he hiked from Victoria to Nanaimo; 2009 – West Vancouver to Hope and 2010 – Hope to Chute Lake. He has been accompanied most of the way by his 17-year-old son Michael and in different sections also by his older sons, Jeremy and Jeffrey, and wife Patricia. "As a family we have walked over 3.7 million steps," Long says proudly. "It has been a remarkable project for us all."



Long says what he and his family love most about the Trail is its diversity. "The variety is spectacular. There are busy urban pathways, quiet rural trails and remote wilderness areas. It can be so tranquil. In some sections, we have hiked all day without seeing anyone."

# Greg Loftus - Virtual Trail Traveller and Proud Trail Supporter

Greg Loftus, an avid hiker and paddler who lives in Yellowknife, NWT, has been travelling the Trans Canada Trail since February 2008. He doesn't have to carry a heavy pack, though, because Greg is on a virtual journey. He records the number of steps he takes while walking on Yellowknife's Frame Lake Trail and tracks his progress using the Walk Across Canada virtual Trail (http://maps.tctrail.ca).

"I was originally recording my steps in a logbook but I came across the virtual walk on the TCT website," said Greg, who averages 11,000 steps per day. "It's much more fun to do it that way because you can see your progress on the map. For instance, I've just reached Rossburn, MB." Greg expects to reach St. John's, NL in summer 2012.

Since 1995, Greg has generously sponsored the development of the Trans Canada Trail, with inscriptions for friends and family in Ontario, BC and the Northwest Territories. Greg is a founding member of Paddlers for Parts, a group that seeks to promote kayaking and canoeing as part of an active lifestyle while raising funds for those living with Kidney Disease. To publicize the cause, the group has had their website address inscribed in a Trans Canada Trail pavilion in every province and territory. You can visit them at www.paddlersforparts.ca.



First person to walk the entire Trail Over the past three summers, Dana Meise has walked an estimated 9.8 million steps on the Trail! He started his journey in Cape Spear, Newfoundland in May 2008 and has now reached Barrie, Ontario, a distance of more than 7,000 kilometres. He estimates he has several more years to go. Meise is a true adventurer and an inspiring Canadian.

# Thank you to our many supporters

Over 5900 individuals, families, groups, foundations and companies donated to the Trans Canada Trail this year. Their contributions helped facilitate trail building in communities across the country and promote the Trail through marketing initiatives and strategic alliances with like-minded organizations.

The result of their generosity has been more Trans Canada Trail built for Canadians and visitors from around the world to enjoy and increased awareness of Canada's natural diversity, rich history and exceptional people and places.

The names of over 3470 contributors to the Trail and the special people and organizations they have honoured through their giving were inscribed on panels in our 86 pavilions. Visit one the next time you are on the Trail and learn more about the many special Canadians who have played a part in making the Trail a reality.

Every gift to the Trail makes a difference, regardless of size. Here are just a few of the meaningful contributions that had an impact in 2009/10:

#### Globe and Mail

THE GLOBE AND MAIL\*

The Globe and Mail became the Trans Canada Trail's National Media Partner starting in 2009. Through the Globe's monthly promotion of the Trail, Canada's National Newspaper is encouraging pride in this iconic project and sparking the interest and participation of Canadians in the Trail.



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#### **RBC** Foundation

RBC's support enabled our national team to continue its collaborative work with provincial and territorial partners, including our work on a trail master planning process that will provide the blueprint for connecting the Trail by 2017. The Foundation also made TCT's Olympic Torch Relay legacy activities possible at 25 pavilions across the country, drawing communities together as they celebrated the Olympic Flame's visit to their local Trail pavilion.



#### Loblaw

Loblaw Companies Limited is supporting our work with strategic partners to increase awareness of the environmental benefits of the Trail and encourage its use as an alternative transportation choice. Their donation made it possible for TCT to participate in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Conference in February and to work collaboratively on projects with Parks Canada, International Mountain Bike Association Canada, International Year of Biodiversity and Leave No Trace.

#### KEEN



KEEN Canada's innovative program *Boots Across Canada* encouraged Canadians to get outdoors and upload photos of their boots on a trail, with each photo upload resulting in a \$5 contribution. The contributed funds were provided to our partner groups to enhance their local trail construction projects and volunteer programs.

#### Watt International



Watt International's in-kind contribution of creativity and expertise as the Trail's Strategic Branding Partner has revitalized the brand of the Trail and is enabling us to promote the Trail in new and dynamic ways that capture the essence of what the Trail means to Canadians.

## TCT thanks trail

#### **Colleen Woodward**

"I want to give back what was given to me," is Trans Canada Trail donor Colleen Woodward's response when asked why she chose to support the Trail. "I was



fortunate as a child to experience the magic of the natural world at a cottage my grandfather built near Bobcaygeon, ON. I was thrilled to learn that there was an opportunity to honour his legacy with an inscription in the Peterborough pavilion."

Since then, Colleen has explored many parts of the Trail as part of an outdoors group called the Hiking Buddies. She has discovered the Niagara River Recreational Trail, Kate Pace Way in North Bay and the Durham Region Trans Canada Trail through her adventures with the group.

For Colleen the Trans Canada Trail represents an opportunity to celebrate those who came before us. "History is a precious gift that must be preserved," she says, "and the Trail leads us to the history of the land and its people."

## TCT thanks trail

#### Dave Benson

#### A love of Canada

Dave Benson of Winnipeg speaks proudly of his parents, Royal Canadian Navy Commander and



Mrs. P.C. Benson and their family of nine children. His father's work provided the opportunity to see Canada from coast to coast to coast and he says, "It inspired me to sponsor a metre of Trans Canada Trail in every province and territory in their honour."

This year marks the completion of the first "set" of inscriptions. A donor since 1996, Dave will begin anew, making annual donations to see his parents' names in additional pavilions in each province and territory. "It's a long journey but I can't think of a better memorial," he said.

In recent years, Dave and his family have enjoyed visiting the Trail pavilions on their travels in western Canada. "Once a traveller, always a traveller," he says, adding that, "Both my father and mother instilled in all of us a love of Canada."

#### How **you** can support the Trail

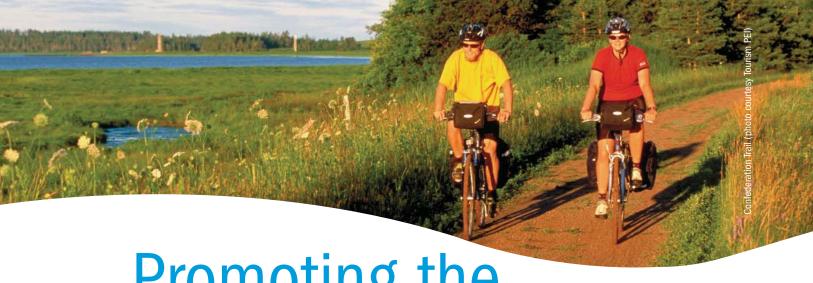
- · Become a member
- · Sponsor a symbolic metre of Trail
- · Donate to our annual appeal
- Become a Governor by giving \$1,000 a year
- · Contribute a corporate donation to a Trail project in your area
- · Make a legacy gift to the Trail as part of your will

Photos bottom r: Jeannette Klein, Donnamae & Lynn Wilson - Red Deer, AB; Yorkton, SK Torch bearers Daynen McKay & Tony Cote (photo: City of Yorkton/Peter Baran Photography); hikers with Laureen Harper,



Across Canada, there are 86 red-topped Trans Canada Trail pavilions. They recognize over 200,000 Canadian individuals, families, schools, associations, companies and foundations that support the Trail. Many people donate to the Trail in memory or in honour of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion.





# Promoting the world's longest and grandest trail

Just as the Trans Canada Trail is growing, so is its reputation. TCT is investing more resources and energy in marketing and promotion of the Trail.

Working with Watt International, an agency that specializes in brand strategies, TCT completed a rebranding process this year and launched a dynamic new look for the Trail.

Our refreshed logo, print materials and electronic communications capture the excitement of the Trail and promote the Trail's benefits for health, the environment, economic development and learning. New audio-visual materials, social media initiatives, and national advertisements are reaching new audiences and putting the Trail on the map as a recreation and tourist destination.

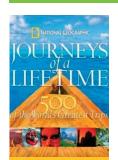
Marketing the Trail is a major component of TCT's Vision 2017. We will continue to work with partners to promote the Trail and encourage Canadians and international visitors to explore and discover our many diverse trail sections. Our goal, over time, is to win recognition as the pre-eminent long-distance trail worldwide!

#### Making news

Wallpaper Magazine cited the Trail as one of 40 fabulous reasons to live in (or visit) Canada. "The panoramas are breathtaking and the thousand or so communities connected are all welcoming weekend walkers, workday commuters, and all cross-country travelers with open arms."

Homemakers Magazine named the Trail one of Canada's Best Hiking Trails. "It's a hiker's dream...check it out for hiking suggestions in your backyard."

Lonely Planet recommended the Trail in its Top 10 Canadian Adventures. "You would need a couple of years to hike the entire Trans Canada Trail. If you walk at a decent clip of almost 30 km a day it will take almost exactly two years to finish. If you're in a hurry, grab a bike or horse for this multi-purpose trail."



National Geographic has recognized the Trans Canada Trail as one of the must-do journeys of a lifetime. Corporate Knights listed the Trail in its Ten Ways to Unite Canada. "The Trans Canada Trail is a testament to our unique landscape...and needs our support."

Time Magazine listed the Top 10 Urban Biking Trips. Montreal's Lachine Canal Trail, which forms part of the Trans Canada Trail, was #3

Ottawa Citizen included the Trail in its Ten Best Long-Distance Treks around the World. "When complete, the Trans Canada will bring new meaning to *long-distance hiking*."

#### Trans Canada Trail Board Members

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#### Trans Canada Trail Financial Information

For the year ending March 31, 2010

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS	2010	2009
REVENUES		
Federal grant	3,651,547	1,847,692
Designated donations	296,378	149,025
Donations and memberships	922,831	968,783
Investment income	5,986	26,035
Miscellaneous income	5,307	8,182
	4,882,049	2,999,717
EXPENSES		
Trail construction	3,772,330	1,824,365
Trail promotion and education	204,775	244,879
Fundraising	426,185	371,829
General and administrative	455,980	542,608
Amortization of equipment	17,350	16,423
	4,876,620	3,000,104
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENS	SES 5,429	-387
Net assets at beginning of year	482,724	450,038
Endowment fund contribution	17,742	33,073
Net assets at end of year	505,895	482,724
Railway rights-of-way donated during the year	169,336	2,428,255

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	145,691	2,211,021
Marketable securities	6,464,618	7,791,917
Accounts receivable	29,938	51,788
Prepaid expenses	21,262	32,575
Equipment	42,055	56,261
TOTAL ASSETS	6,703,564	10,143,562
LIABILITIES  Accounts payable and accrued liabilities  Deferred contributions	514,376 5,683,293	196,279 9,464,559
TOTAL LIABILITIES  NET ASSETS	6,197,669	9,660,838
Invested in equipment	42,055	56,261
Endowment fund	50,815	33,073
Unrestricted	413,025	393,390
TOTAL NET ASSETS	505,895	482,724
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	6,703,564	10,143,562

The above information has been extracted and summarized from the 2009 Audited Financial Statements. A complete set of statements audited by RSM Richter Chamberland LLP may be requested from Trans Canada Trail

# Trans Canada Trail from coast to coast to coast



The Trans Canada Trail is a vast network of trails which TCT and partners are connecting to form one continuous route across the country. Each trail section is developed, owned and managed locally. TCT thanks and applauds the tireless efforts of everyone who is involved in building trails and is part of this bold national endeayour.

#### Newfoundland and Labrador Newfoundland T'Railway

Grand Concourse Trail

Mount Pearl to Gambo

Cobb's Corridor – Gambo to Norris Arm

Exploits Valley and Beothuk Trail

Badger to Cape Ray

Wreckhouse Trail

#### Prince Edward Island The Confederation Trail – Tip to Tip

Tignish to Elmsdale Elmsdale to Portage Portage to Wellington Wellington to Kensington Kensington to Fredericton Fredericton to Milton Milton to Tracadie Cross Tracadie Cross to Morell Morell to St. Charles St. Charles to Elmira

#### The Confederation Trail North-South Branches

Emerald to Borden-Carleton Royalty Junction to Charlottetown Mount Stewart to Georgetown Cardigan Junction to Montague Harmony Junction to Souris Iona to Murray Harbour

#### **Nova Scotia**

#### **Cape Breton Island**

The Inverness Shean Trail

Mabou Rivers Trail

Chestico Trail

The Judique Flyer Trail

Ceilidh Coastal Trail

#### Mainland

Hwy 16 - Hwy 344 Auld's Cove to Guysborough Guysborough County Nature Trail

#### **Halifax County**

Musquodoboit Trailway

Blueberry Run Trail

Atlantic View Trail

Salt Marsh Trail

Shubenacadie Corridor Trail

Lake Charles Trail

#### **Pictou County**

Albion Trail

Samson Trail

Jitney Trail

**Butter Trail** 

The Shortline

#### **New Brunswick**

Port Elgin to Sackville

Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe Trail

Fundy Trail Parkway

The Fundy Footpath

Saint John Harbour Passage

Greater Saint John

Rockwood Park Trail

The Lower River Passage, St. John River (Water route)

Lincoln Trail

City of Fredericton Trail Network

Upper St. John River Valley Trail

City of Edmundston to Saint-Basile

Petit Témis Interprovincial Linear Park South

#### Québec

#### New Brunswick border to Montréal

Parc linéaire interprovincial Petit Témis

Ferry crossing from Rivière-du-Loup to Saint-Siméon

Sentier de l'Orignac

La Traversée de Charlevoix

Réseau de sentiers de la MRC de Charlevoix

Sentier des Pointes de Charlevoix

Sentier Les Florents

Sentier Gabrielle-Roy

Sentier des Caps de Charlevoix



Trans-Québec no. 3

Le Mestashibo

Le Montagnard

Le Corridor des Cheminots

Sentier Pégase

Corridor du Littoral (Québec-Lévis ferry dock

to Montmorency Falls)

Ferry crossing from Québec to Lévis

Parcours des Anses (Lévis to Chaudière Falls Park)

Parc des Chutes-de-la-Chaudière

Le Corridor du Grand Tronc

Parc régional de la MRC de Lotbinière

Parc linéaire des Bois-Francs

Les corridors verts d'Asbestos (Sentier de la Vallée)

La Cantonnière

Les Grandes Fourches

La Montagnarde (Eastern Townships)

Chemin des Diligences

L'Estriade

La Montérégiade

Fort Chambly National Historic Site of Canada

Ville de Chambly

Ville de Carignan

Tronçon Longueuil

Tronçon de la Ville de Saint-Lambert

Parc Jean-Drapeau

#### To the West Island

Lachine Canal National Historic Site of Canada

To Pointe-aux-Trembles

Axe Notre-Dame

#### To the North Shore/Laurentians

Axe Christophe-Colomb

Parc linéaire des Basses-Laurentides

Parc linéaire Le P'tit Train du Nord

(Bois-des-Filion to Mont-Laurier)



Chemin Paugan

Cilcillii Faugaii

Chemin de Farrelton

Chemin Kelly

Chemin New Common

Chemin de la Rivière

Sentiers de Wakefield

Parc de la Gatineau

#### Ontario

Ottawa River Recreational Pathway
Ottawa to Carleton Trailway

Carleton Place Trailway

Lanark Link

Cataraqui Trail

Central Frontenac Trailway

Kaladar Trail

Hastings County Trail

Campbellford Trans Canada Trail

Peterborough Trans Canada Trail

Jackson Creek Kiwanis Trail



Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Durham Region Trans Canada Trail Waterfront Trail – Toronto to Hamilton South-East to Niagara Falls

Hamilton East to Stoney Creek

Chippawa Rail Trail Caledonia Riverside Rotary Trail

Dunnville Trail

Gordon Harry Conservation Trail

Fort Erie Friendship Trail

Niagara River Recreation Trail

#### South-West to Windsor

City of Hamilton Trail – West section Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail

T.H. & B. Rail Trail

Waterford Heritage Rail Trail Norfolk Sunrise Trail

Tillsonburg Trans Canada Trail

Photos top to bottom: Granby on the Estriade Trail, QC; Torch Relay celebrations in Squamish, BC; Estriade Trail, QC (photo: Dana Meise)



#### Trans Canada Trail From Coast to Coast to Coast...

Bayham Trans Canada Trail
Elgin Trans Canada Trail
Aylmer Kinsmen Trail
Brouwers Line
CASO St. Thomas Trail
Township of Southwold Trail
Dutton/Dunwich Trans Canada Trail
West Elgin Trans Canada Trail
Chatham-Kent Trans Canada Trail
Chrysler Canada Greenway



West End Recreation Way (Windsor)

To Northern Ontario

Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail Gordon Glaves Memorial Pathway S.C. Johnson Trail

Cambridge to Paris Rail Trail

Living Levee Trail

**Grand Trunk Trail** 

Cruickston Trail

Blair Trail

Fountain Street

Homer Watson Park Trail

Schneider Creek Trail

Iron Horse Trail - Kitchener

Laurel Trail - Waterloo

Woolwich Township Trans Canada Trail

Wellesley Township Trans Canada Trail

Kissing Bridge Trailway

Guelph Trans Canada Trail

Elora to Cataract Trailway

Caledon Trailway

Thornton-Cookstown Trans Canada Trail

City of Barrie Trail

North Simcoe Rail Trail

Elmvale Heritage Park Link Trail

Tiny Trail

Penetanguishene Trails System

Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail

Tay Shore Trail

**Uhthoff Trail** 

Orillia Trans Canada Trail

Gravenhurst Trans Canada Trail

Historic Falls of Bracebridge Trail

North Muskoka Trail

Perry Township Trans Canada Trail

Park-to-Park Trail

Seguin Recreational Trail

Old Nipissing Colonization Road

Commanda to Callander Trail

Kate Pace Way

Bethel Lake Loop & Bell Park Bicycle Path

Junction Creek Waterway Park

Walden Community Pathway

Voyageur Trail - Spanish to Hiawatha Highlands St. Mary's River Boardwalk (Sault Ste. Marie)

Voyageur Trail - Hiawatha Highlands to Tier Lake

Batchawana Bay Provincial Park Trail

Pancake Bay Provincial Park Trail

 ${\bf Lake\ Superior\ Provincial\ Park\ Coastal\ Hiking\ Trail}$ 

Michipicoten Voyageur Trail - Bridget Lake to Wawa

Marathon Voyageur Trail

Casques Isles Trail

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Nature Trail

Nipigon River Recreational Trail

Kabeyun Trail

Thunder Trail

Rosslyn Road

Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park

Quetico Provincial Park Canoe Route

Beaten Path Nordic Trail

The Little Falls-Charleson Recreation Area Route

Turtle River White Otter Lake Prov. Park (Water route)
Ignace White Otter Country (IWOC Trail)

The Dryden Trail

Laura Howe Marsh Trail

Wabigoon River Trail

Blue Lake Loop Rd. to Hwy. 105 Trail

Pine Tree Pathways

Dogtooth, Stewart, Winnange and

Manomin Canoe Trail

Rushing River Provincial Park - Canoe Route 4 Lake of the Woods Trail - Kenora and Keewatin

#### Manitoba

South Whiteshell Trail

North Whiteshell Trail

Pinawa Trail

Blue Water Trail

Red River North Trail

Winnipeg Trails

Saint Norbert Heritage Trails

Crow Wing Trail / Chemin St. Paul

Altona-Gretna-Rhineland Trail

Stanley Trail

Miami-Thompson Trail

Lorne Trail

Victoria Millennium Trail

Glenboro-South Cypress Trail

Carberry-North Cypress Trail

Neepawa-Langford Trail

Rossburn Trail

Crocus Trail

#### Saskatchewan

Duck Mountain Provincial Park

Two Rivers Trail

Veregin Trans Canada Trail

Canora Trans Canada Trail

Good Spirit Lake Trail

Yorkton Trail

York Lake Isabel Priestly Nature Trail

Melville Trans Canada Walking Trail

Crooked Lake Trail

McLeod Trail

R.M. of Elcapo Trans Canada Trail

R.M. of Wolseley Trans Canada Trail

R.M. of Abernathy Trans Canada Trail

Katepwa Trans Canada Trail

Sandy Beach Trans Canada Trail

Tansi Trans Canada Trail

Fort San Walkway Trail

Pilot Butte Trail

Regina Trans Canada Trail

Saw Whet Trail

Lumsden Trans Canada Trail

Nicolle Flats Trans Canada Trail

Moose Jaw and Area Trans Canada Trail

RM of Huron Trail

Tugaske Trans Canada Trail

Douglas Provincial Park

Piping Plover Trail

Elbow View

Danielson Provincial Park

Outlook Trans Canada Trail

Meewasin Valley Trail

Battleford Trans Canada Trail

North Battleford to Prince Trail

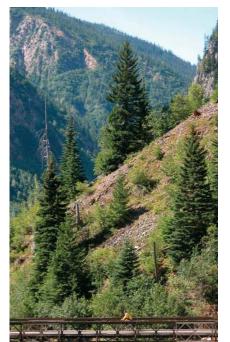
Edam to Vawn Trans Canada Trail

Southwestern Saskatchewan

Val Marie-Grasslands Trans Canada Trail Shaunavon Trans Canada Trail

Eastend Trans Canada Trail

Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park





#### **Alberta**

#### Saskatchewan border to Fort Saskatchewan, AB

Iron Horse Trail

Fort Saskatchewan Trail

#### To Southern Alberta

Strathcona County Trail

River Valley Trails (Edmonton)

Devon Urban Trail

Calmar Trail

Leduc Multi-Way

Town of Millet Trail

Kiskayo Trail (Pigeon Lake)

Wetaskiwin Trail

Diamond Willow Trail (Ponoka)

**Bluebird Trail** 

Waskasoo Park Trail (Red Deer)

**Destiny Trail** 

Nose Creek Trail (N. Calgary)

Bow River Trail (S. Calgary)

Fish Creek Provincial Park

Elbow River Trail (to Lakeview)

Kananaskis Country Trail

**Bow Valley Connector** 

Town of Canmore

Banff Legacy Trail

Town of Banff Trail

Goat Creek Trail

#### North to Athabasca from

#### Fort Saskatchewan

River Valley Trail (Town of Gibbons)

Athabasca Landing Trail

North to NWT from Athabasca - Water Route

Athabasca River Trail

#### West to BC from Athabasca - Land Route

Peace-Athabasca Trail

Slave Lake Community Trail

Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park

Hilliard's Bay Provincial Park

**Grouard Peace River Trail** 

Friendship Trail

**CANFOR Trail** 

St. John's Trail

Ike's Hill Trail

#### **British Columbia**

#### Northern BC

Alaska Highway (BC Hwy 97) Dawson Creek, BC to Watson Lake, YT

#### **Southern Route**

City of Fernie Trail

Isidore Canyon Trail

City of Cranbrook Trail

City of Kimberley Trail

Great Northern Rail Trail

Columbia and Western Trail

Kettle Valley Rail Trail (KVR)

**Brodie Trail** 

Coldwater River Trail

Coquihalla River Trail

City of Hope Trails

Silverhope Creek Trail

Chilliwack Valley Trail

Cultus Lake Trail

Rotary Vedder River Trail

Abbotsford Trail

Langley Township Trails

Pitt River Greenway

East to Ridge Meadows Trail

West to Tri-City Trail

#### Nunavut

Itijjagiaq Trail

#### Northwest Territories (Alberta border to Tuktoyaktuk)

#### Water and land routes indicated

Slave & Great Slave Rivers

Fort Smith to Fort Providence (Water route)
 DesNethé Discovery Trail

- Fort Smith to Salt River (Land route)

Hay River Trail (Land route)

Katlodeeche First Nation Recreational

Trail (Land route)

Mackenzie Highway

- Fort Providence to Yellowknife (Land route)

Yellowknife (Land route):

Frame Lake, Niven Lake & Range Lake Trails Mackenzie River Trail

- Fort Providence to Tuktoyaktuk (Water route)

Dempster Highway

- Yukon border to Inuvik (Land route)

Jimmy Adams Peace Trail

- Boot Lake to Inuvik (Land route)

#### Yukon Territory (British Columbia border to Inuvik, NT)

Watson Lake Trail

Alaska Highway

Tagish Road

White Pass Trail

Copper Haul Road South Trail



North Burnaby Trail

City of Vancouver Trail North Vancouver Trail

West Vancouver Trail

Sea-to-Sky Trail – Squamish to Whistler section Vancouver Island

Johnson Street Bridge to Selkirk Street Bridge Galloping Goose Regional Trail

Cowichan Valley Trail - Shawinigan Lake

to Duncan

Nanaimo River Trail

City of Nanaimo Trail

Whitehorse Copper Trail

Ibex Valley Trail

Dawson Overland Trail - Takhini to Braeburn

Pine Lake Trail

Klondike Highway

Mayo Trail

Ridge Road Heritage Trail

Klondike Millennium Trail

Dempster Highway

Photos I to r: Bison herd near Ft. Nelson along the Alaska Hwy., BC (photo: Bruce Obee); Creek crossing near Bridal Veil Falls, KVR Trail, BC (photo: Bruce Obee); Riding near Bow Valley Falls, Banff, AB (photo: Travel Alberta); Cowichan River footpath, Vancouver Island, BC (photo: Bruce Obee)



