BC TRAILS DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2021

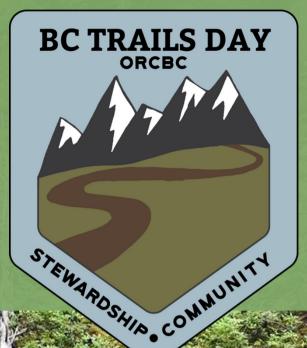


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THE INAUGURAL BC TRAILS DAY

The outdoors have proven to be an invaluable resource to British Columbians during the pandemic. To help give back to the trails and outdoor spaces that we love, the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC launched the inaugural BC Trails Day on Saturday, June 5, 2021.



\$3,015

raised in our 'Bucks for BC Trails' fundraiser

TOGETHER APART

While COVID-19 public health measures and gathering restrictions posed a challenge for all BC Trails Day organizers and supporters in 2021, they met the challenge with creative solutions and support from the ORCBC.

BC TRAILS DAY MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM

To kick start the first BC Trails Day, the ORCBC offered a limited number of small grants of up to \$500 to help outdoor groups organize BC Trails Day events in their community. The micro-grants supported 16 groups across BC.



"After we've all experienced just how much we need trails and access to quality green spaces during the last year, BC Trails Day is about giving back to our community trails and bringing attention to how essential they are."

LOUISE PEDERSEN, ORCBC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



#BCTRAILSDAY

The BC Trails Day social media campaign encouraged British Columbians to share their celebrations on social media using the #BCTrails Day hashtag. Across the province, participants connected virtually and shared their advocacy of trails with their own online communities.



SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST

With the support of our prize partners, the ORCBC launched a social media contest to inspire individuals to get out and connect with trails for BC Trails day. To enter, folks posted an photo to social media showing how they celebrated BC Trails day with the hashtag #BCTrailsDay. 3 winners took home prizes generously donated by Valhalla Pure Outfitters, Patagonia Vancouver and Fjällräven Vancouver.



COLOUR THE TRAILS PHOTOGRAPHY

"Keeping the trails clean and safe for outdoor enthusiasts takes a tremendous amount of volunteer effort, and two of the best ways people can help BC's trails is to support their local outdoor groups by joining a trail maintenance event and becoming a member." **Trevor Farrao, Executive Director Whistler Off-Road Cycling Association**

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BC TRAILS DAY IN THE NEWS

Inaugural BC Trails Day celebrates the volunteers who upkeep BC's trails system **GLOBAL NEWS** First ever BC Trails Day **CBC ON THE COAST** Island mountain biking group looking for volunteers for BC Trail Day **CTV NEWS** British Columbians set to celebrate first-ever BC Trails Day VANCOUVER IS AWESOME Celebrate BC Trails Dav **PIQUE NEWS MAGAZINE** Saturday is the inaugural BC Trails Day **RADIO NL KAMLOOPS** <u>Garbage cleared from mountain bike trails in Nanaimo on B.C. Trails</u> Dav NANAIMO NEWS BULLETIN <u>Grand Forks Community Trails Society puts up signage, fencing at dam</u> site **GRAND FORKS GAZETTE** Outdoor club cleans, repairs Chilliwack trail neglected for two winters THE CHILLIWACK PROGRESS British Columbians set to celebrate first-ever BC Trails Day COAST REPORTER Show local trails some love on June 5, BC Trails Day **REVELSTOKE REVIEW** Province launches first ever BC Trails Day CKPG TODAY Trails Day is this Saturday MERRITT HERALD First ever B.C. Trails Day on June 5 **INFONEWS** Show local trails some love on June 5, BC Trails Day SALMON ARM OBSERVER Celebrate first ever BC Trails Day Saturday ENERGETIC CITY British Columbians set to celebrate first-ever BC Trails Day ALASKA HIGHWAY NEWS Grand Forks joins in for the first BC Trails Day THE BOUNDARY SENTINEL Saturday marks the first BC Trails Day DAWSON CREEK MIRROR

"The importance of trails to First Nations, communities, private companies and the citizens of BC cannot be overstated. From mental and physical fitness to commercial business and from community improvement to cultural heritage lessons, trails are so much more than just a ribbon of single track in the dirt." **Tennessee Trent, Provincial Trails Manager Recreation Sites and Trails BC**

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