



Volunteers needed for spring clean-up events along The Great Trail in Beaverdell

Events in the West Boundary are among numerous funded spring clean-ups along national trail network

Beaverdell, Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – A local group of Trail volunteers is on the lookout for outdoor enthusiasts ready to spruce up their section of The Great Trail of Canada.

The Trails to the Boundary Society, which maintains sections of The Great Trail through the West Boundary, is organizing three spring clean-up events to prepare the Trail for another busy Trail season. However, they will need some helping hands to get the job done.

“Many hands make light work so we hope people will be keen to pitch in,” said **Ciel Sander, Trail Coordinator at the Trails to the Boundary Society**.

“The plan will be to travel together to the clean up areas. We'll combine trail work and experiencing the beautiful sights and sounds of nature with each other.”

The next spring clean-up begins this **Sunday, May 26** from **9:00 am to 5:00 pm**.

Two other clean-ups are also scheduled on **Sunday, June 9** and **Sunday, June 23** at the same times.

Tasks will include clearing rocks from the Trail's surface, filling holes and removing debris, and trail brushing with loppers and handsaws.

Participants will meet at the Beaverdell General Store and carpool to work sites between Beaverdell and west of Arlington Lakes. But the clean-up won't be a chore! All participants will be provided with lunch and snacks throughout the day.

Volunteers should bring work gloves, appropriate clothing and footwear, water, bug spray, sunscreen and hats. The spring clean-ups will go ahead in rain or shine.

The event is one of the many spring clean-ups supported by Trans Canada Trail (TCT), the non-profit organization that raises money for the further development of The Great Trail (formerly known as the Trans Canada Trail).

Under its new Spring Clean-Up Grant Program, TCT has granted funding to **171 Trail groups** who wish to spruce up their sections of The Great Trail in 2019, **disbursing \$165,000 in total to Trail groups across Canada**. Various other clean-ups will take place throughout the summer months.

“We are thrilled that so many Trail groups in British Columbia and across Canada have embraced the Spring Clean-Up Grant Program in its first year,” said **Trisha Kaplan, TCT’s Trail Development Manager, Western and Northern Canada.**

“These funds will be used to support a wide range of meaningful projects – from clearing the Trail of litter and debris to essential maintenance work after winter storms,” she added.

To get involved, contact Ciel Sander at trailstotheboundary@gmail.com or on 250-444-7547.

Media contact:

Jane O’Faherty
Publicist, Trans Canada Trail
514-603-5202
jofaherty@tctrail.ca

The Great Trail by Trans Canada Trail

Stretching for more than 24,000 kilometres and profiling Canada’s diverse landscapes and cultures, The Great Trail is the world’s longest network of recreational multi-use trails. With the valued support of our partners, donors, volunteers and all levels of government, The Great Trail links over 15,000 communities from coast to coast to coast.

Moving forward, our mission will be to continue to enhance and improve the Trail. This involves creating more adventures by developing new Trail sections, converting more roadways to greenways, making the Trail more accessible, funding emergency repairs and strengthening our relationship with Indigenous communities. We will promote and assist in the development and use of The Great Trail by garnering support and continuing to nurture valuable relationships with Trail enthusiasts and partners across the country.