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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRANS CANADA TRAIL



ABOUT TRANS CANADA TRAIL

Together with our partners, we created an epic trail of trails - a national unity project that brings together people from all walks of life. The Trans Canada Trail is the longest multiuse recreational trail in the world, spanning over 28,000 kilometres. The trail links our three oceans – the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Arctic – and connects 15,000 rural, urban and Indigenous communities. It's a thread that connects Canada's diverse landscapes, seasons, people and experiences.

Connecting
Canadians
to Nature and
to One Another



We all have a connection to the Trans Canada Trail regardless of age, passions or beliefs. It is a national legacy, a Canadian asset, and a sustainable gift that fosters unity, collaboration and connectedness.

The Trail offers countless opportunities to experience the outdoors, including hiking, cycling, paddling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, in a variety of beautiful landscapes.

In addition to the many positive mental and physical health impacts of trail usage, the Trail also provides significant economic and environmental benefits for the communities where we live, work and play.

Trans Canada Trail is a registered charity, and we are grateful to all who have helped to create our national trail. And, this is just the beginning of our story, as we plan for future improvements and growth for generations to come. Connecting

Canada

from coast to coast

Over **28,000** kilometres on

kilometres on land and water

15,000 communities connected by the Trail

80%

of Canadians live just 30 minutes away from a Trail section



Our Mission

As the longest trail network in the world, the Trans Canada Trail connects Canadians and visitors to nature and to one another, from coast to coast to coast, through accessible and inclusive outdoor activities. Through collaboration and partnerships, we build, maintain and steward Canada's national trail, a unique system of connected urban and rural trails.

Our Vision

Building on the achievement of connection, the Trans Canada Trail will continue to inspire everyone to embrace the outdoors, to discover the diversity of our land and people, to enhance their health and well-being, and to share their stories along this globally significant and iconic trail network.

Boilerplate

The Trans Canada Trail (the Trail) is the longest recreational trail in the world, spanning over 28,000 kilometres on land and water. Linking three oceans – the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic – the Trail connects 15,000 rural, urban and Indigenous communities across every province and territory. It is a ribbon that connects Canada's diverse landscapes, seasons, people and experiences, and fosters unity, collaboration and connectedness. Trans Canada Trail is a registered charity and stewards this national trail in collaboration with local Trail partners. With funding from the Government of Canada through Parks Canada, and investments from all levels of government and generous donors, Trans Canada Trail is the largest investor in trail infrastructure projects in Canada, supporting improvements, growth and enhancements for generations to come. tctrail.ca





Eleanor McMahon Pronouns: (she/her/hers)

President & CEO
Trans Canada Trail

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Eleanor McMahon has over 30 years' experience within the private, public and non-profit sectors. She spent the early years of her career working on Parliament Hill, including as press secretary to the Rt. Honourable Jean Chrétien. Later, she brought her consensus-building know-how to a variety of other roles, including Director of Public Affairs at the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Vice-President at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Vice-President at United Way Ottawa. She was elected the MPP for Burlington from 2014 to 2018, and served as Ontario's Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, as well as President of the Treasury Board.

A passionate advocate for the safety of cyclists, Eleanor founded the Share the Road Cycling Coalition in 2008. Under her governance, this grassroots organization united cycling groups across Ontario to make communities more bicycle-friendly, and pressed the Ontario government to toughen the law regarding individuals who drive while suspended. In addition, she steered the movement that resulted in the launch of #CycleON, Ontario's first bicycle policy update in 20 years. While in office, she was instrumental in two other legislative safety measures: Ontario's One Metre Safe Passing Law (2015) and legislation strengthening the Careless Driving provisions of the Highway Traffic Act, creating Canada's first Vulnerable Road User penalties in 2017. That same year, she announced a \$100 million investment in cycling infrastructure in several communities across Ontario.

Eleanor joined Trans Canada Trail in 2020.



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