

TRAIL CREW TRAINING SUMMARY



Trans Canada Trail's Trail Crew Training aims to introduce young people to trail stewardship. **Trans Canada Trail** collaborated with trail building specialists and educators to design an educational framework, offering various subjects such as trail planning, stewardship, signage and career exploration.

Intention

This guide is designed for trail instructors delivering **Trail Crew Training**, and provides a flexible curriculum tailored to each group's needs, location and hands-on project. The content is based on best practices in the trail sector and consultations with experienced trail builders and instructors.

Description

The training is designed for youth aged 15-30 but could be delivered to any age. The curriculum is offered as modules, allowing flexibility based on participants, instructors and location. Each module has learning objectives and outcomes, with flexible methodologies to meet the needs of the participants and local community.

The main learning objectives for the **Trail Crew Training** are:

- ✓ Develop a basic understanding of trails and trail stewardship
- ✓ Develop an understanding of careers in the trail sector
- ✓ Gain skills needed to find employment in the trail sector





Approach

The program is intended to be offered in a positive learning environment to provide a constructive and beneficial skill-building experience. We want youth to enjoy the experience and consider the trail sector to be a viable and inspiring career option!

Program Delivery

The **Trail Crew Training** is a program delivered at the site of a maintenance or trail building project, determined through a partnership between **Trans Canada Trail**, the instructor and the local host organization. The training is modular, with each module representing a content area, allowing for content to be taught in any order and context. Some topics may be closely connected, and some information may be presented as part of a hands-on learning project.

The program is built around five main elements:

- 1 Program Kick-off
- 2 Core Content Areas
 - A. Introduction to Trails
 - B. Basic Tools and Safety
 - C. Sustainable Trail Design and Building Basics
 - D. Trail Stewardship
 - E. Signage Essentials
 - F. Careers in the Trail Sector
 - G. One of the following:
 - i. Indigenous Perspectives on Trails (to be used only with Indigenous instructors or leaders)
 - ii. Advancing Reconciliation
- 3 Elective Content Areas
 - A. Trail Infrastructure
 - B. Interpretive Signage
 - C. Trail Navigation
 - D. Identifying Natural Features, Plants and Animals
- 4 Field Project
- 5 Closing

Certificate

If all requirements are met, eligible participants will receive a Certificate in **Trail Crew Training** from **Trans Canada Trail**, upon completion of the following:



- ✓ A minimum of 20 hours of learning
- ✓ An understanding of the core concept areas
- ✓ An understanding of the concepts in a minimum of two elective content areas
- ✓ Demonstrated hands-on field skills
- ✓ Demonstrated non-technical skills needed to safely and effectively participate in a trail crew

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