



## BULLETIN Trail & Waterway Initiative

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# Salmon Arm Bay

**About the proposed route:** A potential classic! This 40 kilometre circuit walk or ride links the communities around Salmon Arm Bay, with multiple options for shorter trips. The route links Canoe Beach with the Salmon Arm Greenway trails through Coyote Park and Raven, the foreshore nature trail, Salmon Arm walkway, Switz-malsh Cultural Centre, and the resorts and campgrounds along West Bay, Tappen, to the Sunnybrae Bluffs and foreshore.

Additional options add trail right through to Herald Park, Margaret Falls and the CSRD proposed Reinecker Creek trail on the North side of the bay; and connections to the Rubberhead Mountain Bike trails, Larch Hills and the proposed Sicamous connection on the Southwest side of the bay.

Conceived as both a walking and cycling route, the circuit presents significant potential for both lifestyle and economic benefits to local communities.

**Development Issues:** In reality, every section of this proposed route currently exists in planned form on paper. The CSRD, Adams Lake Indian Band, the Switz-malsh Cultural Society, SABNES, the Salmon Arm Greenway's Committee, Community Futures, Salmon Arm Economic Development, and the city have been working to create connecting pathways around the bay. Some exist, some are mapped and some remain still a concept on paper.

Ultimately, a concerted partnership effort backed by provincial, regional, municipal and First Nations support will make this one a reality. CP Rail also figures as a major player, as do organizations like the Salmon River Watershed Roundtable.

**Environmental Issues:** Two noted areas of environmental sensitivity will require special planning. These include the route crossing the Salmon River, and the route along the Sunnybrae foreshore. A trail study is already complete on the Salmon River route.

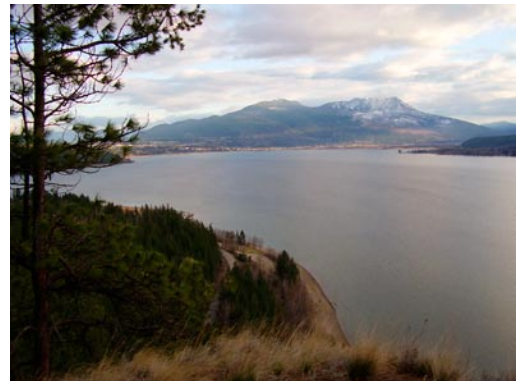
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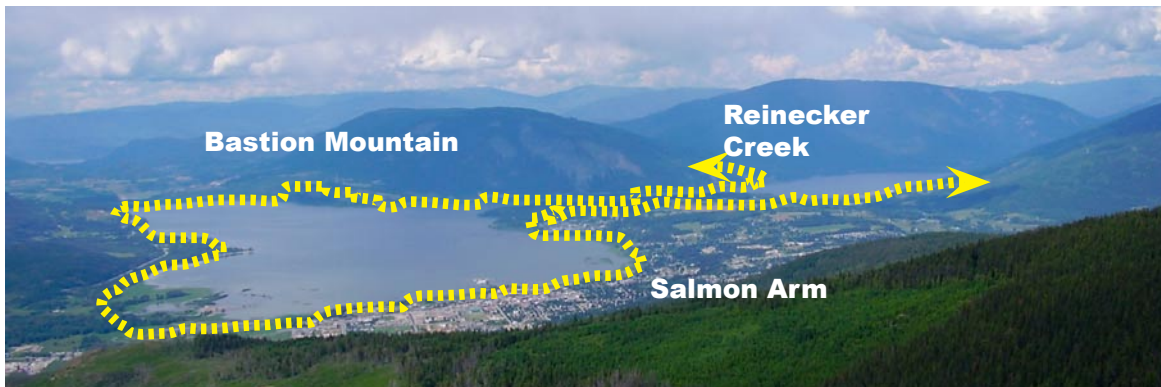
▲ East toward Bastion Mountain from Kault Hill



▲ Solitude along upper Reinecker Creek



▲ South to Mount Ida from Sunnybrae Bluffs



**Trailhead Access:** Multiple via Salmon Arm, Canoe, Sandy Point, Pierres Point, Tappen, Sunnybrae, and Herald Park.

**Route Length:** 40 kilometres

**Trip Options:** Multiple shorter day trips.

**Potential Huts:** Existing accommodations link into the circuit. Potential for hostel style accommodation in Salmon Arm.