

# Shuswap Trail Protocol

The Shuswap Trail Alliance – Updated: Oct 16, 2011

## Know the Layers

- The Environment/Ecology – Riparian, Wetlands, Watersheds, Critical Habitats, Red/Blue Lists
- Secwepemc (Shuswap) Nation – Sexqueltquin (Adams Lake), Qw7ewt (Little Shuswap), Sk'atsin (Neskonlith), Splatsin
- Provincial/Federal Government – Natural Resources, MoE, DFO, BC Parks, Rec Sites and Trails. . .
- Municipal/Regional Districts – Staff/ Councils, Parks Commissions, Greenway Liaison Committee,
- Land Tenure Holders – Forestry, Range, Mining, Trapping, Harvest, Tourism. . .
- Private Land Owners/Local Residents
- Recreational User Groups – Hiking, Mountain Biking, Equestrian, Nordic Ski, Snowshoe, ATV, Off-road Motorcycle, Snowmobile, Fish & Game, Nature Viewing, Camping, Berry Picking. . .
- Safety – RCMP, Fire Protection, Search & Rescue. . .

## “So You Want to Build a Trail” Steps

1. Get connected – find out how: call the Shuswap Trail Alliance (250-832-0102). . .
2. Do your homework – check with area trail stewards, research the “layers”, look at maps/Google Earth/GeoBC Online/Front Counter BC Online, study sustainable design standards, find out about other’s plans, talk to people. . .
3. Get permission to explore on the ground
4. Find the Lines (GPS/mapping)
5. Conduct Environmental Screening
6. Write up a draft plan (include design, build, maintenance, and budget)
7. Bring plan to the local Stewardship Advisory or Lead Steward
8. Submit for First Nation (Lakes Division/Little Shuswap), Stewardship Partners, Land Management, and key stakeholder review (see layer contacts). . .
9. Revise lines and plan (as required), and resubmit for review. . .
10. Apply for Authorization – Front Counter BC, Municipal/Regional Government, Private Owner, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Environment. . .
11. Upon authorization – Build, Monitor, Maintain, Adapt. . .

## The Shuswap Trail Stewardship Program – some of the options. . .

1. **Trail Stewardship Teams (“Friends of. . .”)** – formed as local advisory groups around specific trail systems (under the umbrella of the Shuswap Trail Alliance) to provide direction to land managers on priorities and needs for trail maintenance, planning, environmental monitoring, user interaction, and adaptive responses – including assistance with volunteer engagement
2. **Lead Trail Stewards** – individuals appointed as the main contact for a specific trail system (under the umbrella of the Shuswap Trail Alliance), assisting with annual trail inventories, inspection of environmental monitor sites, regular walking and register box checks, spring volunteer clean-up days, liaison with land managers through the regional trail stewardship coordinator, and attendance at an annual debrief, planning, and celebration conference of regional trail stewards.
3. **Trail Stewards** – local individuals who act as the eyes/ears for a specific trail system, assisting the Lead Trail Steward (see tasks above). May also include maintenance support.
4. **Adopt-a-Trail Stewards** – an individual, family, or organization who commit to periodically monitor and provide basic maintenance through the year for a specific section of trail.
5. **The Trail Stewardship “Binder”** – the go-to resource developed for each trail system held by the Lead Trail Steward or Stewardship Advisory Chair that contains the trail management and adaptive plan, schedules, maps, inspection and monitor forms, contact information, and other background information and resources.
6. **HOTLINE:** [trailreport@shuswaptrails.com](mailto:trailreport@shuswaptrails.com)

## Shuswap Trail Stewards: Resource Links

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- IMBA Canada - <http://www.imbacanada.com/>
- The American Trails Association – <http://www.americantrails.org/>
- BC Trails - <http://www.trailsbc.ca/>
- Troy Scott Parker - <http://www.natureshape.com>
- Bruce Trail - <http://brucetrail.org/>
- Rec Sites and Trails BC – <http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/about/description-of-recreation-sites-and-trails.aspx>
- BC Parks – <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/>
- BC Parks Standards – [http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/info/park\\_facility\\_operator/manuals\\_information.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/info/park_facility_operator/manuals_information.html)
- Trans Canada Trail – <http://www.bctrail.ca/>
- Provincial Trail Strategy – <http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/about/provincial-trail-strategy.aspx>
- Ministry of Environment Section 9 Working around Water – [http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/water\\_rights/licence\\_application/section9/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/water_rights/licence_application/section9/)
- Shuswap Trail Alliance & Shuswap Trails – [www.shuswaptrailalliance.com](http://www.shuswaptrailalliance.com)
- Shuswap Tourism – [www.shuswaptourism.ca](http://www.shuswaptourism.ca)
- CSRD Parks – <http://www.csr.bc.ca/siteengine/activepage.asp?pageid=329>
- Whistler Trail Standards – [http://www.mbta.ca/assets/pdfs/trail\\_standards\\_first\\_edition.pdf](http://www.mbta.ca/assets/pdfs/trail_standards_first_edition.pdf)
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## Shuswap Trail Report Hotline & Info...

- [trailreport@shuswaptrails.com](mailto:trailreport@shuswaptrails.com)
- **Phone: 250-832-0102**
- **Check out:** <http://www.shuswaptrailalliance.com/whatsnew.php>

