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An E-Update from the Trans Canada Trail

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New gems added to the Trans Canada Trail

This has been an **exciting month** for the Trans Canada Trail with the addition of **three spectacular new trail sections**.

BANFF LEGACY TRAIL: On May 19, Canada's Environment Minister, the Hon. Jim Prentice, announced the creation of the Banff Legacy Trail, a multi-use recreational trail through Banff National Park. Opening in 2010, the 26-km paved path from Canmore to the Bow River Parkway, west of Banff, will provide cyclists, hikers and in-line skaters a unique way to explore the Rocky Mountains and will attract outdoor enthusiasts from across Canada and around the world. ([More](#))



BORDER TO BEACHES TRAIL: In early May, Manitoba Premier Gary Doer and federal Treasury Board President Vic Toews announced funding for Manitoba's signature Border to Beaches Trail. This magnificent 370-km trail, winding through the rugged terrain of the Canadian Shield in eastern Manitoba to the sun and sand of Lake Winnipeg's beaches will be a highlight of the Trans Canada Trail. Watch for the official announcement on June 10. ([More](#))

SEA TO SKY TRAIL: The Trans Canada Trail recently registered the Squamish to Whistler section of BC's Sea to Sky Trail as part of the Trail. The 70-km trail section promises to be a favourite among hikers and cyclists, drawn by its mountain vistas, pristine lakes, old growth forests and dramatic rock formations. The Sea to Sky Trail is an ambitious project that will connect Metro Vancouver to Whistler in time for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. ([More](#))



We are proud that these trails

are part of the Trans Canada Trail. We **welcome and thank** all the trail organizations, funders, volunteers and supporters involved.

Celebrate Trails Day with Trans Canada Trail

Saturday June 6 is International Trails Day. You are invited to take part in one of the **many trail celebrations** on the Trans Canada Trail.

► Enjoy a cycling event on PEI's Confederation Trail; a guided walk on Cape Breton's Celidh Rail Trail; an evening hike in Sault Ste Marie; a Trail Day event at Regina's Westminster Park; a horseback ride at Bon Accord, AB; a Kootenay trail celebration in Rossland BC and more. ([See full list and details.](#))

International Trails Day is an annual celebration of trails, trail development and the healthy and active lifestyle trails encourage. Join people around the world. Enjoy the Trail!

Boots across Canada

We need **YOUR boots** on the Trail! Trans Canada Trail is partnering with [KEEN Canada](#) in an innovative fund development program that will generate up to \$75,000 for Trans Canada Trail and Ontario's Bruce Trail Conservancy. KEEN Canada will donate \$5 for every picture of a boot (or shoe or sandal or rollerblade) uploaded to its website this summer.



Support trail development and the Trans Canada Trail by getting out on a trail, with your camera. It's easy, it's healthy and it's fun! ([More](#))

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED TRAILS

Enjoy June on the Trans Canada Trail

► **Magnificent Montreal: Lachine Canal Trail**

The **11.7-km Lachine Canal Trail** connects Montreal's Old Port with the western suburb of Lachine and its untamed rapids, the reason for the canal's opening in 1825. This dynamic walking and cycling path is one of the most popular sections of the Trans Canada Trail with **over 750,000 trail users annually**.



From Old Montreal's heritage architecture and historic port to sweeping views of modern skyscrapers and the iconic Mont Royal,

to watching pleasure boats "lock through" the revitalized canal system, to shopping for farm-fresh snacks at the Atwater Market and stopping to rest in Old Lachine's beautiful Parc René-Lévesque, you can discover Montreal's industrial past on this waterfront journey filled with surprises. Bonne route! ([More](#))

► Confederation Trail showcases PEI's best

Prince Edward Island's Confederation Trail is recognized as a **top cycling destination**. Part of the Trans Canada Trail, it runs 365 km on abandoned railway corridor from one tip of the island to the other. The Trail offers a range of activities for cyclists, hikers and walkers and accommodates wheelchair users as well. It is an ideal way to enjoy the province's pastoral landscapes, rich heritage and extraordinary natural beauty.



One of the most popular parts of the Trail runs from St. Peter's to Morell. Located in eastern PEI, 45 km northeast of Charlottetown, this 12-km trail section offers classic PEI scenery from wildflower meadows to awe-inspiring coastal views. ([See Trail Cycling Guide, Island Trails](#))

Planning a holiday? Visit the Trans Canada Trail.

Kudos to our NB trail partners

► The Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick recently honoured **Brian Clark**, President of New Brunswick Trails Council, with the prestigious 2009 Pioneer Award for his dedication and commitment to tourism in NB. Clark is General Manager of the **Fundy Trail** Parkway, which is a major attraction on the Trans Canada Trail.

► The St. John River **Lower River Passage**, one of three historic water routes on the Trans Canada Trail, was also recognized for Innovation through Partnership.

► **Ross Antworth**, GM of the NB Federation of Snowmobile Clubs was awarded the Ministers Award for his dedication to developing snowmobiling as the leading winter tourism product in NB. Some of the snowmobile trails are part of the Trans Canada Trail.

Help build the Trans Canada Trail

Join thousands of Canadians who are helping to build this magnificent legacy project. When complete, the Trail will run from coast to coast to coast, linking our three oceans, our people and our diverse landscape.

Today, 70% of the Trail is built and trail builders are working on new trail projects in every province and territory.

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- Make a [monthly donation](#)
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