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Okanagan Rail Trail Construction Update

Much needed upgrades to RDNO owned sections of the Okanagan Rail Trail will be in full swing after the Labour Day weekend and required work will cause some partial and full trail closures throughout the upcoming month.

The RDNO has already started work on paving the parking area on West Kal Road, and on September 3, RDNO contractors will begin preparations to also complete erosion protection on trail sections that were damaged as a result of flooding in 2017. Unfortunately, this will mean inconveniences for our users during the next 4 weeks.

Construction will result in one-way pedestrian and biking traffic in certain sections of the trail from September 3 – September 15 (open on weekends). There will also be no access through select portions of the trail from morning until 5 p.m. from September 16 – September 27 (open on weekends). These timelines allow us to complete work without impacting Kokanee salmon runs in Kalamalka Lake, which is very important to us.

The trail will remain open and accessible on evenings by 5 p.m. and all weekends. Trail users are asked to continue accessing the trail from the Coldstream parking lot located at 16506 Kalamalka Road, or the RDNO parking lot on Bailey Road at 201-BC-97.

Residents are encouraged to visit www.rdno.ca/ORTwork for detailed maps indicating sections that will have partial and full closures before planning any trips to the trail.

Background

Past flooding events on Kalamalka Lake led to high water levels that caused serious damage and significantly eroded the Okanagan Rail Trail. The RDNO has been working to secure permits to fix this damage for the last few years, and have finally received the final approvals on August 21, 2019.

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