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## **Temporary Closure of the Okanagan Rail Trail Rescheduled**

The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) is advising trail users that due to supply issues, the closure of the Okanagan Rail Trail between Kick Willie Road and Kekuli Bay Provincial Park is now scheduled from June 1 to June 19, 2026.

The closure is required to allow important erosion-prevention works to take place at approximately 4.5 km and 5.6 km along the trail corridor. These works are being completed proactively to ensure the trail's long-term resilience and continuity.

As previously advised, due to heavy truck traffic delivering machinery and materials to the work sites, the entire section of trail between Kick Willie Road and Kekuli Bay Provincial Park must be closed during active construction hours. A detour route will be available via the Kal/Crystal Waters Trail. Trail users can visit [trails.tourismvernon.com](http://trails.tourismvernon.com) for an interactive map of the trail.

Outside of active construction hours, the trail will be reopened up to the construction site limits; however, the work areas themselves will remain impassable due to the narrow trail width and adjacent steep slopes.

We appreciate the public's understanding and patience regarding the delayed closure and recognize that it will temporarily disrupt active transportation, recreation, and business activities in the area. We thank trail users and local businesses for their cooperation while these important improvements are completed.

Please forward any questions or concerns regarding this closure to the RDNO Parks Department at [communityservices@rdno.ca](mailto:communityservices@rdno.ca)

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