

## South Canoe Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting agenda: April 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 - 7 pm

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Attendance, Dan, Jim, Adrian, Diane, Joedine, Dave Major

Regrets, Brian, Chris S, Veda, Mark

1. Parking lot redesign Update: (Adrian)
  - a. Gazebo progress – *Started, posts up*
  - b. Skills Park – *on hold, CSA staff requested more planning*
  - c. Flying Nun – *MTB Academy 2023*
  - d. Jr XC Loop – *Spring 2023*
  
2. Trail **Concept** Planning update – *Met with Sancha, Christy and Laura to discuss potential EQ trail linking Prudential and Stubby and CSA property. Survey complete. Some requests for MTB only trails. Suggestion using Signage to warn hikers and runners of the nature of the bike trails. Examples below. Could be a plate on the kiosk and a larger sign at the bottom of Lower Schizo?*

*talked about getting the word out via newspaper or other channels about trail etiquette. Perhaps including some trail etiquette notes in a more general article about south canoe trails being ready for the season. Maybe events happening there this year, some new work like the gazebo, and then some etiquette notes around spring trail damage, sharing the trails, etc, just so its a mostly positive piece.*

**OPEN TO**



**! HIKE WITH  
CAUTION: YIELD TO  
MOUNTAIN BIKES**

**CLOSED  
TO ALL  
OTHER  
USES**



VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT  
TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL  
PROSECUTION UNDER  
RCW 43.30, WAC 332-52 AND  
OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.



## TRAIL SYSTEM RULES

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT,  
PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES.

TRAIL SYSTEM OPEN TO:



Please adhere  
to allowed  
designated use  
types for each  
trail.



- Day use only
- Trails subject to seasonal closure based on trail conditions
- Use designated trails only. If a trail is not posted with DNR signs, and does not appear on DNR maps, it is not approved for public use
- Respect temporary trail and road closures
- Leave no trace. Take your trash home
- Pets must be under voice control



- Hike with caution
- Yield to mountain bicycles, unless otherwise posted

### CLOSED TO OTHER USES



- Class 1 eMTB use allowed\*
- Hunting allowed per WDFW rules/regulations/firearm restrictions, during authorized hunting seasons
- No target shooting
- No fires
- No camping.
- No commercial activity or events allowed without approval/permit. For more information, contact DNR at [dnr.wa.gov/recreation](http://dnr.wa.gov/recreation).

### WATCH FOR HAZARDS



- They may include, but are not limited to:
- Steep unguarded cliffs and boulders
  - Steep and unmaintained trails
  - Loose and unstable rocks
  - Slippery surfaces
  - Logging, agency, public, and other commercial related vehicles on narrow forest roads—be prepared to yield right-of-way

### RIDE YOUR BIKE SAFELY



- Always wear a helmet, appropriate safety gear and a bike fitted to the rider
- Be prepared and carry necessary supplies (replacement tire tube, pump, water, food, multi-tool, emergency light, map, etc.)
- Obey all signs



- Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Ride within your abilities and evaluate obstacles, technical features and potential hazards. Ride within control and be prepared to stop for unexpected situations



- Make sure your bike is maintained and in safe working order. Check air, wheels and tires, brakes, chain, axles, cables and pedals

### BE COURTEOUS ON TRAILS

- Please follow yielding and directional travel rules of each trail
- Slow down, pass safely and communicate with other users



### DISCOVER PASS

REQUIRED on all street legal vehicles, including motorcycles



### TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY OR FIRE, CALL 911

Tell the dispatcher your location, the nature of your injury and your phone number



### LEND A HAND

For volunteer opportunities, visit: [dnr.wa.gov/volunteer](http://dnr.wa.gov/volunteer)

Violators are subject to civil or criminal prosecution under WAC 312.52 and other applicable law

To report illegal activities, call toll free 1-855-883-8268 or email [forestry@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:forestry@dnr.wa.gov)

\*Class 1: A "class 1 electric bicycle," or "low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle," is a bicycle equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

### What are technical features?

They are natural, enhanced, or constructed dirt, rock, or other imported materials used to enhance or alter the biking experience, often to provide more play and more challenge.

### TYPICAL OBSTACLES ON TRAILS



3. Winter Grooming Report – *no concerns, all good feedback.*

4. South Canoe volunteer day list:

- April 15th – Trail Building Workshop (1/2 day classroom, half day trail assessment)  
Sign up form out soon.
- April 16th -Voly Day and workshop
  
- April 10,17,24 – STA Youth Trail workshop. Hosted by the STA Board and focusing on youth engagement. Will be working on the JR Xc Loop and the Flying Nun Reroute.
  
- April 30th-MTB / Salty Dog Trail Day. BBQ sponsored by the SCC/SaltyDog Enduro.
  
- June 3rd EQ. voly day South loops brushing, tread fixes as needed. Boardwalk over creek?
  
- Jackson MTB Academy- 3 days, Dates TBD. Lower Schizo and?

5. Sage Orienteering

- *“The Sage Orienteering club would like to hold a training session on the South Canoe trails this spring. A practice session would be held on Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8pm May18. A training course would be set out from May 19 to 27 for individuals and families to do on their own time. The controls (checkpoints would be flagged with a piece of orange and white flagging. All the flags will be removed once the training is finished.”*
  
- Phil Wallenstein would like to join out meeting if possible. If there are questions of concerns about this event please send them to me. Otherwise, I can send him a letter of support.
  
- Noted that there were concerns around the proposed course in the fall interacting with DH mountain bike trails. I also had concerns about the impact this style of event will have on the lower high traffic trails.
  
- This event was approved by council during the March 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

*- The SCTA mostly expressed concern that this got approved through council with out any feedback from the SCTA. One comment was that this would be like hosting an event at Larch Hills Nordic and not talking to the LHN club. Also have concerns around the off trail nature of this event and the impact it may have on the lower trails as it is a very dense trail system. The SCTA did recognise that these are good community events and the organisers put a lot of effort into hosting these.*

6. Salty Dog Race May 14th
7. Shuswap Ultra June 24-25
8. Jr Group Rides Tuesday Evenings April – June – discussing how to communicate the events. suggestion was note kiosk as well as a note in the STA Ebul.
9. STA Open House April 19<sup>th</sup>.
10. Rob Nash Gazebo Grand Opening and Group Ride/BBQ. Open invite. May 27<sup>th</sup>. Group Ride at 12, BBQ at 2pm?
11. Ida View Pile Fire – Ray Mills Note - *The landing piles located adjacent to the Ida View trail are part of harvesting operations that Canoe Forest Products (CFP) carried out in July 2020. Landing debris piles are part of the harvesting process and generally are dealt with by burning them the year following harvesting. We have had some success with grinding (South Canoe) but opportunities are limited and this area was not one of them.*

*These landing piles have persisted as, under the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, we have not had the required number of venting days in 2021 and 2022 to successfully carry out burning operations which in this case would be at least three consecutive “good venting” days. This is the case also for the landing piles over on the 110 road around Ravine and Double D trails as well. The burning window is relatively short and can start sometime after Thanksgiving and up to the end of December. We do not burn landing debris burn piles after January as snow cover makes its difficult to get a clean burn of the pile and the closer to spring snow melt the risk of a hot landing starting a wildfire increases. For anyone that has been on the trail in the last week or two you will have noticed that the area around the landing pile fire is free of snow and dry enough to carry a surface fire through the fine fuels .. grasses, twigs, needles, etc. In fact, look close enough as you walk by the pile in question and you will see where the radiant heat from the initial ignition scorched the adjacent standing timber and spread across the trail and burnt into the duff. This was at the end of November which is a good indicator of how dry the forest floor was and still is this year going into a new fire season.*

*As noted above, this fire was illegally set on fire by persons unknown at this point. This is arson and a criminal offense and has been reported to the Conservation and BC Wildfire Services. Like a lot of government services the CO’s are understaffed so other than a courtesy reply nothing is being investigated. That said, if anyone knows who did they can report via the RAPP line 1-877-952-7277 or online or feel free to shame privately. I have been checking the pile weekly and am currently making plans to extinguish the pile as soon as the snow melts to allow equipment access.*

**Next meeting?** - I know we did not talk about this. Suggest May 25<sup>th</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup>?