

The Shuswap Trail Protocol

Weaving it Green for Generations
in a spirit
of respect, cooperation,
and stewardship



1. Get **Connected**
2. Do your **homework**; Know the Layers
3. Get **permission** to explore
4. Find the **Lines** (GPS/mapping)
5. Conduct **Environmental Screening**
6. Write up a **draft plan**
7. Bring plan to the **local Stewardship Advisory** or Lead Trail Steward
8. **Submit for review** – First Nation, Govt, Stewardship, Stakeholders
9. **Revise** lines and plan (as required), and **resubmit** for review
10. **Apply** for Authorization
11. Upon **authorization** –
Build, Monitor, Maintain, Adapt



1. **Get Connected**
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 /Front Counter BC Online,
- study sustainable design standards, find out about other’s plans,
- talk to people. . .



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. . .



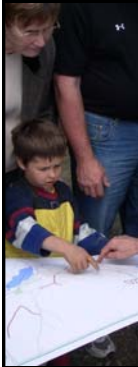
Know the Layers continued. . .

- 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. . .



3. Get permission to explore on the ground

- Based on your homework – who has responsibility?
- Secwepemc Territory/Crown Land – Rec Sites
- Trails BC, BC Parks, Regional/Municipal Districts
- Private Property Owners



4. Find the Lines (GPS/mapping)



5. Conduct Environmental Screening

- Shuswap screening template



6. Write up a **draft plan**

(include design, build out specs, maintenance plan, and budget)



7. Bring plan to the **local Stewardship Advisory** or Lead Trail Steward



8. **Submit for review**

- First Nations (Lakes Division/Little Shuswap),
- Stewardship Partners,
- Land Management (local govt, Province, Crown)
- and other key stakeholders (see the layers) . . .



9. **Revise** lines and plan (as required),
and resubmit for review. . .



10. **Apply for Authorization**

- Front Counter BC – Rec Sites & Trails, Section 57/56, Private Tenure. . .
- Municipal/Regional Government,
- Private Owner,
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans,
- Ministry of Environment (BC Parks)...



11. Upon authorization –
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Case **Examples:**
Larch Hills Trail System
South Canoe Trail System
www.shuswaptrails.com

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Thank You!