



Sunshine Coast Regional District Adopt-A-Trail Program

Introduction

The SCRDR is responsible for the maintenance and care of a variety of trails on the Sunshine Coast, including short strolls within communities, steep hiking trails to scenic viewpoints, and long distance multiuse trails. To help ensure that the trails continue to be well-kept and safe, the SCRDR is launching a program called Adopt-A-Trail. Through the Adopt-A-Trail Program, volunteers will be asked to adopt a section or an entire trail and to perform selected duties for a period of time. Any individual, business, community or service organization, youth group, school, class, family or group of individuals can volunteer for the SCRDR Adopt-A-Trail Program. If you are interested please fill out an application form.

Tasks

- Visit the trail either once every two weeks or once a month (depending on the trail) from April to October and once every other month from November to March.
- Visit the trail after major wind and storm events.
- Remove litter and garbage from trail.
- Remove fallen branches from trail.
- Report All Hazards – erosion, missing or damaged signs, dangerous/fallen trees, damage to bridges and benches.
- Report vandalism, unusual or suspicious events on the trail.
- Fill in the activity log after each visit and forward it to the SCRDR Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator.
- Engage trail visitors
- Assist in removal of invasive plants.

Orientation

An orientation will be held for all adopt a trail volunteers. This short field session will go over the tasks and expectations, and be an opportunity to have questions answered.

Term

Minimum commitment is one year.

Equipment

Volunteers are expected to use their own equipment.

Safety Standards

- Safety First

- Any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- Work in pairs or teams
- Have access to a phone. Carry a cell phone and know where you are along the trail and different access points that are available in case of emergency.
- Wear Gloves. Never reach blindly to pick up an item. If unsure, use a stick to identify the item before picking it up.
- Motorized vehicles are not permitted on the trails (ATVs permitted on select trails)
- Power tools such as chainsaws are not permitted to be used by volunteers
- Stay off trail during storms and adverse weather conditions.
- Wear gloves, suitable footwear and appropriate clothing for the weather.
- Fill out first aid form if injury occurs and contact Parks Planning Coordinator

General Standard and Procedures

- Complete activity log during or after each visit
- Do not spend your own money anticipating reimbursement from SCR D without receiving written approval from the SCR D.

Liability

All volunteers must be registered and the activity log must be up to date and accurate. Program volunteers will be added to the Regional District's volunteer insurance program.

Which Trail Can I Adopt?

The following is a listing of some of the trails available for adoption this year. If there is a trail you are interested in adopting, which is not on this list, please inquire:

Area A:

Pender Hill
Baker Beach
Suncoaster Trail

Area B:

Lohn Trail
Brooks Road Connector and Homesite Creek Trails
Crowston Lake loop

Area D:

Doris Hunter Trail
Blackburn/Robinson/Woodley Trails

Area F:

Soames