

Trails Committee – August 2015 Update

The Trails Committee is pleased to note there has been good use of the Cross Island Trail (CIT) this spring and summer by cyclists, walkers, runners and equestrians. The stretch from the Graffiti Fence to Swan Road seems to be the busiest. The lower section of the Cross Island Trail is a good link from the “downtown Denman” core to the Bistros and Craft Shop.

Members of the Trails Committee continue to monitor the CIT on a regular basis by picking up any litter and cutting back encroaching vegetation. A Trails Committee work party is planned for a September work party to address any issues on the lower section of the trail between Lacon Road and “downtown”.

The Trails Committee thanks the CVRD for available funding to purchase some additional tools for trail maintenance such as loppers, rakes and pruning saws.

Users of the CIT are reminded to be cautious about crossing driveways on Denman Road; a near accident was prevented recently by an alert driver of a vehicle exiting their driveway. Signage alerting trail users to potential driveway traffic have been requested from the CVRD by the Trails Committee which we hope will be installed in the near future.

In the meantime the Trails Committee is continuing to support the CVRD to seek additional funding to complete the Cross Island Trail from Denman West to Gravelly Bay.

New members are always welcome to join the Trails Committee. Trails members are covered by insurance while working on the trails and safety training and documentation is a big part of what we do. A work party is generally scheduled for a few hours one morning a month and members can also take part in group hikes on and off-island. For more information about the Trails Committee please contact Allan Danks, Chair at 250-335-1838 or acdanks@telus.net.