

Friends of Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park

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New Trail Network Proposal for the Park

A KNAAC Workgroup has developed a Trail Network Proposal for our Park.

We mentioned in a previous Newsletter that the Kamloops Natural Areas Advisory Committee formed a Workgroup to investigate the current trails used in the Park and develop a Trail Network Proposal for future trail development.

The Committee Workgroup members are: Milt Stanley, representing the Dallas Community Association and Friends of Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park; Gary Major, Barnhartvale Nature Community Association; and Yvonne Prokopetz, representing the Barnhartvale Horse & Hiker Trail Preservation Society.

This Workgroup has been exploring the whole Park, locating boundary markers, mapping traditional trails with GPS, examining issues

regarding accessibility and safety for hikers, bikers and equestrian users.

The entire Western section of the Park is currently under-utilized due to accessibility problems. Access to this area is complicated by the natural terrain. The bulk of the Park forms a rectangle running East-West, while the benchland is cut through by many gullies that run North-South, creating challenges for trail route planners. Also the location of the Landfill and Gravel Extraction properties create their own challenges. It is currently impossible to access the Park trails without trespassing on these properties.

The Workgroup tried their best to integrate new trail access into existing trails in the Park. They were also careful to provide interesting viewpoints and trail loops, recognizing that most hikers prefer to return to their starting point on a different trail, rather than doubling back.

The workgroup submitted a number of other objectives for Park development in the coming year. You can find details

on the **Trails Network Proposal** and **Park Improvements** on our website.

We invite you to visit the site, and send us your feedback in the Discussions section on these two topics.

Our Website has had a Makeover!

Check it out!

We were getting a little bored with the old one, and we needed to update parts of it for the new information indicated in this Newsletter.

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