

Legend for “Unofficial Trails Map”

Note: None of these trails are marked or maintained in any way. There may be deadfalls in some places, but most have been cleared. Use at your own risk. Although there are no fences, please respect privately owned land.

1. This trail follows an existing road, perhaps an early logging road, continuing well past the Park boundary into private land. If you keep to the left you will find a survey medallion in the ground right at the point where the northern “loopback” trail begins. This medallion marks the Western boundary of the Park. An iron pin marking the Northwest corner of the Park is down the steep bank to the North of the medallion. The “loopback” section takes you out to a magnificent view of the South Thompson River.
2. A proposed trail taking the hiker to the South rim overlooking Barnhartvale Road. The southern-most point gives a good view down to a couple of hoodoo features some locals call the “chimney-pots.”
3. An existing road that connects trail 1 with trail 5.
4. A proposed trail off trail 1, following the edge of level benchland out to another fine view of the South Thompson Valley.
5. This trail is actually the continuation of Eliza Road, and may well have been the original wagon road into Barnhartvale, before the current Barnhartvale Road was built. The Western boundary is blocked by an earth berm. The current Eliza Road terminates at the Dump.
6. A proposed trail following beside the Gravel Pit road until, near the top, heads North following a ravine to meet Trail 5. This is the best opportunity for access into the whole Western section of the Park. It requires an easement agreement with the City Department that holds the Crown Lease on the West-most gravel pit. Negotiations are underway. Note that the road into the Gravel Pit actually passes through Park land at its entrance! There is plenty of room at the bottom for a future parking lot for hikers.
7. This interesting trail starts at Dallas Drive. Its entrance is a public laneway between 6147 and 6153 on Dallas. Proceed back to the junction of the two gulleys and take the right one, following the bottom-most deer track to the right of the vegetation, beneath the silt bluff. This well-defined deer track peters out near the top, where the deer head straight up-slope to the bench. With a little work, this trail could connect nicely with trail 5. If you decide to check it out, park at the existing parking lot at Mountview Drive, and walk back to the laneway.
8. This trail branches off the Hoodoo trail and proceeds up into a ravine below the Dump. It gets very steep at the top, and then disappears near the Dump fence. Note the Dump fence is electrified on days it is not open, so watch your pets! With a bit of work, this trail could connect nicely with trail 5. (Currently, some bush-backing is required to find the Eastern starting point of trail 5.)
9. Another possible entrance from Barnhartvale, requiring negotiation for an easement through Crown land, currently held by two different owners of gravel pit leases. This trail follows an access road to the top, where it switch-backs down the North side of the slope to another road heading away from the Dump. You can continue West along this road to eventually connect with trail 5, but the gravel pit may be active and this road blocked.
10. This short, steep trail starts at Dallas Drive near the turn-around and proceeds straight up the slope to the top. Some call it “Stairway to Heaven.” We call it the “Gut-buster.”