



Mock Orange-Harvard Road Right of Way (Salamander Trail)



Myra-Bellevue Mother Nature at Her Best!



Wildflowers blooming by Fairlane Trail



Arrowleaf Balsamroot Beside Fairlane Trail



Columbine and Tiger Lilies growing by Swamp Thing



Cow Parsnip Scarlett's Loop

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Announces A Grant for Priest Creek Trail Project

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation recently donated \$6,000 to FOSS. This grant is for signs in the City of Kelowna's Priest Creek Park and for replanting native vegetation to rehabilitate areas beside Priest Creek Trail. When completed, this trail will provide a linear pathway



Friends of the Environment Foundation

connecting Baldock Road to Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park. Priest Creek Trail is expected to be open to the public in 2008.

F.O.S.S. Directors Start a Phone Committee

There are two occasions when F.O.S.S. members may be contacted by phone:

- 1) When information is circulated electronically, the Board will determine whether our members without e-mail should be contacted by phone
- 2) Occasionally, for time sensitive information or when items are considered important- ALL members will be contacted by phone.

Six to eight volunteers are needed for a 'telephone tree'. If you are unable to volunteer for work parties but you still want to assist F.O.S.S. here is a way you can help!

Become part of the telephone committee by phoning Teresa Brinton at 861-4077.



ADOPT-A-TRAIL UPDATE

Here is a list of trails in Myra-Bellevue that have been 'adopted' Salamander, Natasha, Windfall, Grassy, Lower Bench, Pink Hwy, Ridgeview, Fairlane (Luxmoore to Priest Creek and Lost Lk Trail to Salamander), Lower Vapour, Galloping, Okanagan Highlands, Connector (Pink Hwy to Upper Bench), Middle Bench, Heckle & Jeckle, and Piper's. There are lots more trails available for adoption. F.O.S.S. is interested in encouraging school groups to adopt trails. This could be whole schools, school clubs or teams etc. Please contact Anne Mackay at 764-6396.

Several Adopt-A-Trail volunteers have reported back to F.O.S.S. and BC Parks on the work they have done and the condition of their trail and their volunteer hours have been recorded. If you see an authorized volunteer working on a trail— please acknowledge their contribution to maintaining the trails.

Improvements Made to Ridgeview Trail

In May 2007, students from the Rutland Secondary School Forest Resource Program brushed and cleared Ridgeview Trail in Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park. Over 100 hours of volunteer work was completed during the two day project. F.O.S.S. Director Anne Mackay managed the project.

2007 BC Parks—Update

Staffing—Tricia Klein is the Park Ranger for Myra-Bellevue and Okanagan Mountain Provincial Parks. If you attended a 'Bear Aware' program in 2006, you might remember Tricia as one of the presenters. In 2005, she worked with the BC Conservation Corps.

Windfalls Being Cleared from Trails in MB -

Seven F.O.S.S. members were recently certified in St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid. F.O.S.S. President Dan Hobson and BC Parks Area Manager Mike Ladd are scheduling volunteers to work with Mike's staff. Chain saws will be operated by BC Parks staff and our volunteers will provide the first aid resources. Many trails have already been cleared of trees that fell during the past winter and spring.

Security Gate—Stewart Road East Trailhead

BC Parks installed a gate at the entrance to the parking lot. It is closed from dusk until dawn.

Fencing—the installation of fencing between MBPP and the Arthon gravel pit (private property) is completed to just south of Upper Bench Trail. For the most recent project, BC Parks purchased the fencing materials and F.O.S.S. paid for the installation.



Priest Creek Linear Park Trail Update:

The City of Kelowna's Parks Department is well underway in the development of a trail in Priest Creek Park. In mid June the creek was surveyed and sites were identified for the three bridges. Construction is expected to commence in September. The Priest Creek Trail project is a partnership between F.O.S.S. and the City of Kelowna Parks Department.

In April F.O.S.S. volunteers under the direction of Terry Barton (City of Kelowna Park Planner) spent a morning brushing out a section of the trail south of Balldock Rd.

On July 7th a second work party constructed approximately 200 m of trail at the south end of Priest Creek Park. Sixteen volunteers contributed a total of 59 hours of labour. Seven were members of Back Country Horsemen of BC. Terry Barton managed the project and demonstrated trail building techniques to the volunteers. As part of the project, a city sponsored crew cleaned up an illegal paint ball site in the park and cleared windfalls and hazard trees along the path.



Work party in April

F.O.S.S. RECEIVES HOME DEPOT EVERGREEN REBUILDING NATURE GRANT
The Friends of the South Slopes Society received an \$8,000 grant and a \$2,000 gift card from Home Depot Canada-Evergreen Common Grounds Rebuilding Nature. Funds will be spent on bridge construction in Priest Creek Park. Home Depot staff will be volunteering to work on the construction of the trail.

Thanks Home Depot!



Work party July 7, 2007



Volunteers Debbie Recsky (L) and Cathy Richards (R) at F.O.S.S. BBQ at Venture Gear June 16, 2007



Looking Back -

June 1989— Cycling the Myra Canyon Trestles (prior to restoration by the Myra Canyon Trestle Restoration Society)

Angel Springs Interpretive Trail Update:

In the spring of 2003, the Interior Savings Credit Union donated \$5,000 to F.O.S.S. to develop interpretive signs for the Angel Springs Trail in Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park. After the 2003 Okanagan Mountain forest fire, the Angel Springs project was put on hold while F.O.S.S. focused on fire recovery projects. In the fall of 2006 the Angel Springs Interpretive Trail Committee began meeting regularly to design signs for the first interpretive trail in Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park.

The committee is finalizing the text and design for 11 signs which will be placed along the 3.2 km Angel Springs trail. Many thanks go to all the people who contributed to this project by providing information and photos.

Special thanks to Dr. John Greenough/Earth & Environmental Studies, University of British Columbia Okanagan. Dr. Greenough wrote the text for the "Okanagan Gneiss" and the "Tufa" signs.



Okanagan Gneiss
Galloping Trail, MBPP

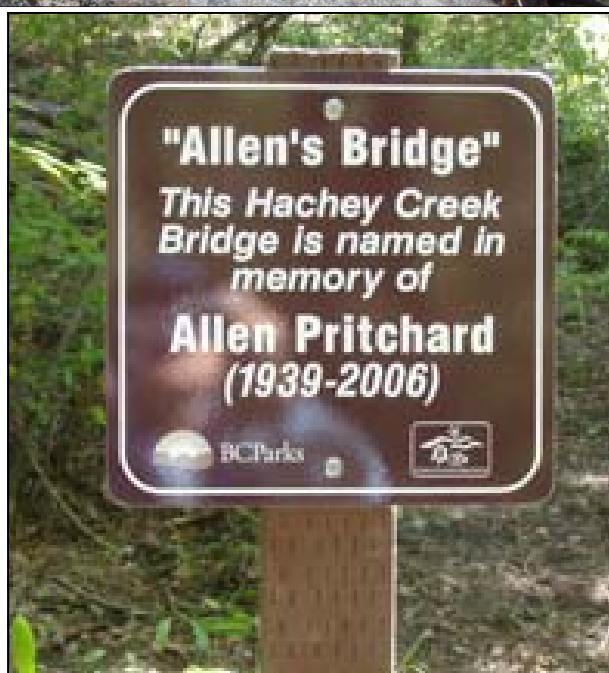
Angel Springs Project-Committee Members:

Isabel Pritchard & Penny Gubbels (F.O.S.S. Directors)
Grant Rice, F.O.S.S. member/past president & treasurer
Don Guild, F.O.S.S. member & President of the Central
Okanagan Naturalists Club
Jennifer French, F.O.S.S. member and President of
Science Opportunities for Kids

Okanagan Highlands Trail

During the summer F.O.S.S. volunteers will be marking the trail from Big Meadow Lake to Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park. This section of the Okanagan Highlands Trail traverses Crown Land before entering the park.

In June the "Allen's Bridge" sign was erected on Fairlane Trail at Hachey Creek.



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