



Second Printing of Myra-Bellevue Trail Map

F.O.S.S.' map is available at local cycling and outdoor stores.

This edition features a new map of the Myra Canyon trestles, reprinted with permission of **Okanagan Map Guides**.

Featured photos on the cover are reprinted with the permission of Mike Kittmer/mountain biking, John Bellamy/equestrian and Pentiction Outdoors Club/hiking on Little White Mountain..

Clearing Windfalls... Thanks for all the Help

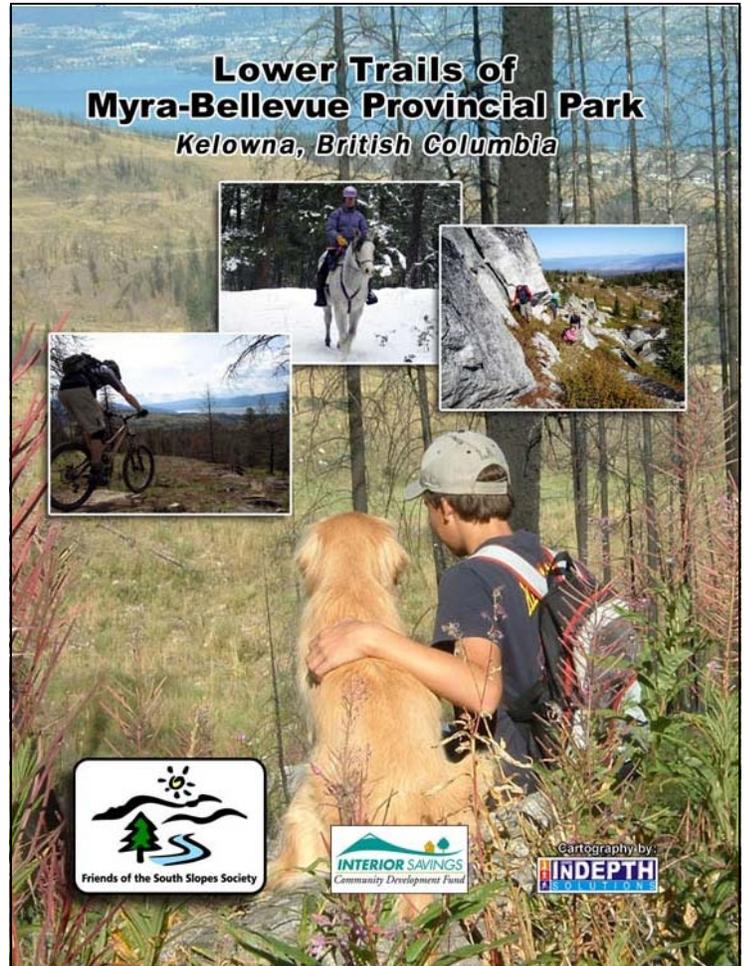
Many equestrians, hikers and cyclists are assisting in keeping the Myra-Bellevue Trails cleared of windfalls and debris. They travel with a hand saw, fold up saw, pruning shears etc. and are a key part of maintaining the trails.

Just a reminder to all of you, if you are clearing a windfall, please ensure that it is cleared to BC Parks standards—**two feet wide of each side of the trail**.

Thanks for your assistance.



July 11, 2008—Blowdowns on Lost Lake Trail, following a major wind event July 10.



Mission Creek Trail Signs

About 1/3 of the signs have been erected on the Mission Creek Trails thanks to Joe Rich resident Pat Russell and her friends.

The remaining signs will be installed over the next few months.

Just a reminder..... Many of the people who enjoy the trails in Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park are unaware that hunting is permitted under BC Parks regulations. Species, class and season dates are available at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/> **WEAR BRIGHT COLOURS WHEN YOU ARE IN THE PARK!**

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Watch for the Fall Newsletter!

We hope that you enjoy the summer newsletter It is an abbreviated update, as we are planning a special edition of the newsletter in the fall. It will have details of 2008 projects, as well as a reflection on five years after the 2003 Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park forest fire.

2008 Projects completed by F.O.S.S. in Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park (Photos will be in the fall newsletter)

Vapour Trail between Swamp Thing and Race Classic—May 31, 2008

Eighteen volunteers from Telus, F.O.S.S., and MTBco completed the re-construction of a forty foot section of Vapour Trail.

Vapour Trail-Relocation of KVR Junction — July

Angel Springs Parking Lot Reconstruction—August. Apex Sand & Gravel was the contractor—thanks to **Mark Turton** for his in-kind donation of five additional truck loads of fill.

Angel Springs Interpretive Trail Signs—Ten signs were installed Aug. 16, 2008

Myra Canyon Trestles Re-Opened

On June 20th, 2008, local and provincial government officials gathered to announce the official reopening of the Myra Canyon Trestles. The rebuilding of the trestles was announced Aug 20, 2004. This \$16+ million project reopens the Trans Canada Trail through Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park.

Special recognition was given to the Myra Canyon Trestle Restoration Society, and Ken Campbell in particular, for their stellar efforts in getting the government and the public on board to rebuild the trestles that burned or were damaged in the 2003 Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park forest fire. We are all grateful to this dedicated group of volunteers.

The alternate trail south of the canyon remains open for equestrians, off-road vehicles and hikers and cyclists who want to use that route.

The public reopening of the trestles was held on June 22nd. Seven thousand visitors took part in the celebration.



Trans Canada Trail Challenge — July 6, 2008

Trails BC sponsored this event to celebrate the reopening of the Myra Canyon Trestles. The weather was perfect and the scenery was spectacular.

465 participants completed the 80 km route from Myra Canyon to Penticton. 64 cyclists and walkers completed a shorter course. 70 volunteers helped to make this event a huge success. F.O.S.S. provided volunteers at the Bellevue Trestle check point and also drivers to shuttle 370 bikes from Penticton to Myra Canyon.

Trails BC donated \$500 to F.O.S.S. for a trail improvement project. This was spent on the Vapour Trail/KVR Junction project.