

Destination Trail Assessment:

Atlantic Canada Trails Association

Trail Evaluation

This document is a trail assessment framework for evaluating the tourism potential of trails in Atlantic Canada. This evaluation should be completed as per in the instructions at the beginning of each section.

Name of Trail	
Trail Type	
Location	

Summary Description of Trail

Evaluation completed by:

Name	
Date(s)	

Sections of the trail evaluated, conditions and other comments
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Evaluation Form

How to complete the following sections:

Respond to each question within this assessment tool by providing an objective rating in the appropriate space. Questions are rated based on a 6-point scale where 0 is the lowest or least favourable rating and 5 is the best. In each case (or question) the upper and lower ends, (ie. the least favourable and most favourable responses) are described or specified (defining the range of possible responses). Add comments in the space provided.

Section 1: Pre-trip

WEB SITE	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Web site provides complete trail description.</p> <p><i>0 = no web site</i> <i>5 = web site provides detailed information</i></p>						
<p>Web site provides suitable planning tools to allow visitors to organize their trip including accurate maps, entry points, distances etc.</p> <p><i>0 = no information</i> <i>5 = complete accurate information</i></p>						
<p>Designated route options are clearly identified on the web site and trail route is easy for visitors to understand.</p> <p><i>0 = trail route is confusing</i> <i>5 = clearly identified routes are identified</i></p>						
<p>Web site provides complete information about communities and related services on or in the vicinity of the trail.</p> <p><i>0 = no information</i> <i>5 = complete and detailed information</i></p>						
<p>Suggested itineraries are provided on the web site with distance, duration and links to attractions or services along the way.</p> <p><i>0 = no information</i> <i>5 = complete and detailed information</i></p>						

Comments:

GETTING THERE	0	1	2	3	4	5
Complete and accurate information for finding designated entry point(s) or trailhead is provided on the web site. <i>0 = no information</i> <i>5 = complete and accurate information</i>						
Information for finding the designated entry point(s) or trailhead is provided in all other sources (brochure, guidebook, maps etc.). <i>0 = no information in other sources</i> <i>5 = complete information in all sources</i>						
Signs are located at exits and intersections to locate designated entry point(s) or trailhead. <i>0 = no signs at intersections and exits</i> <i>5 = excellent signage at exits and intersections</i>						
Road signs are clear and in good condition and provide required information <i>0 = no road signs</i> <i>5 = adequate road signs, clear and in excellent condition</i>						

Comments:

Section 2: Entry and Access Points

PARKING	0	1	2	3	4	5
Parking areas conveniently located for easy access to the trail. <i>0 = parking is not available within 15 min of trail head.</i> <i>5 – parking is located immediately adjacent to the trail head or access point</i>						
Parking area(s) are adequately sized for expected peak visitation. <i>0 = inadequate</i> <i>5 = extensive and adequate parking</i>						
Parking area(s) are attractive, well maintained, graded and kept clean with no litter. <i>0 = poorly condition/unsightly debris</i> <i>5 = clean, attractive, well maintained</i>						

Comments:

ENTRY POINT SIGNS	0	1	2	3	4	5
Trail signs are located at each entry point.. <i>0 = no signs</i> <i>5 = clear, well maintained signs at each entry</i>						
Trail entry sign located at the start of the trail (or section of the trail) is attractive and in good repair. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = attractive and in good repair</i>						
Essential information is provided at access points or trailhead including (circle all that apply): <i>0 = no information</i> <i>5 = all essential information</i>						
Trail map is on display at all access points. <i>0 = no map</i> <i>5 = clear and accurate trail map</i>						

Comments:

Section 3: On the Trail

This section concerns condition of the trail itself. It is divided into 2 sections. The first (part A) applies to hiking and walking trails. The second (part B) applies to multiuse trails developed and promoted primarily for use by cyclists.

If trail use is limited to hiking and walking, please answer only part A. Then move directly to Section 4 (trail design).

If the trail is a multi-use trail promoted for use by cyclists, please answer only part B. Then move directly to Section 4 (trail design).

Part A

Hiking and walking trails

Please complete the following section (part A) for trails that are limited to hiking and walking only. Answer all questions in this section. Once you have filled out this section, you must skip part B.

TRAIL NAVIGATION	0	1	2	3	4	5
Accurate printed map (or functional smart phone enabled version) is available without charge or for purchase at the trailhead. <i>0 = no user map available 5 = excellent map for use on the trail</i>						
Markers placed at regular intervals to prevent users from getting lost. <i>0 = no markers 5 = frequent markers clearly indicate the trail</i>						
Markers are of consistent design and kept in good condition. <i>0 = none 5 = highly visible consistent design and in excellent condition</i>						
Signs located at trail intersections indicate connections to other trails where necessary. <i>0 = trail intersections are unmarked 5 = trail signs clearly indicate alternative routes</i>						

Comments:

TRAIL CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE	0	1	2	3	4	5
Trail has a dry or stable walking surface throughout. <i>0 = poor conditions (wet or muddy or eroding)</i> <i>5 = trail has a hard, stable tread throughout</i>						
Trail corridor is in good condition without erosion, windfalls or overgrown foliage. <i>0 = significant obstructions</i> <i>5 = trail corridor is kept clear and in good condition</i>						
Trails are kept clean and are clear of all debris or litter. <i>0 = debris is unsightly and/or obstructs travel</i> <i>5 = trail is clean and clear of debris</i>						
Construction methods and materials minimize impact to environmentally sensitive areas. <i>0 = significant impacts</i> <i>5 = materials protect all sensitive areas</i>						
Viewing and rest areas are kept clean and cleared of all garbage and debris. <i>0 = unsightly garbage or debris</i> <i>5 = viewing/rest areas are clean</i>						
Boardwalks, stairs and bridges are sound and in good condition. <i>0 = structures are damaged or unsafe</i> <i>5 = all structures are in excellent condition</i>						
Trail markings and warning signs are in good repair. <i>0 = markers are poorly maintained</i> <i>5 = all signs and markers are in good repair</i>						

Comments

Part B

Trails promoted for use by cyclists

If the trail being assessed is a multi-use trail that is promoted for cycling, please fill out this section. If the trail is for hiking and walking only and you filled out the previous section (part A), skip this section and go directly on the next section 4.

TRAIL NAVIGATION	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Accurate printed map (or functional smart phone enabled version) is available without charge or for purchase at the trailhead.</p> <p>0 = no user map available 5 = excellent map for use on the trail</p>						
<p>Markers placed at regular intervals to indicate that users are on the designated route.</p> <p>0 = no markers 5 = frequent markers clearly indicate the trail</p>						
<p>Markers are of consistent design and kept in good condition.</p> <p>0 = none 5 = highly visible consistent design and in excellent condition</p>						
<p>Signs located at trail intersections indicate connections to other trails where necessary.</p> <p>0 = trail intersections are unmarked 5 = trail signs clearly indicate alternative routes</p>						
<p>Maps an/or signs at entry points or on the trail show distance to community hubs and ideally indicate essential cyclist needs (water, washrooms, etc)</p> <p>0 = no information 5 = maps/ trail signs clearly indicate location of community hubs</p>						

Comments:

TRAIL CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Trail has a smooth hard surface throughout.</p> <p><i>0 = rough or soft trail surface</i> <i>5 = trail is paved or equivalent hard packed gravel</i></p>						
<p>Trail surface is in good condition, without erosion and free of ruts, rocks or potholes.</p> <p><i>0 = poor or damaged</i> <i>5 = Excellent condition with smooth unbroken surface</i></p>						
<p>Trails are kept clean and are clear of all debris or litter.</p> <p><i>0 = debris is unsightly and/or obstructs travel</i> <i>5 = trail is clean and clear of debris</i></p>						
<p>Slopes are moderate (less than 10%) with wide turns permitting safe descents without risk to other users</p> <p><i>0 = Trail is excessively steep and dangerous</i> <i>5 = Gentle sloping trail tread.</i></p>						
<p>Road crossing are well marked and barriers are in place to insure trail users slow down or pause at crossings.</p> <p><i>0 = No mechanisms to control trail users at crossings</i> <i>5 = Road crossings are well designed with signs and barriers</i></p>						
<p>Construction methods and materials minimize impact to environmentally sensitive areas.</p> <p><i>0 = significant impacts</i> <i>5 = materials protect all sensitive areas</i></p>						
<p>Viewing and rest areas are kept clean and cleared of all garbage and debris.</p> <p><i>0 = unsightly garbage or debris</i> <i>5 = viewing/rest areas are clean</i></p>						
<p>Boardwalks, stairs, bridges, safety railings are sound and in good condition.</p> <p><i>0 = structures are damaged or unsafe</i> <i>5 = all structures are in excellent condition</i></p>						
<p>Trail markings and warning signs are in good repair.</p> <p><i>0 = markers are poorly maintained</i> <i>5 = all signs and markers are in good repair</i></p>						

Comments

Section 4.0: Trail Design

TRAIL ROUTE AND ALIGNMENT	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Trail entry points are clearly indicated and are easily accessible by roads in good condition.</p> <p><i>0 = poor access</i> <i>5 = well marked with excellent access</i></p>						
<p>Trail is continuous throughout designated route, unobstructed by natural barriers.</p> <p><i>0 = frequent interruptions</i> <i>5 = no barriers or interruptions</i></p>						
<p>Trail provides diverse/varied visual perspectives along the route.</p> <p><i>0 = monotonous</i> <i>5 = highly varied perspectives</i></p>						
<p>Trail design minimizes conflicts with vehicles.</p> <p><i>0 = significant potential conflicts</i> <i>5 = minimal conflicts, excellent conflict management strategies</i></p>						
<p>Trail design minimizes conflicts between users.</p> <p><i>0 = significant potential conflicts</i> <i>5 = excellent conflict management strategies</i></p>						
<p>Trail minimizes man-made visual impact of industry, commercial development and housing (unless specifically themed to interpret these impacts).</p> <p><i>0 = significant industry impacts unrelated to the trail theme</i> <i>5 = no impacts or impacts are directly associated with trail theme</i></p>						
<p>Trail design provides attractive perspectives of towns and settlements that intersect with the trail route.</p> <p><i>0 = unattractive perspectives</i> <i>5 = excellent orientation</i></p>						
<p>Trail design frequently intersects with distinct ecological features (old growth, etc.)</p> <p><i>0 = no distinct features</i> <i>5 = frequent features, excellent orientation</i></p>						
<p>Trail design frequently intersects with/ provides varied perspectives of natural elements (water, unusual landforms, cliffs)</p> <p><i>0 = No distinct features.</i> <i>5 = frequent features, excellent orientation</i></p>						

<p>Trail provides frequent access to viewpoints, points of interest or interpretive sites</p> <p><i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = frequent viewpoints, excellent orientation</i></p>						
<p>Trail alignment is varied with occasional changes in direction and orientation</p> <p><i>0 = no change in direction...</i> <i>5 = varied and interesting changes</i></p>						
<p>Innovative methods to overcome barriers (steep slopes, streams, rivers etc.)</p> <p><i>0 = lack of design</i> <i>5 = excellent design and innovation</i></p>						

Comments

CONSERVATION	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Trail design avoids or mitigates any potential environmental damage associated with wet areas and easily damaged trail surface.</p> <p><i>0 = Wet areas, flooding and braiding of trail corridors</i> <i>5 = trail is dry and stable throughout (or has well designed boardwalks)</i></p>						
<p>Trail design mitigates problems related to steep slopes prone to erosion.</p> <p><i>0 = significant erosion problems</i> <i>5 = no signs of erosion</i></p>						
<p>Trail corridor is oriented to avoid damage to rare species.</p> <p><i>0 = significant risks</i> <i>5 = safely avoids impacts</i></p>						
<p>Trail appears free of any sources of contamination (possible seepage from washrooms etc.)</p> <p><i>0 = Signs of contamination</i> <i>5 = No apparent risk of contamination</i></p>						

Comments:

SAFETY	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Clear guidelines & information are provided to users on safety related issues at the trail head/entry points.</p> <p><i>0 = No safety related information</i> <i>5 = Excellent safety related information at the trail head</i></p>						
<p>Trail is buffered from vehicle traffic and/or effective measures to mitigate possible vehicle conflicts at intersections (signs, barriers, etc).</p> <p><i>0 = Significant risks</i> <i>5 = trail is well separated from traffic or effective</i></p>						
<p>Dangerous areas (natural and vehicle related) are identified with visible and easy to understand warnings.</p> <p><i>0 = no warning signs</i> <i>5 = hazard signs are well-designed and effective for all dangerous areas</i></p>						

Comments:

INTERPRETATION	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Trail themes are interpreted with graphic text panels, trail brochure, in guidebooks and/or on the web site.</p> <p><i>0 = no interpretation</i> <i>5 = excellent interpretation</i></p>						
<p>Interpretation helps the visitor to understand the natural history, ecology or heritage of the region.</p> <p><i>0 = unhelpful</i> <i>5 = interpretation is interesting and informative</i></p>						
<p>Interpretation is well written and is based on clear and accurate information.</p> <p><i>0 = poor</i> <i>5 = excellent content</i></p>						

Comments:

Section 5. Trail Experience

This section provides an assessment of the trail experience by evaluating factors such as natural and cultural features and landscape, themes, and tourism attractions on the trail. The quality of experience is largely based on the perception of the visitor. Knowledge of the tourism market and in particular the trail-user and the market for outdoor product are required to provide valid responses. To adequately assess the more intangible aspects of the visitor experience, the questions within this section address a range of indicators that relate to a rewarding trail experience. Some questions apply to hiking and walking trails, while others apply more specifically to linear trails or multi-use trails. Please respond to each question that applies. Note that within this section, the word “region” generally refers to a region of the province such as a provincially defined tourism region.

GENERAL	0	1	2	3	4	5
Trail has a brand or theme that reflects unique attributes of the region. <i>0 = None</i> <i>5 = regionally appropriate brand /theme</i>						
Trail experience connects users with a principal selling feature or tourism theme promoted by the province. <i>0 = Unconnected</i> <i>5 = excellent connection to provincial tourism strengths</i>						
Trail allows visitors exceptional opportunity to experience the most attractive aspects of the provincial landscape. <i>0 = Poor</i> <i>5 = excellent</i>						
Trail offers visitors an opportunity to experience attractive/significant aspects of provincially recognized history and heritage. <i>0 = Insignificant</i> <i>5 = excellent</i>						

Comments:

NATURAL FEATURES	0	1	2	3	4	5
Trail route features a high diversity of landscape features (topography, view-planes and natural features). <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = high diversity of landscapes</i>						
Trail route incorporates panoramic view-planes that include regionally significant landscapes. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = highly significant view-scapes</i>						
Trail route features extra-ordinary geographic features. This may include waterfalls, canyons and rapids or extra-ordinary rock formations, cliffs, caves etc. <i>0 = Common features</i> <i>5 = one or more extraordinary features</i>						
Trail route features high ecological diversity. <i>0 = monotonous ...</i> <i>5 = exceptional diversity</i>						
Trail features one or more nationally recognized significant ecological features. <i>0 = no significance</i> <i>5 = nationally significant ecology</i>						
Trail incorporates phenomena or landscape features that are well known at a provincial level, nationally or internationally. <i>0 = lacks features...</i> <i>5 = national/internationally recognized</i>						

Comments:

CULTURAL FEATURES	0	1	2	3	4	5
Trail features regionally significant historical and cultural landmarks. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = recognized and highly significant</i>						
Trail is associated with a distinct regional heritage theme (historic/traditional cultures). <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = distinct theme</i>						
Trail route intersects with preserved or restored tourism heritage features such as historic pathways, bridges, streetscapes. <i>0 = None....</i> <i>5 = Highly significant</i>						
Trail route intersects with sites or communities that include provincially recognized attractions (such as museums, historic sites etc.). <i>0 = None.</i> <i>5 = Highly significant</i>						

Comments:

Section 6: Tourism Services and Amenities

This section concerns tourism assets and community hubs that are in the vicinity of the trail. It is divided into 3 sections. The first (part A) applies to all linear trails that link communities. The second (part B) applies to urban trails, usually multi-use. The third applies to all other hiking and walking trails.

If the trail is a linear trail that connects communities and where communities are interspersed along the trail route, please answer only part A. Then move directly to Section 6 (user feedback).

If the trail is an urban multi-use trail, located in within an urban or suburban region, please answer only part B. Then move directly to Section 6 (user feedback).

If the trail is a hiking or walking trail and is not covered by the two above categories (either a wilderness trail or a family oriented day-use trail), please answer only part C. Then move directly to Section 6 (user feedback).

Part A: Linear (Linking) Trails

Please answer the following questions relating to multi-use linear trails that link communities and/or where communities are interspersed on the trail route. These questions refer to communities on or adjacent to the trail. "Adjacent" refers to communities close to and with convenient access to the trail. If they are not directly on the trail, they should be less than 15 minutes travel time (whether by bicycle or on foot).

TOURISM SERVICES	0	1	2	3	4	5
Communities along the trail include outlets for groceries and trail supplies. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = frequent intervals</i>						
Communities (and services) on or adjacent to the trail include cafes and restaurants. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = frequent</i>						
Cafes and restaurants are attractive with an appealing theme. <i>0 = unattractive/ordinary</i> <i>5 = highly attractive and themed</i>						
Trail features a variety of food and culinary options. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = extensive variety</i>						
Communities along the trail include camping facilities suitable for tenting. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = frequent</i>						

<p>Communities along the trail feature fixed roof accommodations.</p> <p><i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = frequent intervals</i></p>						
<p>Fixed roof accommodations are attractive, and have an appealing theme.</p> <p><i>0 = unattractive</i> <i>5 = highly attractive and themed</i></p>						
<p>Accommodations, cafes and other services recognize and/or are customized to support trail users (space for bicycles/ hiking gear storage, trail maps/ information on site etc.).</p> <p><i>0 = no recognition of trail users</i> <i>5 = significant support for trail users</i></p>						
<p>Communities on or adjacent to the trail offer rental services that complement or enhance the trail experience (bicycles, kayaks etc.).</p> <p><i>0 = no rental services</i> <i>5 = numerous rental options</i></p>						
<p>Designated activities are available along the trail such as swimming, boating, festivals, entertainment etc.</p> <p><i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = frequent intervals</i></p>						
<p>Trail features unique and/or recognized agrifood outlets and attractions representing a regional theme or specialty (wineries etc).</p> <p><i>0 =None</i> <i>5 =frequent</i></p>						
<p>Rest areas and picnic sites are available on the trail.</p> <p><i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = frequently</i></p>						

Comments

ACCESS TO COMMUNITIES	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Designated access corridors lead to communities along the trail.</p> <p><i>0 = no designated access to communities</i> <i>5 = excellent access</i></p>						
<p>Access to communities along the trail are clearly marked with adequate signs.</p> <p><i>0 = poorly marked</i> <i>5 = excellent</i></p>						
<p>Locations and description of services along the trail are on the web site.</p> <p><i>0 = no information on services</i> <i>5 = complete information</i></p>						
<p>Information about services along the trail is accurate and clearly communicated.</p> <p><i>0 = poor</i> <i>5 = accurate and well communicated</i></p>						

Comments:

PACKAGE/ITINERARY DEVELOPMENT	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Location of service hubs or towns are suitable for multi-day itineraries. (ideally service hubs should not be more than 20k apart).</p> <p><i>0 = Poorly spaced</i> <i>5 = Frequent</i></p>						
<p>Information for itinerary planning is on trail web site and/or in promotional material (may include proposed itineraries, distance between key tourism services, graphic representation of services, hubs and trail town locations).</p> <p><i>0 = no information</i> <i>5 = complete information on services</i></p>						
<p>Links between package tour operators on web site and promotional material.</p> <p><i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = extensive listing of package tours</i></p>						

Comments:

TRANSPORTATION	0	1	2	3	4	5
Secure locations for vehicle parking etc. are provided in the proximity of principle entry points. <i>0 = No secure parking</i> <i>5 = Excellent options for secure long-term parking</i>						
Trail features shuttle or other transportation options <i>0 = no shuttle options</i> <i>5= excellent options</i>						
Options for baggage transport are publicized in Trail Information. <i>0 = no options</i> <i>5= excellent options</i>						

Comments:

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WASHROOMS	0	1	2	3	4	5
Clean and accessible washrooms are located on the trail or conveniently located nearby <i>0 = no washrooms</i> <i>5 = clean and accessible washrooms</i>						
Washroom locations are accurately identified on trail maps <i>0 = no identification of washrooms</i> <i>5 = washroom locations are identified on trail maps</i>						
Washrooms locations are clearly indicated on the trail <i>0 = no identification of washrooms</i> <i>5 = washroom locations are indicated on the trail</i>						

Comments:

GARBAGE/WASTE DISPOSAL	0	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage & recycling bins are available at or in the vicinity of principle access points. <i>0 = no garbage or recycling bins</i> <i>5 = well located garbage and recycling bins</i>						
Garbage and recycling bins are well maintained and emptied regularly <i>0 = poor condition/maintenance</i> <i>5 = garbage bins are well maintained and emptied regularly</i>						

Comments:

Part B: Urban Trails

Please answer the following questions relating to amenities and tourism services for urban trails. Note that “close to” refers to a maximum of 15 minutes travel time on foot or by bicycle.

WASHROOMS	0	1	2	3	4	5
Clean and accessible washrooms are available. <i>0 = no washrooms</i> <i>5 = well-designed washrooms</i>						
Washrooms are located on the trail or conveniently located nearby and their location is clearly identified <i>0 = no washrooms</i> <i>5 = washroom locations are convenient and clearly marked</i>						
Washrooms are well maintained, clean and well-stocked <i>0 = washrooms in poor condition</i> <i>5 = very clean and well maintained</i>						

Comments:

GARBAGE/WASTE DISPOSAL	0	1	2	3	4	5
Clean, well-located garbage & recycling bins are available at or in the vicinity of principle access points. <i>0 = no garbage or recycling bins</i> <i>5 = well located garbage and recycling bins</i>						
Garbage & recycling bins are kept in good condition and emptied regularly. <i>0 = poor condition/maintenance</i> <i>5 = garbage bins are well maintained and emptied regularly</i>						

Comments:

COMMUNITIES AND SERVICES	0	1	2	3	4	5
Services such as cafes and restaurants are clearly identified in trail information (maps, web site, entry point information) <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = key services are clearly identified in trail information</i>						
Outlets for purchasing beverages and snacks are located adjacent or close to the trail. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = outlets are attractive and convenient for trail users.</i>						
Communities and services on or adjacent to the trail include cafes and restaurants. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = frequent</i>						
Cafes and restaurants are attractive with an appealing theme. <i>0 = unattractive/ordinary</i> <i>5 = highly attractive and themed</i>						
A variety of food and culinary options close to the trail. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = extensive variety</i>						
Other tourism services including shopping are located close to the trail. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = excellent range of services</i>						
Accommodations options are available within 15 min (by vehicle) of the trail. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = range of accommodations are available close to the trail</i>						
Rental services (bicycles, kayaks etc.) are available and identified on web site or trail map. <i>0 = no rental services</i> <i>5 = numerous rental options</i>						

Comments

Part C: Walking and Hiking Trails

Please answer the following questions relating to amenities and tourism services for all other types of trails. This includes front country or back-country nature trails (where the trail route does not intersect with communities) as well as multi-use greenways designed for day-use only and where users normally return to their point of departure. Note that “close to” refers to a maximum of 15 minutes travel time by vehicle for family oriented trails and 30 minutes for wilderness trails.

WASHROOMS	0	1	2	3	4	5
Clean, well-designed and properly sited washrooms are available. <i>0 = no washrooms</i> <i>5 = well-designed washrooms</i>						
Washrooms are at the entry point or conveniently located nearby (and their location is clearly identified at the trailhead) <i>0 = no washrooms</i> <i>5 = washroom locations are convenient and clearly marked</i>						
Washrooms are well maintained, clean and well-stocked <i>0 = washrooms in poor condition</i> <i>5 = very clean and well maintained</i>						

Comments:

GARBAGE/WASTE DISPOSAL	0	1	2	3	4	5
Clean, well-located garbage & recycling bins are available at or in the vicinity of trailheads and principle access points. <i>0 = no garbage or recycling bins</i> <i>5 = well located garbage and recycling bins</i>						
Garbage & recycling bins are durable and animal proof. <i>0 = none or poor quality garbage bins</i> <i>5 = all bins are animal proof</i>						
Garbage & recycling bins are kept in good condition and emptied regularly. <i>0 = poor condition/maintenance</i> <i>5 = garbage bins are well maintained and emptied regularly</i>						

Comments:

COMMUNITIES AND SERVICES	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Outlets for purchasing beverages and snacks are located adjacent or close to the trail.</p> <p><i>0 = none</i> 5 = outlets are attractive and convenient for trail users.</p>						
<p>Communities adjacent or close to the trail offer feature town centres that are clean and attractive.</p> <p><i>0 = unattractive</i> 5 = clean and very attractive</p>						
<p>Communities adjacent or close to the trail offer a range of dining options.</p> <p><i>0 = none</i> 5 = a range of dining options are available</p>						
<p>Other tourism services including shopping are located close to the trail.</p> <p><i>0 = none</i> 5 = excellent range of services</p>						
<p>Outlets for groceries and trail supplies are located within 15 minutes of the trail</p> <p><i>0 = none</i> 5 = at frequent intervals</p>						
<p>Accommodations options are available within ½ hour of the trail.</p> <p><i>0 = none</i> 5 = range of accommodations are available close to (within ½ hour) of the trail</p>						
<p>Communities adjacent or close to the trail offer rental services (bicycles, kayaks etc.).</p> <p><i>0 = no rental services</i> 5= numerous rental options</p>						

Comments

Section 7 - Other

Please answer the following questions for all trails.

ACCESS TO THE TRAIL	0	1	2	3	4	5
Trail is operational consistently for an extended season (ideal from May 1 st to November 1 st). <i>0 = operation is inconsistent or limited</i> <i>5 = full extended season</i>						
Trail users have access to trail facilities outside the regular season. <i>0 = no access outside regular season</i> <i>5 = access throughout the year</i>						
Users have access to parking at all hours during the regular season. <i>0 = restricted parking access</i> <i>5 = excellent parking options</i>						
Option for self-check in, where access is controlled. <i>0 = very limited access</i> <i>5 = excellent options</i>						

Comments:

Please answer the following question for trails where entrance or user fees are charged.

USER FEES	0	1	2	3	4	5
Is user fee information indicated in all sources of information including web site, brochure, on site etc. <i>0 = no information</i> <i>5 = fee information readily available</i>						
User fee information is complete including payment location and methods. <i>0 = inadequate information</i> <i>5 = complete information</i>						

Comments:

Please answer the following question for trails where a multi-day experience is offered (such as wilderness trails or where camping facilities are required on the trail).

CAMPING	0	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Where camping is available on the trail, policies are clearly posted in all information sources (web site, brochure, at the trail entrance, etc.).</p> <p><i>0 = no information</i> <i>5 = excellent communication of policy</i></p>						
<p>Camp-site locations are clearly identified on site, on the web site in brochures etc.</p> <p><i>0 = no information</i> <i>5 = excellent information on site locations</i></p>						
<p>Washroom locations are clearly posted at each campground or on permit, brochure.</p> <p><i>0 = no information</i> <i>5 = locations are clearly shown on site in on permits/site maps</i></p>						
<p>Campsites are regularly inspected and in good condition</p> <p><i>0 = poor condition</i> <i>5 = regular inspections/excellent condition</i></p>						
<p>Campsites are kept clean and free of garbage and debris.</p> <p><i>0 = unsightly garbage and debris</i> <i>5 = clean and well maintained</i></p>						

Comments

Please answer the following questions for all trails.

FEEDBACK	0	1	2	3	4	5
User feedback forms are available and provide for reliable feedback from trail users. <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 =excellent and unbiased feedback forms</i>						
User feedback forms are made available to a representative sample of trail users <i>0 = none</i> <i>5 = feedback is obtained from a large proportion of users</i>						

Comments:

Comments and Recommendations

Provide comments on development issues that may affect the trail experience and/or the tourism potential of trail.