

Community Trail: Elements of a Management Policy

Name of Trail: Community Trail or Lawrence Trail or ?

General: Northern section of Trail is private property (TIRRA)
Southern section is private property (Dickie and Kastings)

Management Agreement:

TIRRA should develop a management agreement with the Dickie and Kastings families, as well as TRAX Meadow Vale Properties. This agreement would involve them in the management policy (particularly as it affects their properties).

Signage:

Post notice at each end of trail

Suggested contents of attached brochure:

- Sketch map of trail
- South end of trail is on private property – respect
- Hazards are marked with “Hazard” and arrow on yellow
- Route is marked with arrow in circle on white
- Trail maintained by volunteers
- If you use the trail, please join the maintenance group
- If you see an unmarked hazard, please contact:
- Motor vehicles not permitted, except as specifically authorized by property owners.
- Where possible please keep horses to west side of path
- Trail should not be used in twilight or darkness.
- No camping permitted.
- No fires.
- No smoking (fire hazard)

Inspection:

Trail should be formally walked and inspected for hazards and maintenance once monthly in the period April to September. A record book should be maintained, recording the dates and details of inspections.

Hazards to be noted and repaired or signed:

Snags or other trees or overhead limbs that are at risk of falling onto the trail.
Tripping or leg injury hazards.

Hazard Management:

- 1) Identify hazards: either with 6”x6” yellow cards posted each side of the hazard, with the card featuring an arrow pointing to the hazard, or with yellow “Caution” flagging tape, whichever is the most appropriate.

- 2) Hazards are to be removed or repaired if reasonably practical at the earliest opportunity using a minimum 3 person crew of volunteers.
- 3) If hazards to trail users occur on property not owned by TIRRA, the appropriate landowner is to be notified (written note). Action to remedy can be taken by the management committee once the landowner has given consent.

Motor Vehicle Use Policy:

Not allowed, except as specifically authorized by the property owner(s) or the Fire Chief, Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department.

Horses Policy:

By consent of trail property owners only.

Horse riders are requested to keep horses to west side of trail wherever practical.

Management Group (reporting to Environment and Land Use Committee):

TIRRA Trail Sub-Committee: ~~Andrew Stewart, Ken Youds~~, (possibles: Ken Gardner, Fredette, ????)

representative of Dickie family (Stephanie?)

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