

CFFA Trail Plan Update

CFFA 2022 AGM

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Need for a Trail Plan

- ▶ CFFA have a MOU with MNRF to act as caretakers of the Forest including the trails.
- ▶ The single track trails have never been formally recognized by MNRF or CFFA
- ▶ Single track trails have been informally built to date
- ▶ Copeland Forest is different than the County forests:
 - ▶ Higher ecological sensitivity/value
 - ▶ Trails need to accommodate all user types
 - ▶ Permitted uses are less impactful - no logging or motorized vehicles allowed
- ▶ Higher user volumes - **“the world” has discovered the Forest**



Trail Plan Vision

Copeland Forest supports a network of multi-use recreation trails that are environmentally sustainable and provide a variety of user experiences.



Desired Experiences

The Copeland Trails offer an invitation into nature where one can experience:

- ▶ Wild scenery and therapeutic benefit of being in nature;
- ▶ Freedom and physical challenge to engage in recreational activities;
- ▶ Refuge from industrialized places;
- ▶ Satisfaction of passing on this natural place to future generations;
- ▶ Trails that vary in difficulty and provide different views;
- ▶ Historical remnants; and
- ▶ Year-round access at no cost.

Trail Plan Content

- ▶ 1.0 Trail Development history
- ▶ 2.0 Vision for the Trails System
- ▶ 3.0 Rationale for the Trail Plan
- ▶ 4.0 Ecological Sensitivities
- ▶ 5.0 Trail Plan
 - ▶ Trail sections review/assessment
 - ▶ Recommended changes/improvements
 - ▶ Recognized Network
 - ▶ Digital Map/ Trail Naming
- ▶ 6.0 Trail Maintenance
- ▶ 7.0 Public Communications
- ▶ 8.0 Implementation & Schedule
- ▶ 9.0 Monitoring



Timeline & Community Engagement

We Want User/Community Input and Trail Plan Buy-In

- ▶ AGM user group input
- ▶ Trail User Survey
- ▶ Future meetings with user groups
- ▶ Trail Plan to be released in draft for community review and comments
- ▶ **Submission to MNRF for their “endorsement”**

Timeline

- ▶ Release of draft Trail Plan in late 2022

Copeland Forest Trail User Survey



Share your vision!

Help create a Trail Plan that balances
environmental sensitivities with multi-use
recreation

<https://www.menti.com/a4qpv28z8t>

User Group Questions

- 1) From the perspective of your user group, do you have any comments or suggestions on the draft vision statement and desired experiences?
- 2) What are the top 3 trail issues facing the Copeland Forest?
- 3) What improvements or changes could the Friends make to the Copeland trails to address issues you listed in Question 2?
- 4) How would this user group like to be involved in the coming months as we develop the Trail Plan?"

Thank You....we look forward to your
input!

Questions?

