

Gulf Islands Regional Trails Plan



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The Capital Regional District has drafted a regional trails plan for Galiano, Mayne, North and South Pender, Salt Spring and Saturna Islands. The draft plan identifies a conceptual regional trail route on each of the islands and outlines how regional trails will be developed.

Highlights of Draft Plan

- The plan identifies a conceptual route on each island and priorities for development (see map on page 3).
- 20 policies in the plan provide strategic direction, including:
 - wherever possible regional trails will be located within road rights of way
 - the plan will be implemented in a phased approach, with an initial segment being developed on each island
 - the CRD will work cooperatively with others, including the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, in the development of the trails
 - trail development will be based on best practices to maximize safety, cost-efficiency and longevity, and to minimize environmental impacts of regional trails
- The 2.3 km Mayne Island Regional Trail demonstration project will have first priority for development, followed by approximately 5 km on Salt Spring Island, then North Pender Island, then Galiano Island, and a 2 km section on Saturna Island.
- Proposed regional trail routes will be developed over many years.
- Partnerships will be critical to the development of trails.

Timeline





Map 3

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Proposed Regional Trail Routes

- Regional Park / Park Reserve
- Other Park
- First Nation Reserve
- International Boundary
- Regional Park / Park Reserve
- Municipal / Electoral Area Boundary
- Capital Regional District Boundary
- Proposed Regional Trail Route (Initial Phase)
- Proposed Regional Trail Route (Future Development)
- Ferry Terminal
- Major Road
- Lake / Ocean

0 2 4 6
Kilometres

Projection: UTM ZONE 10N NAD 83

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What We Heard

The CRD gathered input through public engagement sessions in March 2017 prior to drafting the plan. It included five open houses held on the islands, meetings with two First Nations, as well as information and a comment form on the CRD website. We gathered input on the vision for trails, trail routes, and development priorities for the draft plan.

111 participants provided input. All comments received were considered and informed the development of the draft Regional Trails Management Plan. In some cases, consideration was given to potential alternative routes following the open houses. A **public participation report** outlining comments received is on the website.

Get Involved

The draft plan and comment form are available on the CRD website. Please provide comments by September 30, 2017. Information sessions will be held on each of the islands in August & September 2017, to provide information on the draft plan. Visit the website for dates and locations.

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Mayne Island Demonstration Project

The CRD is planning a demonstration regional trail on Mayne Island. The trail will be designed to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. This project will inform the development of other routes in the Gulf Islands Regional Trails Plan. Construction of the demonstration trail will occur once adequate funding is secured. The draft design for the 2.3 km regional trail demonstration project will be showcased on Sept. 9 at the Mayne Island Community Centre. Drop in between 11:30am-2:30pm to view the design and talk with CRD staff.

