

## WHO WE ARE

The Kimberley Trails Society was registered as a non-profit society in 2009. It is formed by a group of dynamic and dedicated volunteers who love hiking, riding, skiing and snow-shoeing our local trail network, and administered by a board of nine directors.

Our mission is to facilitate the protection; maintenance and development of primarily non-motorized trails, in Kimberley and the surrounding area, by working with community groups, government and other stakeholders for the benefit of all trail users.

## KTS PRIORITIES FOR THE SUMMER 2013

Some of our local trails are now clear of snow and for KTS, it means great enjoyment of course, but it also means the trail work season is underway. KTS trail champions will be leading on-going trail work parties every Thursday night over the summer months. Extra pairs of hands are always welcome. Follow us on [Facebook](#) to find out time and location details.

Here are a few of the priorities for the next few months:

- Enhancements to the Magic Line trail network in the Nordic Centre area (signage, building of a kiosk, building of the Moe's connector and the Moe's Hill up-track)
- Completion of the John Swift Trail, near the Riverside Campground
- On-going maintenance and enhancement to the Round the Mountain itinerary
- On-going maintenance of the Nature Park Trail network, in partnership with the Nature Park Society
- Signage project



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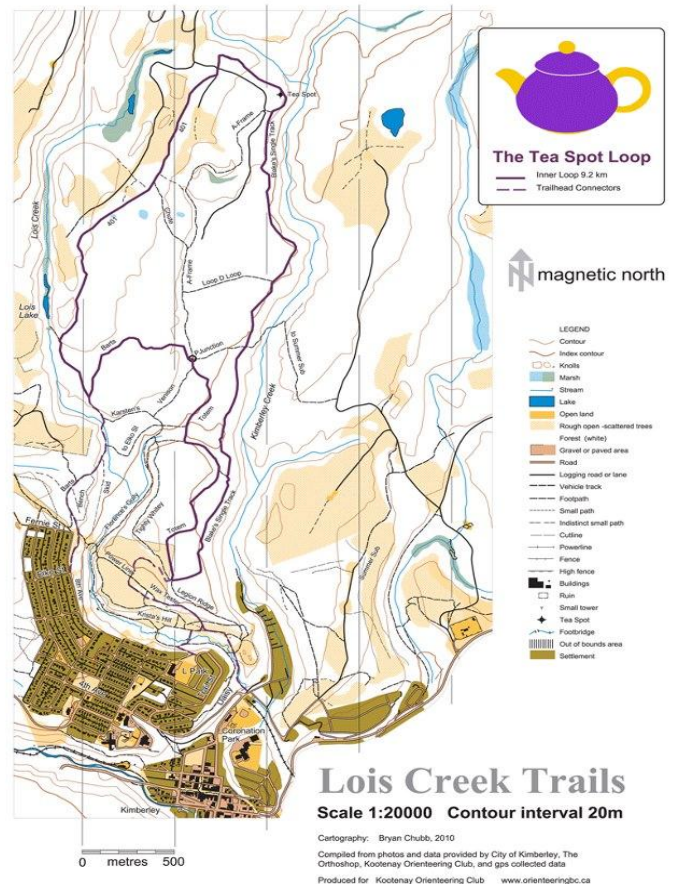
## Signage Projects:

The Kimberley Trails Society is coordinating a project to improve signage at some key areas around Kimberley during 2013. We believe signage needs some improvement to help enhance the trails experience for locals and visitors alike. Updated maps and other information will help promote the use of our trails. This project is bringing community groups together to work towards enhancing our trail network – a key goal in the KTS mission.

Work planned includes a new shared kiosk at the Kimberley Nordic Centre, with new maps for Round the Mountain, Magic Line Trails and the Nordic Trails along with other useful information. Lois Creek will get a new kiosk near Centennial Hall to utilize good parking there and promote the good access near Morrison Sub. Also, more work will be done to improve the Tea Spot Loop route signs. A new kiosk and map is planned for the Swan Ave trail head, and the trails at the Kimberley Riverside Campground will benefit from yet another new kiosk and new map of the area. This work is possible through grant monies allocated through the Resort Municipalities Infrastructure development fund.

## John Swift Trail May 11<sup>th</sup> Work Party:

With collaboration between the Kimberley Rotary Club, the Kimberley Riverside Campground, and the Kimberley Trails Society, the volunteer trail work party on May the 11<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Work was being undertaken on the John Swift River loop, a scenic trail overlooking a spectacular bend in the St. Mary's river. The trail starts in the day use area of the Kimberley Riverside Campground, and joins the James Ritchie trail further downstream. 15 dedicated volunteers from the group spent several "sweaty" hours together clearing fallen trees and overgrowth, raking, and re-establishing the existing trail. The tasks were completed surprisingly fast with such hard and efficient team work - great job everyone! The enthusiastic work may have been partly to get back and enjoy some cold beverages and lunch, as well as the good company. Thanks to all of those who allocated some time for that bit of work. Without volunteers this sort of stuff doesn't happen! KTS has almost completed a new trail map of the area which will be posted on an existing kiosk as well as a new kiosk to be installed soon.



**“HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.” –DALE EVANS ROGERS**

## Kimberley Trail Management Plan:

Local trail groups are developing a draft plan with community members, land managers, trail users and local government. Consultation will lead to revisions to this plan and subsequent approval. The groups responsible for each trail area holds the pen for issues such as the rules and trail standards within each trail area. Decisions among planning groups are consensus based.

Some trails cross more than one trail area. In these cases agreements may be required between trail groups on specific uses for these trails as well as overarching issues that concern all trails.

The intent of this plan is to formalize a managed trail network based on strong public support. This plan will balance the enthusiasm for outdoor recreation with the capacity of local volunteers to maintain a managed trail network. The draft plan will be available for review from May 17th, with a presentation and community meeting on May 30th, 7pm at Centennial Hall.

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## Call for Volunteers:

KTS needs volunteers to accomplish its mission and welcomes all types of skills. From taking part in work parties, being a trail champion, sitting on the board of directors, helping out with fundraising and promotion, we invite you to contact us with your ideas. Your help is much appreciated.

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## Meet our Trail Coordinator:

For the second consecutive year, KTS is hiring a Trail Coordinator, thanks to a grant from CBT Summer Works Program. Mitchell Tom has just completed his diploma in Tourism and Recreation Management at the College of the Rockies. His role will include a wide range of duties including fundraising, trail maintenance, coordination of trail work parties, assistance during main events, and more.

## Mountainbikingbc.ca:

In partnership with Tourism Kimberley, Kimberley Trails Society is now an official member of the BC Mountain Bike Tourism Association, which is the sector marketing organization in charge of promoting the province as a premier destination for mountain biking. Kimberley will soon be promoted to visitors from across the province and from outside who will likely bring more tourism dollars to our community and therefore, contribute in generating more capacities to build and maintain high quality trails. Check out our page on [mountainbikingbc.ca](http://mountainbikingbc.ca) in the next few months!

**“THERE IS A THOROUGH AND COMPLETE TRAIL.” – BRUCE BENNETT**

## Upcoming Events:

KTS meetings, every first Tuesday of the month at Blarhmont Learning Centre  
Community meeting, Kimberley Trail Management: May 30th, 7pm at Centennial Hall  
Trail work parties, every Thursday, from 6pm. Location TBA on Facebook  
Freewheelers group rides : every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Meeting at the Platzl. After ride beer at a local establishment  
Round the Mountain Festival : June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 [www.roundthemountain.ca](http://www.roundthemountain.ca)  
Nature Park Guided Hikes : visit : <http://kimberleynaturepark.rockies.net/events.htm>  
Sullivan Shakedown : August 24-25, 2013 Kimberley Nature Park and Nordic Centre  
6 In the Stix : September 21-22, 2013 Cranbrook Community Forest

## Round the Mountain Festival 2013:

On Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, KTS with the Kootenay Freewheelers and the Kootenay Orienteering Club will host this year's installment. This popular event showcases the Round the Mountain route, as well as celebrating Kimberley's trail network. Various challenges including trek, trail run, and mountain biking provide something for all trail users, and kids events make this a must do family event. We have local food vendors and a beer garden provide the festival atmosphere, with entertainment by Don Davies, The Hollers, and the Good Ol' Goats. So come on out and register for a challenge, volunteer or come up on the day to cheer us along. All details at : [www.roundthemountain.ca](http://www.roundthemountain.ca)

**Have a great summer and happy trails! -KTS**



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