



Kawartha *Trans Canada Trail*

Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Association

2025 Spring Newsletter

ATTENTION: DOUBE'S BRIDGE IS CLOSED

Read more inside. If you'd like to donate please visit our closure page [here](#).

Restoring Doubé's Trestle Bridge

... Doubé's Trestle Bridge on the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail has been closed and is impassable.



As a result of a fire on Wednesday September 4, 2024 the Doubé's Trestle Bridge on the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail has been closed and is impassable. The bridge will remain closed to public use for the foreseeable future.

Barricades and signage are in place. The public are asked to respect the closure and avoid the area. The trail is closed from Orange Corners to Emily Park Road.



Doubé's Bridge is a historical landmark and was constructed in 1884. Additional updates on the status of the bridge will be shared in due course by the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Association.

On September 18 2024, an engineering firm was secured to assess the fire damage to the bridge to determine the extent of the structural damage and repair requirements.

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To donate to the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail for repair efforts of the Doubé's Trestle Bridge please visit the Kawartha Trans Canada trail Website.

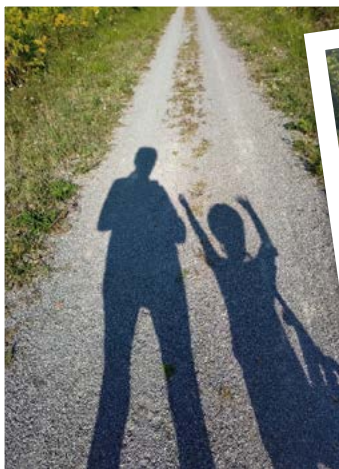


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Adventures on the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail



... get outside the fall and winter and enjoy the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail!



Chasing Shadows

Three year old Ben had a fun morning chasing shadows with his grandmother along the trail near the village of Reaboro.

Roller Blading in Omemee

Kristian Brun, an Omemee resident, roller blading along the paved section of his community in June. Kristian says he wishes the entire TCT was paved!



Great Cycling Challenge ~ by Marnie Callaghan

I met Diane Dempsey while on the trail near Reaboro this summer. The logo on her shirt "Great Cycling Challenge" drew my attention. She told me about the incredible miles she has put on her bike since 2019 to support the children who need special care at Sick Kids Hospital. Even after the heart-breaking loss of her husband last year, she mustered the strength to get back in the saddle and continue pedalling for this worthy cause. To sponsor Diane, visit greatcyclechallenge.ca/riders/dianedempsey. Diane you are an inspiration!

Funding

Miyawaki Forest

... with generous funding from Trans Canada Trail | Sentier Transcanadien



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With generous funding from Trans Canada Trail | Sentier Transcanadien, researchers planted a mini-forest using the Miyawaki (pronounced me-ya-walk-ee) method. This method, developed by botanist Akira Miyawaki, plants trees very close together in urban environments. The crowding of the trees creates competition for light, which causes trees to grow up to ten times faster, meaning a forest can grow in 30 to 50 years, rather than in a 100 plus years time. Frost campus students will also benefit from this installation as it will be incorporated into environmental and forestry programming on campus going forward.

The mini-forest at Frost Campus is home to 2,700 trees and shrubs and contains 31 species. Researchers are monitoring the plot to determine:

- Which species perform best at what planting rate. Our mini-forest has three separate areas planted at densities of four, five and six stems per m².
- Considering the Miyawaki method is geared towards urban environments, researchers selected some species at risk such as Blue ash, Butternut and Hoptree, to determine if the Miyawaki method can be useful in aiding the recovery of species that are suffering from habitat loss.



Adopt Bench Program!

... no one wants to rest their weary feet on a bench that is overgrown with weeds, you can help!



Allan Dangerfield and his pals, Angel and Pebbles, take a break on their walk east of Reaboro.

Adopt a Bench!

The benches along the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail (KTCT) are a welcome sight for trekkers with weary feet, or those who simply want to sit and enjoy the nature around them. However, no one wants to sit on a bench that is overgrown with weeds.

We are looking for people to adopt a bench! This would include trimming the grass and picking up trash around and under the bench, plus trimming any overhanging branches.

The ideal person for this task is someone who likes to spend time at that particular bench. The bench shown in the picture to the left, has been adopted by Steve and Marnie Callaghan, who walk this section of trail on (almost) a daily basis.

There are seven wooden benches (two near Lindsay, two near Reaboro, two near Omemee, one at Mariposa Creek).

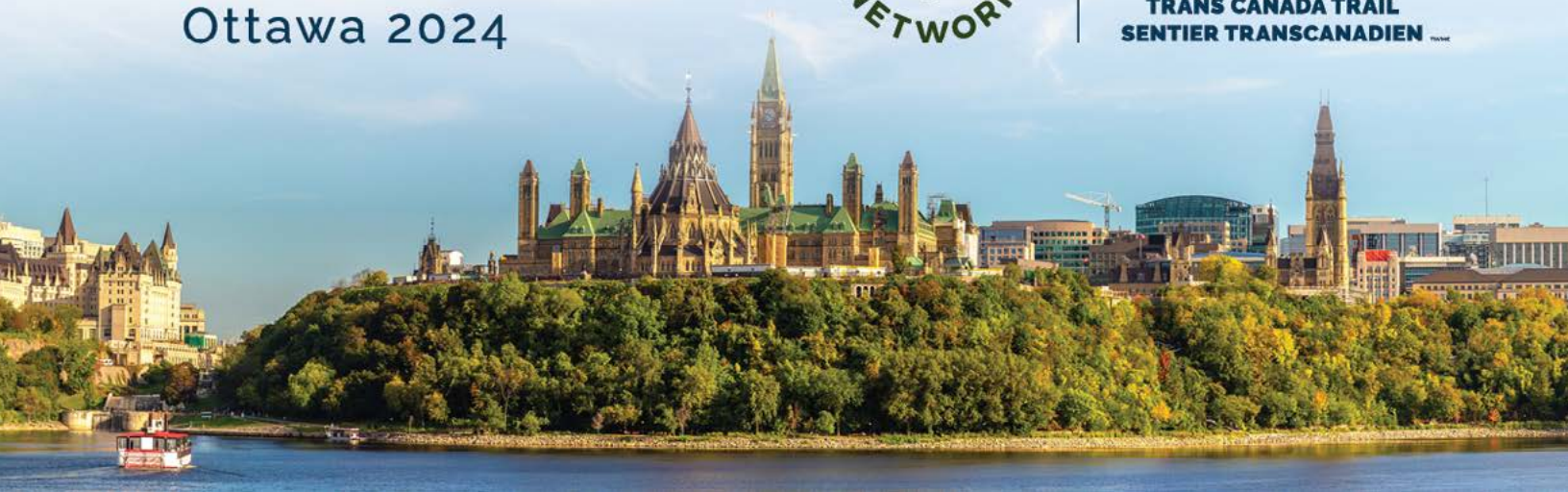
There are two steel benches (one near Sibley Ave. in Omemee, one at Doube's Bridge).

Adopt a Bench!

If you are interested in adopting a bench, call or text Marnie at: 705-328-0116

WORLD TRAILS CONFERENCE

Ottawa 2024



World Trail Conference

Representatives from the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Association attended the World Trails Conference in Ottawa from September 30, 2024 to October 4, 2024. The conference was hosted by Trans Canada Trail and The World Trails Network. The conference was well attended with over 400 representatives from over 35 countries attending including the US, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, Brazil, Japan, South Korea and others. The conference provided an opportunity to meet other passionate and dedicated trail groups and individuals to discuss and learn from each other. Speakers included the CEO of Indigenous Tourism, The Executive Director from EUROPAC Federation, Destination Canada, BC Parks Foundation, Parks Canada and many others from around our country and the world. Conference sessions included topics such as Arts and Culture, a Universal Connection between People and Places, Trails and Tourism, A Global Perspective on Trail Tourism, The Role of Trails in Conservation and How Trails can support Nature, Conservation and Climate. All sessions were informative and thought-provoking and, in some cases, very moving. The conference was an excellent opportunity to truly understand that trails are a gateway to healthy people and a healthy community. We were fortunate that the conference was held in Canada, the first in North America, through the efforts of Trans Canada Trail. In 2026 the next World Trails Conference will be held in Australia.



Yours to support



... love your Kawartha Trans Canada Trail, it's yours to support and your donation matters!



Your donation, large or small, is essential for ongoing maintenance and enhancement, please contribute. Every donation is used to ensure the trail is maintained to necessary standards. Contributions are gratefully accepted from individuals, user groups, businesses, and organizations. Mail in your donation or make a contribution online at ktct.ca/donation-options.



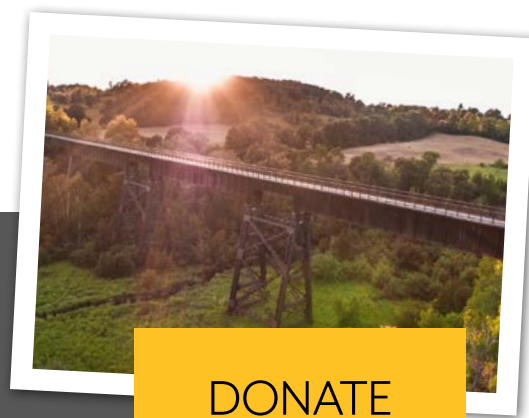
All financial contributors are acknowledged. Recognition may be through a certificate, online acknowledgement, a plaque, signage, or naming. Contributions over \$100 are recognized on the Fred DeNure Donor Wall at Fleming College, located along the trail. Numerous other forms of recognition are possible as they directly relate to special projects or specific fundraising initiatives.

Donor Levels

- Trail Champion \$1,000 and more
- Trail Master \$500 - \$999
- Trail Blazer \$100 - \$499
- Trail Maker \$50 - \$99
- Trail Supporter \$49 and less

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Click the 'Donate' button to learn more and become a member of the Fred DeNure Donor Wall at Fleming College.



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Meet Our FIVE. FIVE. FIVE. Sponsors

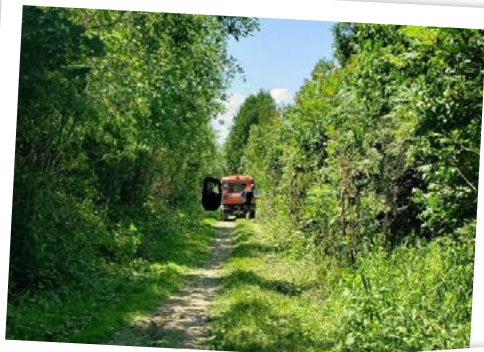
The sponsor component of the Love Your Trail Campaign is intended to attract what are referred to as 'Five. Five. Five.' These sponsors each agree to commit \$1,000 to the association each year for five consecutive years. The intent is to establish some assurance of operational continuity in support of the trail for the next five to seven years. We are relying on the support of five businesses, five service clubs, and five benefactors each to make a \$5,000 pledge. Contributions from individuals and grant sources will augment the Five. Five. Five pledges to ensure the annual operating budget can be met, plus offset unknown cost increases and special projects.

We are grateful for their support of a community trail that provides so many educational and recreational opportunities.

[Learn More](#)

Maintenance

on the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail



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Without our hard-working volunteers the KTCTA wouldn't be a clean, healthy and beautiful place for all Kawartha Lakes residents to be proud of and enjoy.

We're currently seeking volunteers to become a part of our dedicated KTCTA Team!

Upcoming Volunteer Needs:

May:

Hike and ride trail sections, check signage and trail tread maintenance.

June:

Trails day Event.

July:

Grass cutting at cross roads and around benches.

September:

Hike and ride trail sections, check signage and trail tread maintenance.

VOLUNTEER



Kawartha Lakes National Trails Day

Imagine a world without trails? Trails help boost our mood and keep us connected to the natural world.

This International Trails Day celebrate, educate and recreate by joining us at our **National Trails Day Event.**

CELEBRATE :

**Lindsay Recreation Complex
Saturday June 7, 2025 at 9am**

EDUCATE :

Join our guest speaker from Kawartha Cycling Club at 9am to learn about the local trail system and trail etiquette.

RECREATE :

Following the educational portion, Jump In and put your knowledge to the test! Join us in one of our National Trails Day routes and connect through some of our awesome trail networks. There will be two options for our walkers and two options for our cyclists, which will include separate distances and difficulties.



Scan the QR codes below to register for your walk/cycle.

Walking 4KM



Walking 7KM



Cycling 9.5KM



Cycling 21KM



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