



Local Trails News

Thanks to all who participated in the recent Open House hosted by Halifax North West Trails Association, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (Nova Scotia Chapter) and Maskwa Aquatic Club. Nearly 200 eager hikers provided input on their favorite hikes and destinations on maps available or completed a survey contributing to trail planning in the Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area

The consultants are currently working to put all the opportunities together in a plan that will be phased in over time as funding becomes available. The Wilderness Area is large and the exciting part is that it borders so many local communities. More and more residents and visitors are finding their way on to the trails. Our plan is to apply for funding for trail building once the Trail Planning Report is completed. The public will have an opportunity to review the plan early in the New Year. To keep in touch, go to www.bmbcltrails.com.

When considering a holiday gift for friends or family, why not select something uniquely different. A metre of NS Trail can be purchased through the NS Trails Federation to support the development, maintenance and management of our local trails. Go to Nova Scotia Trails Federation, www.novascotiatrails.com/ and follow the instructions at the RED button under Donate. Include the local trails group, Halifax North West Trails, to return the funds for local trails.

Deadline for this holiday season to ensure timely receipt of the Metre Certificate suitable for framing is December 10. This portal is always available for gifts throughout the year. A bonus, you will receive a charitable tax receipt for the cost of each metre = \$40.

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