



Mahony Area Mountain Bike Preliminary Trail Plan

Plan Vision:

The vision of this preliminary plan is to develop short and long term objectives for a multi-phase green and blue multi-use climb trail and blue rated gravity mtb trails in the Mahony Trail Area. This preliminary plan will direct QRCA in determining the feasibility of such a build. If it is determined that this plan is feasible, QRCA intends to hire a professional trail consultant to develop a detailed trail plan.

Plan Area:

The Mahony Trail Area includes the areas between Inland Lake Provincial Park and Haslam Lake and between the top of Civil Disobedience at 845m and the Parking lot at the 1.5km bridge on Inland Lake FSR. Mahony access is within 10km of the Powell River city centre. This area is entirely within the boundaries of the qathet Regional District Electoral Area B. See Mahony Map from Trailforks in Appendix.

The Mahony Trail Area includes Public/Crown Lands, Tla'amin Traditional Territory, Tla'amin Community Forest, BC Timber Sales, Inland Lake Provincial Park, Haslam Lake Watershed and Powell River Community Forest Land. The plan recognizes that there are a variety of landowners both within and outside the plan area.

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1. Plan Objectives:

- **Recreate responsibly**
 - Consult with Tla'amin Nation
 - Protect culturally sensitive areas
 - Protect cultural, ecological, and historical values
 - engage with other user groups
 - see stakeholder list

- build relationships with commercial and government entities with title or interests in the area (ie: Tla'amin, Rec. Sites & Trails BC, BC Parks, BC Timber Sales, PRCF, etc)
- **Build and maintain an exceptional trail network to encourage tourism and diversify the local economy**
 - *Become an IMBA designated RIDE CENTRE "Ride Centers™ feature extensive trail networks, masterfully designed for mountain bikers of every skill level and built by professional trailbuilders and local volunteers. Bring your full arsenal of bikes to these destination-worthy areas. From backcountry adventures to shuttle-served gravity trails, and from expert-only to family-friendly, you'll encounter the best the sport has to offer"*
 - Establish Section 56 or Section 57 designation for trails established under this plan
 - Create opportunities for informed discussions with independent trail-building community
 - Focus on blue gravity mountain bike trails with a hiking/biking (multi-use) climb trail to connect the network
 - Enhance and protect existing trail network
 - Make long term plans to connect Mahony network with Gallagher Hill and Duck Lake areas
 - Develop connections to Inland Lake Provincial Park to encourage mountain bike tourism to this area (no high speed trails funnelling into campground area or Inland Lake Loop trail)
 - Develop more blue trails to encourage visiting and local families to use the trail network - create inclusive venue
 - Provide an area where local riders can progress from blue trails in the Duck Lake area to blue and black trails in the Mahony area
 - Provide training opportunities for local youth enduro and downhill racers
 - Identify areas where kiosks and parking could enhance the user experience and prevent future pollution or degradation of the land
- **Encourage safe outdoor recreation for the health and well-being of local residents and visitors**
 - Mountain biking has inherent risk. Some of these risks can be mitigated or diminished through proper planning and trail-building
 - Coordinate a rescue atlas with Search and Rescue to define appropriate helicopter landing zones and areas where ambulance can stage
 - Build to RSTBC trail standards to ensure sustainable trail-building practices
 - Use RSTCB sign standards to ensure riders can make informed risk assessment

2. Stakeholders:

Powell River Cycling Association (PRCA)
 Tla'amin Nation
 Powell River ATV Club
 Motorized Users
 Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC)
 Sunshine Coast Tourism (SCT)
 Tourism Powell River
 qathet Regional District (qRD)
 BC Timber Sales



Provincial Parks (BC Parks)

Hunters

Hikers (no sections of the Sunshine Coast Trail exist in this area of Mahony)

3. Existing Trails in the Mahony Area:

- Hush (exist under Partnership Agreement with BC Parks)
- OG (exist under Partnership Agreement with BC Parks)
- Civil Disobedience (unsanctioned)
- Quick-E (unsanctioned)
- Fairies Wear Boots (unsanctioned)
- Burly (unsanctioned)
- Quaver (unsanctioned)
- Fungi (unsanctioned)
- Marvin's Bent Wrench
- Pogue Mahone (unsanctioned)
- Retrograde (unsanctioned)
- ANW Civil Access (unsanctioned) used by ATV/Moto
- 24 Minions
- Forget Me Knot

Access Points:

- Inland Lake FSR
- Inland Lake Branch 2 (Mounty Mahony Road)
- IL052.026 Road (to get to Burly)
- Spur 34 (to connect Upper Fairies to 24 Minions)
- Old Road (Cairn's Road) used by ATV/Moto

4. Preliminary Plan Phases:

First Phase - *Southern BC Park Boundary (122m) to top of Retrograde (237m)*
(49.912N, 124.490W to 49.904N, 124.479W)

1.1 Develop Phase 1 of the climb trail (IMBA Green or Blue) that connects Inland Lake Provincial Park (or staging area just outside park boundary) to the top of Retrograde

1.2 Develop Blue Flow trail that connects top of Retrograde down to Inland Lake Provincial Park (or staging area).

Second Phase - *Top of Retrograde (237m) to start of Burly climb (453m)* (49.904N, 124.479W to 49.901N, 124.465W)

2.1 Develop climb trail (IMBA Blue) that connects top of Retrograde to start of Burly

2.2 Develop Blue trail that starts somewhere on climb trail and connects to Blue trail in section 1.2

