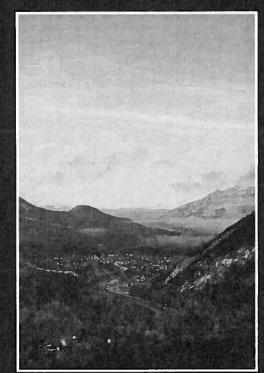


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1. General

1.1 Leitch to Lakes Dream

Surrounded by snow capped mountains, lakes, rivers and numerous creeks, the people of Crowsnest Pass enjoy fresh clean air, pure water and spectacular mountain views. It is a clean and healthy place to raise a family, to work, to play or to retire.

Crowsnest Pass residents have a deep appreciation for the landscape that defines it and the interconnectedness of the community in this setting. The many amenities, extensive history and spectacular scenery can only be enhanced with the development of a community trail system that offers a new way for people to commute and connect.

In 1979, the five communities that now make up the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass amalgamated, connecting the five communities into one. Residents of the Crowsnest Pass see the trail network as an added feature that will provide another transportation option for residents and visitors to move from community to community. The trails will provide a variety of recreational opportunities such as walking, biking, jogging, cross country skiing, historic tours as well as bird and wildlife watching opportunities.

Being connected is important to the people of the Crowsnest Pass and is a vital component in the future development of the tourism industry. This trail network will extend from Crowsnest and Emerald Lake's at the west end, to Leitch Colliaries at the east end of the municipality and will link together the five communities that make up the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass.

1.2 Goals:

The primary goals of the Trail Committee are to:

- Provide a safe, user friendly, multi-use trail network within the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass.
- Promote health and wellness for all community members.
- Improve our economy through promoting recreational use of our trails.
- Provide a connection to the unique history, points of interest and natural beauty of the Crowsnest area.
- Provide alternative transportation routes and modes of travel that protect and conserve the natural beauty of the community.
- Enhance community involvement in the development and maintenance of the Crowsnest Pass Community Trail System.
- Foster connections between the five communities through one vision.

Short Term Objectives:

- To establish the backbone of the trail network by defining and developing one Main Trail that connects all the communities from Crowsnest Lake at the west end to Leitch Colliaries at the east end, a distance of approximately 27 km.
- To install trail signage, kiosks and amenities at appropriate points along the trail.
 Signage to indicate historic points of interest, recreational sites and lateral hiking trails will be included.
- To develop, print and distribute maps and brochures.

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- To plan for financial long term sustainability and future development.

Long Term Objectives:

- To incorporate existing hiking trails into the trails signage through trailhead signs and additional signage along these trails.
- To expand the trail network by adding loops through residential areas, and fingers that extend to points of interest such as museums, historic sites, memorials, views, quiet places for contemplation, bird and wildlife viewing points, recreational facilities and to trail heads that give access to the vast back country trails that surrounds this valley.
- To establish and develop new trails and to connect them to Main Trail as need and opportunities arise.
- To establish a permanent operational and maintenance program in cooperation with the municipality.

1.3 Funding Sources:

- Locally, funding has come through the municipal tax base, community clubs and organizations and donations from individuals, businesses and corporations.
- Grants at the provincial and federal levels have been received and will be accessed again in the future.

Funding Details:

- Funding has been received through Alberta Community Enhancement Funds.
 The first funding was received in 2006 and the project has received approximately \$145,000 each year.
- The committee is researching all opportunities for external and local funding including:
 - o Grant opportunities, both Federal and Provincial.
 - o Corporate, club and organization sponsorships.
 - o Individual opportunities for donations.

1.4 Trail Development

- 2006 and 2007 Trail completed and paved through Blairmore.
- 2007 Completed paving between Bellevue and Hillcrest.
- 2008 Due to negotiations taking longer than anticipated, this funding was held over to complete the designated trail portion in 2009.

Trails for Completion in the Future

- Coleman to Blairmore.
- Sentinel Travei information Centre to Coleman.
- Blairmore to Frank.
- Frank to Bellevue and Hillcrest.
- Bellevue to Leitch Collieries.

The 2009 work schedule is to complete the connector between Blairmore and Coleman. We are still waiting for a CPR decision and requirements regarding locating the trail on CP property. Funding carried forward from 2008 plus 2009 funding is in place for this year's projects.

1.5 Community Resources:

There is a rich and fascinating history in the Crowsnest Pass. This history has been recorded and displayed in the Crowsnest Museum, the Bellevue Underground Mine and the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre. Many buildings and mine sites, that have been declared historic sites, also need to be profiled. Some of the sites are not yet open to the public, however, it is the human stories that make the history so fascinating.

- The Crowsnest Valley, nestled in Alberta's southern Rockies, is protected by majestic, snow capped mountains and lush forests. The river winding its way through the valley collects the water from numerous streams and creeks as it flows east, eventually draining into the Oldman River. In many ways it is still untouched, pristine, with heart-stopping beauty. The Crowsnest River is considered one of the world's best fly fishing rivers and attracts fisherman from around the world.
- The valley accommodates Highway 3, a major east-west transportation route across southern Alberta. It is ideally located as a tourism destination being only 2 hours from Calgary, and1.5 hours from Lethbridge and within driving distance for all of southern Alberta and southern Saskatchewan. It is only an hour away from two world class downhill skiing resorts, Castle Mountain and Fernie Alpine Resort. The Pass Powderkeg, a family ski hill located within the municipality, appeals to many families, both residents and visitors.
- The community is emerging as a major recreation destination. The extensive 1500 km multi-use trail network that surrounds the Crowsnest Pass, extending south to Waterton and north to Kananaskis Country, offers access to the backcountry for all users and is a major asset to the community. The Pass is the only part of the southern Rockies that has not become highly commercialized as a Tourism Destination and the potential is endless.
- Supporting the spirit of the community, the people of the Crowsnest Pass are protective, proud and renowned for giving their time to projects that enhance and contribute to the valley and its residents. Several clubs and organizations are already involved in the stewardship of our parks and trails. This early commitment is positive for future adoption of trail segments.

2. Nuts & Bolts

2.1 Trail System

The development of the Crowsnest Community Trails is a joint effort between community stakeholders, interested individuals and municipal government. To that end, a Trail Committee has been established to oversee the process as a community-based project, and to ensure we have a safe, useful, high-quality community trail system.

2.2 Trail Management and Oversight

The Trail Committee has been overseeing the planning stages of the Crowsnest trails and will coordinate with the municipality to put the initial trails in place. As the trail network grows, a formal and organized structure will be required for its management, maintenance and expansion. The trails can be managed in a variety of wavs:

- Not-for-profit Society.
- Cooperatively between the Trail Committee and the Municipality.
- Crowsnest Pass Culture and Recreation Board.

TRAIL PERKS

The concept of trails is simple and straightforward but amenities such as those listed below complete them.

Kiosks and Parking Kiosks welcome visitors and provide information such as maps and trail guides. Parking is essential to encourage people to park and explore.

Benches

A combination of Metal and Rustic benches at trailheads or at intervals along the way, offer places to rest and reflect.

Garbage Cans Bear proof designs will be used

Bicycle Racks
Bike racks can keep your bike
safe and free you to walk
around.

Water

Splash your face and fill your water bottle from a fountain or faucet at various points along the trail.

Signs
Trail signs posted along trail
routes will tell you where you
are, which way to go and how
far it is.

Maps and Brochures
Maps show where the trails
are. Brochures tell you what
there is to see along the way.

3. Trail Development Guldelines

3.1 Trail Design

Professionally designed and constructed trails are essential to the Trail Committee goals of developing a first class tralls system. This includes ensuring trails are standardized to meet the needs of all designated users at all times.

- A standardized trail width of 1.5 meters (4.92 ft) will be used for all trails. Where there is limited visual clearance, trails will be widened for user safety. The option of a center line will be considered to indicate lane direction.
- Trail surface options will be researched to determine which material will be appropriate for various sections of the trails. Three or four different materials will be used as the trail base depending on terrain, location and users.
- Pavement within communities.
- Gravel and or limestone crush for most connector sections
- Mulch or boardwalks for environmentally sensitive trails where there are designated hikers only.

3.2 Trail Right of Way

When new trails are being considered several steps need to be followed in order to ensure permission has been given and legal documents are in place. Where the trail crosses private property, easements will be required following negotiations with landowners.

- Identify the route.
- A title search completed to determine if any of the land identified will be located on private property.
- Land owners to be approached to discuss the proposed route.

Considerations, Information and questions to discuss with land owner:

- Where the trail will be crossing his/her land?
- What material will be used for the trail base?
- Who will be using the trail?
- Who will enforce trail rules?
- Who will repair damages caused to his/her property?
- If any, how will compensation be paid?
- Who will remove all trail base and amenities when the trail agreement is ended or if the trail will not be used for some reason in the future?

There may be other questions and considerations to be discussed during negotiations.

3.3 Trail Research

Trail research will be a key element in planning for future trail development. Considerations to be addressed include:

- How will they connect to existing infrastructure (playgrounds, historic sites, attractions, residential areas, existing hiking/cycling trails and staging areas for off highway vehicle users).
- Trail Usage Who will use the trails? (hikers, bikers, scooters).
- Crosswalks in high density areas. There may be other considerations.
- The advantages and disadvantages of the trail location.
- Potential barriers or issues that might affect development such as environmentally fragile areas.

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3.3 continued....

- Land ownership.
- Trail base material.
- Cost estimates.

3.4 Trail Parking for VehicleS

Vehicle Parking will be made available at trail access points where information kiosks are to be located.

3.5 Trail Amenities

Trail amenities are an important component. Landscaping makes the trails more ascetically pleasing. Amenities may include:

- Landscaping such as shrubs, trees, flowers, benches, interpretive signage, picnic tables and shelters, bird watching platforms, parks, gazebos, playground equipment lighting, garbage containers, dog bag dispensers, washrooms, bear smart garbage containers.
- Considerations for year-round use:
 - o Trail grooming during the winter.
 - o Outdoor washroom facilities
 - o water supply
 - o trail cleaning
 - o cross country skiing

3.6 Trail information

Community Inventory of the history and culture, recreation facilities, cultural centres, parks and playgrounds will ad a rich and informative component to the overall concept of community trails.

Through trail head signage, the community trails will be connected to the back country trails that surrounds the Crowsnest Pass.

4. Trails Identity Guidelines

4.1 Trail Logo

Three standard logo formats will be used depending on location and purpose.













Official Logo Colors

Pantone 188	
Pantone 350	
Pantone 130	
Black	
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Crowsnest Community Trails Graphic Identity

The Crowsnest Community Trails
Graphic Identity is a most essential aspect of the overall brand positioning. It establishes "The Trails" as a unified system and will encourage greater trail use from residents as well as visitors.

Logo Use

The three logo formats at left are the only, approved logos for the Crowsnest Community Trails. These logos should always be used in accordance with the guidelines given in this document.

Color Palette

The official colors of the Crowsnest Pass Community Trails identity are listed to the left, along with their pantone name, PMS numbers and CMYK formulas. Whenever possible use only these match numbers or formulas to maintain a consistent brand appearance.

Reproduction

When reproducing the Crowsnest Community Walking Trails logos, always use original, high resolution digital files provided by the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass. Use artwork without changes such as resizing to avoid loss of quality.

4.2 Trail Font

Arial is the suggested font which may change once our logo is finalized.

<u>Arial</u>

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Arial Unicode Ms
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Arial Narrow
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

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abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Arial Rounded Black
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
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4.3 Trail Symbols

Symbols will be standardized for trail use on all trail signage as well as on maps and brochures.



Parking



Hiking Trail



Bike Trail



Telephone



Washrooms



Showers



Information



Campfires



Lookout



Picnic Site



Picnic Shelter



Hospital



Campground



Lodging



Restaurant/Food

Symbols, Amenities Services

Here are some common amenity symbols that can be used on directional signs and information klock panels.

These were developed by the Society for Environmental Graphic Design for use in recreational facilities. They relate closely to symbols developed by the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) for transportation graphics.

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When ordering signs, indicate symbols by the code numbers listed here.

Graphic elements shown in black on this page will typically print Light Yellow on signs, unless otherwise indicated. The areas inside the symbols that appear white on this page will be the background sign color, typically Red.

Symbols can be added as needed.

4.3 Symbols continued.... Prohibitory Symbols



No Camping



No Pets



No Campfires



No Fishing



No Littering



No Rock Collecting



No Climbing



No Fire Wood Cutting



No Motorcycles



No Horse Riding



No Parking



No Alcoholic Beverages



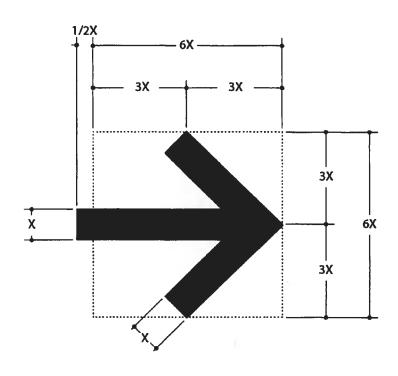
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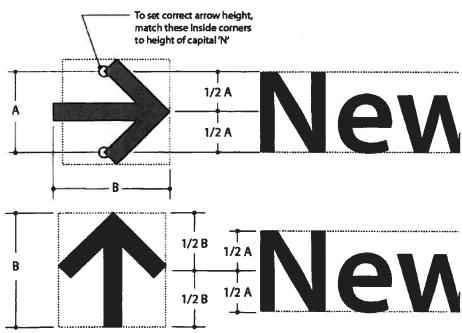


No Smoking

4.3 Symbols continued....

Directional Arrows





4.4 Trail Kiosks and Amenities

Kiosks

The kiosks will have a consistent design and will be located in highly visible areas. The colors selected for the logo and signage will be incorporated within the kiosk panel designs.

In some cases, a kiosk will be shared with other groups such as the Crowsnest Historic Society. In these instances, the Crowsnest Community Trails will have one whole panel and the panel will be designed to reflect the *Trails Identity Guidelines*.

Some suggested locations for kiosks throughout the community are as follows.

- Flummerfelt Park
- Downtown Blairmore, located at the parking area on the east side of Centre Access by the bridge crossing Crowsnest River
- The interpretive shelter between Blairmore and Frank
- Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
- Bellevue/Hillcrest Information Centre
- Leitch Collieries

In addition to the main kiosks, there will be display panels at places like the Bellevue Underground Mine, Crowsnest Pass Museum, Chinook Lake, Alberta Travel Information Center and other visible locations.

- The kiosks will be located in highly visible areas where visitors can stop and get information about the Crowsnest Community Walking Trails as well as the back country trails.
- The kiosk panels will be artistically designed with pictures, historic information, points of interest and trail maps and protected by plexi-glass or some such medium. Brochures with information and maps will be available at the kiosks.
- There will be space on the kiosk panels and some trail signage for sponsorship opportunities and recognition.
- Landscaping with shrubs, flowers, and places where people can sit, will enhance visibility drawing people to look at the pictures, study the maps and read related information. Locating the kiosks close to coffee shops and other services will encourage people to relax and enjoy the spectacular setting this valley provides.

Amenities

Amenities will include bear proof garbage cans, a picnic table, bag dispensers for dog walkers, brochure rack for maps and other information, bike racks and vehicle parking. Refer to the appendix for design details.

4.5 Trail Signage & Information Panels

A consistent trail signage design will be developed that can be used throughout the valley. Something elegant, durable, cost efficient and can be sized for different purposes and still hold its integrity.

Information panels will be multi-purpose, including:

- Town map and directory panels.
- Town story panels will portray history, and interesting features. A panel for each of the five communities will be developed.
- Trail map panels and rules of etiquette/stewardship panels.
- Sponsorship/donation recognition panels.

4.6 Trail Signage Bodies (posts)

Sign bodies will be constructed of Trex composite decking and steel. The mounting plates are welded powder coated steel plates.

A base of concrete and steel will be used for anchoring bodles (posts), benches, picnic tables and kiosk bodies (posts).

Bodies (Posts)

The footer is concrete poured into a round form such as Sonotube, with J-bolts inserted. The footer needs to pass below the frost line at the installation location. **Pads**

Concrete pads will be poured for the installation of picnic tables and benches. Tables and benches will be anchored with steel bolts into the concrete.

4.7 Trail Signage Overview and Construction

Over the next eight pages are a detailed description of sign body construction and the type of information panels desired. The material used in construction of our sign bodies is a 4"x4" Trex Composite Decking material. Depending on the use and location of the sign the width can be expanded by increments of 4" to accommodate larger sign requirements. Smaller sign posts used more at trailheads and signage along the trails will be 8" wide the width of two posts.

Kiosk will be constructed from the same concept. All instructions are included in the following pages.

CROWSNEST COMMUNITY TRAILS SIGNAGE GUIDLINES Overview



These guidelines are divided into two sections. Trial signage and Klosk signage.

All sign bodies are constructed from Trex Composite decking (4"x4") hollow sleeves

Wooden inserts are used to reinforce the sleeves.

Steel cups on top and bottom secure the sleeves together.

The bottom cup has a steel plate welded to the bottom that secures the base to the concrete block.

J-bolts are imbedded into the concrete and by placing nuts on the J-boits under and above the mounting plate the plate can be adjusted level and plumb.

The top of the concrete block will be below ground level approximately 5 inches in order to busy the mounting plate.

Sign body widths can be adjusted at 4 inch increments depending on use of sign and location.

Sign bodies are Woodland Brown in color with top and bottom cups being black powder coated steel. All bolt heads and nuts ends will be painted black.

ACCESS AREA IDENTIFICATION and DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE Overview A1



The Access Area identification Sign announces the access area to approaching drivers and

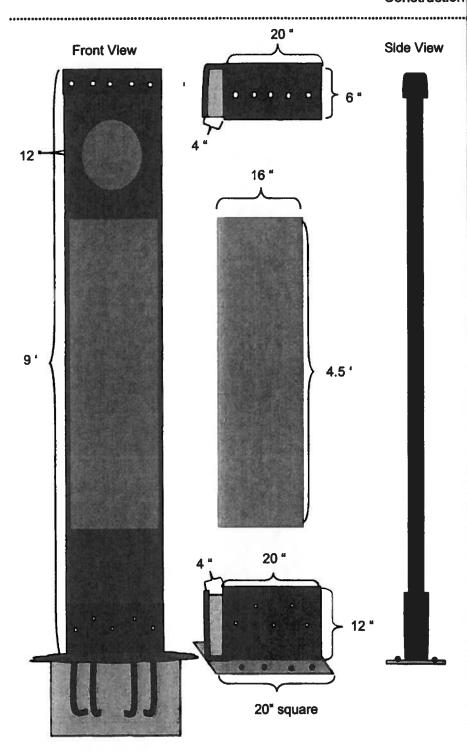
cyclists, reinforces the **Crowsnest Community Trails** brand with a prominently displayed logo and provides directions to parking areas. The signs height and unique design provides great visibility for all approaching traffic.

The sign is located near the parking area entrance just outside of the public right of way. The sign should be positioned to give drivers adequate time to turn once they see the parking directional arrow.

The sign is double-sided with identical information graphics on both sides except for arrow positions.

It is desirable to maintain the continuity of this sign across all Crowsnest Community Trails access areas.

ACCESS AREA IDENTIFICATION and DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE Construction A1



GENERAL NOTES

The body of this sign is (20"x4"x9") constructed from five(4"x4"x9") Trex Composite Sleaves in a Woodland Brown color.

The Trex sleeves are hollow, designed to fit over a 4x4 wooden or steel insert.

Two wooden posts (4"x4"x6") will be inserted from the bottom into the two outside Trex sleeves to provide added support for the lower half of the sign body and at the centre point that will be secured with a 3/8" ready rod.

The top anchor is a powder coated (black) 1/4" U shaped steel cup that slides over the top. Five (3/8"x5.5") bolts, one through each of the five posts, will secure the top cup and posts of the sign body. The top cup is (20"wx6"hx4"d).

One 3/8" ready rod extends through all five posts at the centre point of 4.5' to secure the sign body at the centre.

The bottom anchor is powder coated (black) 1/4" U shaped steel welded to a 3/8" base.

This base plate(20° square) is anchored into a 2.5 cubic ft concrete block with four (1"x12") J-bolts on each side of the U shaped cup. Where frost is a concern, the concrete should extend below frost line.

The sign body is then mounted into this bottom cup and anchored with five (3/8"x5.5") bolts, one through each of the five sleeves to secure the cup to the sign body.

RULES AND ETIQUETTE TRAIL STEWARDSHIP Graphic Specifications

A1

To the left are two additional examples of information panels that will fit on the 20 inch wide sign post shown on the previous page (A1). Each

panel will be 16 inches wide

and 4.5 feet long

4.1 Trall Logo.

Complete colors for the logo panel are shown in section

Message will change depending on the location of the sign.

Trail rules and etiquette may need to be individualized, based on trail section requirements.

Trail Support and
Stewardship messages may
change depending on
location and should be
developed by the managing
Trail organization.

The Sign Panel and Logo is reverse engraved, colour filled lamicold.

Material specifications:
Rowmark Reversible engraving material—Microsurfaced impact acrylic: Matte or Gloss finish. Two ply 1/8 inch,

Engraving depth .012 inch, Scratch resistant; UV resistant.





Trail Support
& Stewardship

Crowsnest Pass
Chamber of
Commerce

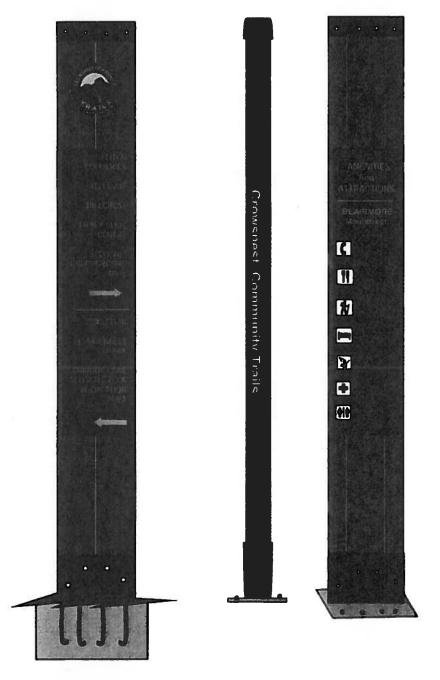
Municipality of
Crowsnest Pass

Crowsnest
Conservation Society

Crowsnest Economic
Development

Iron Stone Lookout

DIRECTIONAL TRAIL SIGNAGE DIRECTIONAL TOWN AMENITIES



The Directional Trail Signage announces the access area to approaching drivers and bicyclists, reinforces the Crowsnest Community Trail brand with a prominently displayed logo. The sign should be positioned so that drivers have adequate time to turn once they see the parking directional arrow.

Identical information panels are mounted on each side of the sign body. The arrows will charge position from side to side.

With the unique design of the post body, width can be adjusted at increments of 4 inches depending on use. Directional signage posts are (16° w x 9' h). The cup widths are adjusted according to the width of the sign. Numbers of bolts are also adjusted to the number of posts in the sign body.

The sigh's height and unique shape provides greater visibility for approaching drivers and riders.

The sign will be located near parking area entrances.

- Blairmore Centre access parking area on the south side of Crowsnest River.
- Entrance to Flumerfelt Park in Coleman.
- Believue east access by information Centre.
- Hillcrest Centre Access along 9th Avenue.
- Frank Klosk River walk entrance.

If the sign panels are providing Town Amenities information they will be at key points along the Community Trail close to where the amenities are located within the community.

TRAILHEAD AND DIRECTIONAL TRAIL SIGNAGE

Construction

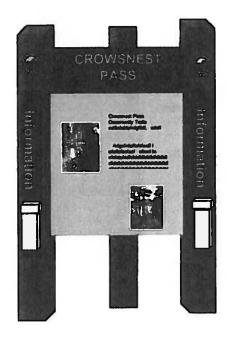
The Trailhead and Directional Trail Signage announces the start of the trail. Other information such as distance

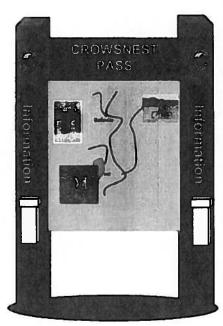
and difficulty will be included on this sign. With the unique design of the post body, width can be adjusted at increments of 4 inches depending on use. Logo diameter is now 6.5" Construction and installation procedures are the same for all signs except for the size adjustment. Trailhead signs and Trail Directional signs are (8" w x 8' h). The cup widths are adjusted according to the width of the Crowsnest Community Trails sign. Numbers of bolts are also adjusted to the number of posts in the sign body. The concrete block for this size information Sign body sign will be 1.5' square by 2.5' panel is 6.5" height is 7' high. The concrete block will be wide by 4.5' below ground level 5" in order to allow for sign base to be buried.

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Klosks will be located at key points along the trails. Depending on the amount of information to be displayed and the location, klosks can be either three sided or two sided.

Klosks may be shared with other groups. In these instances the Community trails will have one panel to display trail information.

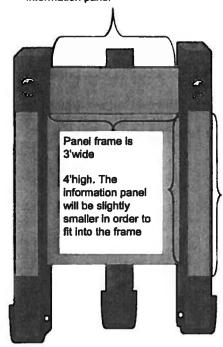
Three posts give the klosk three sides where information panels can be placed.

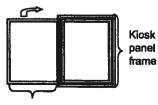
Two posts offer the option of one or two information panels. Panels can be developed for both sides, or just one side of the klosk.

CROWSNEST COMMUNITY TRAILS SIGNAGE GUIDLINES Construction

B1

Crowsnest Community Trails Is placed across the top of the information panel





Kiosk information panel

3.5" w x 4'h
information panels
will be mounted on
each post.
Brochure holders
will also be
mounted on each
post



GENERAL NOTES

Kiosk legs are made from 4"x4"x8" Trex Composite furnber. Color Woodland Brown. Each leg will have a 4"x4"8" wooden insert into the Trex hollow sleeve to reinforce the posts

The klosk panel is constructed with a larger frame that the panel frame closes into. With hinges located on the inside, the panel can be closed and locked.

The panel frame is mounted onto the sign posts with boits that extend from the outside of the post to the inside of the panel frame. Nuts are then located within the panel frame which are not exposed when the information panel is closed.

The Crowsnest Community
Trails panel will extend across
the top of the Idosk Information
panel. It will be (12"hx3.5'w).

The footer is concrete poured in a 10" round form such as Sonotube with a 4"x4" post anchor inserted into the concrete. The post is then mounts into this anchor. The concrete footer should pass below the frost line.

The footer and mounting cup are set low enough that the mounting cup is just under the finished grade and not exposed.

All steel must be powder coated to prevent rusting.

4.8 Trail Public Washrooms

Several existing washrooms have been identified for summer use only. Where needed, others will be added.

4.9 Trail Maps

- In stage one a master map will be developed defining the route for the east/west Main Trail. In stage two, connector trails, fingers and loops will be added.
- Maps will include length and difficulty of tralls.
- Maps will reflect the Graphic Identity Guidelines giving added cohesiveness to the overall trail brand.

4.10 Trail Brochure

- An information brochure will be available at all kiosks and various outlets throughout the community.
- Maps and brochures will be used to reach target markets at the regional, provincial, national and international level.

5. Trail Inventory

An inventory of existing trails and hikes currently being used are listed below. Some of these trails are already named. The Intent of the committee is that eventually all trails will be named and added.

5.1

Main Trail

(27 km one way)

<u>Trailhead:</u> Located at Leitch Collieries parking lot at the east end and Sentinel Alberta Travel information Centre at the west end. The Main Trail can be accessed at many points in between.

<u>Trail:</u> Main Trail will extend from Leitch Collieries at the east end of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, extending west to the Alberta Travel Information Centre on the south side of Highway 3 at Sentinel. This completed Main Trail will be approximately 27 km long and will connect the five communities of Bellevue, Hillcrest, Frank, Blairmore and Coleman.

Sections of this trail will be paved, others, which extend beyond the communities, will be gravel.

Trail difficulty is indicated on the right by the following symbols.

5.2

Leitch Collieries Provincial Historic Site (0.8 km loop)

<u>Trailhead:</u> Leitch Collieries parking lot. Located 5 km east of Bellevue

<u>Trail:</u> Self-guided interpretive trails lead visitors through the remains of Leitch Collieries, a coal mine that operated from 1906-1915. The trails are graveled and wheelchair accessible. Interpretive staffs are on site from May 15th to Labour Day.

5.3

Bellevue-Hillcrest Path

(2.2 km one way)

<u>Trailhead</u>: Located at 9th Avenue. in Hillcrest and 23rd Avenue in Bellevue.

<u>Trail:</u> This paved path connects the communities of Bellevue and Hillcrest. The path parallels the West Hillcrest access for most of its length, crossing the Crowsnest River on the vehicular bridge. A tunnel takes hikers under busy Highway 3 and up an old road to connect with 23 Avenue in Bellevue.

5.4

Frank Slide Trail

(1.5 km loop)

<u>Trailhead</u>: Located at the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre parking lot.

<u>Trail</u>: This gravel path leads into the rocks of the Frank Slide of 1903, giving hikers an up-close look at the awesome power

TRAIL TIPS

EASY

Well maintained trails with little change in elevation and no major hazards, Hiking boots are not necessary.

MODERATE

Trail may involve significant changes in elevation and moderate distances. Hiking boots recommended. Topographic map useful but is not essential.

CHALLENGING

Will have either a major change of elevation, significant distance or a major hazard. Route finding skills may be required.

Topographic map is essential. Must have hiking boots.



Route with major changes in elevation. Mountain scrambling and route finding skills required. Must be prepared, with appropriate gear.

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5.4 continued....

of nature. An interpretive guidebook is available at the gift shop and is keyed to numbered markers along the trail.

5.5

Hastings Ridge

(3.5 km one way)

<u>Trailhead</u>: Located 9.5 km up the Adanac Road from East Hillcrest Access Road.

<u>Trail</u>: Follow the old road that leads west from the cattle guard, taking the left fork when faced with an option. The road slowly climbs the ridge, emerging above the remains of an open pit coal mine from the 1940s. From the helght of the ridge, there are expansive panoramic views in all directions. The Flathead Range to the west dominates the vista that extends south to Waterton Park.

5.6

Livingstone Range Raptor Migration Viewpoint

(2.6 km one way)

<u>Trailhead</u>: Access road to Frank Slide Interpretive Centre

<u>Trail:</u> Follow the gravel road that leads north across the cattle guard from the hairpin turn on the Frank Slide interpretive Centre road. Follow the main road up the hill, keeping right at the main junction, which leads to an open meadow beneath the Livingstone Range. From the abandoned well site there are game trails and a few worn routes that lead steeply up the grass and forest ridge. Those with good route-finding skills will have few problems. Once on the ridge, find the internet transmission station (looks like a plastic porta-potty). The viewpoint is on the eastern face of the ridge overlooking Rock Creek valley. In the spring and fall each year, thousands of large raptors make their way along this flyway, using the thermals to lift them high above the valley floor. Golden Eagle counts are taken from this location each migration season.



Livingstone Range Chert Quarries

(2.3 km one way)

Trailhead: Access road to Frank Slide Interpretive Centre

<u>Trail:</u> Follow the gravel road that leads north across the cattle guard from the hairpin turn on the Frank Slide interpretive Centre road. Follow the main road up the hill, keeping right at the main junction and then left at the gas pipeline (watch for the orange pipeline warning signs) Hike the pipeline road up to the windswept pass at the crest of the Livingstone Range. From here make your way less than .5 km back east to the base of the large electrical transmission tower. The "quarries" are found on the bench overlooking the Crowsnest Valley, another 100 meters southeast of the tower. it was at this location, in the waist-deep pits, that the K'tunaxa and the Pikani dug out nodules of Chert, a flint-like material, which they used for tool making.

5.8

Lille

(6.3 km one way)

Trailhead: Access road to Frank Slide Interpretive Centre

<u>Trail</u>: Follow the gravel road that leads north across the cattle guard at the hairpin turn. Take the second road to your left (approximately 250 meters from the cattle guard). Park and hike on the rough road that leads into the forest. Once you rejoin the main Lille access road (approximately 1.5 km from the start), turn left and follow the road up the Gold Creek Valley. There is one small crossing of Green Creek, followed by two more substantial crossings of Gold Creek. One final crossing at Morin Creek brings you out

5.8 continued....

into the open at what once was the coal mining community of Lille. Still visible are old basement depressions, bricks, rusted metal and a couple of fire hydrants. Once in the meadow, veer to the left, to discover the basement foundation of the Lille Hotei, a fine two storey structure of the day. Continuing in this direction you will find a large pile of slack coal and the remains of Lille's Bernard-type coke ovens. Note: Lille is an Alberta Provincial Historic Site. Do not disturb or take anything from the site.



5.9

Turtle Mountain (North Peak)

(3.1 km to summit – 780 m elevation gain)

Trailhead: West side of Turtle Mountain behind upper east Blairmore.

<u>Trail</u>: The trail begins on the pipeline right-of-way that extends down to the Blairmore subdivision on Turtle Mountain's west slope. A back alley off of 16th Avenue, in upper east Blairmore, provides access to the pipeline right-of-way and leads to a parking area below the trail. Painted yellow rocks indicate the start of the trail.

The trail begins rather steeply and roughly, fighting its way up the west shoulder of Turtle Mountain. The trail is generally well defined throughout its length. Good scrambling and route finding abilities are an essential. The route comes very close to a number of sheer precipices, so those who do not like very exposed views should not attempt this trail. From the top of North Peak, there are fantastic views in all directions, but especially down onto the rocks of the Frank Slide in the valley below.



Blairmore Riverside Path

(1.9 km one way)

Trailhead: Blairmore's 20th Avenue (East & West Access Bridges)

<u>Trail</u>: This paved path follows the south bank of the Crowsnest River for the entire length of Blairmore, crossing Blairmore's Centre Access at its mid-point. Easy walking connections to downtown Blairmore.



Miner's Path

(1.0 km one way)

Trailhead: Flummerfelt Park in Coleman.

<u>Trail</u>: This path follows Nez Perce Creek for 1.0 km to Rainbow Falls. A side branch at the 0.4 km mark crosses the creek and leads up steep stairs to the old McGillivray Mine site, which still has many remnants of a bygone coal mining era. It was along this same path that miners would walk to work each day.



5.12

Star Creek Falls

(1.2 km to falls viewpoint)

Trailhead: Willow Drive in lower west Coleman

Trail: Take Willow Drive from Lower West Coleman for 1.7 km to the bridge over Star Creek. 100 meters past the bridge turn left and drive 700 meters (rough road) to the trailhead sign.

The route leads through a small canyon to 15 meter high Star Creek Falls. In the spring of the year, the creek has much more flow and you will have to stick to the main trail. In autumn, when water levels are lower, it is possible to make your way up the canyon floor on either side to the falls.

5.13

Saskatoon Mountain

(1.8 km to summit)

<u>Trailhead</u>: There are several informal routes that lead from the Pineview subdivision in Upper Coleman to Saskatoon Mountain.

<u>Trail</u>: This route leads from Kananaskis Highway (Highway 40). Drive north from Coleman on Highway 40. Stop just beyond the cattle guard indicating the beginning of the Forest Reserve. There is no formal trail leading up "Saskie". From Highway 40, follow the fence line west as it steadily climbs up through forest and open grassland. The true summit of Saskatoon Mountain is about ten minutes hiking after the first lower summit.

5.14

Wedge Mountain

(1.8 km to summit – 430 meter elevation gain)
Trailhead: There is no specific trailhead for this hike.

<u>Trail:</u> From Highway 3 on the west end of Coleman, follow the McGillivray Creek (Gun Range) road. From the cattle guard at 2.5 km Wedge Mountain stands out to the right (north). Turn right at the next intersection and park in one of the primitive camping areas near the mountains base. Wedge Mountain is one of the lines of peaks that make up the Crowsnest Volcanics, a geologically unique formation in the southern Rockies. The hike does not follow any trail, and one must simply slog their way up the rough volcanic rocks. Views from the large caim at the summit are spectacular, especially towards the looming face of Crowsnest Mountain. Note: Good hiking boots are a must for this trail.

5.15

Chinook Lakeside Walk

(2.3 km loop)

<u>Trailhead</u>: Take the Allison/Chinook Lake road west of Coleman. Trail begins at any point around the lake with parking located at the entrance point to the lake.

<u>Trail</u>: This pleasant 2.3 km loop encircles Chinook Lake, and the trail is seldom far from the lake shore. The adjacent campground is busy spring through fall and there is generally lots of activity in the summer along the trail and at the beach. The Allison Cross-country Ski Trails, consisting of approximately 50 km of great hiking and skiing trails, can be accessed in several places along the road into the lake or from the campground.







Chinook Lake/Crowsnest Mountain, Kayaking, stream flowing into Chinook Lake

6. Sustainability and Future Development

6.1 Trail Funding Sources

In order to maintain the trails already in place and to eventually add new trails, funding is an essential aspect of the long term viability of the trails and of maintaining the high standards set by the municipality and the Trails Committee. Listed below are several ideas that will assist in achieving this goal.

- Corporate sponsors for capital projects and trail maintenance.
- Groups adopting a trail.
- Special volunteer projects to clean and maintain trails and amenities along the trails.
- Grant funding and committed municipal funding.
- Casinos on a regular basis if the Trail Committee applies for society status. This
 would make funds available for new trails, for adding amenities such as trees,
 shrubs, benches, gazebos, interpretive signage and more.
- Businesses know the value of visitors to our community and there are many initiatives such as sponsorship of signage that would be mutually beneficial to the business and the community.
- Memorial benches, picnic tables, shrubs, trees. These could be ways to cut capital costs and really involve the whole community.

6.2 Sponsorships

Businesses, Corporations or Not for Profit Associations can:

- Adopt a section of trail or a trail loop.
- Sponsor a kiosk.
- Sponsor landscaping at a kiosk or other key areas.
- Stewardship opportunity for spring and fall cleanup and general maintenance.
- Capital projects such as new trail development.

6.3 Donations

Crowsnest Community Trails Planned Giving

- Donors make a commitment to give a gift at a later date, such as an estate bequest, or a predetermined date.

Plant-a-Tree Program

 The Plant-a-Tree Program will enable you to make a living gift to your community. Donors of this program are able to recognize the individual, institution or business of their choice.

Plant-a-Tree Memoriai Program

Donors to this program would make a living gift in memory of a loved one.

Buy a Bench Program

 Each sponsored bench will have a plaque to recognize who the donation was made for and by whom.

Buy a Bench Memorial Program

 Donors to this program would make a community gift in memory of a loved one.

The 500 Club

- A giving program that allows you to donate \$500 over a five year period.

7. Future Decisions and Next Steps

7.1 Development Steps

Kiosk Panel Development

- The panel layout will reflect amenities and attractions of the community where it is located.
- Panels will contain maps, pictures and information.

Trail Signage Wording

Signage wording will be developed appropriate to location and purpose.

Trail Amenities

Location of trail amenities will be decided based on final location of the Main Trail, along with considerations to viewpoints, river access and other attractions.

Map Development

- Maps will be completed prior to development of kiosk panels as they will be incorporated into the panels.
- Maps will also be printed for distribution.

Website Development and Maintenance

- A Crowsnest Community Trails website will be developed.
- The website will be linked to various sites to improve accessibility.
- Trail updates will be done on a regular basis either by the municipality or a designated person.

7.2 Operating Decisions

Trail Maintenance

- Garbage collection includes emptying of bins and collection of garbage along the trails.
- Washroom maintenance and cleaning.
- Washrooms will be either connected to the municipal sanitary system or a sanitary field system.
- Drinking water sources will be from municipal water lines or potable water provided by the municipality.

Trail Use Policies

- Policies will be developed regarding trail use.

New Trail Development

- Guidelines for development of new trails.

Operations Budget

 A long term operation budget will be developed to ensure adequate maintenance of The Crowsnest Community Trails.

Crowsnest Pass Community Trails, June, 2009

Appendix

All Renderings

APPENDIXES

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Appendix A

Community Trails **Logo**

















Appendix B

Community Trails Panel Development Information



Walking Trail Quote June 1, 2009

General Information

Font: Myriad Pro, is used in the sample however any font of your choosing may be substituted.

Size: I have quoted on various sizes however these can be adapted to fit a layout more conducive to your needs.

Material: Reverse engraved, colour filled lamicoid. Smooth surface, dust and dirt cannot collect in text.

Waterproof. Choice of colour of material and colour fill (colour of text and/or graphics)

Material Specifications: Rowmark Reversible engraving material - Micro-surfaced impact acrylic; Matte

or Gloss finish; Two ply 1/8"; Engraving depth .012"; Exterior use; Scratch resistant; UV resistant

Sign A1 page 5.1 ACCESS AREA IDENTIFICATION SIGN

8" Diameter circle at top three or four colour text/graphic 11 3/4" wide x 48" tall - up to 4 colour text/graphic	\$ 38.00 \$180.00
5" Diameter circle at top - up to four colour text/graphic 10" wide x 23 3/4" tall - up to 4 colour text/graphic	\$ 21.00 \$ 95.00
Sign A2 page 5.5 INFORMATION KIOSKS	
3" Diameter circle at top - up to 4 colour text/graphic Side bar 3" wide x 21" long - up to 4 colour text/graphic Top Panel 11 34" tall x 23 34" wide - up to 4 colour text/graphic	\$ 14.70 \$ 42.00 \$ 99.00

General Information

Font: Myriad Pro, is used in the sample however any font of your choosing may be substituted.

Size: As indicated in layout - 36" x 48" Kiosk structure not included -sign face only

Material Specifications:

Dibond – metal clad sign material - white baked aluminum face and back, Outdoor durable, weather fluctuation durable, UV resistant.

Vinyl- Nine year Avery or Orcal, cast vinyl, variety of colours of choice. UV resistant Print- Weather guard spray for UV resistance, full colour printing. Outdoor durable

Sign A2b page 5.9 INFORMATION KIOSKS

Header: Printed, Full colour 12" x 36" (laminated for durability) Body: Full colour map / legend / photos and text 36"x36"	\$ 95.00
Laminated for durability	\$ 220.00

GST not included

FOB Crow Works located in Historic Downtown Coleman

AppendixC

Community Trails Benches & Picnic Tables

Crowsnest Community Trails

Crowsnest Pass, AB

30-Mar-09



77 Series Picnic Table - Recycled Plastic



177 Series Bench



178 Series Bench
Manufactured by Dumor



Price Quo	le .	PW Site Works Ref No.:	4,089	
Project Name	Crowsnest Community Tra	ails		
Contact Name	PatLundy	Da	ate: 03/30/09	
Company Name				
Address		Pho	one: (403)563-5362	
City	Blairmore, AB	E-N	Mail: pagolandy@shaw.ca	-
Postal Code				

Model #	Description	Colour	QTY	Price/Unit	Total
Manufacture	ed by Dumor				
177-60PL	6ft. Bench, 2 arms, recycled plastic S-2 Surface Mount	Standard	25	1,336.50	33,412.50
178-60PL	6ft. Bench, no back, 2 arms, recycled plastic, S-2 Surface Mount	Standard	25	992.25	24,806.25
77-60PL	6ft. Picnic table, recycled plastic	Standard	6	1,274.40	7,646.40
					27.227.47
				Subtotal	65,865.15
Supply only. Pr	oduct does not come assembled. Freight quote	d to Blairmore,	AB.	Freight	5,522.85
Quote valid unti	il April 30, 2009.			GST 5%	3,569.40
			ALC: SALE	Total	\$ 74,957.40

Terms and Conditions

A PO number, sales agreement and a 50% deposit will be required to place order. Balance due upon receipt of order.

PW Site Works Representative

Selena Nichols

PW Site Works Edmonton

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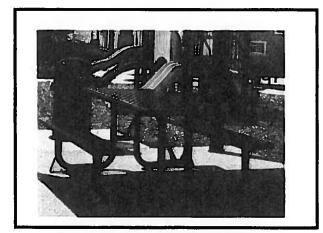
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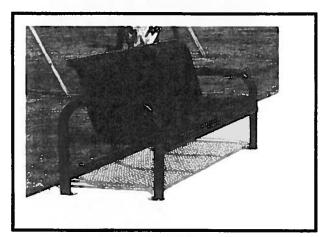
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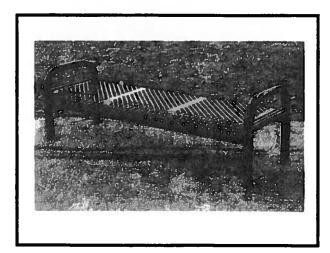
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PTH-8PS - 8ft. Picnic Table



R_6CSS - 6ft. Royale Bench with Back



R_6CBS - 6ft. Royale Bench without Back Manufactured by Paris



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Company Name				
Address		Phone	(403)563-5362	
City	Crowsnest Pass, AB	E-Mail	: pagolandy@shaw.ca	
Postal Code				

Model #	Description	Colour	QTY	Price/Unit	Total
Manufacture	d by Paris				1 200
R_6CSS	6ft. Royale Bench, Surface Mount	Standard	25	707.02	17,675.50
R_6CBS	6ft. Royale Bench, no back, surface mount	Standard	25	645.58	16,139.50
PTH-8PS	EL Table 2-3/8" peforated, 8ft.	Standard	6	827.32	4,963.92
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u></u>	Subtotal	 38,778.92
Supply only. Pr	oduct does not come assembled. Freight quote	d to Blairmore,	AB.	Freight	3,849.60
Quote valid unti	April 30, 2009.			GST 5%	 2,131.43
	Total			Total	\$ 44,759.95

Terms and Conditions

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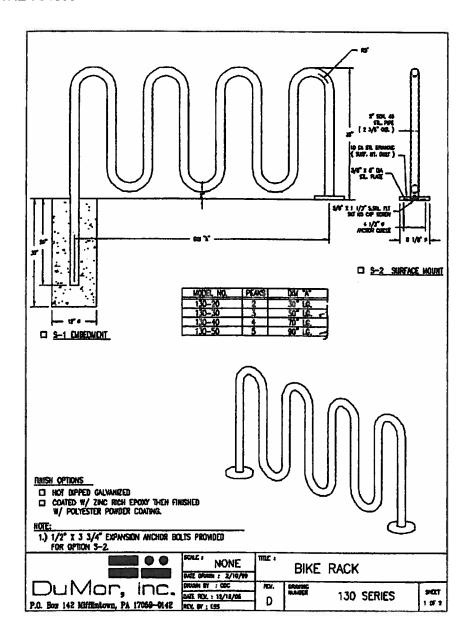
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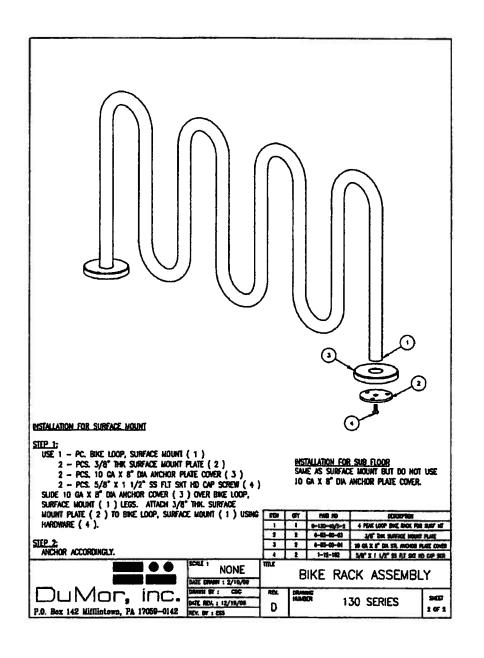
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Appendix D

Community Trails Bike Racks

BIKE RACK





Appendix E

Community Trails Bear Proof Garbage Containers

BEAR PROOF WASTE CONTAINERS

Bear Proof Waste Recycling Container - Hid-A-Bag

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The Hid-A-Bag is a waste / recycling container that is a highly aesthetic, accessible and animal-proof. It is ideal for the storage of solid waste and recyclables.

Constructed using galvanneal steel panels, stainless steel hinges and hardware, the Hid-A-Bag is the most durable and reliable container on the market.

FUNCTIONAL . FLEXIBLE . AESTHETIC This durable container can be located just about anywhere, increasing user convenience and material collected.

<u>Aesthetic design</u> allows placement in high profile locations.

A <u>loading height</u> as low as 34" (860 mm) allows handicap access and participation by most age groups.

Sizes range from 32-130 gallons (120-490 litre).

Single or multi-compartment designs for litter and/or

recyclables.
Seeled design keeps weather out and materials dry.

Rear door allows for easy access, cleaning and disinfecting. The slide-out bag minimizes lifting.

OPTIONS INCLUDE

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http://www.haulall.com/hidabag.htm



Optional door opening to provide Handicapped Accessibility.



Pre-cast mounting pad provides a finished look and makes secure installation easier.



Specially designed openings for paper, bottles and cans and keeps material segregated.



Bear Proof

Haul-All has designed the most reliable bear proof containers on the market.

The Hid-A-Bag is used In over 250 national, state, provincial and municipal. parks across North America where bear issues exist.



Service access option includes **Side-hinge** Door.



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Appendix F

Community Trails **Dog Bag Dispensers**

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Products

THE DISPENSER



easily dispenses one bag at a time and holds up to 500 bags

the dispenser is made of 14 gauge galvanized steel and powder coated with non fading paint (available in green and blue)

each unit is keyed to insure security from damage and easy access for bag replacement

A variety of mounting possibilities exist to meet your site needs. The ideal height of the dispenser opening above the ground is 48 inches or 120 centimeters. Custom colours are available on orders of 20 or more units.

Place your order here

Download the spec sheet (pdf)

Have a question, call us toll free 1-866-819-5559

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THE SPONSORING DISPENSER OPPORTUNITY



Each unit has a front panel with plexi glass insert (pdf sample of advertisement size)

Each dispenser holds up to 500 bags and easily dispenses one bag at the time

The dispenser is made of 14 gauge galvanized steel and powder coated with non fading paint (available in green and blue).

Each unit is keyed (linked to key) to insure security from damage and easy access for bag replacement

A variety of mounting possibilities exist to meet your site needs. The ideal height of the dispenser opening above the ground is 48 inches or 120 centimeters. Custom colours are available on orders of 20 or more units.

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THE WASTE BIN WITH DISPENSER



The dual purpose design provides both dispenser and receptacle

The combination is made of 14 gauge galvanized steel and powder coated with non fading paint (available in green and blue)

It is easy to install on a 4×4 post

Collection bag for manageable weight servicing unit

Designed to use a standard household garbage bag (26° x 36° or 66 x 91cm). This design decision was made to ensure a manageable weight while servicing the unit.

Place your order here

Download the spec sheet (pdf)

The optional sponsorship/branding panel is also available on the combination dispenser/waste bin

THE GREEN BAG - BIODEGRADABLE/COMPOSTABLE - ARTICLE #150



04/08/2009

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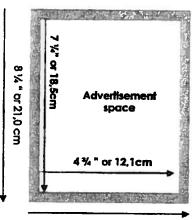
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SPONSORING DISPENSER ADVERTISEMENT SIZE

Sponsoring Dispenser Article # 202



Frame / Panel with plexi glass sheet



5 11/16" or 14,4cm

SPONSORING DISPENSER ALSO AVAILABLE IN GREEN.

Dog dirt waste disposal Elimination des excréments de chien

Appendix G

Community Trails Maps

Appendix H

Community Trails **Brochures**

CROWSNEST PASS COMMUNITY TRAILS





Trails info placed in this section

Trails info placed in this section

Picture Colloge Address and contact information

Crowsnest Community Trails Map

Trail distance and difficulty indicator symbols would be placed here to assist in reading the map. Symbols for Trailheads, attractions, services, food etc could all be profiled here.

