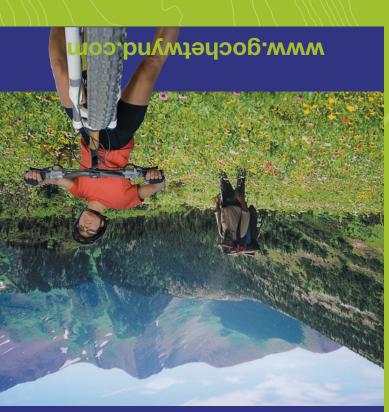
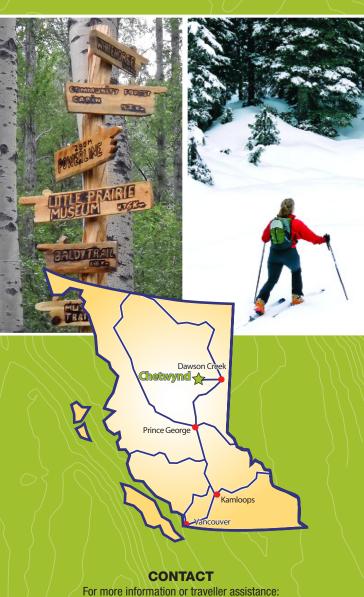
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CHETWYND GREENSPACE TRAIL SYSTEM HISTORY

The original trail concept started with Chetwynd Secondary School (CSS) proposing a fitness trail in the gully between the Crown Subdivision and the school. This project was initiated by Mr. Dave Gee in 1980. Mr. Gee took the proposal to the Chetwynd Chamber

> of Commerce who arranged money to hire a supervisor and two student workers to develop the Cottonwood Trail. In 1985, the Chamber of Commerce proposed the construction of a community trail system and an extensive, interconnected trail system was developed. The feature legacy of this phase was the Old Baldy Trail which provides a

glorious view of the valley. By 1990, the Chetwynd Community Forest Society was active in developing the Chetwynd Community Forest Interpretive Trail located

10 km northeast of town on Hwy 29. This 700 metre trail provides both educational and recreational opportunities and includes a trail guide. The Chetwynd Cross-Country Ski Club pitched in shortly after to build cross-country ski trails in the Community

Since 1987, the Senior PhysEd classes at CSS, under the guidance of Mr. Stu Garland, have put in several bridges and culverts plus widening and chipping most

of the original fitness trail. The District was involved in transporting the chips donated by the local sawmills, Canfor and West Fraser.

In 1992, the Chetwynd and Area Parks and Recreation Master Plan led to several presentations to the District Council concerning the development of a Parkway Greenbelt trail system which would include Centurion and Windrem Creeks.

In the spring of 1996, the District completed a Greenspaces Concept Plan and an Environmental Youth Team was hired to start work on the trail signs. The Chetwynd Environmental Society became an active participant in 1996 as well. The Society did a cleanup of Windrem Creek and applied for an Active Living Grant to upgrade parts of the new Windrem

In 1997 the Chamber of Commerce once again became involved by developing a Forest Interpretive Centre as planned by the Community Forest Society in 1990, thereby completing another chapter in Chetwynd's trail legacy.

CHETWYND GREENSPACE TRAIL SYSTEM

This trail map is by no means a complete list of trails in the Chetwynd area, but is intended for those looking for a variety of trail types close to town. There are many splendid trails in the outlying area that are not marked, so you may want to contact a local guide or outfitter if you are looking for more of a backcountry experience. For those who have a family, there are hiking opportunities for the younger set to get involved in, as well as trails for the more serious minded hikers.

The trails are a year round recreational feature. In the winter, recreational enthusiasts use the trails for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. There is no fee for using the ski trails but then they may not be groomed either. During the summer months, hikers may walk or cycle the signed trails. Please be aware of the steep parts of the trail close to Widmark Creek.

WHY ARE SO MANY TREES CUT DOWN?

You may notice a number of trees have been cut down. While you may think this is rather destructive, it has been done for your safety. Trees that are snags (partially fallen over) and are considered dangerous have been cut down to ensure your safety. Most of those trees have been laid along the edge of the trails or have been dispersed in the forest to decay naturally. You may also notice all the stumps left in the middle of the trail. These have been left to discourage motorized vehicles - please be alert and watch your step. Avoid hiking during excessive



FOREST / HIKING ETIQUETTE • BE SAFE

FOREST / HIKING ETIQUETTE

When hiking on the trails, please practice minimum impact use and the proper forest etiquette:

- Use the 3 C's: Common sense, Communication,
- Avoid activities that may annoy or offend other trail
- Respect private property and 'no trespassing' signs. Hikers yield to horses; bikers yield to hikers and
- Be careful not to harm or damage the vegetation. • Do not build fires along the trails.
- Leave the trail tidy litter barrels and garbage pickup are not provided.
- Take nothing but photos and leave nothing but footprints - pack out what you pack in.

TRAIL VANDALISM

Most trail users respect the natural environment and consider the rights of other users. Unfortunately, there are a few that engage in senseless acts of vandalism and thoughtless behaviour that spoil everyone's enjoyment and damage the environment. Vandalism also costs money. Help us keep the trails vandal free. Whenever you see 'wreckreators' in action, simply report the details to the District of Chetwynd, however minor or after the fact. With your help, vandalism can be controlled.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Most of these trails are designated as 'non-motorized'. Be aware that on occasion ATV's and motorbikes do use the trails.

Motorized vehicles are encouraged to use the Pine Valley Motor-sports Park located by the



SAFETY IN THE WOODS

The best way to enjoy your hike is to be prepared. Here are

- some helpful hints to keep your adventure safe and enjoyable: • Familiarize yourself with the area you intend to travel If you require more detailed information about the trails and the area, contact the Visitor Centre.
- Tell a friend where you're going, when you expect
- to return, or leave a note on your vehicle.
- Never hike alone and stay on the established trails. Wear sturdy shoes and wool socks.
- Wear brightly coloured, warm clothing and bring
- Watch your step and don't take unnecessary risks. • Check the weather forecast and sunset time before

DANGEROUS TREES AND SNAGS

Report all obstructions and dangerous trees along the trails to the District of Chetwynd Tel: 250-401-4100. Thank you, this ensures the continued maintenance and safety of the trails.

THINGS TO TAKE ALONG

Common sense, watch, pocket knife, bug spray, small flashlight, matches or a lighter, whistle, first aid kit, extra socks and clothes, large orange garbage bag (useful as an emergency shelter, signaling device or rainwear), cellular phone, nonperishable snack and something to drink. And don't forget this map and a compass.

REMEMBER: Bad weather, darkness and an unexpected injury can turn an outing into a crisis.

NOTE: Hiking with children will require special considerations and precautions to keep them from getting lost and to find them if they do get lost.

IF YOU DO GET LOST

- Stay where you are hug a tree wandering around may only get you further lost.
- Blow your whistle on a regular basis.
- Stay calm and maintain a positive mental attitude.
- Light a fire so searchers can see the smoke.
- Make yourself big so searchers can find you.
- Build or seek shelter if it is getting dark.

STINGING NETTLE ALERT

Parts of the trail have stinging nettles along them which give a stinging, burning sensation when touched.

Never come between a female bear and her cubs. • Stay clear of occupied bear habitat - berry patches and avalanche chutes. Leave an area the way you came if you see fresh signs of bears such as tracks, droppings or diggings.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

• Never run from bears.

BE BEAR AWARE

perfect photo!

keep it on a leash.

BE A SMART HIKER

Bears usually avoid people but they

can be attracted to human food

and garbage. For your own safety,

take the following precautions:

· Avoid all contact with bears -

never feed or approach bears

or other animals. Don't try

Dogs annoy bears and bring

them back to their owners. It's

best to leave your dog at home or

• Store all food in a sealed container.

bury garbage - bears can dig it up.

deodorants, shampoos, etc.

DON'T SURPRISE BEARS

Keep clothes and gear free of food odors.

startling bears. Never hike alone or after dark.

to get too close for that

• Be human. Never imitate a bear or make bear noises. Back up slowly and speak in a loud low voice while waving your arms. Avoid direct eye contact. Stay calm.

• Put all garbage in sealed containers and pack it out. Never

• Don't use or pack strong smelling or herbal scented perfumes,

• Carry a bell, sing, talk or make noise along the trail to avoid

• Use extra caution if you are menstruating in bear country.

• Drop something, such as your backpack, to distract the bear in case it decides to charge. Almost all charges are bluff charges.

IF YOU ARE ATTACKED

How you respond should depend on the species of bear and the circumstances. Black bears and grizzlies behave differently and may have different motives. Aggressive bears are usually defending their territory, their food, or their young. Predatory bears, on the other hand, are looking for food. Grizzly Bears - it is best to play dead. Struggling will encourage

attack. Drop, curl your knees up to your chest and place your hands behind your neck. Black Bears - fight back! Use everything you've got, sticks,

rocks, hands and feet. With predatory black bears, your best chance is to fight them off and chase them away.

TRAIL DIFFICULTY

Every trail has a technical rating. The ratings are based

sections that are more difficult than the overall rating.

These rating system symbols are very similar to those

on the overall character of the trail, so be aware of short

RATING SYSTEM

TRAILS FOR TOMORROW PROGRAM

The District of Chetwynd implemented the *Trails for* Tomorrow Program which incorporated several projects: Greenspace, Baldy, R2, Centurion, Community Forest, Stream Keepers, and Cleanup. The Programs created job opportunities for an area that has been affected significantly by the economic and social impact facing the forest sector.

Twenty crew members worked on the trails, successfully completing all the tasks that were asked of them. The crew took pride in their accomplishments — knowing that the improvements gave back to all residents and assisted in making Chetwynd a healthier and better place to live.

Project Greenspace

The crew assisted in the cleanup at the new Spirit Park, cemetery, water towers, and reestablished trails within the Legion Park area. The existing trail system was GPS mapped, and appropriate directional signage was placed.

Project Baldy

The upgrade of the connector extended the Old Baldy trail to the Community Forest and can now be used for walking, hiking and mountain biking. This connector trail was GPS mapped and appropriate signage was placed.

Project R2

Project R2 included the cleanup of 3020kg of garbage. Approximately 53km of trails were upgraded: trail maintenance and grooming, water drainage, removal of dangerous trees and snags, building of access bridges and safety routes.

Stream Keepers

The existing streams in the municipality are Windrem and Centurion. The stream banks and any waste was cleaned and items were removed and properly disposed of.

Project Cleanup

Rural and municipal areas needed additional relief for waste removal, mainly focusing on industrial and back roads. 14,000kg of debris was removed and properly disposed of

Project Community

The trails within the community forest were maintained and reestablished. The ski trail system was groomed and new signage was implemented. The connector from the community forest to Old Baldy was established and this trail is now used for mountain biking, horse riding and

Project Centurion The existing trail systems

beside the Centurion and Rodeo Grounds were maintained and trail signage placed.









MOUNTAIN BIKING

A wide range of riding experiences await the mountain biker from leisurely for the entire family, to challenging grinders, climbs and cross-country routes for the hardcore biker.

The Community Forest trails feature numerous kilometres/miles of terrain varying in length. The Deer Point Trail, for example, is only .2 km / .12 miles while the Connector Trail is 12 km / 7.5 miles. A rating system provides measures of technical and physical difficulty for each biking trail.

Directions to Main Trail Heads

.5km west on Highway 97 at the crest of the Tuscola Mountain Cemetery is the head of the connector, 7.44km to the Community Forest. This trail merges to Baldy, Ghost Mountain,

Blue Trail Head

Blue Trail starts under the bridge beside the Legion

Centurion Creek Trail Head

Main Access is at the Rodeo Subdivision, Crown Subdivision and Long Road.

- Centurion Trail
- Cotton Wood Crown
- Coyote Deer Point
- Rodeo • 3 Culverts
- Muddy Trail

Old Baldy Trail Head The trailhead is located at Water Tower Road, just off Hillside Avenue (52nd St NW). From Highway 97, turn onto 52 Street and follow

past Pomeroy Inn & Suites, up the hill and turn right onto 44 Avenue. Take a left onto the first gravel road and drive to the end, past the water tower where you will see the trailhead sign.

riders only.

 TECHNICAL: Extremely technically difficult trails, very tight singletrack, very fast descents, lots of unavoidable natural obstructions.

> link bike trails together. These trails range from green to blue levels of difficulty and usually include quad trails, gravel and some paved roads.

WILDLIFE APPRECIATION

Chetwynd is a semi-wilderness area. It is not unusual for wildlife such as bears, deer, coyotes and moose to use these trails. Please be careful and give these wild animals the respect they deserve. Maintain your distance.

Watch for signs of wildlife. Moose and whitetail deer eat tree bark so watch for their marks. Black bears can climb trees. You will be able to see their claw marks along the Community Forest Connector Trail. In several locations, just off the trail, old den sites for coyotes and bears can be seen. There is also a bear den marked along the 3 Culverts Trail.

Wildlife is abundant along the lower Centurion Trail and bird watchers may encounter over 30 species along with other wildlife such as moose, cougars, and beaver.





Connector Trail Head

Windrem Creek Trail Head

Powerline and Muskwa.

Trail entrance starts beside the Legion Branch 258 Hall, located on the North Access Road across from the Chetwynd Recreation Centre along Highway 97. The 1.25km trail stretches along the tree line and creek bed towards Northern Lights College Campus.

Branch 258 Hall. The Trail entrance starts on either side of the small bridge. This trail provides a loop (5.3km Legion trail), which starts and/or ends on the other side of town by the water reservoir. Trail #2 is 1.9km to the sewer treatment road. Trail #3 is 1.9km to the sewage treatment plant, looping back and crossing through Legion Trailer Park back to the Legion Branch 258 Hall.

How technically tough the trail is based on the terrain, natural obstacles, drop-offs, jumps and man-made technical trail features (TTF).

BEGINNER

used at ski resorts.

Technical Rating:

 Basic skills required, good place to start if you are new to mountain biking.

• Chetwynd town trails would fall under this category.

Trails can be paved or gravel. • TECHNICAL: Wide doubletrack trails to singletrack trails with some natural obstructions or TTFs.

• You should be very comfortable with your bike and how

to use it. • Trails can be single/double track.

• TECHNICAL: Singletrack to tight singletrack trails with

increasing speeds and steeper slopes. Unavoidable

natural obstructions or TTFs both with increasing frequency.

INTERMEDIATE

ADVANCED • These trails are for advanced riders only and require

advanced skills to navigate. • TECHNICAL: Technically difficult trails, tight singletrack, fast descents, lots of unavoidable natural obstructions, and steep slopes. TTFs are becoming large and usually have consequences if you fall.

MOST ADVANCED

• These trails are for very experienced and advanced

