

Nature Notes

HOW THE WORK

GETS DONE



When exploring the Kimberley Nature Park you will find a kiosk at the trail heads to provide information about trails, where to get maps, and what guided events are coming up. As you start meandering around, you will find well groomed trails, signage at junctions, and viewpoints to enjoy our spectacular scenery. How does all this work get done?... Volunteers!



Installing Trail Signs
Photo: K. Goodwin

Many volunteers have contributed to the Nature Park over the years. From the early days of Kimberley, residents have built trails to go for a ski, walk the dog, or hike a hill. In the 1970's Jim Patterson began calling what is now the Nature Park the Wildlife Sanctum. He appreciated nature and its variety as he walked the trails from his home in Blarchmont. Roy Musser drew the trails on the first map of the area.

Today, volunteers work in many ways to keep the Park in good shape for both local residents and visitors. From September to June monthly meetings of the Nature Park Society are held on the last Thursday of each month. Decisions are made about trail building and maintenance as well as what signage needs to be placed or repaired. Interface logging for fire management and invasive plants could be discussed or the management plan required by the City could be reviewed. Some volunteers work on keeping the map current, arranging guided events, or studying the flora and fauna.

In the park, volunteers are always checking the trail conditions! A good wind storm or wet snow fall can bring down many trees. Heavy spring rains can flood trails and create new creeks if drainage ditches aren't maintained. In the summer and fall, firewood crews are out weekly to remove some of the debris along the trails.



Building Trail
Photo: K. Goodwin

Want to get involved? Check out our website, address below, and join us!

Visit www.kimberleynaturepark.ca for a hard copy or more information about Nature Park events.