

Trails Committee (TC) April/May 2015 Update

The 2014 Trails Committee Annual Report was presented by Anne Page at the regularly scheduled Denman Island Resident's Association (DIRA) meeting on April 13, 2015. The Annual Report is posted on the DIRA website. Since the time of that meeting the TC has been actively maintaining trails and familiarizing themselves with many of the established and not so established trails on Denman.

Getting to know the many trails in the Northlands portion of the Denman Island Provincial Park (DIPP) will take many trips. On April 14 four of us walked over 5 miles of loop trails in just a small portion of the Park. Great views, canopied portions, large openings provide an amazing diversity of ecosystems and sights.

The activities for the month May included the following: On May 12 four committee members gathered in the Northlands portion of the DIPP to clear encroaching brush on an existing trail. The work on this specific trail is ongoing, and the end is in sight. On May 21 four committee members circumnavigated Chickadee Lake which is now completely contained within the DIPP. The reconnaissance included the area near Chickadee Road. Public trail access to the east portion of the Lake is in need of improvement.

A new activity for the committee commenced at the start of May. Four times a month a member of the committee will walk the Cross Island Trail, perform light maintenance and inspect the trail for needed improvements. Anne Page volunteered for the first month (May) and has presented her monthly report to the committee. The committee chair will send the monthly reports to the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) every three months. The trail will definitely need constant monitoring and maintenance. The committee welcomes user comments.