

## Who Is The Gellatly Bay Trails and Parks Society?

The Gellatly Bay Trails and Parks Society (GBTAPS) is made up entirely of community volunteers and is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to:

*Finding opportunities to build hiking trails and initiate activities to raise public awareness of the enjoyment and benefits of walking or hiking trails on the Westside.*

During the past year we have been working with the Geotechnical and Civil Engineers to design the proposed new multi-use trail from Peachland's Buchanan Rd to Goats Peak Regional Park. This trail which was called Trail 2000 by the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) is now called Westside Trail which has been adopted by councils of Peachland, West Kelowna, WFN, RDCO and Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MoTI). The trail will be constructed below Hwy 97 following the old Drought Rd. and through an old orchard to Seclusion Bay Rd all in highway Right of Way. Engineered drawings must be submitted to MoTI for the construction permit.

Construction is planned for the Spring of 2024 – depending on successful grant funding. We have made grant applications to both Federal and Provincial governments and private organizations to cover the construction of the trail. Your donations will help us pay for the final Engineered Drawings.


This project is part of the Trail of the Okanagan which spans from the international border south of Osoyoos to West Kelowna to the Bennett Bridge. Our partner, the Trail of the Okanagan Society is working with us and other trail groups to link the south Okanagan and join them to the Okanagan Rail Trail and the Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail to create one, 250 km pan Okanagan valley hiking and biking trail.

## THANK YOU

For Your Continued Support

- The Friends of The Gellatly Bay Trails and Parks Society
- McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd.
- Regional District of the Central Okanagan
- City of West Kelowna
- District of Peachland
- Okanagan Similkameen Park Society
- The UPS Store, West Kelowna
- West Kelowna Daybreak Rotary Club
- RBC Royal Bank
- Trail of the Okanagan

We are grateful for the support of the community and extend a welcome to like minded individuals to join with us.

Ask your hike leader how you can become involved and be sure to “like us” on Facebook. 



a registered not-for-profit society

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## GELLATLY BAY TRAILS AND PARKS SOCIETY

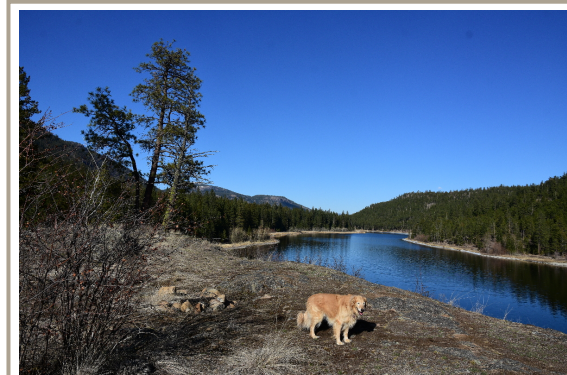
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# TREK FOR TRAILS

## Sunday, May 28, 2023

Come out and Support the  
Advancement of Trails and Hiking  
in Your Community



View of Rose Valley Lake Hike #2

**Registration: 8:30 am**  
**Gellatly Nut Farm Regional Park**  
**2375 Whitworth Road**  
**West Kelowna**

**Coffee and Timbits - 8:30-9:30 am**

**All Hikes Depart at 9:30 am**

***Take a Hike With Us!***



### Registration-Pledge Form

Each participant must complete this form

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Donation Amount which includes  
a complimentary Coffee and Timbits:

**\$20.00   \$50.00   \$75.00   \$Other**

Official tax receipts issued for donations of \$20.00 or more.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Parent or Guardian if participant is under  
18 years old)

## TAKE A HIKE WITH US!

The Directors of The Gellatly Bay Parks and Trails Society extend an invitation to come out and join them for this year's Trek for Trails. Trek for Trails is also the Society's only community based annual fundraiser and 100% of the monies pledged are used to enhance both the hiking and walking trails in West Kelowna and surrounding areas.

### THE EASY HIKE – FLUME TRAIL ABOVE TALLUS RIDGE ON CROWN LAND

**Leaders: Garry Wittich and Gary Young**

**Distance** 2.4 Km (out and back) **Time:** 30 to 60 minutes

Gain an appreciation for the great effort it took the area pioneers to route irrigation water into the valley by taking this easy hike along the historic concrete flume that provided irrigation water from Powers Creek to the early orchards and fields in Westbank. The trail takes you along the moss-sided concrete flume above the creek. Enjoy a peaceful walk through the mature Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine forest that grows at the mid elevations above Okanagan Lake. The diverse forest understory includes Oregon grape, saskatoon and snowberry shrubs, arrow-leaved balsamroot (sunflower), silverweed and Indian paintbrush. Towards the end of the flume, where it transitions to wooden construction, the trail undulates more noticeably because this structure has rotted away.



### THE INTERMEDIATE HIKE - ROSE VALLEY LAKE FROM A DIFFERENT TRAILHEAD

**Leaders: Bill Genge and Don Guild**

**Distance** 4.3 Km (partial loop) **Time:** 2.0 to 3.0 hours

#### Hike description

This is one of the most pleasant walks you will ever go on in the Okanagan. It is 4.3 km in length, elevation gains/descends are minimal and gradual- a very easy walk. There are sections that display a mature fir and pine forest with big trees, no underbrush, surprising quietness and a feeling of peace (that is, until we arrive!!) In other places deciduous is predominant and of course other sections of dense underbrush. A little past midway we reach the lake and from a rocky outcrop we look across the lake to the amazing cliffs on the east side of Rose Valley Lake and a small peninsula that is great for a picnic if you are walking on that side of the lake. We follow the lake for a short distance then a gradual return to the cars. About an hour if you were by yourself, maybe twice that with a group.

### ROSE VALLEY HIKE UNDERSTORY VEGETATION ALONG TRAIL

