

## 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 complete the design of the proposed new multi-use trail from Peachland's Robinson Place to Goats Peak Regional Park. This trail which was call Trail 2000 by the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) is now recognized as Westside Trail by the councils of Peachland, West Kelowna, WFN, RDCO as well as the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MoTI). The trail will be constructed below Hwy 97 following Drought Road and through an old orchard to Seclusion Bay Road all within the highway Right of Way.

Construction is planned for the Fall of 2024 or Spring of 2025. The District of Peachland have made grant applications to both Federal and Provincial governments to cover the construction cost of the trail. Your donations have helped us to pay for the final Engineered Drawings for the permit approval from MoTI.

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 span 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
- West Kelowna 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



25th Annual  
**TREK FOR TRAILS**

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

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



View of Okanagan Lake south at Squally Point from the new Peachland Trail

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

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

**The Hike will Depart at 9:30 am**

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



### **Registration-Pledge Form**

Each participant must complete this form

Please Print

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

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.

GBTAPS and The Trail of the Okanagan have worked with the District of Peachland and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to construct this trail along the Ministries right of way below Hwy 97 from Seclusion Bay Rd. to Robinson Place in Peachland.

This year our only hike is to show our friends that through the BC Active Transportation Grants, the construction costs have been raised to construct this 2.2 kilometer trail to finally connect the communities so that you can enjoy walking or E-biking to Peachland.

The hike will begin by car pooling from the Nut Farm to Seclusion Bay Rd. Regional District parking lot for Goats Peak Regional Park. From there we will walk back up Seclusion Bay road and down to the underpass, where we start on the proposed trail below Hwy 97 to the pullout. We then descend the old road down into an old orchard, which parallels Hwy 97 for 600 meters to the south end where a proposed large structural fill will be constructed to gain access to Drought Rd.

We will then return to our cars and drive down to the bottom of Drought Road and hike another 340 meters on the old existing trail into Robinson Place. This trail will be widened to 3.6 meters to the standards of the BC Active Transportation requirements.

This hike will show you the great natural view of Okanagan Lake that you do not see driving on Hwy 97. The walk down into the orchard is an 18% grade for approximately 100 meters on the old road but otherwise it is an easy hike.

Our work crew will prepare the trail for safely hiking by cutting a trail through orchard grass and you will be on existing trails for the remainder of the hike. Allow about 3 hours for the hike.



View looking south on the proposed trail from the old orchard.



View looking north on the trail from the orchard at Goats Peak Mtn.



View looking south from the bottom of Drought Rd.