

# Trails several steps in the right direction

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There's one thing you can say with certainty about this community — it's a great place to go for a walk.

And it is getting better all the time.

Its one thing for Cowichan to be blessed with an abundance of natural beauty: rugged mountains, pleasant valleys, jagged coastlines, wandering riverbanks, majestic evergreens, and plants and wildlife spanning myriad types.

It's another to consider the amount of work that has gone into making that great outdoors a more accessible and pleasant place for people to tread.

The Trans-Canada Trail footpath connecting Duncan and the Lake Cowichan area is already being well-used and getting rave reviews.

Sometime next month, a ceremony in Chemainus will announce the connection of the Duncan and Ladysmith areas of the TC Trail.

And sometime later this month the crown jewel is expected to be officially opened.

Bridging the Koksilah River, the Kinsol Trestle will link the valley with the Greater Victoria trailhead of the Trans-Canada Trail with the largest wooden bridge in the old British Commonwealth.

But your walks in the woods are not limited to this national treasure: climb to the top of Mount Prevost, explore Eve's Park, or Bright Angel or Cobble Hill Mountain. Heck, just take a stroll from Duncan out to the Cowichan Commons along the recently completed railway path.

These are just a few of the better-known paths.

Cowichan spends a lot of time and money developing and improving its walking and hiking trails.

We've never heard anyone complain that it is money wasted