

Much Still To Be Done at Trestle

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The historic Kinsol Trestle will not be open to the public at the end of March, although substantive rehabilitation work will be completed by then on the core elements of the structure.

However, the area will remain an active construction zone and full access to the trestle itself will not be available until all work is completed and it is safe for the public to use this unique part of our history.

An official reopening, when the public will be able to use the rehabilitated trestle as part of the Cowichan Valley Trail experience, is planned for late spring or early summer 2011. An exact date will be announced later.

Completing the decking and finishing work on the non-load bearing bents are the next project objectives. Stage 3 of the project will complete a number of site amenities, such as pathways, viewing platforms, staging area improvements and completing a visitor information kiosk and donor recognition wall.

The rehabilitation of the historic Kinsol Trestle has been a dream for many of us in the Cowichan Valley for years and we are excited about seeing this magnificent structure enter a new phase of its service life.

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