

Volunteer Form --- McIntosh Run Singletrack

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The McIntosh Run Singletrack system will be built by a combination of professional trail-building companies and a dedicated base of well-directed volunteers. The portion that can be built by hired companies depends on the success of proposals to funding agencies, and on the financial support of government at all levels.

Why have volunteers involved in building the McIntosh Run singletrack trail?

- 1) A volunteer base will be vital to move the project forward as quickly as possible.
- 2) Volunteer-built trails develop community stewardship for the trails and the land.
- 3) Volunteers develop skills in single-track trail building that can be used to accelerate later Phases of the McIntosh Run project and carry out long-term maintenance.
- 4) Volunteer time can be used to leverage government funding.
- 5) Building low-impact singletrack trail involves hand labour, not machines. It is a good way to be outside and enjoy the Watershed!

Principles for all Volunteers:

1. *Respect for the McIntosh Run river and environment.*
2. *Long term care and development of our trails through sustainable practices.*
3. *Developing a positive shared-use experience for human-powered users.*
4. *Membership in McIntosh Run Watershed Association (only \$5/year!)*
5. *Following the trail plan, with amendments and suggestions brought to the community as a whole through MRWA.*

Trail Volunteers and Trail Builders: *Trail Volunteers* provide labour needed to build trails, and work under the direction of MRWA and/or a Trail Builder. Anyone who agrees with the Principles above can be a volunteer! Volunteers with a high-level of commitment to the trails, and with time available for training on sustainable trail-building principles, have the opportunity to become a *Trail Builder*. Trail Builders are essential to providing oversight of volunteer crews. If you have the commitment, and time for a weekend of training and occasional meetings with other Builders, please let us know.

MRWA Trail Volunteers and Trail Builders will be covered under a volunteer accident insurance policy when engaged in organized trail-build days.

1. Name _____

2. Contact Email and tel# (we will not share this in any way): _____

3. Trail-building activities you wish to do (check all that apply)

a) ___ Clearing (using hand saws, shears, axes to remove vegetation)

b) ___ Grubbing (working and grading trail tread with handtools such as shovels, macleods, pulaskis)

c) ___ Rock armouring (finding, moving, and fitting together nearby rocks in order to harden the trail's tread)

d) ___ Constructing boardwalks and ladder-bridges (rough carpentry. On-site tools and plans provided)

e) ___ Carrying in materials (principally lumber)

f) ___ Logistics and organization (organizing and scheduling teams and materials)

4. Any special certifications or formal training which may be applicable. Examples include First Aid, Chainsaw or Clearingsaw Safety Awareness, etc..

5. Are you interested in becoming a *Trail Builder*? This means attending several days of a trail-building school focused on the theory and practice of sustainable trails, and serving as a crew chief during trail maintenance and some trail-building activities.

YES NO

6. Names of other volunteers with whom you have experience working, and/or wish to work as a team if possible.

7. Availability: When and how often do you estimate you might be available? Please circle.

Weekdays Saturdays Sundays Number of days per month: _____

8. Please use the blank space on the reverse of this page for any additional information you wish to provide. We'd love to know of your previous experience, if any, in building singletrack trails -- whether formal or informal trails (information will not go beyond the MRWA trails committee). We also welcome comments and suggestions.