



Job Title: Trail builder

Organization: McIntosh Run Watershed Association

Job Description: The McIntosh Run Watershed Association (MRWA) is hiring trail builders to work on new and existing singletrack trails between Spryfield and Herring Cove. The trails form part of the approved network of recreational trails on NS Crown Land and Halifax Park Land.

The trail builders will work 3-5 days per week, for 5-8 hours per day in the forest. Trail builders will hike up to 40 minutes to the job site carrying gear. Work consists of heavy manual labour with hand tools: clearing organic ground layer, trees and brush, lifting and moving large rocks and shoveling dirt. Crew members must work together as a coordinated team to perform many challenging tasks. The crew will be trained and supervised by an experienced trail builder. The result is a backcountry singletrack trail that will draw people into the forest to explore by foot and by bike.

Requirements:

- Physically fit for manual labour, able to lift heavy loads.
- Comfortable in a wild forest setting with adverse weather, bugs and dirt.
- Experience using recreational trails.
- Experience working well with others.
- Punctual and reliable.

Preferred qualifications:

- Trail building or other relevant experience (landscaping, working with rocks, working with hand tools). Please explain how your experience is relevant to the job.
- Mountain biking experience.
- First aid certification.
- Clearing saw or chainsaw certification.

Rate of pay: \$17 per hour

Work schedule: 3–5 days per week, 5–8 hours per day. Schedule will be coordinated with other successful candidates. Please specify your availability in your cover letter.

Applications must include:

- A cover letter in which you explain how you are qualified for the job and specify your expected availability through the end of November.
- A resume
- Contact information for 2 references

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Apply immediately by email to mcintoshrun@gmail.com. Please indicate that you are applying to the trail crew position in the subject line of your email application.

Work starts when sufficient crew members are hired, and continues until approximately the end of November. Applicants who are available for only part of this period, or have less time in the fall (for example students), will be considered but expected availability must be indicated in the cover letter.