



Hike Canada En Marche

A Year in Review 2023-24



OUR VALUES

To promote the development and use of a Canada-wide system of trails open to the public that offer both Canadians and visitors access to the natural beauty and cultural heritage of the country's diverse regions, as well as facilitating a form of exercise that is physically and mentally beneficial.

IN STEP WITH NATURE

Hike Canada on the national trail system dedicated to hiking, snowshoeing and backpacking. Well-trodden or rugged, there are 3800km of operable trail with many more tracts of public lands awaiting designation. Once established coast to coast, the trail corridor will offer a contrasting array of heritage of natural landscapes and historic places, and provide passage, habitat, and refuge for wildlife.

From a 1971 meeting of national outdoor organizations, with the slogan "Towards a Foot Trail across Canada", the National Hiking Trail was launched officially at a ceremony in Ottawa in 1987. Piece by piece, the scenic 10,000 kilometre footpath is growing between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and our long-held vision of a natural corridor connecting existing natural-surface pedestrian trail systems with parklands and wild places is becoming a reality.

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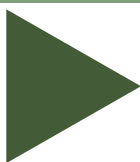
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WEBSITE UPGRADES



2023-24 IN A GLANCE

The National Hiker Award Program

It was with great excitement that Hike Canada En Marche launched the National Hiker Award Program in November 2023. Over 70 hikers across Canada have taken the challenge to date and achieved the first two levels of the award program. Hike Canada En Marche is now planning on launching a third level, the Distinguished Hiker Award. Each Award level has its unique numbering up to the elite Distinguished Hiker Level top #100. There are a number of steps for each level, with greater challenges as you work up to the Advanced, then Distinguished Hiker Levels. You too can become a trailblazer and receive your Badge of Honor in being recognized as a pioneer of innovation and excellence, setting new standards and inspiring others to follow in your footsteps.

The website for Hike Canada En Marche is now available in French. The English and French websites are currently under review and being re-organized to allow for easier navigation for the user. There is now a donation button available to encourage donors to easily provide support to the organization. Tax receipts are provide for all donations.

TRAILS SUB-COMMITTEE

Board members have established a sub-committee dedicated to mapping a footpath across Canada. This initiative involves a collaborative effort with all provinces and territories to identify trails for inclusion in a national network that spans from coast to coast. The goal is to connect gaps between existing trails, creating a seamless network. Once the mapping process is completed, the information will be made available on our website. This ambitious project requires substantial time, expertise, and coordination with trail partners throughout Canada.