

Lawrence Trail

Lawrence Trail is owned and managed by the Thetis Island Ratepayers and Residents Association for the pleasure and benefit of its members and others in the Thetis community. The trail extends approximately 2 kilometres, from the north end of Mission Road to the south end of Kenwood Road.

All forms of motorized vehicles are prohibited from using the trail, which is primarily for walking. Small "bridges" help walkers bypass the wettest underfoot places in winter and spring.

Although our objective is to leave the trail in its most natural state, as required (particularly following severe wind storms), fallen limbs and trees that may pose a hazard are cleared. Last year was no exception. And in summer a crew of volunteers mowed and in other ways removed obstructive vegetation from the trail corridor. The trail has been open and passable all year.

The worn pathway is evidence that the trail is well used. Users typically praise the trail because it offers a quiet and healthful experience as well as a unique view of Thetis' undisturbed internal environment. Owl and frog sightings were notable this year, along with many birds, of course.

Recently on the trail I encountered a person I didn't know. In making conversation I mentioned that, while the trail is generally in good shape, one particularly wet section needed repair. A few days later I was surprised and delighted to discover the work had been done.

Respectfully submitted by Doreen Lilley