



# GRATITUDE & GROWTH

## AUTUMN ON THE RAIL TRAIL



## Shoutout to Our Community Heroes!

There were some very smoky days along the trail in mid-August. Many people in our Okanagan Rail Trail jurisdictions were greatly affected by the wildfires, evacuations, and smoke. We want to offer our heartfelt thanks to all of the firefighters, emergency services crews, and first responders for all that they did and continue to do for our communities.



## UPDATES AT KM 0

### On the Go at Km 0!

Drought-like conditions have made it another tough year for the indigenous plants growing at Km 0, but with an ingenious watering system and fills every two weeks by Alpine Water – who carefully back their truck down the trail to fill the totes, our Stewards have managed to keep the trees and shrubs looking pretty healthy. We expect another good watering in the coming weeks so that the plants can be ready for the winter ahead.

The interpretive signage is entering the final stages of approval and once in place, will complete the plaza area which has transformed greatly over the past three years from a barren rail yard to a welcoming and restful gathering place.

**Rail Trail Interpretive  
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## Volunteer Activities

FORT volunteers generously give their own time while doing their Trail Ambassador or Trail Steward duties. They joined various events this Spring and Summer, starting with a FORT Day on the trail, where ambassadors talked to trail users in the three different jurisdictions. In May, volunteers had a walk on the unfinished part of the trail in Lake Country followed by an appreciation gathering.

We joined in activities for Go By Bike Week and led a ride in Kelowna. Three Trail Ambassadors rides were also held on different areas of the trail. After two years of being careful about group gatherings, these were welcome events!



FORT's bright green tent was at Volunteer fairs on September 16th in Kelowna and September 23rd in Vernon. If you missed these fairs, you can apply online to become a "Friend" of the Okanagan Rail Trail.



# BECOME A FRIEND OF OKANAGAN TRAIL TRAIL

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

## What's New Along the Trail

In Kelowna, plans are going ahead for a Tier 2 Wayfinding Kiosk at Houghton Road near the bridge to Enterprise Way.

In Lake Country, watch for some improvements coming soon to Trew hitt Point. As well, washrooms are under construction along the Oyama Isthmus.

In RDNO, new bike stations have been installed at Km 0, Westkal, and Kekuli Bay. Seating stones will be placed at appropriate sites along the lake and picnic tables installed. Rock mitigation work has been in progress this month along the cliff section of Kalamalka Lake to keep the trail safe for all.



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# Find Your Way Along Okanagan Rail Trail

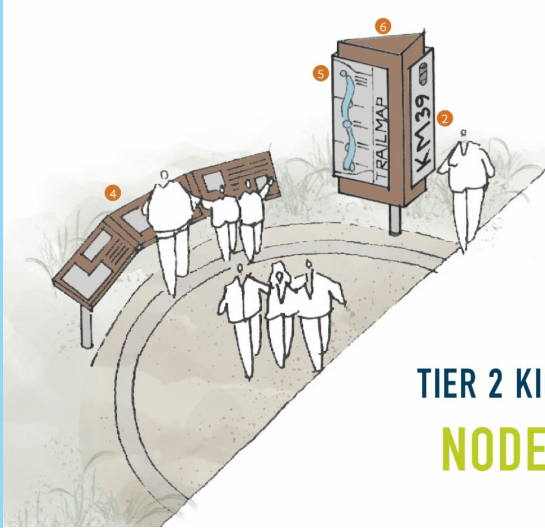


## TIER 1 KIOSK GATEWAYS

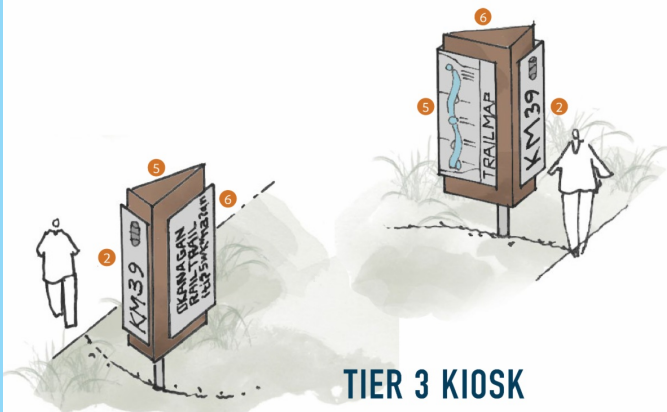
Tier 1 Kiosks are places of information, orientation, and celebration. Gateway Kiosks include banner signage with syilx translation, kilometre markers, info panels, and full trail maps.

## TIER 2 KIOSK NODES

Tier 2 Kiosks serve as start or end points along the Okanagan Rail Trail. Node locations may be dictated by proximity to existing key amenities such as public parking or washrooms. Nodes include all Tier 1 Kiosk information except for the iconic curved banner with syilx translation.



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## TIER 3 KIOSK MAJOR ACCESS POINTS

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Tier 3 Kiosks are frequently used at entrances and exits onto the trail. Major Access Point Kiosks orient trail users with kilometre markers and mapping. The focus is to help pedestrians and cyclists locate community centres, transportation, or pedestrian routes.

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# Your Support Matters

Thank you all for your loyal support for the Okanagan Rail Trail as we wait patiently for the middle section to be completed and open for use.

In recognition of the recovery efforts that are now underway after the fires of August and the essential fundraising going on for more critical needs in our communities right now, FORT is making our fundraising for the Wayfinding low-key for this fall.



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