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## The Scoop on Pets!

No matter what the weather dogs enjoy being outside and going for a nice long walk or run. Their owners enjoy watching them bound around, ears floppy and tongues hanging out. This usually means a nice quiet evening ahead too. Trails are an ideal place to get some exercise and get back to nature with your family and pets. Trails offer kilometres of safe space for everyone to let loose and have fun.

We have very few trails that allow dogs

off leash. It is very important that your dog remains on leash at all times during your outing. This is not only for other peoples' safety but for your pet's safety as well. When approaching other people on the trail have your dog heel. Let the on comers approach you and your dog if they want to make contact. If other people on the trail are walking their dogs as well, have your dog sit until they

pass. Talk to the owners first if you want your dogs to meet. One of the most important pieces of trail etiquette to follow is always clean up after your pet. This makes everyone's trail experience an enjoyable one. Nobody wants messy shoes. Scoop!

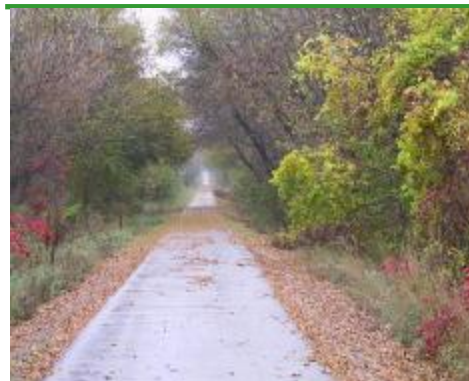


## What's New With National Trails Coalition

We are now just past the mid-way point heading quickly towards the March 31st deadline. The almost 500 projects are in various states of completions and include a diverse group of organizations and projects. The valuable partnerships that have

been formed between the many organizations and with the National Trails Coalition are creating huge improvements in our existing trails all across the country and forging brand new ones. Everyone's hard work and determination is making

Canadian trails exciting destinations. Collaboration— the future of trail development.



# Project Profile

## Salarno Creek Bridge Project

The Salarno Bridge is located on the Good-Pen Trail in the Kawartha Lakes region of Ontario. It had been deemed unusable and the trail was closed in 2008. This was a key link to the 5-Point Trail System, a multiuse trail that sees thousands of visitors every year. The steel bridge structure was still sound but the treadway was completely derelict. Off road motorcycle (ORM) enthusiasts from the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR) were disappointed with this closure. They were determined to rehabilitate this key structure. The OFTR has 20 years of trail building experience but they believe that partnering with another trail user group would not only be beneficial to getting the work accomplished but would also create great working partnerships for years to come. The OFTR teamed up with the Buckhorn District Snowmobile Club, who have been in operation for 30 years. They shared a common goal of responsible trail use while respecting the environment and together they began to look for funding for repairs and resurfacing. Once they received approval for funding from Canada's Economic Action Plan through the National Trails Coalition, the momentum on this project really got moving.

In July of 2009 a team of dedicated volunteers showed up at the bridge site with loads of hemlock in tow to finally resurface the bridge and restore this crucial link for the 5-Points Trail. "Many hands make light work and we had many hands for this project," explained Ken Hoeverman, Executive Director of OFTR.

This trail is a main corridor for ATVs, snowmobiles and ORMs. The trail runs north-south from Bobcaygeon to Gooderham. It also provides a linkage to Haliburton to the north, Burnt River/Somerville to the east and Apsley/Wilberforce and Bancroft to the east. For the past 53 years the Haliburton Trail Riders have been holding an annual trail ride on this trail system.

All across the country trails are stimulating tourism and recreation related spending. This is an industry that is crucial for many small towns located along the trail because of the economic spin-offs. Now that the Salarno Bridge is re-opened and back in operation the 5-Point Trail system is once again a vital link for communities in this region.



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For more information regarding the OFTR please go to [www.oftr.ca](http://www.oftr.ca)

For more information regarding the Buckhorn District Snowmobile Club please go to [www.bdsc.ca](http://www.bdsc.ca)