

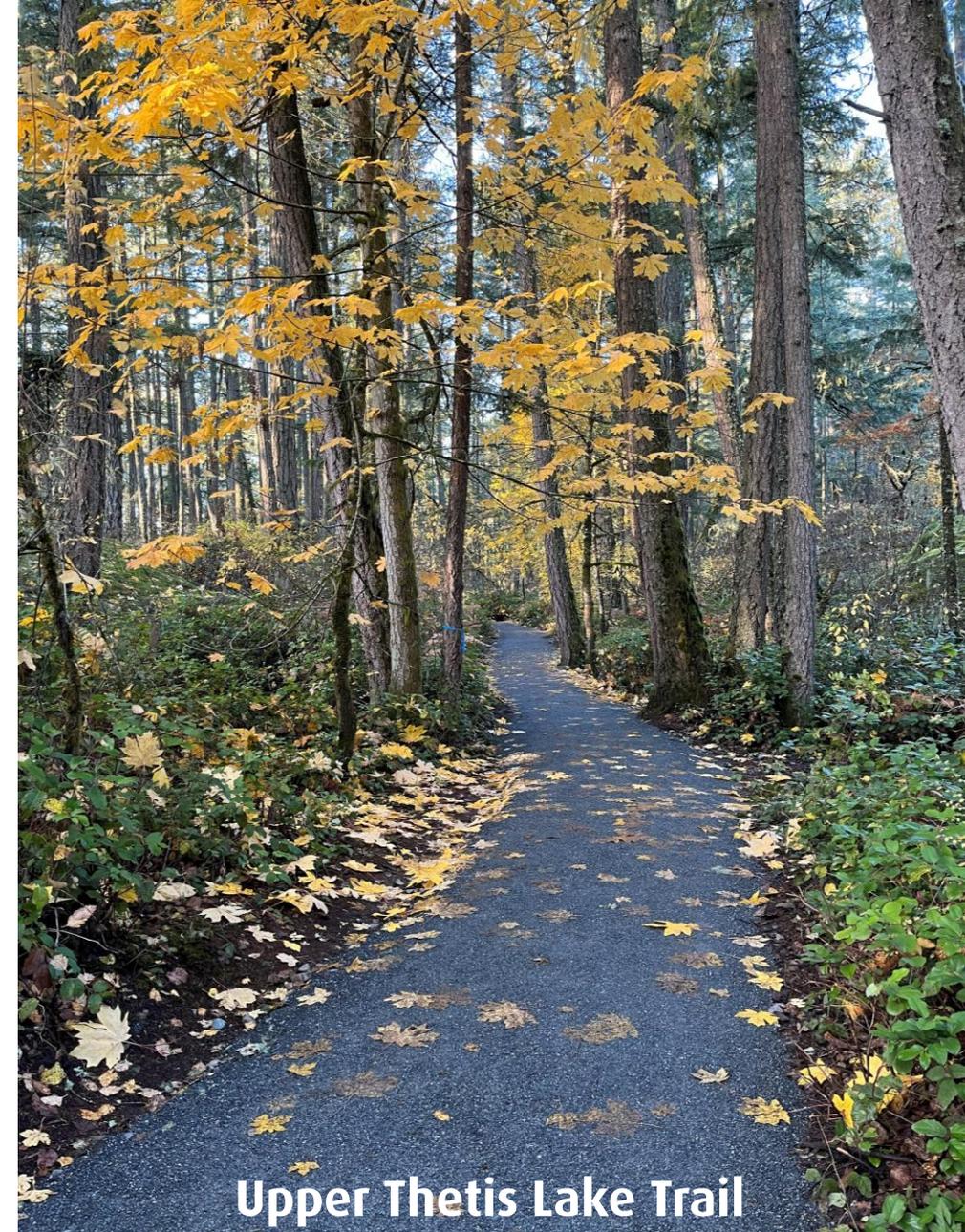
A photograph of a dirt trail winding through a dense forest. In the background, a utility vehicle, possibly a maintenance truck or generator, is parked on the path. The scene is lush with green foliage and trees. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal color.

Regional Parks Trail Repair Program

Regional Parks Committee
February 25, 2026

Presentation Outline

- Overview of trails in regional parks
- Background on the Trail Repair Program
- Showcase program results
- 2026 Trail Repair Program work plan



Upper Thetis Lake Trail

Overview of Regional Park Trails

- Trails in all 34 regional parks span throughout 13,300+ hectares of land.
- This includes 311 official trails spanning over 371 kilometres.
- 87% are natural surface trails.



Mt. Work - Summit Trail

Erosion



Sea to Sea
Mt. Quimper Summit Trail

Poor Drainage



Sea to Sea
Quimper Connector Trail

Trail Impacts

- Trail design
- Visitation levels
- Climate events

Trail Repair Program Background

- The Trail Repair Program started in 2023.
- The focus is to maintain a safe and sustainable trail system while protecting cultural and environmental values.
- Trail repairs are prioritized based on inspection results.
- Project planning incorporates Environmental Impact Assessments, Archaeology Heritage Site Reviews and park management plan direction.



Switch Back Repair
Sea to Sea
Mt. Quimper Summit Trail

Trail Repair Program Resources and Statistics

- One full-time park technician
- Three auxiliary support staff (3,120 hours combined)
- Spring and fall construction season

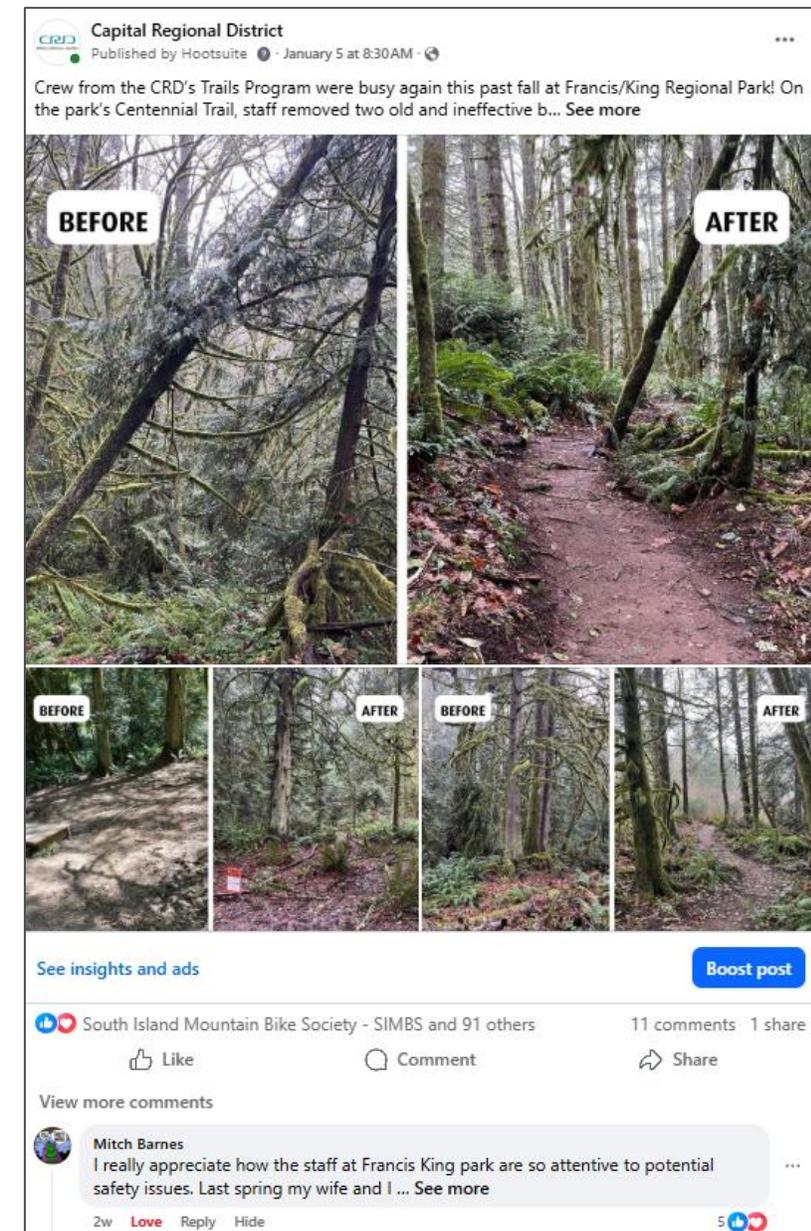


**Staff Training Day
Thetis Lake - Fairedge Trail**

Park Name	Trail Name	Number of Deficiencies Repaired	Metres of Trail Repaired
Mt. Work	Summit Trail	44	560
Bear Hill	Summit Trail	7	20
East Sooke	Coast Trail	4	50
Mill Hill	Calypso Trail	2	5
Thetis Lake	Upper Thetis Lake Trail	30	885
Sea to Sea	Quimper Summit Trail	15	1,285
Francis/King	Centennial Trail	5	140
	Total	107	2,945

Trail Repair Program Social Media Metrics

Post	Social Media Platform	Views	Likes	Comments	Saves	Shares
Two social media posts (insights as of Jan. 12)	Instagram	7,089	304	4	6	3
	Facebook	14,202	225	23	11	1
Total	-	21,201	529	27	17	4

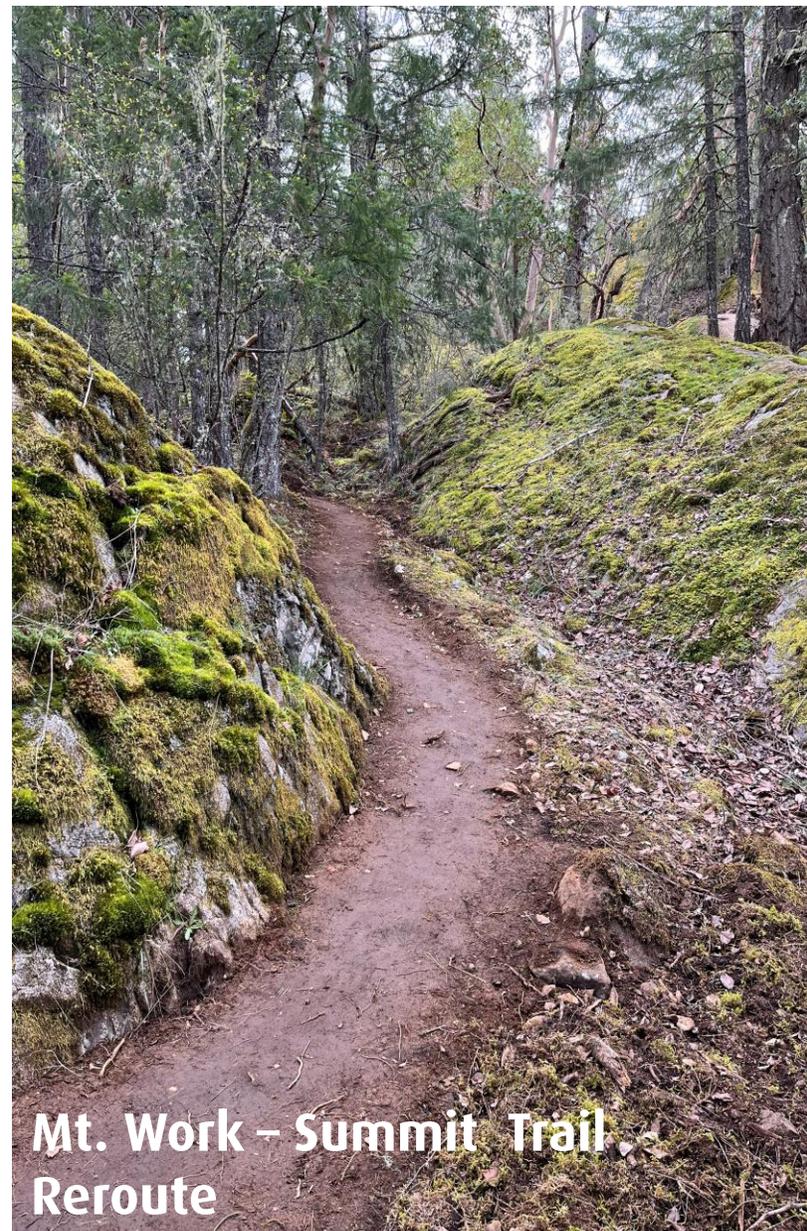


Visitor Safety Improvements

- Rerouting completed on the Summit Trail in Mount Work Regional Park.
- The existing trail was moved from a section of bedrock, resulting in a more desirable slope with adequate drainage and proper out-slope to shed water from the trail.



**Mt. Work – Summit Trail
Old Route**



**Mt. Work – Summit Trail
Reroute**

Visitor Experience Improvements

- Repairs were made to the Mt. Quimper Summit Trail in Sea to Sea Regional Park.
- Redistributed the large cobbly rocks and capped them with mineral soil from ditch creation.
- Created a smoother surface for park visitors and directed water from the trail, enhancing the experience.



Natural & Cultural Area Protection

- Enhanced trail tread and mitigated further erosion.
- Filled voids with mineral soil and seeded it with native grass seed.
- Installed fencing to protect the area from trampling.
- Enhanced protection for rare plants: Yellow Montane Violet and White-top Aster.



Bear Hill – Summit Trail
Before



Yellow Montane
Violet



White-top Aster



Bear Hill – Summit Trail
After

Special Event Support

- Created improved beach access for the Tribal Journeys Event at Aylard Farm in East Sooke Regional Park.

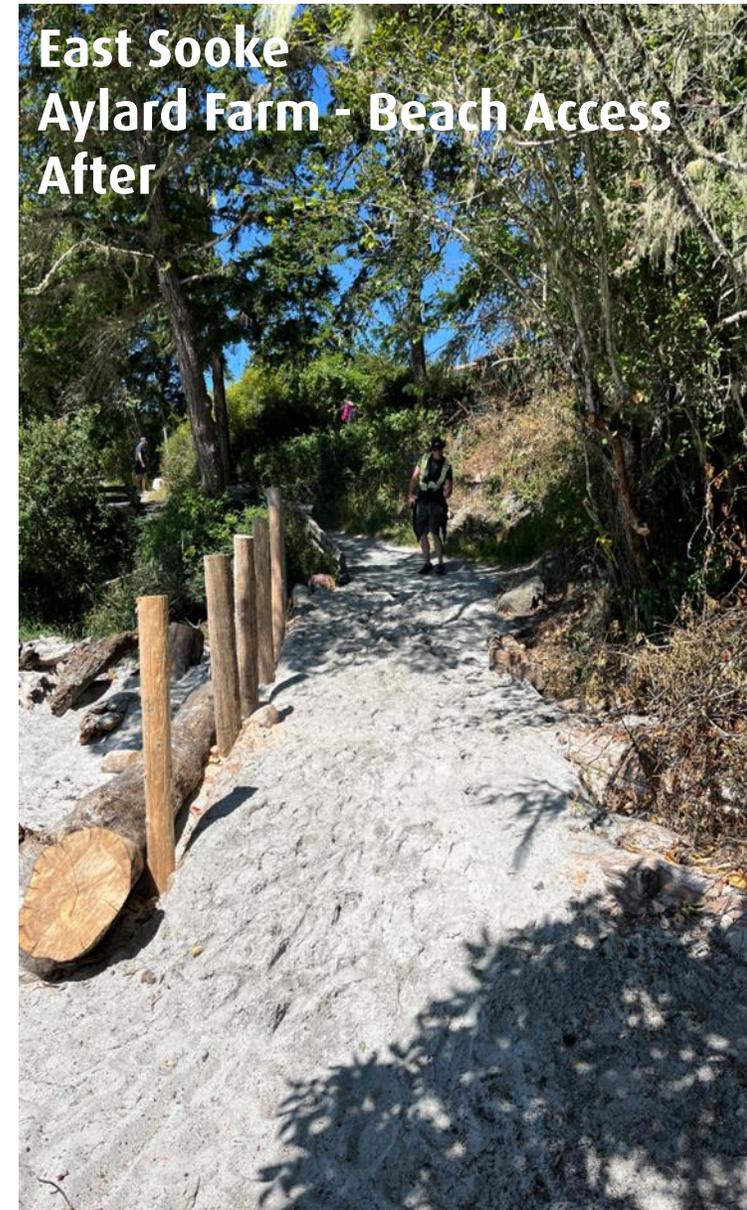
Tribal Journey



East Sooke
Aylard Farm - Beach Access
Before

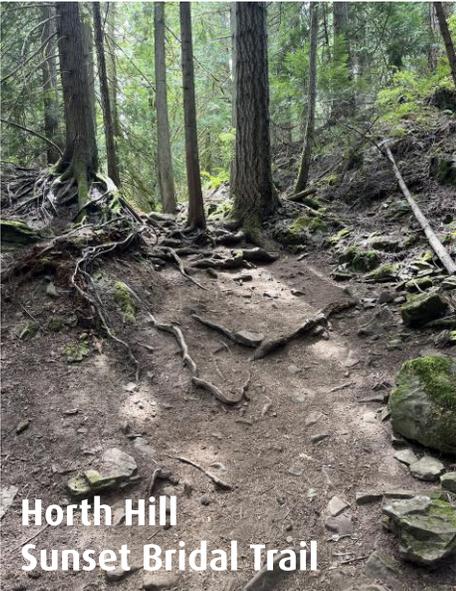
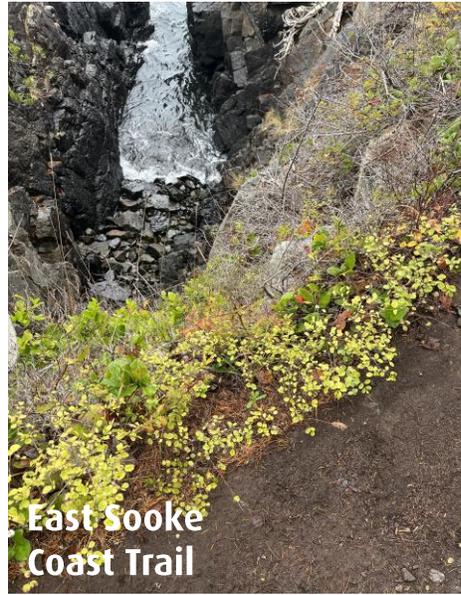


East Sooke
Aylard Farm - Beach Access
After



2026 Trail Repair Program Work Plan

- Witty's Lagoon- Beach Trail
- Horth Hill – Sunset Bridal Trail
- Sea to Sea – Quimper Summit Trail
- East Sooke – Coast Trail





Thank You

Questions?



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