



Landowner – Trail Maintenance Best Practices Policy

Purpose of the policy

The purpose of the Landowner – Trail Maintenance Policy is three-fold:

1. To communicate to the Landowner
 - Avon Trail maintenance guidelines and standards
 - Avon Trail Risk management practices
2. To ensure trail maintenance is carried out with sensitivity to the landowner's interests
3. To enable the landowner to communicate with the Avon Trail about concerns or requests.

The policy

- Communication via the Avon Trail website
 - The Avon Trail website will include a 'Landowners' tab with the following:
 - a summary of Avon Trail insurance policy
 - *'Guide for Avon Trail Workers'*
 - *'Land Use Agreement with Owners'*
 - *Landowner Check List re: Communication Policy*
 - Sample Waiver forms (Hikers, Maintenance Crew)
- Communication via the Annual October Newsletter sent to Landowners including:
 - A reference to the *'Land Use Agreement with Owners'* on the website
 - A copy of the *'Land Use Agreement with Owners'* available on request
 - Appreciation courtesy membership and an invitation to our November AGM
 - Summary of Avon Trail Insurance policies including a summary of the relevant section of the Occupiers Liability Act [RSO, 1990, sub 4 (3) and (4)]
 - Summary of Risk management plan found in *'Guide for Avon Trail Workers'*
 - *The Trail User's Code of Etiquette*
 - *Landowner Check List re: Communication Policy*
- Communication to Trail maintenance volunteers
 - Volunteers will make every reasonable effort to practice the standards found in the *'Guide for Avon Trail Workers'*
 - Volunteers will be familiar with the *'Land Use Agreement with Owners'*
 - The Trail Coordinator will provide Trail Monitors with
 - the names and contact information of their respective landowners
 - information about specific landowners requests

Support documents:

- *'Guide for Avon Trail Workers' (revised, June 2015)*
- *'Land Use Agreement with Owners'*
- *'Landowner Checklist re: Communication policy'*
- Avon Trail Insurance Policies: Directors and General Comprehensive Liability
- Avon Trail Risk Management Policy
- Release of Liability Waiver Form (Hiker) and Release of Liability Waiver Form (Maintenance Crew)
- *Trail User's Code of Etiquette*