



## **Bragg Creek Trails**

### **Media Release – Proposed West Bragg Creek Trail Centre**

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Bragg Creek Trails (BCT) has launched an online public engagement survey to gather feedback on a proposed new, permanent Trail Centre at the West Bragg Creek parking lot trailhead within Kananaskis Country. The survey is available at [www.braggcreektrails.org](http://www.braggcreektrails.org) and will remain open until February 28, 2026. Background information on the project is included within the survey.

The proposed Trail Centre is envisioned as a year-round public facility focused on trail access, environmental education, training, and volunteer support. Planned uses include a warming space, trail information hub, community gathering and meeting space, educational and non-profit programming, trail host and staff workspace and equipment storage.

The Trail Centre is intended to serve trail users at the trailhead and is not designed to replace or compete with existing businesses or services in the Hamlet of Bragg Creek.

A permanent Trail Centre was first identified as a need in 2017 by the Province of Alberta during upgrades to the West Bragg Creek trailhead, parking area, washrooms, and trail maintenance compound. The current on-site facility, installed in 2016, was always intended to be a temporary warming hut.

The development of a permanent Trail Centre is identified as a priority in both BCT's current Strategic Plan and the West Bragg Creek Master Trail Plan (2024), informed by extensive stakeholder and public engagement.

BCT also conducted a benchmarking review of 12 comparable trail networks in Western Canada. Results showed that West Bragg Creek has the highest annual trail use, one of the longest trail networks, the most diverse user base, and is the closest to a major population center—yet remains the only network without a permanent Trail Centre.

The project remains in an early planning phase. Key principles around sustainability, building design, operations, and functionality are being used to inform a conceptual design.

The Trail Centre is considered a legacy capital project and will be funded through major grants and donations designated exclusively for this purpose. The building will be owned and operated by BCT under a land-lease agreement with the Government of Alberta. Operating and maintenance costs will be supported by a dedicated endowment fund. Construction will not proceed until full project funding is secured. Trail construction and maintenance funding will not be impacted by this project.

BCT encourages all trail users and community members to complete the survey by February 28, 2026.

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