



## **Our Trail**

The Trail follows the track of the former railway-running along scenic lakes, rivers, bogs and beautiful St. Margaret's Bay. The easy grade and well constructed bridges make the Trail perfect for users of all ages. In many sections the Trail is far from the St. Margaret's Bay Road, allowing users to enjoy natural sights and sounds. As the adjacent land has been gently treated since the railroad was built, users see examples of different ecosystems-many of which are explained by interpretative panels. The Trail provides an easy entry into the beautiful natural environment that surrounds us. In several places, paths leading into the woods branch off from the Trail.

To facilitate enjoyment of the Trail, benches—often donated in memory of loved ones—and picnic tables are found at strategic locations. Toilets are available, often at the parking areas. A connector trail accesses Jerry Lawrence Park. Cleveland Beach, Queensland Beach and many smaller beaches are a short distance from the Trail. Coffee shops, restaurants and accommodations are near the Trail in several communities. The popular Saturday morning Hubbards Market and the recently opened Tuesday afternoon Tantallon Market make great destinations, complete with good food and entertainment.

## Who We Are

St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails to Trails Association is a non-profit, community-run volunteer organization incorporated in 1996 that manages the Trail for your enjoyment. Walkers, hikers, cyclists, equestrians, cross-country skiers, ATVs and snowmobiles are welcome on our world class Trail. Please respect the Trail Rules below. We encourage "Leave no Trace" practices. There is no winter maintenance. Users are reminded that they use the Trail at their own risk regardless of the season.

### **Activities & Events**

Our Trail is used for sponsored rides, organized walks, Trail celebrations and school nature experiences—to name a few. If you would like to hold an event, please fill out the Event Form on our website and ensure that you have group insurance. Annual events that **SMBARTA** sponsors are **Bike Day** in June and the **Bike Bell Giveway**.

#### Trail Rules

Speed limit 20 km/h
No hunting or trapping
No amphibious vehicles
No cars, trucks or SUVs
No motorcycles or dirt bikes
No use between 11:00 pm and 5:00 am
Dogs must be on a leash and cleaned up after
Cyclists must ring a bell when approaching other users



## **Our Partners**

SMBARTA is a proud partner of the Bay Treasure Chest Association and funds earned will enable ongoing annual maintenance as well as enhancement of Trail amenities. Municipal, provincial and other sponsors facilitated a 3-year, \$625,000 recapitalization of the entire 32 km of Trail and redecking of 7 bridges. Our surveys indicate at least 80,000 visitors travelled on our Trail near the Bike and Bean Café, primarily for cycling but also walking, running and hiking.

## Consider becoming a member

Yes, I want to support our Trail!

Annual dues are \$10 per family or individual.

| Postal Code: |
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Send a cheque to:
SMBARTA
Community Enterprise Centre
1-5229 St. Margaret's Bay Road
Tantallon, NS B3Z 4R5
or pay online at:
https://stmargaretsbaytrails.com/registration/







We would like to thank The Bay Treasure Chest for their support of the trail signs.



# TRAIL MAP LEGEND

St. Margaret's Bay Trail - 32 km Beechville/Lakeside/Timberlea Trail Five Bridge Lakes Hiking Trail

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Parking

**Tourist Information** 

Restrooms

П Food

**Bank Machine** 

Rest Area

Beach

Ä **Panorama** C

Telephone **Bike Repair** 

Blue Route Cycling Trail

- 1. Respect other users.
- 2. Keep to the right, pass to the left.
- 3. Cyclists must alert other users when passing.
- 4. Wheels always yield to heels and hoofs.
- 5. Speed limit 20 km/h.
- 6. Dogs must be on a leash.
- 7. Don't litter.

Trail is closed between 11pm and 5am