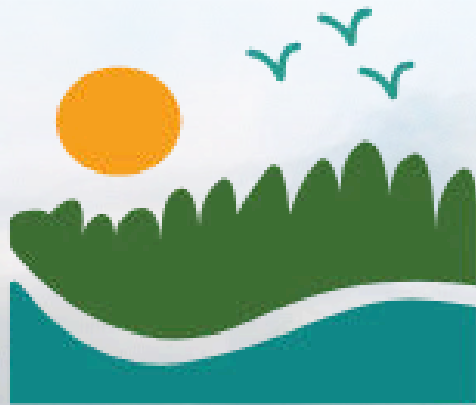


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TRAILS SUMMIT GUIDE



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Hosted by Recreation N.B. | Loisirs N.-B. with support from the Department of Tourism, Heritage, and Culture.

The 4th Annual Trails Summit is a **FREE EVENT** for trail builders, operators, managers, and recreation professionals. Over two days, attendees will explore innovative ideas, gain practical skills, and connect with those helping shape trails throughout New Brunswick and beyond.

- 📍 Moncton, New Brunswick
- 📅 September 23-24th, 2026
- 📌 Legends Event Venue (Moncton Coliseum)

The program includes keynote speakers, engaging sessions, networking opportunities, a panel discussion, and more!



Whether you are helping maintain a local trail, leading regional trail development, supporting outdoor tourism, or creating more active communities, the Trails Summit is an opportunity to share ideas, build partnerships, and help shape the future of trails in New Brunswick together.

THIS YEAR'S THEME:

**Following the Trail Ahead:
Connection. Growth. Impact.**

Summary Agenda

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

9:00 - 9:30 AM	Check-In
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgment
9:45 - 10:30 AM	The Trailhead: A Regional Perspective on Trails in Southeast New Brunswick
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Nutrition break (Snacks and light refreshments provided)
10:45 - 12:00 PM	Keynote: Walk a Mile in my Shaky Shoes
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch (Provided) + Networking
1:00 - 1: 45 PM	Cultivating Conservation: Lessons from Mill Creek Nature Park
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Break (light refreshments provided)
2:00 - 2:45 PM	The Island Walk: Creating Tourism Value with Community Impact
3:00 - 5:30 pm	Experiencing the Trail Interactive Session
6:30 - 8:30 pm	Après Trail: Evening Social (Location to be announced)

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

9:00 - 9:30 AM	Professionalization of Trail Building and Maintenance
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Mapping the Movement: Data Insights for Active Transportation
10:00 - 10:45 AM	30,000 KM from Coast to Coast to Coast
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Nutrition break (Snacks and light refreshments provided)
11:00 - 12:00 PM	On the Right Path: Trail Successes from Across New Brunswick and Beyond
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch (Provided) + Networking
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Shaping New Brunswick's Trail Guidelines Together
3:00 - 3:15 PM	Break (light refreshments provided)
3:15 - 4:00 PM	The Trails Edge: Trails as Infrastructure for Health and Wellbeing
4:00 - 4:10 PM	Closing Remarks

WORLD CLASS TRAIL EXPERTISE

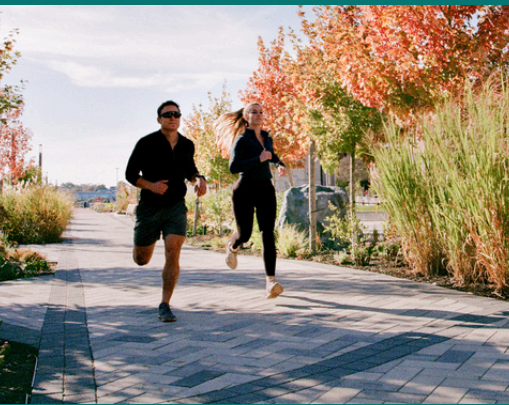
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Trails Summit Highlights

Keynote Speaker: Matthew Corkum, PhD

Passionate, full of animation and energy as a speaker, Matthew never backs down from difficult topics. He has always pushed the limits through his life to prosper in a wide range of environments, regardless of living with cerebral palsy. Matthew is not your average speaker, he has an art of weaving his own personal experiences with education and humor.

Valediction of Acadia University's class of 2006, Matthew went on to achieve a PhD from in atmospheric science at York University and worked 13 years as head meteorologist at an energy hedge fund in Calgary. He not only knows how to track the weather, but he also knows what it is like to be excluded, bullied, and discriminated against. He is the chair of Rocky Mountain Adaptive board of directors and on the Community Advisory member of Calgary Adaptive hub and past member of the City of Calgary's Advisory Committee on Accessibility. He was chosen in 2023 as one of Calgary's Top 40 under 40 by Avenue Magazine for his advocacy and speaking on inclusion of those with disabilities. More recently he was named Acadia University's 2025 Distinguished Alumni for his many achievements.

Matthew now lives in Fernie BC, a biking and Skiing mecca. His contagious smile and one-line jokes often lighten the mood as he tells stories his of downhill skiing, mountain biking and traveling the world. Matthew loves to share experiences of adventuring outside on trails and believes every trail does not need to work for everyone, but we need trails for everyone. He helps everyone look at trails differently by always looking at things with an accessibility lens.



Trails Summit Highlights

Panel Discussion: On the Right Path: Trail Successes from Across New Brunswick and Beyond

Hear from trail leaders as they share successful projects, lessons learned, and innovative approaches to trail development, management, and community engagement. Featuring perspectives from municipalities across New Brunswick alongside guests from outside the province, this panel will explore how collaboration, creativity, and local leadership are shaping the future of trails.

Experiencing the Trail

Get out on the trail and experience Moncton's trail network firsthand. During this interactive session, delegates will choose one of three guided trail experiences: a walk through the trails of Centennial Park, a guided walk along the Riverfront Trail, or a guided bike ride on the Riverfront Trail. Along the way, participants will hear from local organizations and trail champions who help make these spaces vibrant community assets.

Bikes will be available for those participating in the cycling option (limited quantity), so if you're able, we encourage you to bring your own. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow delegates while exploring some of the region's most popular trails.

Please wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear for walking or cycling, and don't forget a reusable water bottle, sunscreen, and weather-appropriate gear.

Après Trail: Evening Social

After a full day of learning and exploring, join us for the Après Trail Evening Social to relax, connect with fellow delegates, and experience one of Moncton's local businesses. Enjoy great conversation, expand your network, and unwind over refreshments in a casual setting.

Light finger foods will be provided. A full food and beverage menu will also be available for purchase throughout the evening if you'd like to enjoy a meal or additional refreshments. Location to be announced...



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