

Rules of the Trail

BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT to explore a trail, take a few minutes to learn if it goes near farmland. Being aware and following some simple **“Rules of the Trail”** will help ensure that trails and farms can co-exist.

- ✓ **STAY** on designated trails and do not go onto private property
- ✓ **WATCH** for farm machinery and livestock at all crossings
- ✓ **READ** and observe signage posted on the trail
- ✓ **KEEP** dogs under control at all times
- ✓ **HELP** prevent fire, vandalism, and other damage
- ✓ **KEEP AWAY** from farm equipment
- ✓ **DO NOT LITTER** and avoid the spread of weeds
- ✓ **BE PREPARED** for limited washroom facilities along the trail
- ✓ **RESPECT** the privacy of Farmers and their families

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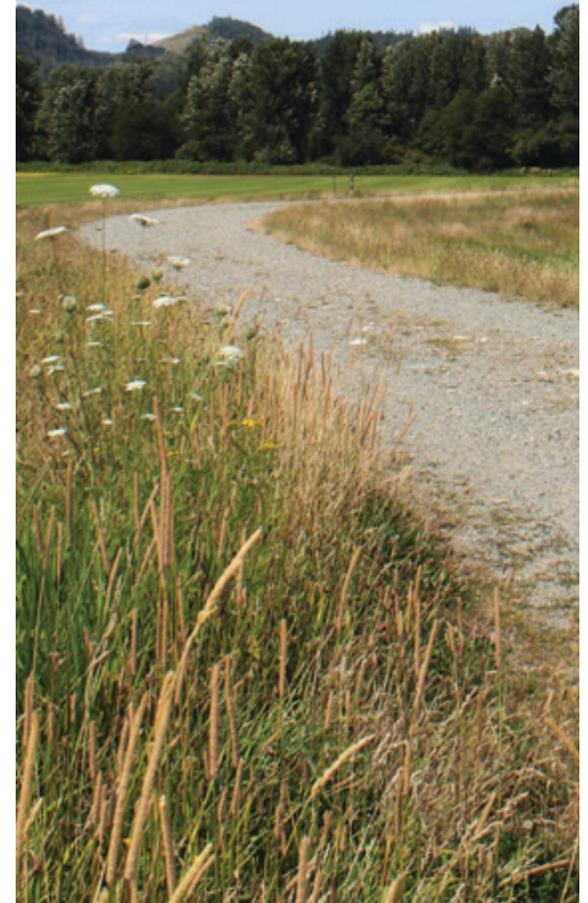
THANK YOU for taking the time to learn more about trails through agriculture in BC. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact:

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RECREATIONAL TRAILS

FROM OLD GROWTH FORESTS, to never ending beaches, and high mountain peaks, British Columbia is home to stunning wilderness. Exploring B.C. by trail is a great way to experience the beautiful nature the province has to offer.

MANY OF B.C.'s most popular recreational trails run alongside or through farmland. Trails that run through, or near, agriculture land are unique and require special attention by visitors to ensure that farming and trails can co-exist safely.



FARMS AND RANCHES IN B.C.

AGRICULTURE IN B.C. supports food production and helps ensure that fresh and nutritious food is available to British Columbians. Agriculture contributes significantly to the local economy, and B.C. products often find their way to world markets.

FARMS AND RANCHES are active worksites. Many farms use heavy machinery or have sensitive livestock. Other farms grow crops that cannot be tampered with to ensure the health and safety of the harvest. For these reasons, when you are enjoying one of the many B.C. trails that go near a farm or ranch, special care must be taken.

FEATURES OF TRAILS THROUGH AGRICULTURE AREAS

RECREATIONAL TRAILS through agriculture areas are unique. You may notice some of the following features when you are on a trail near farmland:

- ✔ *Physical or visual buffers to separate the trail and farmland*
- ✔ *Fencing or gates for livestock* and security*
- ✔ *Signage with trail information, rules, and interpretation*

These features, and following the “Rules of the Trail”, can help ensure that farms and trails can co-exist.

*** REMEMBER TO SHUT ALL GATES THAT YOU OPEN, TO PREVENT LIVESTOCK ESCAPING.**