



Adventure in every step

Hike Nova Scotia Annual Report 2010-2011

The following progress was made on Hike NS's five strategic directions from April 2010 to March 2011.

Promotion, Advocacy and Leadership

- Presented to over 20 NS government employees from various departments on the need for a hiking strategy
- Attended the National Trails Leadership Round Table and the Nova Scotia Trails Conference
- Spoke out against the coyote bounty and urged more awareness of hiking safety
- Supported the designation of June is Active Transportation Month as well as the reduction of speeds in school zones and child play areas



Le vieux chemin du Cap Rouge hike participants in September, 2010 in the Cape Breton Highlands. Photo courtesy of Tom Wilson.



Public Information, Awareness and Education

- Fall Guided Hike Series: 192 people, 15 hikes
- Winter Guided Snowshoe Events: 308 people, seven events
- Partnered with author Michael Haynes on the launch of the new edition of the Trails of the Halifax Regional Municipality: 150 people attended three events
- Launched the Hiker Distance Award Program
- Promoted Leave No Trace Principles: one workshop and one hike involving 52 people
- Promoted safe hiking in the media



Support the Expansion of Trail Infrastructure

International Appalachian Trail – Nova Scotia (IAT-NS):

- Produced trail guides and maps for the Port Hastings to Pictou IAT section and other promotional materials
- Held meetings with the Cape to Cape and the Cheticamp Economic Council
- Hosted IAT Council meeting in Nova Scotia and attended its AGM in New Brunswick



Mickey Hill Provincial Park snowshoe hike participants in January 2011 in Annapolis County.



Michael Haynes speaks at the launch of his new edition of Trails of the Halifax Regional Municipality in July, 2010.

Partnership Development and Collaboration

- Partnered with White Point Beach Lodge to promote a hiking weekend
- Partnered with 15 organizations on the Fall Guided Hikes and Winter Guided Snowshoe Events
- Created seven partnerships with the IAT-NS

The mainland route of the International Appalachian Trail through Nova Scotia.



Organizational Development

- 150 members
- Conducted a “Hike Nova Scotia in Five Years” survey to all members, partners and other stakeholders
- Attended four conferences/events
- Held a board development learning session and acted as a case study for an “Improving Nonprofit Governance” course
- Began drafting new policies on the roles and responsibilities of the board

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