

# Annual Report

Here are some of the highlights on progress in the four areas of the Hike NS Strategic Plan, covering activities between April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

## Advocacy

- Provided input on the draft provincial Trails Strategy
- Made submissions to the Province of Nova Scotia on the Independent Review of Forest Practices consultation and provincial budget consultations
- Responded to a request for feedback on the Parks Canada Kejimikujik National Park visitor experience
- Sent letters of support to the Halifax Regional Municipality in support of the Halifax Green Network Plan and the Halifax Regional Trails Association's request a recreational trails funding program

## Promotion

- Held the Trailgate Canada 150 project, supporting five communities in organizing volunteer maintenance days involving a total of 132 people in Meat Cove, Antigonish, Economy, Halifax and Digby County
- Held the Fall Guided Hike Series and Winter Guided Snowshoe Series across NS including 90 events for 1,665 participants organized by 66 partners
- White Point Beach Resort hosted a barbeque and night hike at Keji Seaside with Hike NS and Parks Canada partnering and over 40 participants
- On September 30, 2017 representatives from IAT-NS attended the International Appalachian Trail Annual General Meeting of the North American Chapters in Joggins, NS
- Hike Canada and Hike NS trail markers were placed on the Celtic Shores Coastal Trail



In September 2017, these folks in Antigonish took part in a Hike NS Trailgate Canada 150 event where they helped out on a volunteer trail maintenance day at Keppoch Mountain.



These snowshoers took part in the Hike NS 2017 Winter Guided Snowshoe Hike Series at Smokey Mountain in Victoria County with Naturally Active for Life Victoria County.



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## Capacity Building

- Offered 11 Outdoor Council of Canada (OCC) courses to 95 participants across NS including Field –Leader Hiking courses, Navigation Maps & Compass courses, a Field Leader - Overnight module and a Field Leader - Winter module
- Offered 10 Re-Connecting with Nature workshops to 174 participants across NS

## Leadership

- Held the Hiking Summit in Tatamagouche April 28-30, 2017 with 200 people attending
- Presented Dr. Gordon Young and the Cobequid Eco-Trails Society with Summit Awards, recognizing their leadership in the growth and development of hiking in Nova Scotia
- Launched Hike NS's new brand
- Increased membership over last year by 16.5%
- Continued partnerships with The Trail Shop, the Outdoor Council of Canada, Leave No Trace Canada, the International Appalachian Trail, Hike Canada, the Nova Scotia Outdoor Network, NS Trails and many others

**Hike NS thanks the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for its ongoing support.**



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In October 2017, these participants took part in a Hike NS Re-Connecting with Nature workshop, learning how to engage children with nature in Liverpool.



The Cobequid Eco-Trails Society (above) was awarded with a Summit Award at the 2017 Hiking Summit as was Dr. Gordon Young.



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