

Trail Improvement Work: Mount Benson Regional Park

Work is underway to repair trail erosion in Mount Benson Regional Park.

Gordie's Trail and the lower 400 metres of Rafe's Way are hiking trails that follow historic logging roads in Mount Benson Regional Park. Over the past 20 years, winter rain and snowmelt have caused significant erosion along these trails.

In some areas, the trail surface has become deeply rutted, covered with large loose rocks, or is covered by flowing water during the winter months. These conditions make sections of the trail difficult to maintain and less safe for visitors.

This project will repair a 500-metre eroded section of Gordie's Trail, a 400-metre eroded section of Rafe's Way and will improve drainage to help prevent future erosion.

The work will provide a safer, more comfortable hiking surface, improve access for ongoing maintenance and support future park improvement projects.

The work includes:

- Reshaping the trail so water drains off the surface instead of flowing down the trail, reducing future erosion and maintenance needs.
- Improving the trail surface using soil and gravel sourced from within the project area to create a more stable and accessible walking surface.
- Removing dead, dying, and hazardous trees that could pose a risk to visitors, workers, or equipment.

While construction is underway, visitors may see maintenance equipment operating on the trail, recently felled trees beside the trail, excavator tracks, exposed soil, and other signs of active construction. These temporary conditions are necessary to complete the trail improvements safely and efficiently.

Disturbed areas will be cleaned up, graded, and restored as work progresses and before the project is complete. Woody material will be retained in nearby forested areas where appropriate for habitat and ecological benefits.

The project is expected to be completed by November 13.

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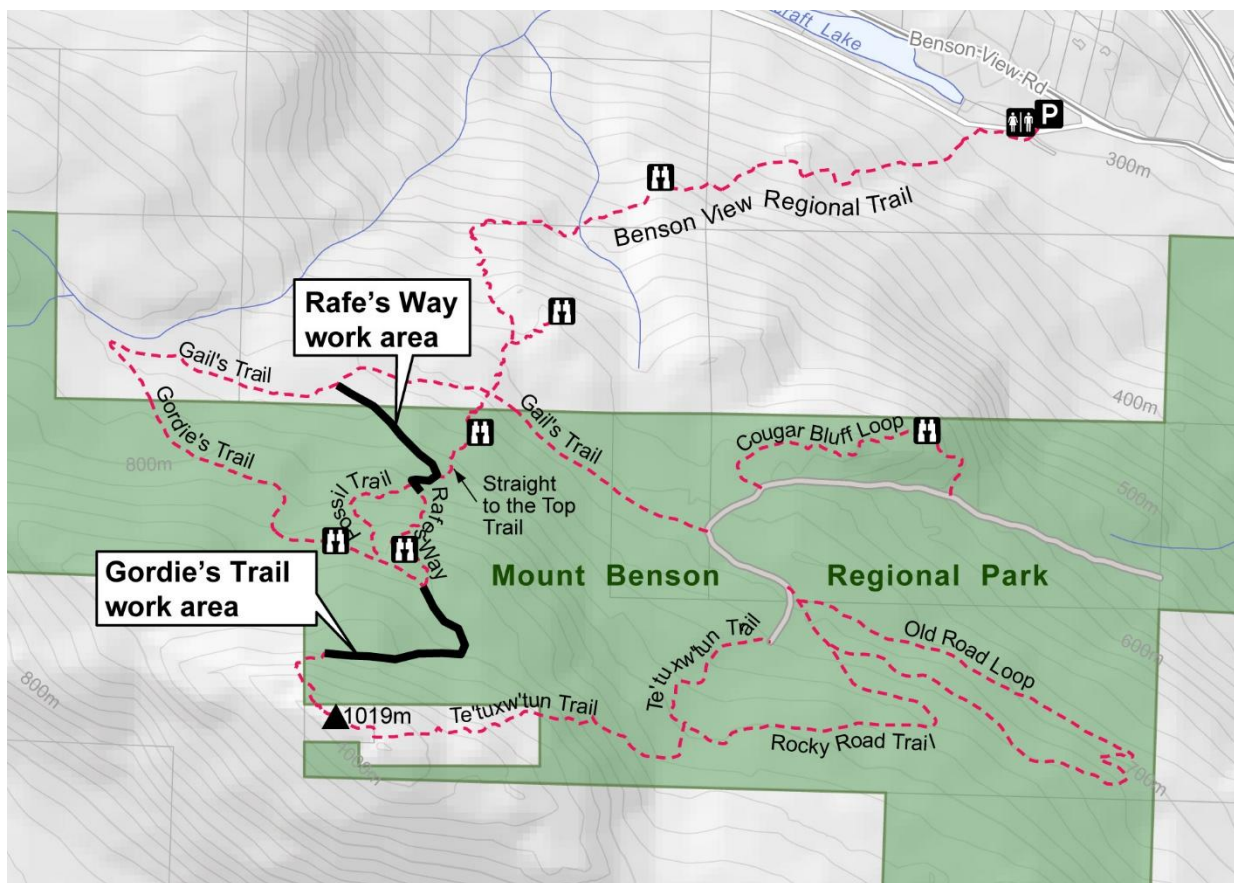
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Typical eroded trail before project



Example of restored trail after project



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