



2026 Summer Newsletter

Welcome to summer!

Here's a few things you should know about... Summer Loops, 'Save the Trails' call to Action Meeting, Trim Day Success, Mad Hatter Update, More Kiosks, Group Rides, EPIC Date, Group Chat.



Summer Loops

The [Elora Ski & Cycle](#) Summer Loops have been posted through the forest at Guelph Lake for some time now.

Red is the longest loop at 14 km

Yellow is the medium loop at 9 km

Blue is the short loop at 4 km.

None of the loops are too difficult. If you are looking for more challenging trails, check out Extinction Event, Rogue, Root Awakening, Homestead or head over to our Trail Network at Arkell Spring Grounds.

PS - Loops coming to Arkell too!



More Guelph Trails are Being Closed!

The Guelph Junction Railway has closed two popular 95 year old Trails.

Trails that the public and our members use to get to Arkell. You can help get them re-opened by coming

out this **Tuesday, June 23rd, at 4:30 pm at Guelph City Hall.**

The more people, the more effective we will be.



Late last year, without any public input, the GJR shut down the **Radial and Aqueduct Trails** below the old Turf Grass Institute. The GJR installed signs saying they were not trails and the trails department staff began removing them from on-line mapping. These trails are well embedded into master plans and maps across many sectors. The Guelph Hiking Trail Club was founded upon these trails in 1970. They are on private land that GHTC has agreements with. GORBA riders and the community use them more than the adjacent roads. GJR requests that users cross the train tracks at Stone Road without providing any detours. Rail crossing at roads are where rail injuries and deaths occur in Guelph. This is completely unacceptable. A detour is not what is needed, a safe crossing on a century old trail is. A crossing has been asked for for years. Nothing has been done. The GJR wants these trails gone. The trails hamper the installation of rail sidings in the area. The GJR has admitted to “staking and locating” more rail sidings in this Natural Heritage and Floodplain area.

Delegates and others will be asking for a formal and safe crossing for these trails which should have been done years ago.

Without clear support from the public, this may not happen.

Being present and filling the room is effective, please be there.

Meet: Tuesday June 23rd inside Guelph City Hall Council Chambers at 4:30 PM. Being late or leaving early is fine too. Being there at some point is the important part.

We had our Spring Trims on Saturday June 13th at Guelph Lake. We got to meet a lot of new members and old familiar faces as well. It was a great success! Special thanks to sponsor [Speed River Bicycle](#) who got the crews fed and caffeinated. It's been the wettest spring in memory, lots of growth may mean we do another trim before the season is out. We'll keep you posted!



New Entry for Mad Hatter and Devil's Backbone at Guelph Lake

Start locations for these trails has changed. Mad Hatter now begins at the [Foundation Junction](#) and finishes at [Mustang Junction](#) which is where Devil's Backbone now begins - one trail leads to the next... how nice! Follow the [Elora Ski & Cycle](#) Summer Loops to get the tour!

Guelph Lake gets more Junction Kiosk Maps

Quite a few local businesses have stepped up to make sure you don't get lost in the woods. Special thanks to Speed River Bicycle, von Dehn Homes, Mary Hill Organics, Paramount Sports, Flow State Bike Co. and the Wooly Pub for their commitment to the community. Support those that support you!

More opportunities still exist. Click below if you're interested in Kiosk or club sponsorship.

[Sponsorship Opportunities](#)



Group Rides

Don't forget that GORBA is one of the few riding areas that has group rides. Click the Group Ride button to learn more.

[Group Ride Info](#)

Ride Leaders Wanted

If you're interested in helping out, please contact Mark by clicking below.

[I am interested in helping out with Group Rides](#)

The GORBA Six Hour EPIC & MTB Festival

The date for the [2026 EPIC](#) has been reserved for Sunday September 20th. However, the planning committee is working through details before they can make any firm announcements. Stay tuned!

Group Chat

There is a DISCORD Server for GORBA members, news and conversation. There is a permanent link in your membership confirmation email. More explanation and start-up info can be found on the website [here](#).

These trails don't build or maintain themselves.



Supporting the trails is the cheapest & most important part of MTB.

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