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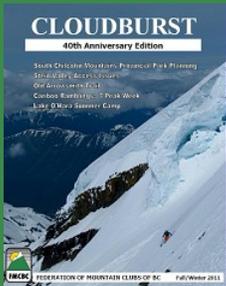
Accessing the backcountry one step at a time

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If you have a story or news about trails, backcountry access or conservation from your region in BC, please [email](#) it to us so we can include it in the next issue.



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Southwest BC Recreation and Conservation Committee Update

Brian Wood (SW BC Rec & Con Co-Chair)

BC Parks South Coast Regional Manager, Brandin Schultz attended the last SW BC Rec and Con Committee Meeting on November 21st to discuss various parks related issues in the Southwest BC region. [Click here](#) to read a summary of what was discussed.

Callaghan Valley Backcountry Access 2011-2012 Update

Scott Nelson (SW BC Rec & Con Committee)

Whistler Olympic Park (WOP) and Callaghan Country (CC) have parted ways and are running separate operations for the 2011-2012 season. Both operations are offering discounted tickets for backcountry skiers to use the XC ski trails to access the backcountry (\$10 at WOP, \$8 at CC mainline trail only). At WOP, do not use the access routes suggest by John Baldwin's guidebook Exploring the Coast Mountains on skis, as the ski jump and the access road to the north are permanently closed. Instead use the marked backcountry access route that climbs to Hanging Lake. Free overnight parking is available at WOP with the purchase of a backcountry access pass. The overnight parking area is outside the main gate, and may also be used by backcountry parties departing or returning outside the normal WOP hours. At CC, overnight parking in the regular lot is \$20 per vehicle. [Click here](#) for more details.



IN THE NEWS

[Mighty Bighorn maps, a must-have for skiers](#)

Trail Daily Times, December 8, 2011

[Canadian Avalanche Centre increases forecast regions](#)

100 Mile House Free Press, December 7, 2011

[Mt. Cartier Lookout restoration commemorates Forest Service 100th anniversary](#)

Revelstoke Times Review, December 1, 2011



MOUNTAIN MATTERS

[The Mountaineers: Famous Climbers in Canada](#)

Review by Ron Dart (ACC-Vancouver)

[Another way to check the weather before you go—Weather Balloons](#)

Dave King (Caledonia Ramblers)

[U.S. Forest Service Partners with Mountain Bike Filmmakers](#)

Interesting article submitted by Mike Nash (Caledonia Ramblers)

[What's the definition of a mountaineer?](#)

Mark Horrell's Blog, August 9, 2011



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The FMCBC would like to welcome new FMCBC Directors Francis St. Pierre for the [BCMC](#) and Michelle Hall for the [SFU Outdoors Club](#). Thank you for volunteering your time with the FMCBC.

[Click here](#) to view [Vancouver Island Spine Trail Association's](#) 2011-2016 strategic plan.

Natural Resource Road Act—The FMCBC submitted feedback on the Natural Resource Road Act Discussion Paper. [Click here](#) to view the letter submitted by the FMCBC SW BC Rec & Con Committee.

For those who are interested there is another new [Hiking Guide](#) available for the Gulf Islands.

[Click here](#) to view Friends of Strathcona Park's Fall Newsletter.

21 Mile Creek Users—a user survey will be going up on the FMCBC's website shortly. A link will be sent out with the next E-News, but you can check our [website](#) before then to find a link to the survey.

The mission of the FMCBC is to advocate for safe, self-propelled activities (such as hiking, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, trail running and other backcountry activities) and the protection of BC's backcountry for current and future generations to experience.

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