



Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

Accessing the backcountry one step at a time

NOVEMBER 2012 E-NEWS

Callaghan Valley Update (Scott Nelson, FMCBC SW BC Recreation and Conservation Committee)

Whistler Olympic Park is reducing fees for backcountry users for winter 2012/2013. Day tickets for backcountry users have been eliminated and replaced with a \$10 per car parking fee. Backcountry skiers will still be permitted to use the XC trails to access backcountry destinations. Like last year, overnight parking will be available, but not in the main parking lots.

Callaghan Country has also discontinued their discounted trail ticket, but is insisting that backcountry users purchase a full price XC ticket (\$22) to use any of their groomed trails. Access to Telemagique Ridge (at 3km on Callaghan FSR) and Callaghan Lake (At 8.5km on Callaghan FSR) is affected. Callaghan Country operates Friday - Tuesday through the winter.

A joint VOC/BCMC trail building trip in October 2012 made improvements on the lower portions of the Hanging Lake and Beverley Creek winter access trails. The trails were cleared to a width of 3-4m and several bridges were built over small streams. These improvements will make the trails easier to ski, especially in early and late season when snow cover is thinner.

FMCBC at the Mountain Film Festivals

The FMCBC partnered with the [Vancouver International Film Festival](#) this year providing a discount on ticket prices for our members and hosting a booth for two nights during the festival. We'll be hosting a booth at the upcoming [Banff Mountain Film Festival](#) on November 30th at the Centennial Theatre so stop by for a visit to learn more about us.

FMCBC 2013 Calendar

We might be late in the game for this year, but we're still hoping to put together an FMCBC Calendar and are seeking some amazing photos from areas across BC that the FMCBC has been working to protect over the years. If you are a shutterbug and have some great photos you'd like to share, please [email us](#) to find out how you can get involved. We need them soon!!

IN THE NEWS

[Popular backcountry area in Kananaskis near Calgary closed due to grizzlies](#) - The Vancouver Sun, November 22, 2012

[Jumbo Glacier officially becomes resort municipality](#) - CBC News, November 20, 2012

[Backcountry access: more or less?](#) - Pique Newsmagazine, October 31, 2012

[Garibaldi Provincial Park gets a little help from its friends](#) - Georgia Straight, October 30, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Garibaldi Management Plan Amendment Open Houses](#)

- Vancouver - Nov 26, UBC Robson Square, Room C150, 800 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC
- Whistler - Dec 6, Whistler Conference Centre, Room Garibaldi A, 4010 Whistler Way, Whistler BC

The schedule for both open houses:

- 4:00 PM Doors open
- 5:00 PM Presentation
- 6:00 PM Discussion

- 7:00 PM Adjourn

The FMCBC is seeking a [Sales Account Manager](#) to sell advertising in our Cloudburst Newsletter. [Contact us](#) if you are interested in this position.

[BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL](#) is happening across BC November to February. Check out the schedule [here](#).

Check out the [Friends of Cypress Provincial Park](#) November [Newsletter](#)

If you witness an Off-Road Vehicle infraction you can report it through Bivouac via our [website](#). We need your help to report these

[Click here](#) for info on Parks Canada winter permits for winter restricted areas

[Ridge Wilderness Adventures Ltd.](#) offers free information talks in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island for outdoor clubs on topics such as hypothermia, medical conditions and shelter building. Find out more by emailing them at info@ridgewilderness.com

[Click here](#) to view the Spring/Summer 2012 issue of Cloudburst - our Fall/Winter 2012 issue is coming out soon! The deadline for articles for the next issue is **April 15, 2013**

Visit the [Canadian Avalanche Centre](#) for current conditions and bulletins

Visit Bivouac via the FMCBC [website](#) to report ORV infractions

Visit [Canada Helps](#) to make a donation to the FMCBC

The FMCBC is always looking for volunteers. [Click here](#) to find out how you can get involved.

As always the FMCBC would like to thank [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) for supporting the FMCBC through their generous contribution of office space from which to base our administration.

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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