



# Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

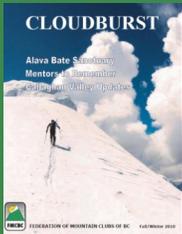
Accessing the backcountry one step at a time

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## Take Action!

This month the FMCBC encourages clubs to send letters if liability concerns are preventing them from volunteering to work on trails in BC Parks. [Click here](#) for details

## CLOUDBURST



Cloudburst is FMCBC's semi-annual publication for members. [Click here](#) to download a free copy of the Spring/Summer 2011 Issue.

## Newsletter Articles

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 newsletter.

## Get Involved

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## FMCBC Strategic Plan

After several months of hard work by the Strategic Planning Committee and hired consultant, Terje Vold, the FMCBC has a final draft of its Strategic Plan for 2012-2014 which the Board will be reviewing through the summer. If you are interested in viewing the draft plan [click here](#) and if you have comments, please send them directly to your club's FMCBC Director. [Contact us](#) if you are interested in volunteering with one of the committees who will be implementing the 2012-2014 Strategic Plan—we need lots of help to make this plan a success!

## FMCBC and ORC work towards getting volunteers back into our parks

On June 27, 2011 Jeremy McCall, Executive Director for ORC BC e-mailed the Hon. Terry Lake, Minister of Environment, enclosing the Resolution ORC passed at their AGM in June on the subject of re-introducing a program for volunteers to work in BC Parks. [Read More.](#)

## Ancient Forest Trail Universal Boardwalk Update.

Caledonia Ramblers volunteers began Phase 2 of the Universal Boardwalk with Day #18 on June 17th. [Read More.](#)



## IN THE NEWS

[A century ago, B.C. cared about its parks](#)  
The Globe and Mail, July 17, 2011

[Canadian climber puts off Himalayan summit glory for rescue](#)  
Vancouver Sun, July 14, 2011

[Sea to Sky Trail on the right track](#)  
Whistler Question, July 14, 2011

[Reflections of the past ~ Manning Park memories](#)  
Similkameen Spotlight, July 13, 2011

[The loss of a humble hero](#)  
Nelson Star, July 5, 2011

[Taking on the Great Divide](#)  
Nelson Star, June 28, 2011



## MOUNTAIN MATTERS

[Mountains of the Mind](#)  
Ron Dart



Dave King, FMCBC Director for the [Caledonia Ramblers](#) in Prince George, has been working hard on the Universal Boardwalk for the Ancient Forest Trail this year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friends of Strathcona Park are holding a Strathcona Wilderness Festival on Saturday, August 20, 2011 in honour of the 100th birthday of Strathcona Park. [Click here](#) for details.

[Click here](#) for the report of the BC Task Force on Species at Risk has just been published. [Feedback](#) is being accepted on the report until August 31, 2011.

[Click here](#) for times and locations for community Information Sessions on the proposed [Sea to Sky Gondola](#) in Squamish

From ORC: A significant number of Provincial Park and Conservancy management plans have recently been posted for public comment. [Click here](#) to visit the BC Parks website to review the current list.

The new [BC Parks Discover Camping Backcountry Registration System](#) allows you to purchase a backcountry permit before leaving home.

[Email us](#) an article for the Fall/Winter 2011 issue of Cloudburst by October 15th or for an upcoming FMCBC's E-News and receive a free commemorative crest celebrating FMCBC's 40th Anniversary.

Please [email us](#) a brief report and photo(s) of any events your club has organised or will organise to celebrate the Centennial of BC Parks to include in the next issue of the FMCBC E-News.

The mission of the FMCBC is to foster and promote self-propelled activities, such as hiking, mountaineering and backcountry skiing in British Columbia through leadership, advocacy and education. By working together with outdoor recreation organizations, industry and government agencies, the FMCBC protects British Columbia's mountains and forests for our future generations to experience.