



Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

Accessing the backcountry one step at a time

DECEMBER 2012 E-NEWS - Happy Holidays from the FMCBC!

FMCBC Dues Reduction for 2013

The FMCBC Board of Directors voted in favour of reducing FMCBC membership dues beginning in 2013 from \$15 per member to \$10 per member. The FMCBC has given out membership rebates for the past two years and the Board decided to make this a permanent reduction. Each year the FMCBC's financial situation will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the AGM, but for now the Board feels that the current expenses of the FMCBC can be covered at \$10 per member.

Management Plan Amendment for the Spearhead Area - Garibaldi Park

In January 2012, BC Parks initiated a management plan amendment process for Garibaldi Park. In October 2012, BC Parks reported on the results of its initial consultations (January to April) and made [recommendations for proposed amendments](#) to the 1990 Master Plan for Garibaldi Park. The FMCBC has several concerns with the draft which you can review [here](#). We encourage our members to take some time to review the draft and send in their comments [online](#) by the **January 10, 2013 deadline**.

Free Trail Markers for Clubs who Donated their Rebates

A motion at the last Board of Directors meeting was made to offer free trail markers to those clubs who donated their 2012-2013 rebate back to the FMCBC. In the new year, the FMCBC will be contacting those clubs who qualify to offer them 5 trail markers per member up to a maximum of 500 trail markers per club.

Mount Seymour Parking Update

Mount Seymour Resorts has again implemented an interim Winter Parking system that is intended (November to April) to give them parking spots for as many of their paying customers as possible on busy days. [Click here](#) to find out how this will impact backcountry users and what to expect when you head up the mountain.

Smoke Bluffs Park

Since 1987, the FMCBC has been holding lands in trust for the climbing community in order to maintain access to the Smoke Bluffs. In August 2012, the FMCBC received a proposal from District of Squamish for transfer of the FMCBC lands to the District for the purpose of incorporating the lands into the Smoke Bluffs Park. [Click here](#) to learn more about their proposal and the FMCBC's concerns.

SW BC Recreation and Conservation Committee Summary

Committee Member, Lisa Quattrocchi has provided for us a [summary](#) of the SW BC Rec & Con meeting on November 19th.

IN THE NEWS

[Garibaldi to stay mountain bike free, heliskiing remains](#) - Whistler Question, December 13, 2012

[Top 10 essentials to surviving the outdoors](#) - CBC News, December 8, 2012

[Wolverine study offers unique volunteer opportunity in B.C., Alberta Rockies](#) - Vancouver Sun, November 22, 2012

[Backcountry workshop provides wealth of information](#) - Revelstoke Times Review, November 12, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The FMCBC would like to thank those clubs who decided to donate their 2012-2013 Rebate back to the FMCBC: [Alberni Valley Outdoor Club](#), [BC Mountaineering Club](#), [Friends of Strathcona Park](#), [Hike BC \(National Hiking Trail\)](#), [Island Mountain Ramblers](#), [Mount Remo Backcountry Society](#), [Vancouver Island Spine Trail Association](#), [Vancouver Island Trails Information Society](#), and the [Vancouver Rock Climbing Group](#). We appreciate your support.

[Golden Ears Park Management Plan Draft](#)

Open Houses (If you cannot make one of the open houses you can submit your comments [online](#)):

- Vancouver - Jan 29, UBC Robson Square, Room C225, 800 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC
- Maple Ridge - Jan 31, Maple Ridge Public Library, Fraser Room, 22470 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge, BC

Schedule for both open houses:

- 6:00 PM Doors open
- 6:30 PM Presentation
- 7:00 PM Discussion
- 8:00 PM Adjourn

The FMCBC 21 Mile Creek User [Survey](#) is continuing for the 2012-2013 season. [Click here](#) for more info on snowmobiles in the non-motorized zone.

There's a "Share the Trail" Workshop happening on Friday January 18, 2013 1pm to 5pm at the Kamloops Convention Centre in Kamloops. Sponsored by Horse Council BC and the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC. [Click here](#) to download a registration form. For more information contact Mel Kositsky at recreation@hcbc.ca or call 604-856-4304 ext. 109.

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

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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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