

Celebrate Pride of Place

Indicator #19—Per capita length of maintained trails (including trails, paths and laneways)

Why is this indicator important?

Trails, paths and laneways are part of a network of natural and man-made features that establish a distinct sense of place for communities. This network of trails encourages non-automobile forms of transportation by connecting residents with services, employment and schools required on a daily basis. Trails also encourage physical activity by providing opportunities for walking and cycling, separate from roadways.

What does this indicator tell us?

This indicator tells us the length of mapped trails, including trails, paths and laneways, that are maintained by the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and member municipalities. The indicator also tells us how well communities are connected and the level of support for active transportation.

Where do we want to go?

The Regional Growth Strategy encourages the RDN and member municipalities to reduce the need for automobile travel and increase opportunities to walk, cycle or take transit. More trails, outside of parks, can connect residents to common destinations and entice residents to choose non-automobile forms of transportation.

Target: Increase the per capita length of maintained public trails

What is included in this indicator?

This indicator reports the metres of trails per capita. The indicator shows the length of mapped or inventoried publicly accessible trails available for use by the community. However, other trails do exist that are not included as they are not currently mapped. Trails provide recreational opportunities and serve as facilities for non-automotive forms of transportation.

Where are we right now?

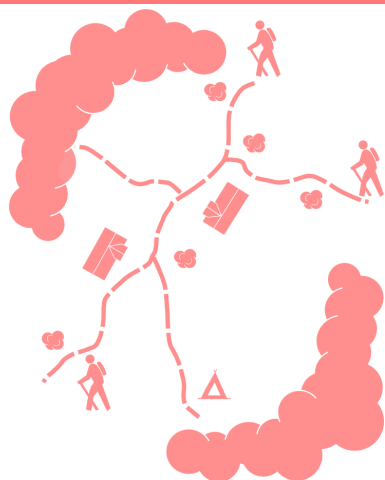
In 2017, 391,409 m of trails or 2.53 m per capita existed within the City of Nanaimo (170,000 m), Town of Qualicum Beach (22,730 m), City of Parksville (39,419 m), District of Lantzville (8,600 m) and Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Areas (150,660 m).



Goal 9

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391,409 m of trails or 2.53 m per capita within the City of Nanaimo, Town of Qualicum Beach and Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Areas (2017)

City of Nanaimo

170,000 m of Trails

1.8 m/person

City of Parksville*

39,419 m of trails

3.15 m of Trails

Town of Qualicum Beach

22,730 m of Trails

2.5 m/person

District of Lantzville

8,600 m of Trails

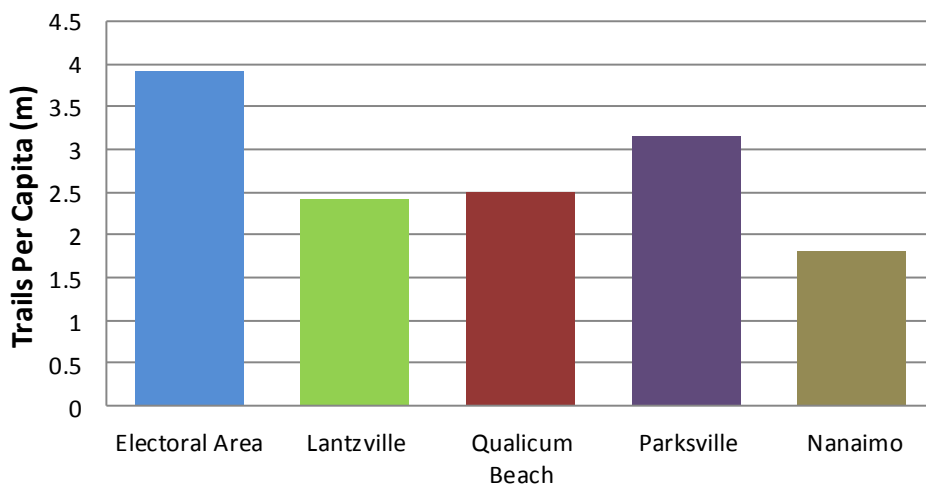
2.4 m/person

RDN Electoral Areas**

150,660 m of Trails

3.9 m/person

Per Capita Length of Trails Within Electoral Areas, 2017



* Parksville information is currently not available

** Within the Electoral Areas, only mapped or inventoried public trails are currently included. Other trails do exist that are not included within this indicator. This indicator will be updated as more public trails are mapped and inventoried. Updated August 2018

Every reasonable effort has been made to use comparable data with consistent geographies and methodology. Where data limitations exist, these are noted within the document content, chart or table. For further details of the results, please refer to the RGS Annual Reports for information: <https://www.rdn.bc.ca/rgs-progress-reports>