Overview

Metro Vancouver manages three watersheds to provide 2.5 million residents with a clean, reliable and affordable supply of drinking water. Located in the North Shore Mountains, the Seymour Reservoir supplies approximately one third of the region’s drinking water. Although the reservoir and watershed area is closed to public access, a spectacular 5,668 hectare forested valley south of the reservoir, called the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve (LSCR), is open to the public, offering many outdoor experiences for visitors.

In 2018, Metro Vancouver developed the LSCR Trails Strategic Plan for the future of approximately 100 kilometres of trails, primarily used for walking, hiking, cycling and horseback riding in the area. As part of our role in managing the LSCR for drinking water, Metro Vancouver is constantly striving to balance the protection of the reserve and sensitive ecosystems with the growing use of the trail system.

The most popular LSCR trail activities

- Walking: 80%
- Hiking: 77%
- Nature Appreciation: 41%
- Dog Walking: 38%
- Trail Running: 34%
- Mountain Biking: 33%
- Road Biking: 27%

The results of an on-site survey conducted by Metro Vancouver with trail users from 2017 and 2018.
Looking Ahead: 2020 Work Plan
(Not in schedule order)

**Ecosystem Management**
- Continue with Rice Lake ecosystem assessments with BCIT student groups and environmental consultants, and implement future plans

**Trail Network**
Planned Trail Upgrades:
- Coho Trail including a bridge replacement
- Dog Mountain Trail
- CBC Trail
- Fisherman’s Trail

**Visitor Experience**
- Develop interpretive signage
- Continue with annual trail patrol plan and assessment

**Partnership and Stewardship**
- Host the LSCR Open House, Earth Day Event and stewardship opportunities

**Management and Maintenance**
- Conduct annual trail assessments in the spring
- Continue with Trail Counter Program
- Inspect all outdoor seating areas and replace with new as required

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**Project Updates**
For additional information on this project, or to sign up for project updates, please visit [www.metrovancouver.org](http://www.metrovancouver.org) and search: “LSCR Trails Strategic Plan.”

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