

## Let's Make Tracks

**Let's Make Tracks** is a hiking group for those who are strong, healthy, and fit enough to hike 8-10 km., with some elevation gain. Typically, about 3-4 hours. It is for those who recognize there is safety in numbers.

## **Carpooling & Hiking Pass**

Be prepared to bring your own car. If people are comfortable with carpooling, it is suggested the "rider" pay \$15 per individual or \$15 per couple. If you wish to carpool, come prepared with a mask. Because of covid, no driver should feel obligated to offer anyone a ride. (Arranging carpooling is your responsibility. This group will not be organizing it).

If you bring your own car, a Kananaskis Conservation Pass is required in Kananaskis Country and the Bow Valley Corridor. You must register your vehicle's license plate. It is \$15 per day or \$90 per year. The pass can be obtained beforehand at <a href="https://www.kananaskis.org/kananaskis-conservation-pass/">https://www.kananaskis.org/kananaskis-conservation-pass/</a>. (Banff National Park also requires a Parks Canada pass).

If you are bringing a guest, please inform the organizer beforehand.

Hikes may be cancelled at the organizer's discretion if the weather and/or air quality is poor. (Or if bears were reported on the trail a few days before!)

## What to Bring

Each person should wear a good pair of runners or hiking boots (be prepared for mud or perhaps having to cross a stream) and bring a backpack with the following suggested items:

- Bear spray, attached to a belt for easy access this is a must! (at least one per couple although it is better if each person carries one)
- Water (suggest minimum of 1 litre)
- Lunch/snacks
- Extra jacket and/or rain slicker (dress in layers to allow for temperature changes)
- Hat (and/or toque/gloves)
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Band-aids (or duct tape) for potential blisters
- Avoid wearing cotton shirt, pants, and socks (cotton doesn't dry if it gets wet)
- Hiking poles are great for saving your knees on the descent

## **General Hiking Rules**

We hike as a group. No one turns back on their own.

When we get to an intersection on a trail, we stop, congregate and make sure everyone goes in the same direction.

No smoking, no alcohol or drugs.

No dogs.

Check <u>www.alltrails.com</u> to familiarize yourself with the proposed hike before you commit to coming. Do not commit to a hike that is beyond your ability.

Do not sign up for a hike if you have any Covid-19 symptoms, have been in contact with anyone with symptoms, or have returned from travel outside Canada within 2 weeks of this hike.

Be on time!!

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