Connect to Canada's Great Outdoors

Abandoned railway corridors find new life as recreational trails, perfect for experiencing the great outdoors through day-trips or multi-day journeys. Walk, hike or bike in the summer and snowshoe and cross-country ski in the winter.

Kettle Valley Rail Trail
https://bcrailtrails.com

Extending 650 km from Hope to Castlegar, the Kettle Valley Rail (KVR) Trail is the longest rail trail network in British Columbia. Once a comprehensive railroad system, the decommissioned tracks are now home to an extensive recreational trail, perfect for self-guided and organized tours. Sections range from family-friendly day-trips to longer legs for multi-day adventures.

The KVR passes through the Myra Canyon Trestles and is part of The Great Trail, which connects Canada from coast to coast.

Myra Canyon Trestles
https://myratrestles.com

The Myra Canyon section of the Kettle Valley Rail Trail is a 12 km journey over 18 cliff-hanging trestles and through two rock-blasted tunnels. The trail is known for its spectacular views of Okanagan Lake, the city of Kelowna and the surrounding wilderness.

The Great Trail
https://thegreattrail.ca

As the world’s longest recreational trail, The Great Trail spans 24,000 km across 13 Canadian provinces and territories, showcasing the country’s vast terrain and diverse people. The Kettle Valley Railway links Vancouver to Alberta, running through the Similkameen Valley, Okanagan Valley and Boundary Country.

Upcoming Rail Trails
2018 - 2020

Communities throughout the Thompson Okanagan are continuously working to repurpose railways as recreational trails for visitors to enjoy through every season.

Okanagan Rail Trail
https://okanaganrailtrail.ca

The Okanagan Rail Trail is a world-class cycling trail that spans 50 km between the cities of Kelowna and Vernon on a historic railway. The ride leads through waterfront access over four lakes, with highlights of traditional Indigenous trails, fishing and gathering spots.

Start at the north end of Kalamalka Lake and end downtown Kelowna at Okanagan Lake. With a maximum grade of 1.3%, biking or walking the trail is a breeze.

Shuswap Rail Trail
https://shuswaptrails.com

The Shuswap Rail Trail is an initiative to recreate the abandoned Sicamous to Armstrong rail corridor as a continuous greenway linked to the Okanagan Rail Trail. The Regional District of North Okanagan and the Columbia Shuswap Regional District purchased the CP Rail Corridor between Sicamous and Armstrong in 2018. With the potential to connect this corridor to the Okanagan Rail Trail, the Shuswap Rail Trail hopes to be ready for riders in a few years.

Events
2018 - 2019

Rail Trails have inspired events in communities throughout the Thompson Okanagan, from celebrations to epic cross-country journeys.

Okanagan Rail Trails - Grand Opening
https://okanaganrailtrail.ca/blog

September 27, 2018
The official opening of the Okanagan Rail Trail at the Oyama Boat Launch on Wood Lake was recently celebrated.

BC Epic 1,000
https://bcepic1000.com

June 29, 2019
An unofficial, off-road, completely self-supported bikepacking ride/race across South Central British Columbia, including the Kettle Valley Rail Trail. Starting in Merritt and ending in Fernie, the BC Epic 1,000 traverses 1,066 km of road, trail and natural terrain.

Okanagan Trestles Tour
https://okanaganrestlestour.com

July 7, 2019
Cycle along the historic Kettle Valley Rail Trail, experiencing the beauty of the Myra Canyon Trestles, Chute Lake Resort and Naramata Bench Wine Country. This non-competitive event finishes at Penticton Lakeside Resort with a BBQ, drinks and festivities.

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