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BLUE MOUNTAIN MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Welcome to the Blue Mountain Motorcycle Club!

Welcome to the Blue Mountain Motorcycle Club, it's our membership that gives us the strength to Steward our challenging riding area. By choosing to become a member of the club you are supporting a decades old effort to create what is regarded one of the premiere riding areas in Canada. Over the years our trail network has provided the foundation for countless riders to hone their skills in the rugged rain forest of Maple Ridge. It can be said that Blue Mountain is the home of champions, many club members have risen to the top of National and local racing with the skills acquired on these trails. Racer or weekend warrior this is the place to push your limits, be it the classic rock steps, steep down hills or endless roots and rocks that define the mountain.

Our trail network is the product of hard work, like the riding at "Blue" the work required to maintain our trails requires determination and skill. Our trail network is constructed on primarily glacial till and is regarded as amongst the most difficult terrain to build upon. By giving back through volunteering at our work parties club members have created a legacy that attracts riders worldwide. This trail system is worthy of respect and should be ridden in such a way to limit impact while at the same time pursuing a thrilling riding experience. Enjoy the ride, lend a hand and build the legend.





Guidelines for riding at Blue Mountain

Where to park? Please park on the side of the road at the North end of 256th street. Please do not block any driveways. Please be respectful of the people and businesses in the area. Do not park at the end of McNutt road or Blue Mountain Crescent.

Where to ride? Ride past the yellow gate going North on 256th Street (gravel road). About 1 Km up the road on the right (east), you'll find the first trail head – Trials Trail. About another .5KM up the road, you'll find the Sandman Trail head. Trials Trail T's with the Sandman trail at its end.

What to ride? Blue Mountain is a technical and challenging single-track trail system, and is not an appropriate place for ADV bikes or dual sports with street tires. A properly equipped Enduro bike is best suited to the terrain. Skid plates, hand guards, proper tires (and tire pressures) etc. are highly recommended, plus proper protection for the rider.

What trails should I ride? The website's Trail Information page lists the trails with difficulty levels noted for each trail. Many trails have different ratings depending on whether you are riding the trail uphill or downhill. Some trails are not to be ridden uphill in wet weather. Do not attempt trails that are beyond your skill level, as you'll often end up just tearing up the trail. Always be mindful of minimizing damage to the trails. If you don't make it up a steep section, don't just sit there and dig your tire in and make a hole. This will likely cause the next rider to get stuck and make the problem worse. Go back down the hill and try again or turn around if you're unable to make it up without damaging the trail.

If you spot a downed tree or other issue with a trail – post a message in the online forum or the Facebook page so others know about it, and can get out to resolve the problem (like cutting a downed tree to clear the trail.)

Guided tours – if you're new to the mountain, many of the riders are open to taking you out on a guided tour, based on your skill level – it's a great chance to get to know the trails, with an experienced rider to guide you. The work parties (see below) are a great opportunity to see who's willing/able to take you out for a ride/tour.

If you're riding with a group and come across another rider (or riders) coming the opposite direction – hold up your hand with the # of fingers showing how many riders are behind you, so the other riders know how many people to wait for. This will lessen the chance of coming head-on with another rider. If you hear other riders coming, try to stop in a place where you're out of the way – stopping in the middle of a downhill (for you) is not a great place – stop at the top or bottom of the hill.

The Environment



Blue Mountain Motorcycle Club is dedicated to protecting our riding area – and that means protecting the environment in which the trails are located. We are dedicated to protecting the plants, fish and wildlife, and protecting the streams, lakes, waterways and marshes of Blue Mountain.

What can you do to help?

We ride a very careful balance between having fun and not damaging the trails and the ecosystem on the mountain. Only ride on the marked trails, and do not ‘trail braid’ – don’t go off the trail to get around an obstacle – if you’re not able to make it past the obstacle and there isn’t a clear bypass trail, then don’t make your own trail. Try to avoid riding in ruts on the trail, riding the rut will just damage the trail further and create more trail maintenance work. Disturbance of the natural vegetation can lead to loss of soil stabilization, water retention and the loss of food and shelter for many forms of wildlife. Avoid spinning your rear tire, as this can displace the soil, which leads to additional maintenance work on the trail, and can increase the possibility of water run-off on the trail – besides, if you’re spinning, you’re not getting traction and you’re less likely to make it up that hill or over that obstacle!

All water crossing at Blue Mountain have bridges in place. Do not ride around the bridges as this can cause silt to be stirred up and carried down the waterway, which can be harmful to fish and other wildlife habitats.

Remember that Blue Mountain is the home to a wide variety of wildlife and you are just a visitor at their home – treat their home with respect. If you encounter wildlife, it’s best to slow down, but keep moving, as they are generally more disturbed if you stop.

Ensure your motorcycle is properly registered with ICBC. Ensure that proper sound reduction is installed on your bike – a noisy bike is an annoyance not just to other riders, but to those who live and work in the area.

Trail Maintenance – everybody needs to do their part to put back into the mountain.



About every month the club will have a scheduled Trail Maintenance Work Party. Watch the Facebook page, or the Forum for announcements of dates. All are welcome – we typically meet on a Sunday at 9:30AM, and get started at 10AM at the end of 256th street. Any necessary tools are provided by the club. It’s generally hard work, but a lot of fun.

Getting out do help with trail maintenance will also help connect with other riders – if you're new to the mountain, you'll usually get a chance to look at some trails that you haven't been on yet.

Most of the trail work is accomplished by walking in to the work sites, but sometimes the sites are fairly remote and some people will ride in to the site. Some will ride in regardless, and some will always walk in.

Rides – Route of All Evil and Member Appreciation



Typically, in the spring, the club holds a Route of All Evil fun ride – typically with a turnout of over 150 riders. There are two main routes – A (expert) and B (intermediate) – it will typically take between 3 and 5 hours to complete the ride, depending on route chosen and rider experience. The routes will be clearly marked. See the forum for additional information.

In the fall (and when possible also one earlier in the year), there is also a Member Appreciation ride, again split up into A and B groups. Each group will have a lead rider (to lead the way) and a sweep (to ensure that nobody gets left behind.) There typically isn't a set route – the lead will just lead the group through trails based on the skills of the group, and the trail conditions.

Maps

Map – PDF and .KML (Google Earth) versions of maps can be found on the website on the main page and the Trail Information Page, and also in the Members section of the forum. The Google Earth format is particularly useful as the trails are overlaid over the Google satellite photography. You can even install Google Earth on your smartphone and open the app and the KML map to pinpoint where you are on the mountain – very useful if you don't know the trails well, or need an easy exit. The Trail information page (<https://bluemountainmotorcycleclub.com/trail-information/>) has a list of the trails, difficulty ratings, links to maps, descriptions of each trail – many with links to YouTube videos of the trail as well.