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Discover how you can become an official Carrier in the world's longest Relay, **Relay 2000**



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The Trans Canada Trail A dream becomes a reality

The grand vision began in 1992

The vision for a national shared-use Trail began in 1992 with the formation of the Trans Canada Trail Foundation. Its mandate was to raise funds and coordinate the efforts of trail-builders throughout the country. To ensure that it is planned and built according to local community needs, a Trail Council was established in each province and territory. These Councils have worked with hundreds of community volunteer groups. When complete, the Trans Canada Trail will link our land and bond our communities in a lasting embrace.

Donations and dedication

The Trans Canada Trail has raised funds by "symbolically" selling metres of Trail and giving its donors the opportunity of having their names inscribed in Trail Pavilions along the Trail. Individuals, community organizations, corporate partners and governments have together contributed millions of dollars in financial support.

A path back to nature

The Trans Canada Trail will ultimately accommodate five core activities: walking, cycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. It will be the longest shared-use recreational Trail in the world measuring 16,100 kilometres.

The Trail ahead

On September 9th, 2000, the Trans Canada Trail will be officially introduced to the world. Initially not all of the Trail will be able to accommodate all five core activities mentioned above. The Trail ahead still requires continuing dedication and development. On September 9th, 2000, Canadians will have forged a physical link to all our three oceans ... an achievement representing a national accomplishment of historic proportions.

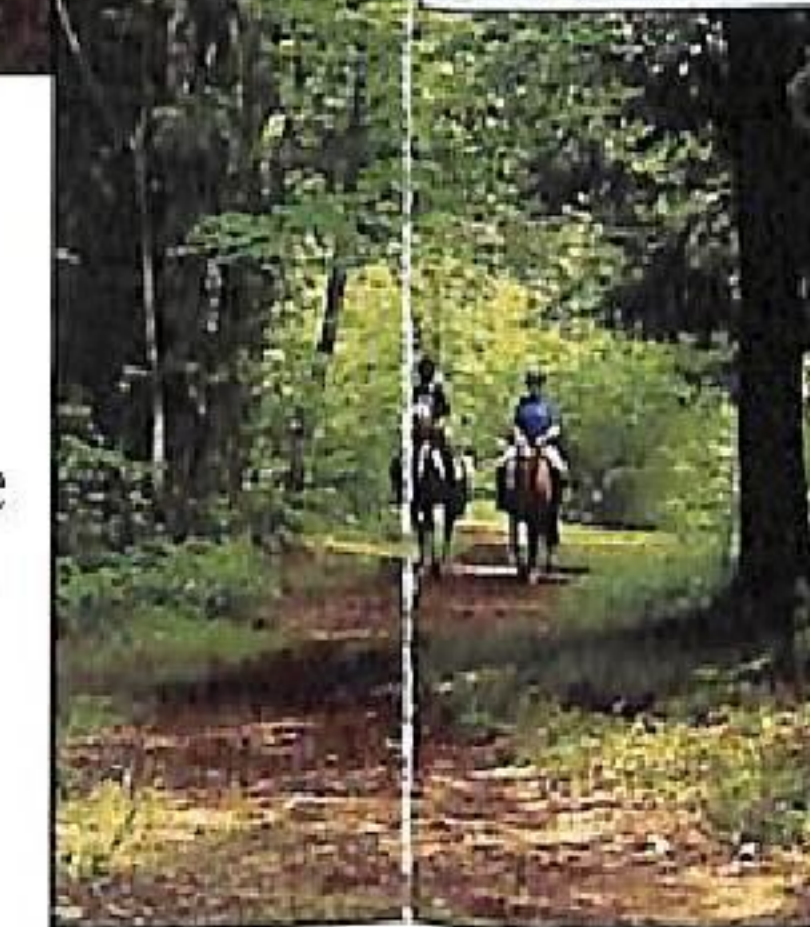
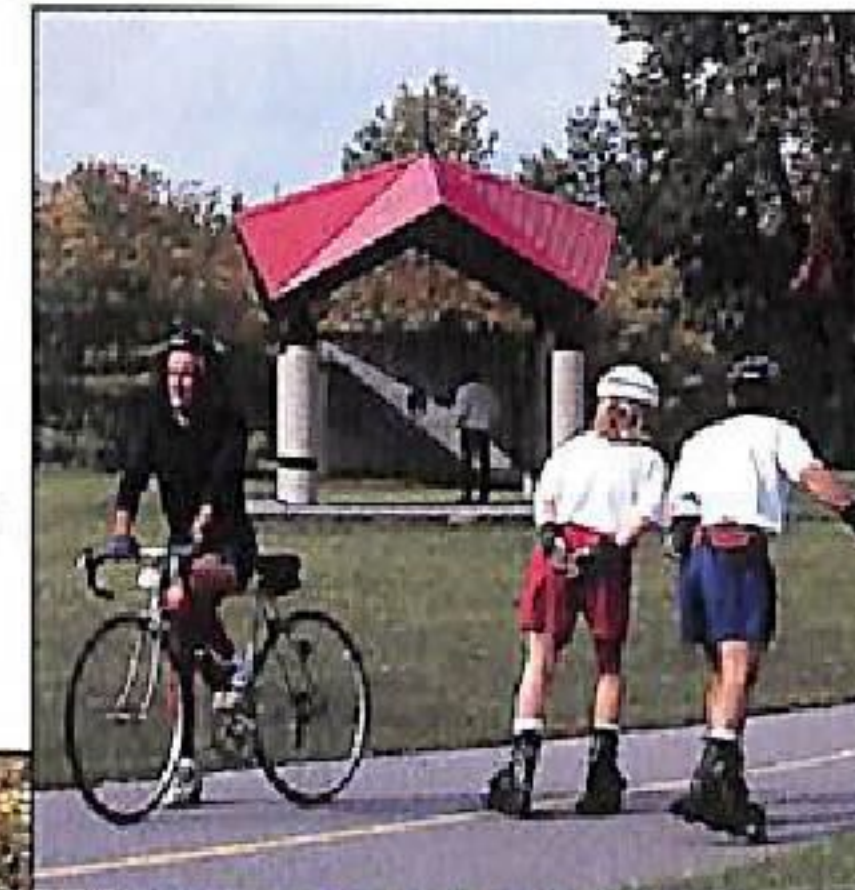


The Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000

Relaying history one metre at a time!

The longest Trail Relay in the world

To mark the official opening of the Trans Canada Trail in the year 2000, the longest Trail Relay in the world will take place along the route of the Trail. The Relay will involve some 5,000 official Carriers. It will trigger a Trail of Celebrations in communities all along the Trail - thousands of different community events are planned and millions of Canadians will celebrate! The Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 will mark a new path of community pride and national spirit.



One great Relay beginning at three great oceans

The longest Trail in the world touches all three great oceans bordering Canada: Arctic, Pacific and Atlantic. The Relay begins when a bottle of water is drawn from each of these oceans at Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, Victoria, British Columbia, and St. John's, Newfoundland.

It's not a race but a reason

From February to September 2000 waters from the three oceans will be relayed by some 5,000 official Carriers along a Trail of Celebrating Communities toward their final destination in the National Capital Region.

The finish is only the beginning

On September 9, 2000, in a concluding ceremony, the three ocean waters will be symbolically poured into a newly constructed Trans Canada Trail Fountain in the National Capital Region.

Building a 16,100 kilometre Trail across Canada is something to celebrate - forever!

