

Subject: Fwd: Why MTB **MUST** Be Contained
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Subject: Why MTB **MUST** Be Contained

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From: Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>

To: DNV Mayor and Council <council@dnv.org>, Susan Rogers <rogerss@dnv.org>, Gavin Joyce <JoyceG@dnv.org>

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Dear Mayor and Council (and Parks):

This little thread post explains it all (following)... More reason for mountain biking to be contained, away from hiking areas. Everybody hikes, but not everybody mountain bikes... There are far more hikers, than mountain bikers (but many avoid MTB/multi-use trails. **The addition of that "Monster" Fromme Parking lot, with another parking lot proposed for the Braemar area, drives the quote: "Build it and they will come..." Stay tuned for more biker-hiker conflicts.** I dont even hike in the forest across my street, anymore....I now have to drive my car to go hike where there are no mountain bikes permitted. But, even then, a hiker may encounter a scofflaw MTBer on those trails, too.

"Thank you" Mayor and Council. It's a lovely Pandora's Box of "delights" you have opened up over the past few years... It's clearly not working... It's always been a very bad idea from the word "get-go". But, it never seems to be the mountain bikers' fault in DNV's "rose-coloured" MTB world. And it's a tragedy waiting to happen...

A now-retired Parks employee told me a few years ago, that it would have to take the **death of a child via a MTB-related incident** that will become the "Game-Changer". (Those words will come back to haunt you, if you do not get a handle on the over-entitled MTB scene, soon!) With the growing numbers of hikers and bikers on narrow trails, there is a serious accident waiting to happen. Even Whistler does not allow hiking on their "gnarly" MTB trails. And MTBers should stay off hiking trails, like the BP, which they have poached in "Hiking Only" portions of the trail, also. Why must hikers remain vigilant for speeding bikers, while on a quiet hike/nature walk to get away from the maddening crowds, in the first place?

I hope that this tragedy will not become a fact ****before**** DNV works diligently and responsibly to actually contain, manage and enforce this wily MTB sport that has taken over our public forests with a vengeance.

Is DNV still insisting on playing a losing game of Russian Roulette with peoples' safety and well-being on the trails, in order to keep appeasing the minority extreme mountain biking cult? Our forests should not remain sprawling Abusement Parks for a MTB "thugride" in the woods. Build it and they will keep coming, indeed. The ball is now in your court, DNV.

--Monica Craver--

[North Shore Mountain Biking Forums](http://bb.nsemb.com/index.php) (<http://bb.nsemb.com/index.php>)

- [The Shore](http://bb.nsemb.com/forumdisplay.php?f=3) (<http://bb.nsemb.com/forumdisplay.php?f=3>)

- - [Oh great](http://bb.nsemb.com/showthread.php?t=163283) (<http://bb.nsemb.com/showthread.php?t=163283>)

Bikesnale

01-14-2016 11:44 PM

Oh great

Prepare to see more hiking traffic on Fromme trails.

<http://www.vancouverisawesome.com/2016/01/14/take-a-hike-mount-fromme-bike-trails-in-north-vancouver/>

burke ryder

01-15-2016 01:49 AM

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Bikesnale** (Post 2903895)
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<http://www.vancouverisawesome.com/20...rth-vancouver/>

Here you go

<http://www.vancouverisawesome.com/20...rth-vancouver/>

I like hiking on mtb trails too. **Burke is getting super busy with hikers now. The smart ones stay on the roads so they don't get run over**

(MC's note: its the mountain bikers who need to keep their tires on the roads/fire roads, not the hikers)

Take a deep breath, it will be ok.

As long as they are not hanging out at trail intersections gabbing.....

Jokester

01-15-2016 02:16 AM

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Advocates for donating to the trail network maintenance. We don't own the mountain. 99% of the hikers I meet hear bikes and step aside with a friendly greeting. :coffee:

Bradical

01-15-2016 02:24 AM

Everyone should be enjoying Vancouvers Mtns and trails, just don't have a picnic at intersections.... There's enough fresh air for everyone

skidrc

01-15-2016 03:41 AM

pretty sweet plug to buy a trail pass. No problems here, he even mentions that its best saved for rainy days when only the "diehards" are out... He didn't mention blowhards, so I'm still riding in the rain.

walleater

01-15-2016 03:51 AM

We hike loads on Fromme too. Tennis courts / FTK / NQ and down old DW to the bottom of Digger etc is a nice bimble. I find it mildly amusing around the new car park seeing enduro-brahs mixed in with people taking their chihuahua for a walk.

squagles

01-15-2016 06:35 AM

Who will get the right of way ?!?!? Only Scoots will know !

Nothing wrong with plugging the trail passes and basically saying don't go there when it's not pissing rain.

pokten

01-15-2016 02:32 PM

For me its nice :)

Brocklanders

01-15-2016 04:22 PM

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Its all good.

Two words:

Yoga Pants

If the parking lot is full go park at the school and then ride up the sweet climbing trail thru Mountain View park. A great way to start and finish anyways.

(MC's note: I warned you, much earlier, that MTB traffic through Mtn. View Park would increase because of that new MONSTER Fromme Parking Lot...)

Bikesnale

01-15-2016 05:41 PM

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High Endurance

01-16-2016 12:25 AM

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craw

01-16-2016 01:59 AM

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If I'm rolling down that big boulder on Espresso and some hiker is standing just out of sight and stalled like a deer in the headlights that is a serious problem for everyone. No matter what signage is put up at the bottom the mountain biker will be seen as reckless in this situation. It's just not possible to be perfectly in control through many parts of these trails.

GTDad

01-16-2016 04:07 AM

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Bradical** (Post 2903935)

Everyone should be enjoying Vancouvers Mtns and trails, just don't have a picnic at intersections.... There's enough fresh air for everyone

Last year i was riding on BP coming around a blind corner there was a family with two small kids a dog and a blanket spread out dead center taking up the whole singletrack changing a diaper on a baby.. I barely had time to stop. Infinitely stupid thing to do.
I was speechless..

Bikesnale

01-16-2016 05:51 AM

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I'm not sure which trails you ride, but there are a few sections on Ladies where there aren't many optional lines, such as the rock spine just above the Herron pond. I came across two ladies with three off leash dogs as I came across the top of it. I had nowhere to go. Ended up coming off the spine just to the left, narrowly missing a dog.

****I was totally out of control.****

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I was just listening and looking at the facts and thinking:
Wow, we are really screwed here. We are not going to stop this from happening.
I will have a glass of wine now and try not to worry about it.
~Paul Kingsnorth, "Dark Mountain Project."