

# Upgrades Done To Local Trail

## An Oasis Of Nature

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assistance was provided by Information Services Corporation.

Last winter, two landscape architects (Ingrid Thiessen and David Powell) were retained to design the mapping, signage and kiosks for the trail. This spring and summer the signage and kiosks were constructed and installed. Five kiosks were installed along the Lumsden/Deer Valley Trail, with large display boards explaining the route and basic rules of the road for the trail users. They were placed at Deer Valley, Lumsden River Park and three along the old Saw-whet trail. As well, five lookouts were upgraded along the trail with benches and interpretive signs. All signs along the trail were also redesigned to more clearly guide the users along the trail.

The Lumsden/Deer Valley Trans-Canada Trail System consists of two sections which were originally developed independently. One is an eight km section within the Town of Lumsden and running west for three km along Grid Road No. 641. This portion opened in 2000. As well a nine km section opened in 2001 which runs toward Regina along the Wascana Valley and through Deer Valley (old Saw-whet trail). These two sections have been operating independently since their inception, but there has been increasing cooperation in recent years between the two groups responsible for them (Lumsden Parks and Recreation and GPTCTA) and they logically function as one trail system.

“The purpose of the project was twofold,” explains Gary “We wanted to integrate the operation and maintenance of the two trail sections and to upgrade the mapping and signage, both to increase public awareness of the trail and to enhance the quality of the trail experience for the users.”

The trail provides an opportunity for a wide variety of outings at various levels of activity. Dogs are prohibited on the middle Saw-whet trail section, but are allowed on other parts of the trail, and hiking, cross-country skiing and bicycling are permitted on all portions of the trail.

The coordinating committee organized to oversee the project and to provide continuing maintenance and supervision of the trail includes project manager Gary Howland, and members Dylan Johns, Doug Mader, Garry Burling, Chris Exner (Recreation Coordinator of Town of Lumsden), Curt Schroeder (President of GPTCTA), Ken Goldie, Robin Endsinn and Julie Johnson.



Left to right: Doug Mader, Gary Howland and Garry Burling beside the kiosk in Lumsden River Park.



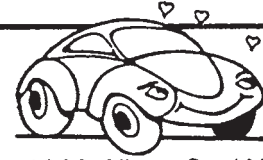
A kiosk is located beside the new River Park Centre in Lumsden.



Garry Burling (left) and Doug Mader (right) along with Gary Howland (not in photo) and others constructed the signage for the Lumsden/Deer Valley Trans-Canada Trail.



A kiosk located along the Seven Bridges Road.



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