



*Bob and Dave checking out the hand stacked rocks supporting the Franklin Heritage Trail. There is over 600 feet of stacked rocks, most vertical. How— who did it?*

“Spring Is here!” Hope everyone survived the winter!

The GFATV executive met recently to discuss and set the 2023 budget. Many thanks to our excellent treasure Jim for all his direction and patience keeping us within the financial lines.

We have been busy applying for grants to complete Franklin Heritage Trail.

The campground at 24 Mile West Kootenay Snow Gowers parking area has gone out for referral.

The Burrell FSR is open not sure how far up but is open as far as Glochester around 26 km. Watch for muddy sections and industrial traffic.

GFATV will be at Gallery Two April 22 for a Phoenix Foundation event runs from 11 to 3pm. Agenda:

11-12: Volunteer Appreciation Awards & Project Showcase  
Volunteer appreciation and awards with light refreshments  
Grant projects showcased and a chance to learn about different groups active in the community.  
12-1: Break and Job Fair Set-up  
1-3: Volunteer Job Fair  
Volunteering networking opportunity, hand out brochures, highlight events, membership awareness, donations opportunities and showcase your organization.

We will be trying holding our AGM June 3 at Morrissey Creek Staging area watch for details to come.

There is still lots of snow on many trails and as soon as you go up in elevation there is lots of snow. Please do not rip up the trail be patient the snow is going quickly.

Here are the Top 10 reasons to join your local ATV club:

- 1.** Have FUN, socialize and meet new people who enjoy ATV adventures, creating lifelong memories and friendships in the process.
- 2.** Learn from local experts and become more knowledgeable about exceptional rides close by. The guidance club members give along the trail is generally more specialized and advanced than a basic riding course can offer.
- 3.** Have a voice to protect riding areas and add your experience to OHV issues. Be active in your community by bringing your unique skills to make a difference.
- 4.** Receive member discounts at select suppliers and insurance, such as 30% off ATV insurance as an ATVBC member.
- 5.** Travel through Canada’s backcountry to see amazing sights.
- 6.** Build your confidence in your riding abilities and knowledge of the sport of ATVing. You will learn a lot about quads and side-by-sides by talking with fellow club members.
- 7.** Participate in local club events and big special events around Western Canada.
- 8.** Get your hands dirty, building and maintaining trails for future generations.
- 9.** Find your niche. Every club and riding group has its own style. There’s no one-size-fits-all approach.
- 10.** Access exclusive trails only available to club members, such as ATVBC’s Vancouver Island Mosaic lands and the hugely popular North Island 1000.

*Have fun on the trails and watch out for folks on the trail everyone wants to get out and enjoy the spring weather, Ride Safe.*

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