



Welcome to the Chilliwack Outdoor Club

We have been around since 1976 and our goal is to enjoy the outdoors while socializing and staying safe. Our members are from all over the Lower Mainland. Our volunteers lead a variety of activities including hiking, backpacking, cycling, kayaking, snowshoeing, canoeing, downhill and x-country skiing. Activities are for both novice and experienced and for all fitness levels. Besides local destinations we also venture to other parts of Canada, the US and the globe.

Website: <http://www.chilliwackoutdoorclub.com/> (ignore the Login – you do not need a user name or password to access the site).

Member Notifications: Notifications to members are sent through Google Groups and Facebook so to be well-informed of Club happenings, you'll need a Facebook account or provide an email address. If you change your email address, phone number or home address, please inform the Membership Secretary so you continue receiving news of trips.

Club Trips/Events are posted through Google Groups and a closed Facebook page. We realize that not all members are on FB so please post all your outings on Google Groups as then ALL members receive the notice through email. When responding to a trip reply **only** to the trip leader (so everyone doesn't get your email).

Trip notifications will generally include the type and date of activity, location, degree of difficulty, the name of the trip coordinator, email address and rendezvous place for car pooling. If in doubt or information is missing contact the trip leader.

Participants joining activities are responsible for being prepared with appropriate gear, footwear and clothing, and to be aware of all possible hazards. You are welcome to bring a guest but ensure that they can do the noted activity as the trip coordinator can deny participation to members if he/she considers them inadequately prepared or equipped for the activity. Our website contains helpful ideas to get you properly prepared such as [Rate Yourself](#) as a hiker and the [Participant Day Trip Tips](#) and [Multi-Day Trip Tips](#).

Car pooling is encouraged. Generally, the ride share averages around \$8.00 per hour of travel but there may be other factors putting the cost up or down. Ask your driver what they expect before you go with them and have cash ready. Please be respectful of other's vehicles: bring a bag for your wet and dirty boots and gear.

The Tripper is our monthly newsletter and is available to view on our website and is emailed out to members.

Meetings are on the last Monday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April, and May (we have a Christmas party in December and a picnic in June). Usually we have about 40 plus members come out.

- 6:30 pm doors open
- 7:00 pm meeting starts
- Chilliwack Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Chilliwack Secondary School,
46361 Yale Road, Chilliwack

The agenda might include club business, gear swaps, photo contest rules, past trip slide shows, upcoming trips and various presentations of interest to members along with a social hour afterwards. Get involved by presenting a topic! If you have a presentation, a trip to lead or know of someone who has a presentation that might be of interest to our members, please contact any executive member (they wear green name tags at the meetings).

Name tags are available for \$5.00 and can be ordered at the meetings.

Volunteers are what makes this club happen and we are always in need of trip leaders. If you love an activity please consider coordinating an outing. It could be something simple like a very familiar local trail or bike ride. Any day of the week is fine and post it on Google Groups then sit back while people sign up! It's that easy. Resources are available by talking to other members about your idea and on the website check out the Leader Trip Tips.

By the way, all trip coordinators are insured under FMCBC insurance (see website for details).

Trail Maintenance is also a part of the club because governments count on local groups to maintain trails. If you enjoy working outdoors and have little to some experience we welcome your help because our trail maintenance crews keep us enjoying the outdoors. Please consider volunteering for either the maintenance committee or on a trail maintenance outing as they come up.

The Executive is made up of a president, vice-president, immediate past-president, secretary, membership, treasurer and up to six Members at Large. Terms are one year. Current executive members are posted in The Tripper.

Elections are held annually in April at our annual general meeting (AGM). Executive meetings are business followed by social time, held in someone's home and are once a month for two hours usually two weeks before a member meeting. If you want to present an idea or suggestion to the board that may be of interest to the membership please contact either the President or Vice President. Since this is a volunteer driven club, we welcome anyone's enthusiasm and energy in keeping this wonderful club vibrant. If you can spare some time and can help on a committee or want to be part of the executive because you have some great ideas please connect with any executive member.

We look forward to making friends with you and seeing you on the trails!

COC Executive, Jan. 2020

