# Draft West Bragg Creek All-Season Trails Plan

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. What is being proposed for the West Bragg Creek Area?

Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Greater Bragg Creek Trails Association, has developed a draft conceptual plan for an all-season trails system in the West Bragg Creek Area. The plan is intended to improve existing recreation opportunities and experiences.

# 2. Where is West Bragg Creek located and what recreational opportunities are available?

West Bragg Creek is a popular Kananaskis Country trailhead located close to Calgary. It is located north of the Elbow River and west of the community of Bragg Creek, nearby to Bragg Creek Provincial Park.

Part of a working forest, the West Bragg Creek area contains 43 kilometres of groomed cross county ski trails located on public land. The trails are popular year round for skiing, snowshoeing, dog walking, equestrian, hiking, and mountain biking.

# 3. Why is this draft plan being completed?

Although the West Bragg Creek trails were originally designed as winter ski trails, they have become popular for all-season use.

The draft plan is intended to improve existing recreation opportunities and provide direction for the development of sustainable all-season trails while reducing impacts on the Elbow River watershed, area wildlife, and conflicts with other land uses.

## 4. How was the draft plan developed?

The draft plan was prepared through a partnership with the Greater Bragg Creek Trails Association and the provincial government and it has received significant input from trail users, conservation groups, and local stakeholders.

An information session was held by the Greater Bragg Creek Trials Association on November 26, 2009, which allowed local stakeholder groups and the public to provide input into the drafting of the West Bragg Creek All-Season Trails Plan. Valuable input was collected during this information session, and was incorporated into the draft plan.

## 5. Where can I view the draft conceptual plan?

You can view the draft West Bragg Creek All-Season Trails Plan at www.AlbertaParks.ca/consult.

## 6. How can I comment on the draft plan?

Public input is encouraged and important. Send in your comments, suggestions and concerns by clicking on the online comment button below, or you can mail in your feedback to the address below. Feedback must be submitted by May 17, 2010.

Online: Online Survey By Email: <u>ParkNews@gov.ab.ca</u> By Mail: Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation Draft West Bragg Creek All-Season Trails Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Oxbridge Place 9820-106 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6

## 7. What happens after the public consultation has ended?

All comments will be considered and the draft plan will be updated as appropriate. A summary of public comments and the final plan will be posted on <u>www.AlbertaParks.ca</u>/consult once approved.

Public feedback gathered during this consultation, site management efficiency, cost effectiveness and public safety will be key considerations in making a final decision on this plan.