

**Adventure Tourism
TREPANIER TRAILS
Management Plan
3344 Elliott Rd
WESTBANK, B.C. V4T 1P2**

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(Name of Applicant)

This Management Plan has been approved by
Land and Water British Columbia Inc.

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Trepanier Trails

LWBC File #:

Executive Summary

General Overview of Business

Trepanier Trails is a new business venture with the intent to be set up as a summer operation through the months of June to September. We would offer scenic overnight horseback trail riding in the Westbank area using mountain trails. Trail riding is to be offered for horseback riders with some level of experience.

Over the past years we have spent time exploring possibilities for Trepanier Trails finding and using some of the old trails into the area that were used before roads existed. The goal would be to maintain these old trails and create new ones as needed to access the high mountains for panoramic views.

An Intensive use area of 4 hectares accessible only by horseback or hiking is requested, about 3 km southwest of Jackpine Lake bordering the Trepanier Park along Clover Creek. This area not accessible to motorized vehicles would be a selling feature for the program offered for the clients. This area includes a cabin, corral, tenting area and outhouse to be used to host the guests for overnight trail rides.

Maps & Site Layouts

Map #1 – is the General Location Map, indicating the overall area and its relationship to the nearby communities and road network, illustrating the trail network used for the trail-riding tours.

Map #2 – is the Extensive Use Map illustrating the location of the Intensive Use Site.

Site Layout #1 – is the Intensive use site for the overnight trail rides. The site layout details the location of the improvements including the location of the tenting area, cabin, outhouse and corral area.

Section 1: Description of the Operation & Activities Offered

1.1 General Description of Operation

Trepanier Trails is a new business venture with the intent to be set up as a summer operation. We would offer horseback trail riding in the Westbank area, northwest of Westbank over Carrot Mountain to the Lambly Lake and Jackpine Lake areas through to Trepanier Park, Mount Clements to Jack Creek and across to Powers Creek. In the summer months the operation would offer 2 to 3 day horseback trail rides. Trail riding is to be offered for horseback riders with some level of experience.

Over the past years we have spent time exploring possibilities for Trepanier Trails finding and using some of the old trails into the area that were used before roads existed. The goal would be to maintain these old trails and create new ones as needed to access the high mountains for panoramic views. The trail rides would start from Westbank or the horses could be trailered to a convenient starting location depending on the duration of the trail ride booked.

An Intensive use area of 4 hectares is requested accessible only by horseback or hiking about 3 km southwest of Jackpine Lake bordering the Trepanier Park along Clover Creek. This area includes a cabin, corral, tenting area and outhouse to be used to host the guests for overnight trail rides.

1.1.1 General Area

Trepanier Trails would include the old trail over Carrot Mountain through to Lambly Lake past Jackpine Lake and Gellatly Lake to Trepanier Park across to Mount Clements and return across Jack Creek and Powers Creek to Westbank as per trail marked on Map #1. Some of the trail as noted would pass through the Trepanier Park and should this require an application for crossing a provincial park please forward the contact information.

There are three creeks which flow through or border the area: Powers, Clover and Jack Creeks.

There are two larger lakes Lambly and Jackpine and one smaller lake Gellatly which the trails would pass by as part of the scenic tour. The natural high points for panoramic viewing would be Carrot and Clement Mountains.

The area provides opportunities for wildlife viewing wildlife and spectacular natural viewpoints.

1.1.2 Base Operation

- The base operation is located on private land at 3344 Elliott Rd, Westbank, BC. I acknowledge that liability insurance would be necessary for the AT program and would be put in place as necessary as well as a waiver form to be signed by each client as required by the Insurance Company.

1.1.3 Improvements

- Mark out and maintain horse trails throughout area as noted on Trail Maps
- Intensive use area with cabin, corral, tenting area and outhouse.

1.1.4 Access

All clients travel to the base area at 3344 Elliott Rd, Westbank, BC where the trail rides would start from and either ride from there or trailer the horses near to Jackpine Lake for a shorter ride.

1.1.5 Staff Category	# of Employees	Experience and/or Training
Owner/Manager	1	Lived in Westbank for 54 years, have worked with horses since a boy and have explored the surrounding mountains.
Wranglers	1	Grew up with horses in Westbank and know the area well.

1.2 Commercial Recreation Activities Offered On Crown Land

1.2.1 Description of Experience Being Offered

There will be one type of experience being offered by Trepanier Trails as described below.

Summer – Horseback Riding

The horseback riding experience is offered as a two-day or three-day ride near the Westbank area as noted on Map #1. The intent of this product is to provide a multi-day wilderness horseback riding experience for clients with some level of riding experience. The trail as shown covers a wide variety of terrain that creates a memorable experience of high mountain views and beautiful lake settings. The opportunities to see wildlife to enhance the experience are good.

For a two-day ride the horses and clients would be transported to near Jackpine Lake where the ride would commence from and proceed to the Intensive Use area for overnight. This provides a short day for the riders who want to have the experience without a long ride the first day. The second day return ride would be somewhat longer over to Mount Clements and back to Jackpine Lake. Meals would be provided as appropriate along the trail and at the overnight camp.

The three-day ride would start from our base on Elliott Rd and complete the full trail. The first day is a long ride to the cabin at the Intensive Use area. The second day is a rest day at the cabin with opportunity to explore the surrounding area. The third day would be a long ride over to Mount Clements across to Jack Creek and Powers Creek and return to Elliott Rd, Westbank. Meals would be provided as appropriate along the trail and at the overnight camp.

The riding groups are to be no larger than 4 clients with one well experienced wrangler guide. Clients would be responsible to bring their own overnight sleeping bag and riding gear suitable for all weather conditions verified by the wrangler before leaving. A detailed safety briefing, distribution of gear and discussion of the various aspects of the trip would take place prior to leaving. The clients would be matched to a horse based on their previous riding experience. Typically the group will arrive at the overnight intensive use area camp by 7 pm. The wrangler would prepare the meals and if forest fire hazard ratings permit, a campfire would be provided each night.

1.2.2 Detailed Listing of Activities & Level of Use

See Table 1.1

1.2.3 Improvements

The improvements to the extensive use areas are primarily trail clearing. The trail network is noted on Map #1 – Prior to June each year the trails would be cleared by the staff. All debris is removed and dropped into the forest adjacent to the trail.

Table 1.1 Extensive Areas of Use										
Activity Report						Client Days				
Extensive Area Map Reference	Activity	Specific References on Map	Frequency of Use	Period of Use	Existing or Proposed Use	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	Full Capacity	Year Full Capacity is Reached
Map #1 & Map #2	Overnight Horse Back Riding	Trails(red) Intensive Use(blue) Areas as Marked	2 – 3 Days/Wk	June to Sept	Proposed for starting 2012	68	136	204	272	2016 to 2018

1.3 Intensive Use Site

There is one Intensive Use Site that would not be accessible to motorized vehicles in an area to the best of my knowledge is not surveyed. The following is a description of this site and the purpose. The details for the site are provided in Table 1.2 as follows. The Site Layout Plan provides the location of the various components of the Intensive Use site.

Overnight Camp – Site Layout #1

- The proposed area for this site is 4.0 ha
- The main purpose for this site is to be an overnight camp for the two day and three day rides where gear and non perishable food can be stored and a weather proof structure for clients to overnight in.

The site is to be comprised of one cabin, one divided corral, tent area and outhouse.

Table 1.2 Details of Intensive Use Site

Site Layout & Map #	Intended Use	Frequency of Use	Period of Use	Existing or Proposed Improvements	Environmentally Sensitive Area	Distance to Environmentally Sensitive Area
Site Layout #1 Map #2	Summer Use for Overnight Camping	1 – 3 days/wk	June - Sept	Cabin Corral Tenting Area Fire pit Outhouse	Clover Creek	Cabin 40m Corral 40m Tenting Area 50m Fire pit 40m Outhouse 60m

Section 2: Overlap with Environmental & Cultural Values

2.1 Fish Values

It is not in the proposed new venture for Trepanier Trails to provide fishing opportunity.

2.2 Wildlife Values

The area supports deer and black bear as well as many species of birds for wildlife viewing. Caution will be taken not to disturb wildlife and keep at a safe distance for the safety of the guests. When viewing wildlife guests are kept at a distance and encouraged to sit and view.

2.3 Water Values

The main bodies of water that we pass by are Lambly Lake, Jackpine Lake and Powers Creek. These are on the water system for providing water for the Westbank area. The Clover Creek is a tributary feeding into Trepanier Creek which is also used for domestic water. Respect for these domestic water sources not to contaminate them in any way is a priority. They will be used to water the horses as we pass by. All waste materials would be packed out from the Intensive use area and lunch stops along the trail.

2.4 First Nations

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I acknowledge that the proposed areas of use may need to be reviewed by the first nations groups and request that the regional LWBC office provide contacts for this if needed.

Section 3: Overlap with Existing Use

3.1 Mineral Tenure

I acknowledge that the proposed areas of use may need to be reviewed by the Mineral Tenures and request that the regional LWBC office please provide contacts for this if needed.

3.2 Geothermal, Petroleum and Natural Gas Tenure

I acknowledge that the proposed areas of use may need to be reviewed by the Geothermal, Petroleum and Natural Gas Tenures and request that the regional LWBC office please provide contacts for this if needed.

3.2 Timber Tenure & Forest Use

I acknowledge that the proposed areas of use may need to be reviewed by the Timber Tenure & Forest Use and request that the regional LWBC office please provide contacts for this if needed.

3.3 Land Use Planning, Local or Regional Zoning Requirements

I acknowledge that the proposed areas of use may need to be reviewed by Land Use Planning, Local or Regional Zoning Requirements and request that the regional LWBC office please provide contacts for this if needed.

3.4 Commercial Recreation Tenure & Guide Outfitter Territories

I acknowledge that the proposed areas of use may overlap with a commercial recreation tenure and/or guide outfitting territory. I understand that I am required to contact these tenure holders to have them complete an Operator Input Form. I request contact information from the regional LWBC office as needed.

Appendix 1 - Hazards and Safety Plan

I acknowledge that a Hazards and Safety Plan which meets or exceeds Workers Compensation Board and approved industry standards is required for the AT program and that if the application for the AT tenure is approved that I will put a OHS plan in place and take due diligence to see that it is carried out for the safety of every employee and client.

_____ Signed

_____ Date