

Alberta Stewardship Stories

Celebrating 24 Years of Stewardship in Southwest Alberta

On Saturday, June 2, 2018 over 140 volunteers joined together to tackle a variety of stewardship projects within the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass and surrounding Rocky Mountains Forest Reserve (Crowsnest Forest area).

For over two decades (2018 was the 24th annual stewardship day), the Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society has coordinated a volunteer stewardship project work day, held on the first Saturday in June. It is called the Ed Gregor Memorial Stewardship Day in honour of Ed's service in the Land and Forest Division of Alberta Environment and Parks (previously Alberta Sustainable Resource Development) for many years and his great love of all forms of recreation and outdoor pursuits. To our knowledge, the Annual Ed Gregor Stewardship Day is the longest running volunteer stewardship program of its kind in Canada. This is something that our community can truly be proud of.

The 2018 Stewardship Day projects included:

- Installation of two benches and footbridge reconstruction at Chinook Lake /Allison-Chinook Provincial Recreation Area (led by the Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society).
- Barricade installation and cleanup at the Coleman Fish and Game Pond; forestry cleanup (led by the Hillcrest Fish and Game Protective Association).

- OHV bridge decking on the Deadman's Pass trail and Frank storage cleanup (led by the Crowsnest Quad Squad).
- North Safety Shelter cleanup and other cleanup (led by the Crow Snow Riders).
- Luge track decommissioning and cleanup at the Pass Powderkeg Ski Hill (led by the Pass Powderkeg staff).
- 100 m of mountain bike trail construction and upgrading of the mountain bike skills park (led by the UROC–United Riders of Crowsnest Pass).
- Riparian / community trail clean-up along the Crowsnest River (led by the Crowsnest Conservation Society).
- Nature Learning Play Space installation at the MDM Community Centre in Bellevue (led by Brighter Futures and the Crowsnest Pass Early Childhood Coalition).

The success of this stewardship day is in the incredible support that the Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society receives from our sponsors, the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, Alberta Environment and Parks, and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

