

MEEWASIN CELEBRATES

INTERNATIONAL

# Trails Day

Friday, May 31 & Saturday, June 1, 2013



## WALK, RUN, ROLL THE MEEWASIN TRAIL

**International Trails Day** is an annual celebration of recreation trails to promote trail development, the use of trails and the healthy lifestyle they encourage. **Meewasin Valley Authority**, in cooperation with **Trans Canada Trails** and the **Parkland Trails Association** invite you and your organization or group to celebrate with us on **Saturday, June 1, 2013** by organizing an event along the Meewasin Trail or by attending the afternoon festivities, displays and entertainment in Friendship Park.

**AS AN ADDED INCENTIVE**, all organizations or groups registered before May 24th, will be eligible for a special prize! **REGISTER NOW!** See flip side for details.

**TEACHERS**, we invite you to involve your students on Friday, May 31! See flip side for more details

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## International Trails Day More Info

**The June 1 event** will run from sunrise to sunset, catching the early morning, daytime, and evening users of the Meewasin Trail. Whether you choose to walk, run, roll, ride, paddle or organize a different activity beside the trail, we encourage you to come out and celebrate by enjoying the natural environment that Meewasin conserves.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact [mvatrailsdays@onpurpose.ca](mailto:mvatrailsdays@onpurpose.ca)

If you wish to have a display in Friendship Park Saturday afternoon, please contact [kblakely@meewasin.com](mailto:kblakely@meewasin.com)

**Teachers:** As International Trails Day is celebrated on Saturday, June 1, we invite school groups to participate on Friday, May 31 by walking, running or rolling on a trail near them as part of their daily physical education program or their classroom exercise break. For more information on how to register your school or class, please contact [kblakely@meewasin.com](mailto:kblakely@meewasin.com)

**Register ASAP at:**  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/MVAtrailsdays](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MVAtrailsdays)

**Meewasin Trail:** Created in 1979, the Meewasin Valley Authority is a conservation organization dedicated to conserving the cultural and natural resources of the South Saskatchewan River Valley that runs from Pike Lake in the southwest through Saskatoon to Clarke's Crossing in the northeast. It is the means by which the three participating parties: the City of Saskatoon, the Province of Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan have chosen to best manage their riverbank lands. Including the South Saskatchewan river there are more than 25 square miles in Meewasin's conservation zone. The conservation zone is made up of parks, interpretive centres, conservation areas, backshore links, canoe launches and more than 60 km of Meewasin Trail.

## Trans Canada Trail:

The Trans Canada Trail (TCT) is the world's longest and grandest network of recreational trails. When fully connected the TCT will stretch 23,000 km (14,000 miles) from the Atlantic to the Pacific to the Arctic oceans. More than 16,800 km are currently usable, making it approximately 73% complete. Two hundred forty gaps totaling 6,200 km (3,900 miles) must be bridged in order to achieve a fully connected trail. The Trans Canada Trail has given itself until its 25th anniversary and Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017 to reach this objective.

As the Trans Canada Trail runs through Saskatoon, it connects with the Meewasin Trail in the northwest of the city, running along Whiteswan and Spadina, crossing the river into Gabriel Dumont Park through Diefenbaker Park, leaving the city in the southeast.

## Saskatchewan Trails Association:

The Saskatchewan Trails Association (STA) was incorporated in July 2004 with the mandate to promote the development and use of recreational trails throughout Saskatchewan. The creation of the Association was facilitated by the Saskatchewan Parks & Recreation Association, who then concluded its administration of the Trans Canada Trail in Saskatchewan. The STA creates policies for member trail associations, completes strategic plans for trails and engages TCT stakeholders.

**Parkland Trails Association Inc.** The Parkland Trails Association was created in Saskatchewan a decade ago to promote the Trans Canada Trail dream. It is a member of the Saskatchewan Trails Association. In recent years it has partnered with the Meewasin Valley Authority to see the growth of a Destination Trail running from the Whitecap Dakota First Nation along the Trans Canada and Meewasin Trail to Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

