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TRAIL GUIDE



Valley Trail Society

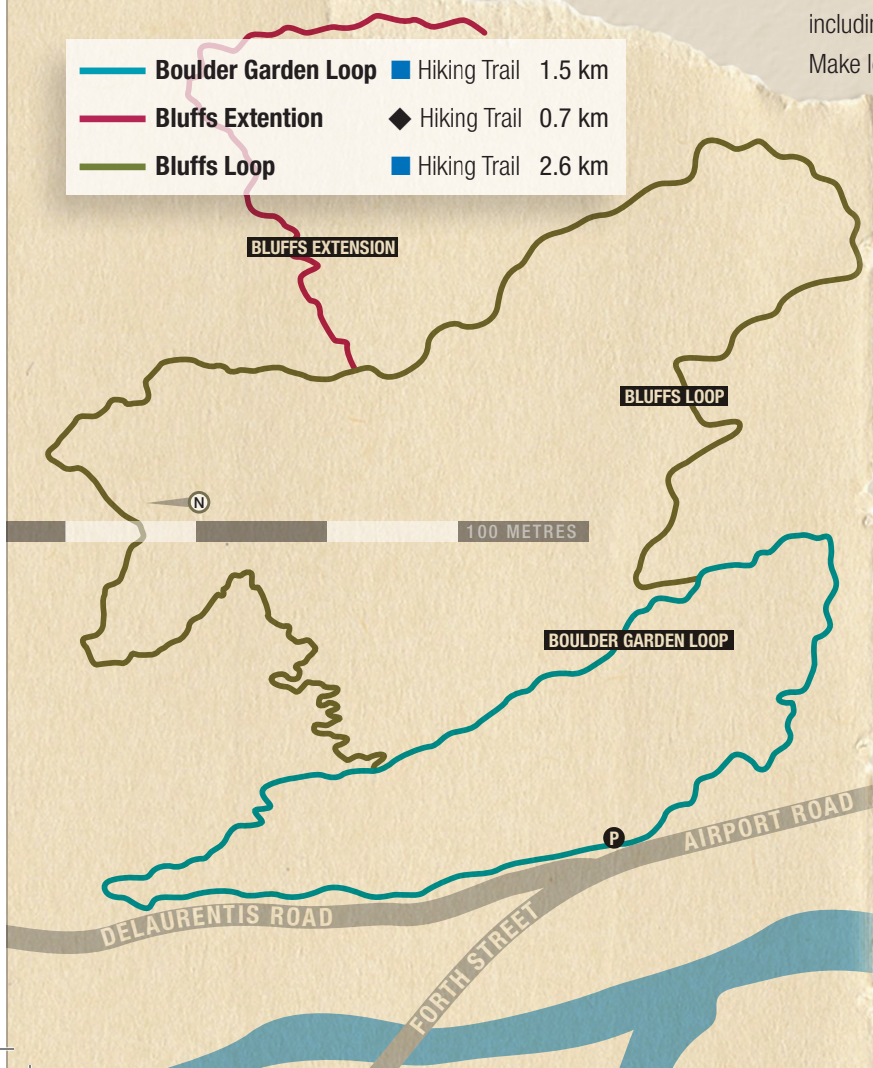




# Delaurentiis Trails

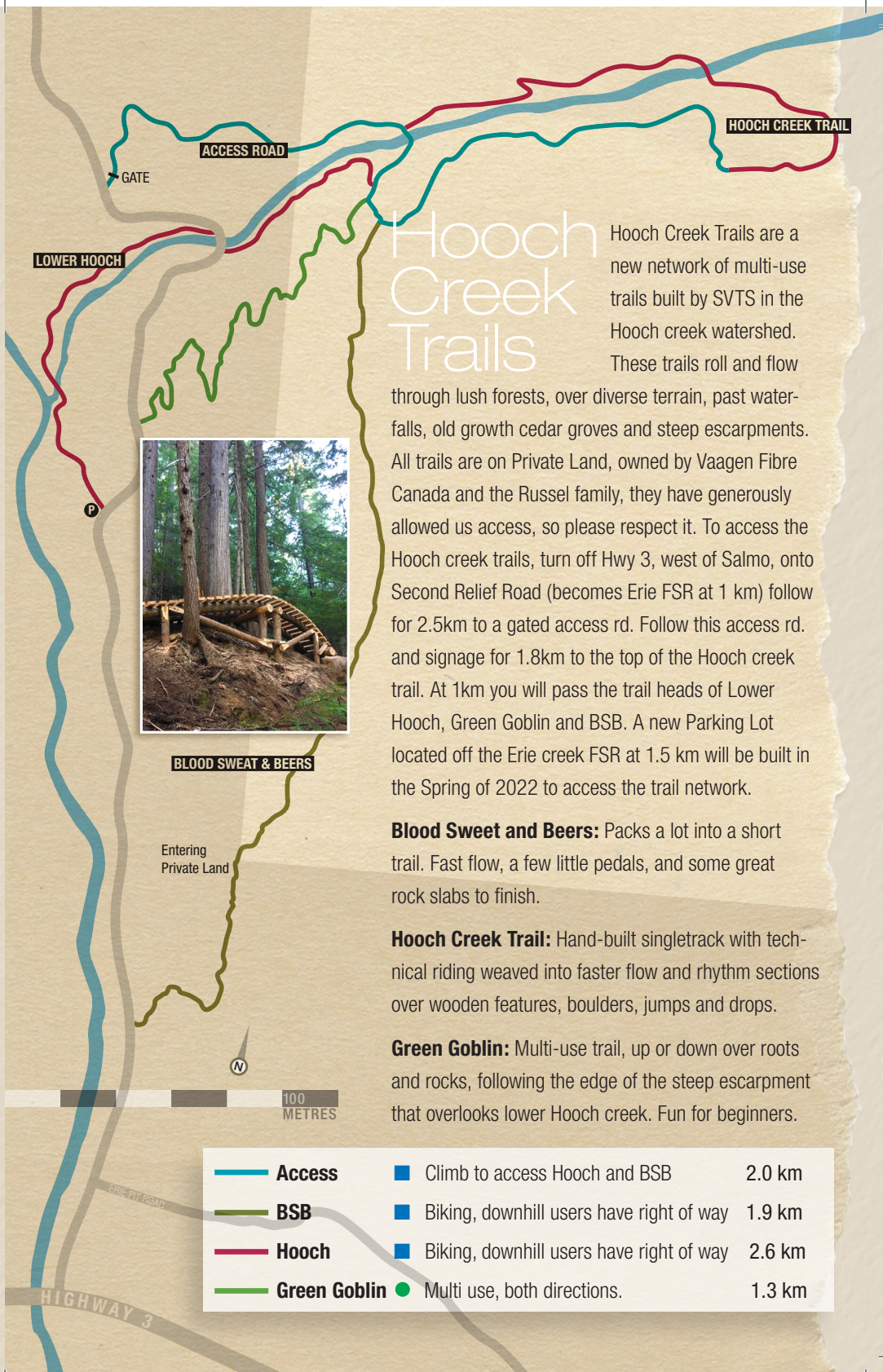
The Delaurentiis Bluffs hiking network consists of two stacked loops and an 'out & back' extension to a lookout. The lower loop (The Boulder Garden Loop) is 1.5 km long with ~140 m elevation gain. This is rated intermediate because of some challenging footing and climbing grades. There are several good viewpoints along the way. The Bluffs Loop Trail is 2.6 km with 350 m elevation gain. This is rated advanced because of the loose rocky trail tread through the scree slopes and steep terrain. You will get great views up and down all of the surrounding valleys from several vantage points. The Upper Bluffs Extension is 0.7 km distance one way and 180 m elevation gain.

GREAT VIEWS UP AND DOWN ALL  
OF THE SURROUNDING VALLEYS.



- Out of respect for our neighbors and safety, please keep dogs on leash in the parking area, along Airport and Delaurentiis roads and along the dirt road section of the trail (yellow area).
- Please keep the trail pleasant for all and clean up after your dog.
- There are frequent wildlife sightings in this area including bear and cougar. Make lots of noise, watch for signs and travel in groups.
- **No rock rolling** at any point along the trail! Residents, hikers and the road are below.
- Be aware of potential overhead rock hazards, especially in the scree slope on the lookout trail. Keep your ears open for rumbling noises.
- Rocky sections are slippery when wet. Use caution.





# Hooch Creek Trails

Hooch Creek Trails are a new network of multi-use trails built by SVTS in the Hooch creek watershed.

These trails roll and flow

through lush forests, over diverse terrain, past waterfalls, old growth cedar groves and steep escarpments. All trails are on Private Land, owned by Vaagen Fibre Canada and the Russel family, they have generously allowed us access, so please respect it. To access the Hooch creek trails, turn off Hwy 3, west of Salmo, onto Second Relief Road (becomes Erie FSR at 1 km) follow for 2.5km to a gated access rd. Follow this access rd. and signage for 1.8km to the top of the Hooch creek trail. At 1km you will pass the trail heads of Lower Hooch, Green Goblin and BSB. A new Parking Lot located off the Erie creek FSR at 1.5 km will be built in the Spring of 2022 to access the trail network.



**Blood Sweet and Beers:** Packs a lot into a short trail. Fast flow, a few little pedals, and some great rock slabs to finish.

**Hooch Creek Trail:** Hand-built singletrack with technical riding weaved into faster flow and rhythm sections over wooden features, boulders, jumps and drops.

**Green Goblin:** Multi-use trail, up or down over roots and rocks, following the edge of the steep escarpment that overlooks lower Hooch creek. Fun for beginners.

<span style="color: blue;">—</span> <b>Access</b>	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Climb to access Hooch and BSB	2.0 km
<span style="color: green;">—</span> <b>BSB</b>	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Biking, downhill users have right of way	1.9 km
<span style="color: red;">—</span> <b>Hooch</b>	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Biking, downhill users have right of way	2.6 km
<span style="color: yellow-green;">—</span> <b>Green Goblin</b>	<span style="color: green;">●</span> Multi use, both directions.	1.3 km



# Salmo Ski Hill

We started the Salmo Ski Hill Trail system in the summer of 2014. Since then, we have completed seven trails on the ski hill. All trails are multi use however primary user type is noted below.

**Sunset Loop:** A loop trail that goes half way up the ski hill or can be extended to the top via Sunrise.

**Sunrise:** A trail to the top of the hill, branching off of Sunset.

**Inducer:** A challenging, intermediate hand-built trail which now goes top to bottom. Inducer can be ridden in sections (Upper/Middle/Lower).

















**High Water:** An alternate finish to Lower Inducer (a bit easier).

**True Blue:** One of our newest trails. Fast, flowy and fun. Finishes on East Sunset, Drifter or Ski Hill Road

**Drifter:** A classic black diamond top to bottom ride. The first trail to get sanctioned on the ski hill.

**Jolly Joe's:** Our newest trail section. Built for hikers in mind. Goes from top to mid-way down (or vice versa) and can be hiked as a loop with Sunrise/Sunset.



	<b>Sunset loop</b>	 Multi use, both directions.	3.0 km
	<b>Sunrise</b>	 Multi use, both directions.	1.5 km
	<b>Inducer</b>	 Biking, downhill users have right of way	1.5 km
	<b>Lower Inducer</b>	 Biking, downhill users have right of way	0.7 km
	<b>High Water</b>	 Biking, downhill users have right of way	0.5 km
	<b>Drifter</b>	 Biking, downhill users have right of way	1.6 km
	<b>True Blue</b>	 Biking, downhill users have right of way	2.6 km
	<b>Jolly Joe's</b>	 Hiking, hikers have right of way	1.7 km





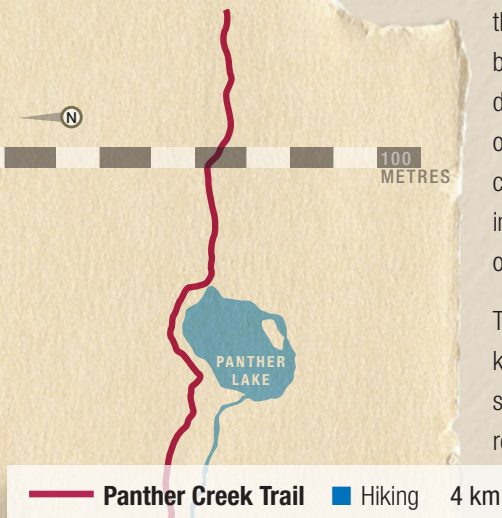


# Panther Lake

Sheep Creek Forest Service Road (FSR) provides access to Panther Lake. The BC Backroad Mapbook provides an accurate access description for this hike. For Panther Lake, stay left at the Sheep-Waldie FSR fork and then follow the brown sign posts to the trailhead. There are 3-4 deep trenches and several larger loose rocks on the road, make sure your vehicle has good clearance as well as 4wd. Trail maintenance is intermittent but generally cleared of blowdown once a year in July.

The trail into Panther Lake is approximately 4 km long. The first 1 km is on old mining and skid road. The bridges in this section were replaced in 2017 and the trail rerouted to avoid a steep alder section. The remaining 3km is single track and easy to follow. For experienced hikers, ridge walks and scrambles can be accessed to the north and south. There

are rainbow trout in the lake and a few rustic camp spots. Be sure to pack out whatever you pack in, this site is user maintained. Grizzly and black bears are common in this area so pack bear spray and make lots of noise when hiking.



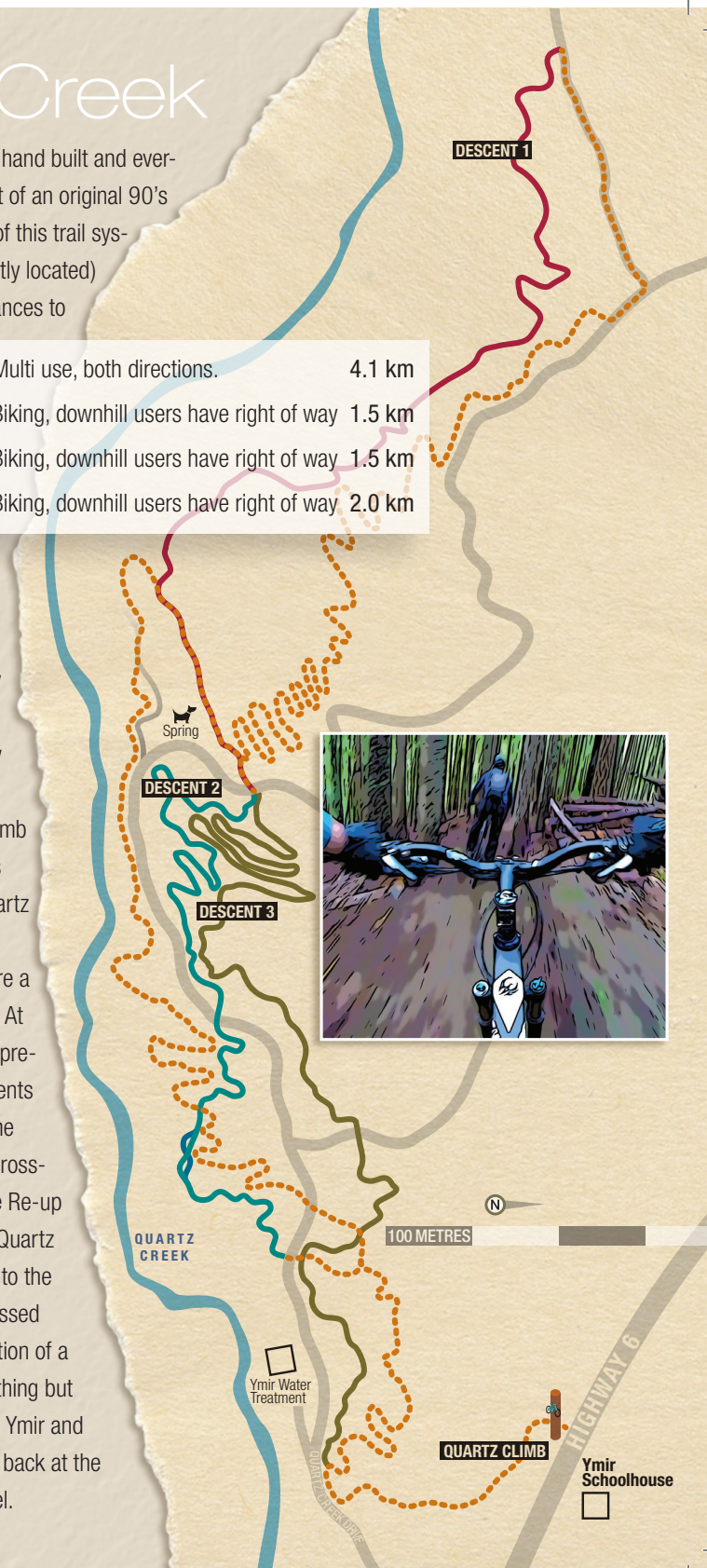


# Quartz Creek

The Quartz Creek trails are a hand built and ever-evolving system that grew out of an original 90's DH line. To get the most out of this trail system, start at the (inconveniently located) trailhead between the 2 entrances to

----- Quartz Climb	Multi use, both directions.	4.1 km
— Descent 1	Biking, downhill users have right of way	1.5 km
— Descent 2	Biking, downhill users have right of way	1.5 km
— Descent 3	Biking, downhill users have right of way	2.0 km

Ymir on Highway 6. Park beside the Salmo River in downtown Ymir and treat yourself to something Yummy at The Goods general store or the bakery. Make your way to the trailhead and take the Quartz Climb until you can climb no more (the last 400 metres are temporarily on the old quartz fsr). Enjoy Descent 1 and you will eventually notice you share a piece of the climb for 200 m. At the road intersection you are presented with a choice of Descents 2 & 3, take 2, the option to the right. After the second road crossing, make a hard left onto the Re-up link which takes you back to Quartz Climb for another pedal back to the road intersection for, you guessed it, Descent 3. With the exception of a couple of short climbs it's nothing but unending descending back to Ymir and maybe a refreshing beverage back at the store or the historic Ymir Hotel.



Quartz Creek ●

Ymir ○

Since 2014, the SVTS has been creating, enhancing, and preserving great trail experiences for all walks of life.

100% of the funds collected for these pamphlets is used to support and maintain trails in the Salmo Valley.

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Hooch Creek ●

2nd Relief Road

Salmo ○

Crowsnest Highway

● Delaurentis

● Salmo Ski Hill

Salmo Ski Hill Road

Airport Road

Panther Lake ●

Highway 6

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