

LAKE O'HARA TRAILS CLUB  
NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member:

This is the first issue of News Letters to be issued in future by your Lake O'Hara Trails Club. It will be our intention to keep you informed on the activities of the club and future developments of this area.

NEW TRAILS

The summer of 1977 saw a very active Parks Canada trail crew at work in the Lake O'Hara Region. A new trail linking the campground to the Linda Lake - O'Hara Fire Road Trail was completed. It is now possible to hike from the O'Hara Gate to the campground on a route other than the fire road. The trail then crosses the road and follows Cataract Brook up to Lake O'Hara.

Due to serious deterioration of the trail beside Seven Veils Falls a new access route to Lake Oesa was also achieved last summer. This trail leaves the North side of the Lake and rises in several switchbacks to the top of the cliff at the end of the lake. This vantage point affords an excellent view of the valley. The new trail then traverses to meet the old trail just above Yuckness Lake.

These trails have been well constructed and are definitely an asset to the area.

IMPROVED TRAILS

The trail crew also did a superb job of improving and rebuilding the East Opabin Switchbacks and the Alpine Meadow - Schaffer Lake Trail.

SIGNS

Warden Alan Knowles has submitted a comprehensive report to Parks Canada on trail markers and signs in the O'Hara Region. He is suggesting a change to a smaller, lighter, more durable sign and has proposed that we need between two and three hundred in the area. Parks Canada has indicated that Warden Knowles will be returning to O'Hara for the summer season and we hope to see some action on his report.

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WINTER AT O'HARA

The Lake O'Hara Region is becoming increasingly popular as a Winter Recreation Area for cross-country skiers. Opabin, McArthur Pass, Odaray Prospect and Linda Lake are all being enjoyed on a regular basis by skiers staying at the Alpine Club or at the Lodge.

PLAQUE FOR DR. LINK

A submission for pricing has been made for a bronze plaque to be erected at Odaray Prospect in honour of Dr. Link's contribution to the Lake O'Hara Region. We hope to have the plaque in place this summer.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Lake O'Hara Trails Club will be at 8:30 P.M., Thursday, July 27th at Lake O'Hara Lodge.

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President