

December 17, 2023 - Newsletter

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Messages from the EBTC Board

Holiday Greetings

June MacGregor, EBTC President

The EBTC Board wishes you a Happy Holiday season and a healthy, joyful 2024. Thank you to all EBTC members for making our rides, and other activities and events so enjoyable.

Sign Up for Your 2024 EBTC Membership

June MacGregor, EBTC President

Membership fees for 2024 are the same as 2023: first member \$40; additional family member (18 and over) \$20; additional family member (under 18) \$7. The EBTC Board is pleased that the EBTC finances permit this - especially during this inflationary time.

Click here to Obtain your 2024 EBTC Membership

Most Active Ride Leaders Recognized for their Contributions to EBTC

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Fifteen of the thirty-two members who led rides for EBTC in 2023 were recognized with a free membership for 2024. The EBTC policy of awarding a free membership for leading 10 or more rides in a year acknowledges the crucial role of these volunteers in serving our members.

Ride leaders are the backbone of EBTC, whether they lead one or many rides. As well as leading the actual ride, they propose rides, plan them, get them organized for registration in Karelo, make decisions about cancelling due to smoke/other weather conditions, and communicate with registered riders. Yes, there's work involved but the ride leader role is also a fun way to enjoy cycling and to meet other terrific EBTC members.



Upcoming EBTC Events

Watch for Pop-Up Events: Rides, Walks, Other Outings

June MacGregor, EBTC President

If you are on EBTC's Pop-Up List, you'll continue to receive email notifications of events available for registration, including into 2024. There is no need to sign-up again for the List. As off January 1, however, you'll need a 2024 EBTC membership to register in Karelo for an event of interest.

If you're not yet on EBTC's Pop List, <u>CLICK HERE</u> to sign-up. Adding your name to the List for Karelo email notifications is a convenient way to keep up-to-date with what EBTC is offering members. In the winter season, most EBTC events are pop-ups, i.e., weather dependent, planned and available for registration close to the event date.

It's also easy to remove your name from the List. Every Karelo email notification has a closing paragraph with a link to remove your registration. You can always sign up again later if you change your mind.

In this past week, two Pop-Up events were scheduled: on Dec. 13, a hike at Bunchberry Meadows west of the city; on Dec. 17, a winter ride (fat bikes and mountain bikes with studded tires) from Gold Bar Park in the city.

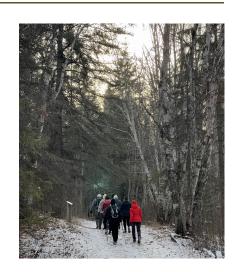
Event Report

BUNCHBERRY WALK, December 13, 2023

Phil Davidson, EBTC Webmaster

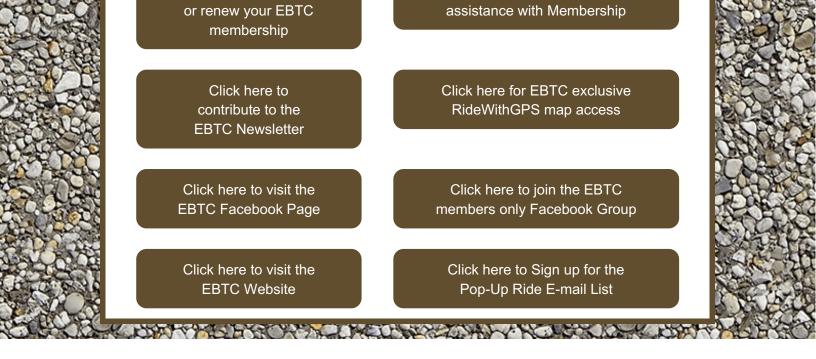
Bunchberry Meadows Conservation Area is a relatively new destination off Rge Rd 261 north of Devon and east of the U of A Botanic Garden. For several years now it has been a potty stop for summer rides in the area, but it offers great trails for walking over a gently rolling mix of treed and open areas. It's even trackset for skiing when there is enough snow. Eleven walkers clocked 8 km, including just a bit of the adjacent Tucker's Field in above-zero temperatures.

Watch for more pop-up walks.



The next EBTC Newsletter is scheduled for January 7, 2024.

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