

Friends of Black Mountain

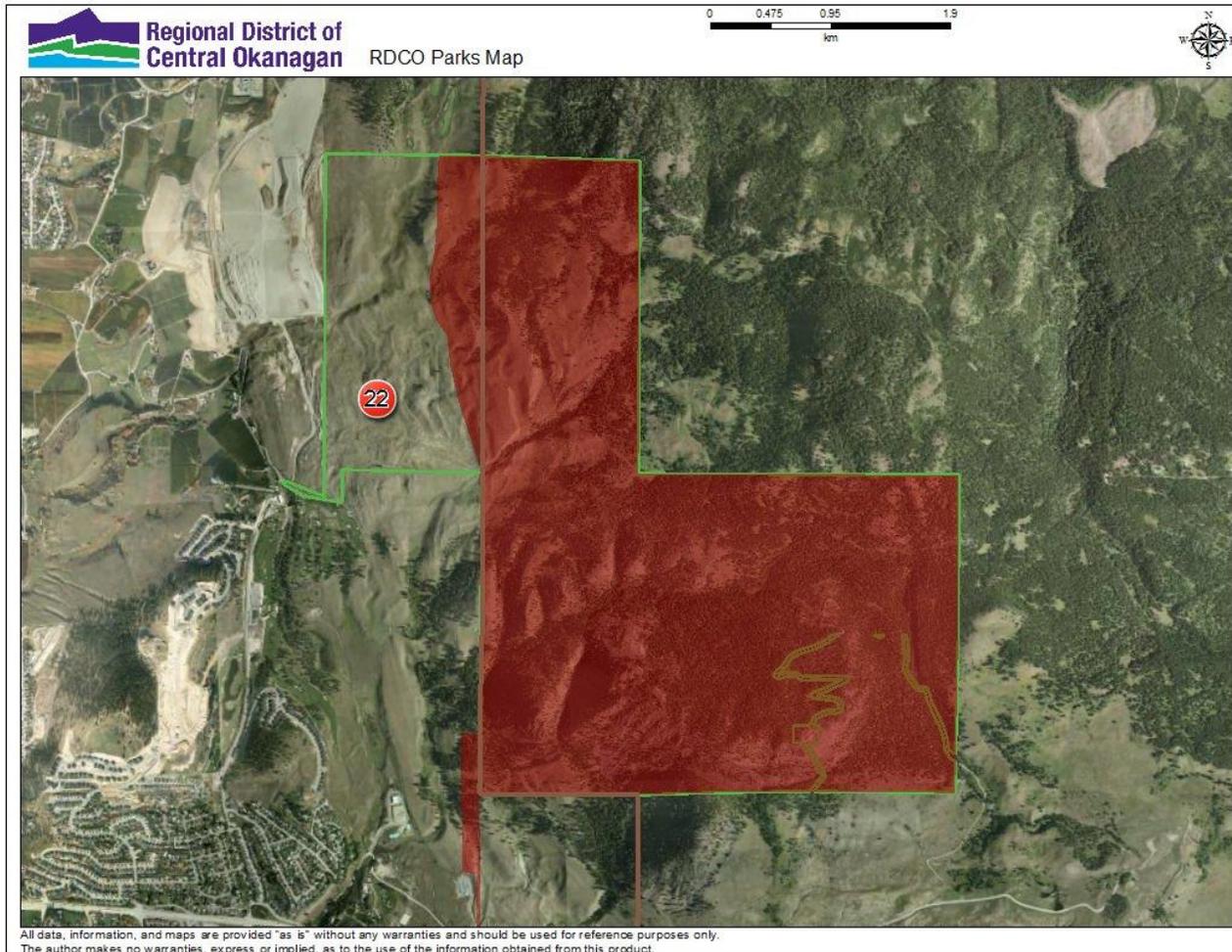
An update on projects at Black Mountain/sntsk'il'nten Regional Park

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Black Mountain/sntsk'il'nten Regional Park



- Overview of lands of BM
- 640 hectares (1580 acres)
- Conservation area for endangered grassland ecosystem.

First Nations history



“sntsk’il’nten” means “place where flint rock is found”.

The syilx people used this area to gather material for and fashion tools for many thousands of years.

Being able to see most of the Central Okanagan, peaks and ridges on Black Mountain were an important outlook.

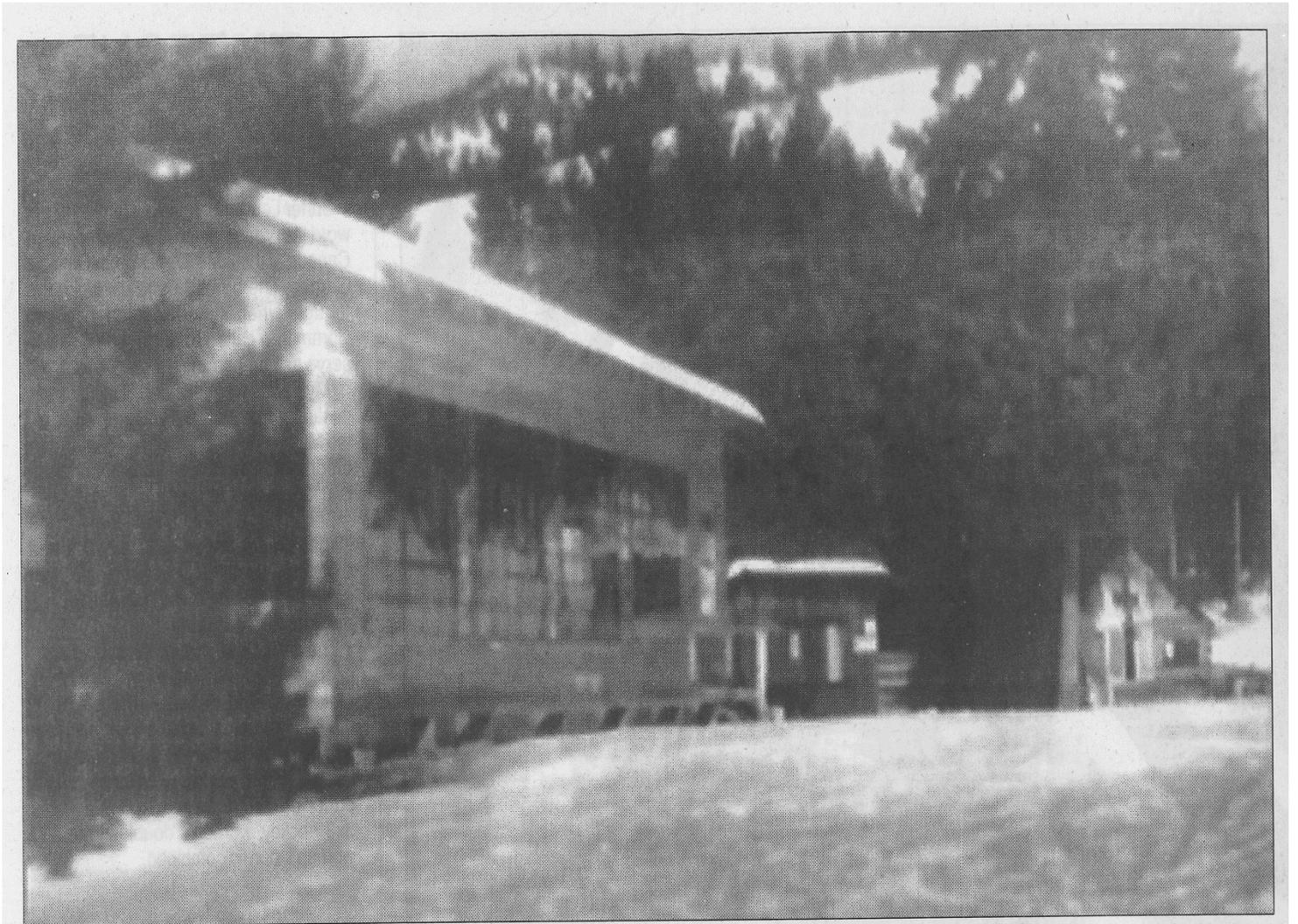
Farming and settlement at Black Mountain

- Daniel Prather settled the area in 1893. He was first to use irrigation here.
- The Pyman family also ranched here.
- Ranching, logging, gold panning and hiding outlaws were all part of the area's history.



Ski Bowl

- The Rutland Ski Bowl provided skiing recreation from 1945 until 1962.
- The hill included a chalet, a rope tow and a ski jump.
- Poor snow conditions led to the search for a new ski hill in the area.



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Kelowna Ski Club Chalet on Black Mountain Wood shed and old log cabin to the right of the chalet. Circa 1949 Note benches in front of the chalet, for when the weather was pleasant.

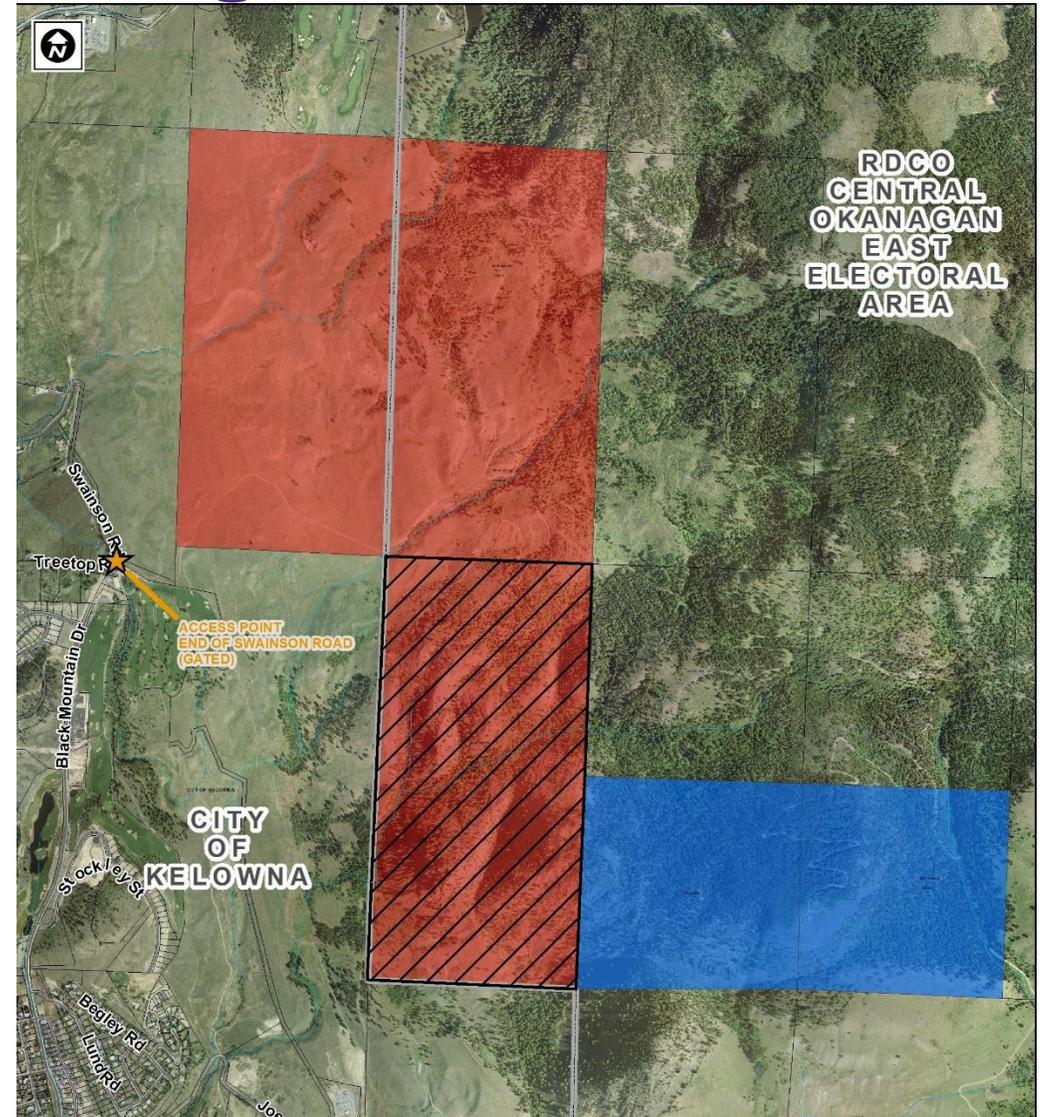


Black Mountain/snksk'il'nten Regional Park
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Black Mountain sntsk'il'nten Regional Park

Multiple methods were used to acquire the parcels that comprised the original park:

- WFN – RDCO MOU and joint license of occupation for Crown land at op of Black Mtn.
- RDCO purchase of fee simple properties.
- Ecological Gift Program donation & designation of ½ section west of summit.



FoBM – RDCO partnership projects & collaboration history



The Friends of Black Mountain formed in 2015.

- Ephemeral Pond Trail.
- Coyote Trail (Tower Rand connection).
- Ephemeral pond monitoring – Spadefoot habitat.
- Volunteer connection to schools and indigenous youth. School outreach included RSS, MBSS and Dr. Knox.
- Bluebird nesting box program.

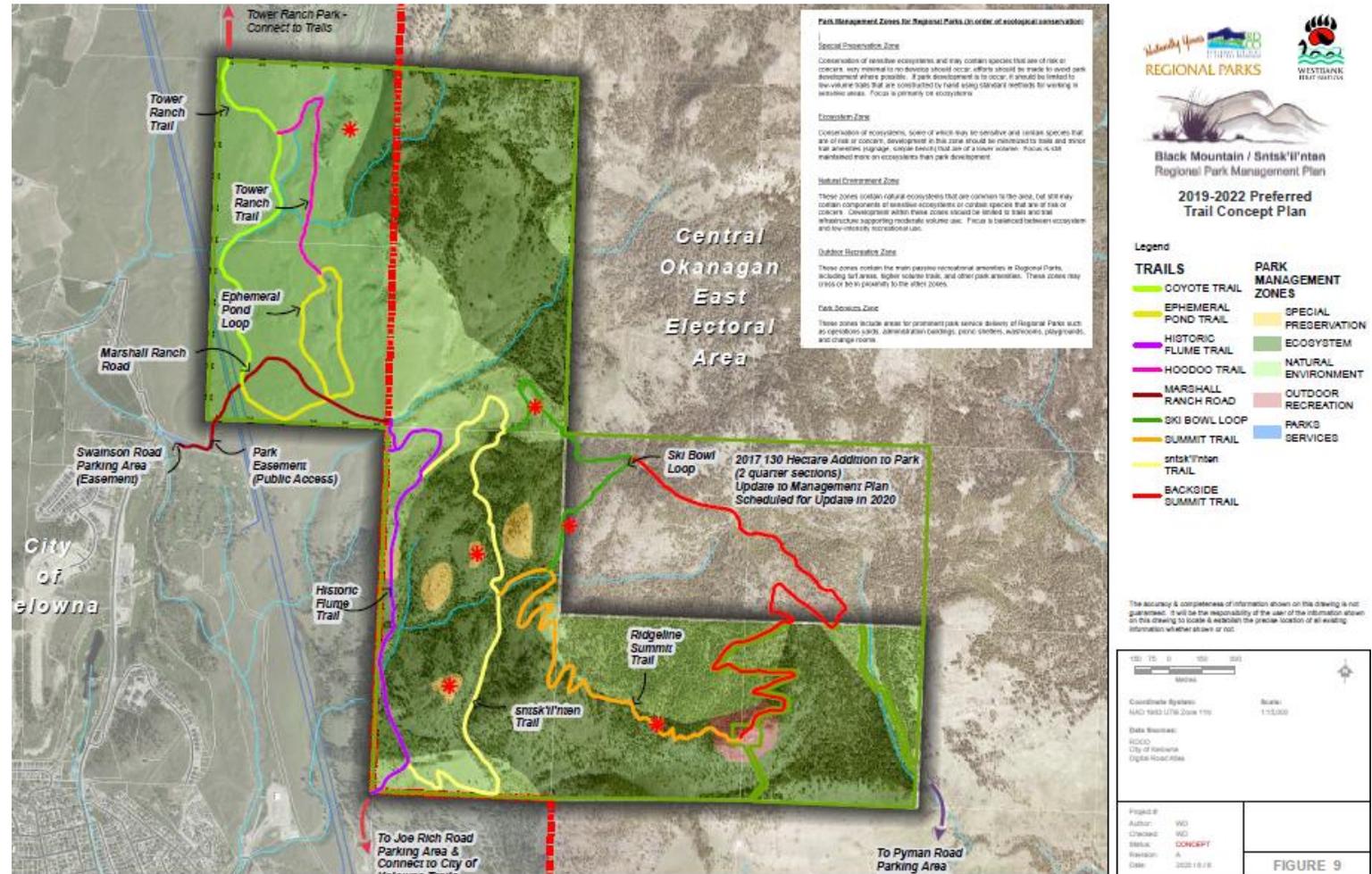
Management Plan development

The plan before the park.

- Passive recreation uses and conservation values influence the creation of a management plan.
- The management plan lays out a 20 year vision of how the park will be developed and provide both recreation and conservation benefits.
- The management plan was adopted in 2017.

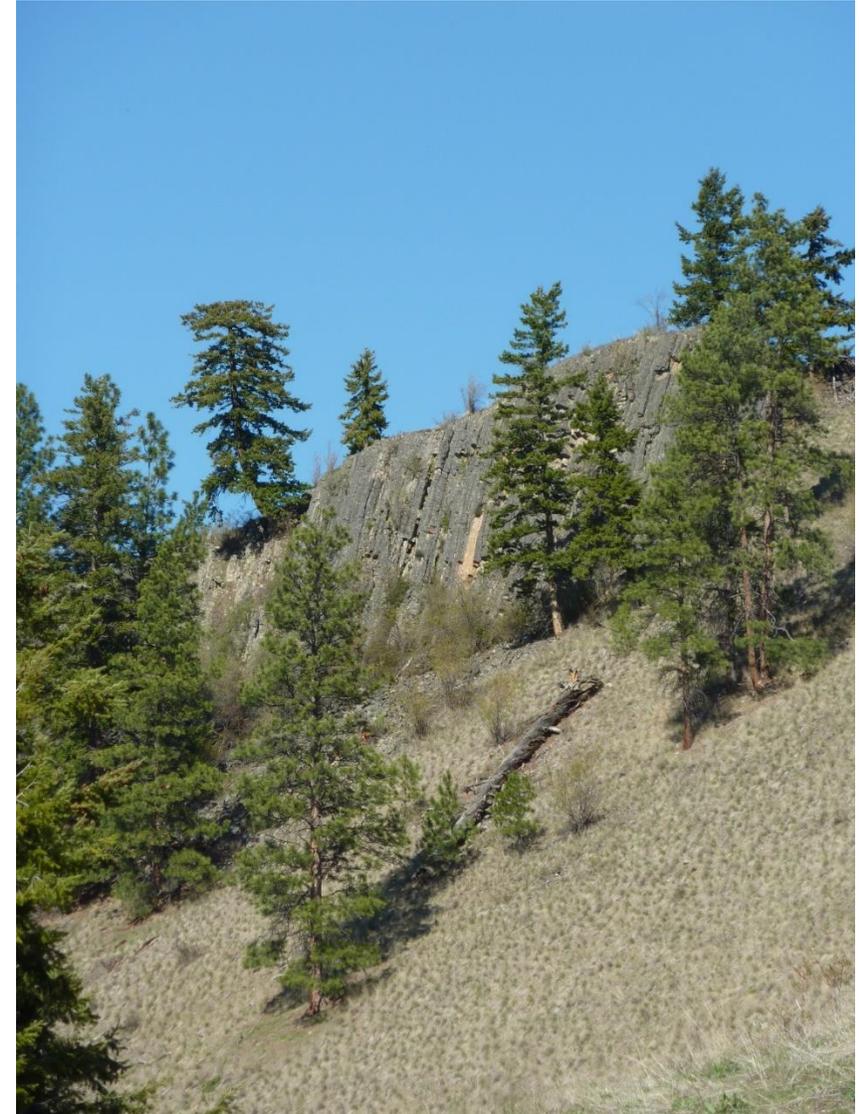
Current projects at Black Mountain sntsk'il'nten Regional Park.

- \$725,000 federal grant funding for park development.
- \$250,000 RDCO funding for park development.
- Trail, parking lot and visitor amenities will be constructed.



Other partnerships at Black Mountain/ sntsk'il'nten Regional Park.

- The Central Okanagan Land Trust has supported land acquisition.
- COLT has a conservation covenant on 130 hectares of land, which they supported with a \$15,000 donation.
- COLT has submitted a grant to the Land Trust Conservation Fund for \$100,000 in support of future land acquisition.



Regional Parks programming.



- Since 2018 Regional Parks interpreters have been offering programs at Black Mountain/sntsk'il'nten Regional Park.
- Butterfly Bioblitz, Wonders of the Night Sky and syilx Land Tour were some of the programs offered in 2020.



Enjoy your next visit to
Black Mountain/sntsk'il'nten Regional Park