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Identify Hiking/Trekking Associations

Teaching point 1

Identify Civilian Hiking/Trekking Organizations and Their Mandate

National Associations

Alpine Club Of Canada

The Alpine Club Of Canada is a national mountaineering organization and was created in 1906 with the support of the **Pacific Railway**. The Alpine Club of Canada main base is located in Canmore Alberta, as well as 24 regional locations across Canada.

What it offers

The organization offers many things for its members such as; rock climbing/**mountaineering courses, climbing competitions**, and the **environmental conservation program** that the community is involved in. More information is on their website if interested.

<http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/>.

Trails Canada

Trails Canada was launched in June 2000 and was created to promote **Canadian Trails** and the **Canadian Trail System**. With the support of **Go-Green** and the **Government Of Canada Millennium Partnership Grant** to create their website to help navigate people on trails across provinces and territories, with features of **on-line** tools and support services for trail users and community trail groups, inventories of Canadian trails by region, **descriptive** information on trail terrain, scenery, nature notes, accessibility, etc. And The trail inventory now contains more than 3900 trails, with entries in every province and territory in Canada.

Ontario Trails Council (OTC)

OTC was created in 1988 and started as a coalition for bikers, hikers, snowmobilers ect. It is a volunteer led charitable organization, promoting preservation management and recreational trails.

What it offers

OTC offers: Provide government and other public bodies with an informed, encourage the establishment of the **Trillium Trail Network**. Increase the number, length, variety and accessibility of trails throughout the province. Credible voice in support of trail interest groups, and it promotes the safe and responsible use of trails. If interested there website is : <http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/>.

Question 1: Which organizations promote preservation programs?

Question 2: Where is Alpines main base located?

Question 3: What does Trails Canada promote?

Teaching point 2

Identify Government Hiking/Trekking Resources

Parks Canada

Parks Canada is a federal government that works to protect and present Canada's cultural heritage for a century. Parks Canada works with other governmental and non-governmental agencies, to help provide information and safety tips to visitors. They are also responsible for search and rescue in any national parks.

Parks Canada has four main departments that they have overseas, those are: National parks, National Marine Conservation of Canada, Cultural Heritage and natural Heritage.

Provincial Parks

Provincial parks work with Parks Canada to keep a similar code of ethics, policies for park users and activities. Each provincial park, depending on the province will do different activities but the typical activities they can offer are:

- Cross country skiing
- Cultural/natural exhibits
- Cycling
- Fishing
- Guided hikes
- Hiking and trekking
- Kayaking and canoeing
- Rock climbing areas
- Snowshoeing
- Swimming

Question 1: Who does the provincial parks work with? What do they ensure to keep?

Question 2: What are the 4 departments Parks Canada has overseas?

Conclusion

Question 1: Name 4 typical activities you could do at a provincial park

Question 2: Why was Trails Canada made?

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