



Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve

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Our Mission

To foster and encourage, through research, information exchange, education, and communication, a sustainable community-based regional economy, with high biodiversity, landscape, and social values, with Riding Mountain National Park of Canada as a key component.

Management and Direction

Board of Directors – 2008

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The 3rd Annual Caching Riding Mountain Adventure Quest will be held June 13 & 14, 2009.

Visit cachingridingmountain.ca for more details

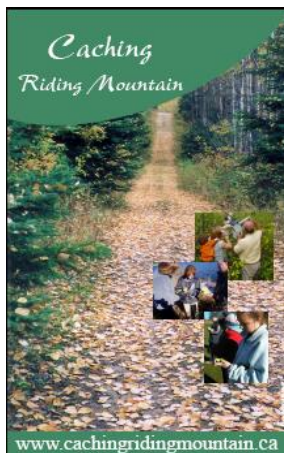
Where Canadian Biospheres Excel

Canadian Biosphere Reserves have community-based organizations which coordinate biosphere reserve activities. Their partners (industry, government, NGOs etc) support research, monitoring, education, training activities to support biosphere reserve goals. As a world network of Biosphere Reserves, ideas and information are readily exchanged.

UNESCO (United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization) sees Canada's designated sites as the best example of community leadership and good examples of partner-based cooperation in BRs. Canada's biosphere reserves contain 8 national or marine parks (Parks Canada), 6 national wildlife areas or migratory bird sanctuaries (Environment Canada) and dozens of provincial parks or reserves. Their working landscapes contain key elements of Canada's economy: agriculture (12), forestry (12), Great Lakes – St Lawrence (7), fresh water management (13), coastal (4). Fourteen contain First Nations communities and include them in coordination. All address government interests in community capacity and rural revitalization. Canada's Biosphere Reserves truly are a door to North American, Western Hemisphere and European cooperation on sustainable development.

Bovine Tb Stakeholders Advisory Committee

Since 2003 Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve has organized and chaired the Bovine Tuberculosis Stakeholders Advisory Committee (TbSAC) which brings Federal and Provincial governmental agencies together with local stakeholders and non-governmental organizations to address issues of Bovine Tb within the Riding Mountain Eradication Area. Tb-free status was regained in the summer of 2006, and the TbSAC Committee continues to meet to discuss issues, learn about the progress of Parks Canada and Manitoba Conservation programs. This year meetings were held April 7, May 22, June 26 and October 13. The next TbSAC meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2008.



Caching Riding Mountain

Many existing treasures are hidden in our communities at this very moment. These rich cultural and natural treasures are now being showcased in RMBR via a new and innovative activity called Geocaching. The intent of the Caching Riding Mountain project is to assist local communities to celebrate and showcase their unique community cultural and nature-based treasures by developing GPS learning experiences which will be available through web-based marketing for travelers, students, international groups, local residents, and passionate Geocachers from all over Canada, and the world. In total this year we have reached over 900 people through GPS events, workshops and programs.

