

Trail 1 Painted Turtle Way

Length: 2 km
Hwy 33 E of Black Mountain Dr to Birkdale Ave
Points of Interest:
• Lund Park playground
• Black Mountain Golf Club & Grill
• Birkdale Park
playground, tennis courts & lookout



Trail 2 Urban Cattail Loop

Length: 1 km
Kopetski Wetlands at BMD to Lund Park
Points of Interest:
• Wetlands, flowerbeds & trees
• Wildlife habitat patches for magpies, robins, hummingbirds, & finch



Trail 3 Great Blue Heron Grind

Length: 2 km & 322 stairs
Stockley St. past Cypress Point.
Points of Interest:
• Lookout with City & lake views
• Challenge the 322 stairs
• Find the Blue Heron Tree (hint, it's big, old & bold)



Trail 4 Lewis's Woodpecker Hill

Length: 1.6 km
Black Mountain Grill & head up to Carnoustie Dr.
Points of Interest:
• Rock sitting area
• BlueSky Showhome



Trail 5 American Badger Trek

Length: 2 km
North of the Black Mountain Grill
Points of Interest:
• Island Green
• Ponds with ducks, geese & Hooded Merganser
• Night lighting



Trail 6 Mule Deer Mosey

Length: 1 km
Points of Interest:
• Birkdale Park
playground, tennis courts & lookout



Trail 7 Warbler Walk

Length: 2 km
(partially closed, under construction)



BlueSky at Black Mountain is nestled in coniferous woodlands with ponderosa pine, blue bunch wheatgrass, and rough fescue. Arrowleaf balsamroot aka the Okanagan sunflower is Kelowna's official flower. Indigenous to the southern interior of BC, it brightens the hillsides of the BlueSky community in spring & is a staple food for local wildlife.

This ecosystem is red-listed in BC, meaning that it is at risk of being lost (extirpated, endangered, or threatened). Coniferous woodlands are characterized by open stands of Douglas-fir or ponderosa pine, often on shallow soils with grassy understories. This area provides habitat & foraging for a great variety of birds, reptiles, amphibians, & small mammals such as the American Badger, also provides important overwintering habitat for larger mammals such as mule deer & smaller more sensitive species such as the Great Basin Spade Foot Toad.

Primary cavity nesters excavate holes in the trunk of snags in order to build nests & rear their young, as well as to gain access to bark-dwelling insects & sap. For the blue-listed Lewis's Woodpecker this habitat is imperative.

Unlike other woodpeckers, Lewis' Woodpeckers lack the skull structure & highly developed bill that facilitates wood excavation. As a result, Lewis' typically use existing nest holes or natural cavities, but will excavate its own cavities in highly decayed wood. A snag is a tree that is dead or dying and is as alive when dead as when it is living. Without snags some 85 species of North American birds, numerous small mammals, insects, fungi, & lichens would be without valuable habitat.

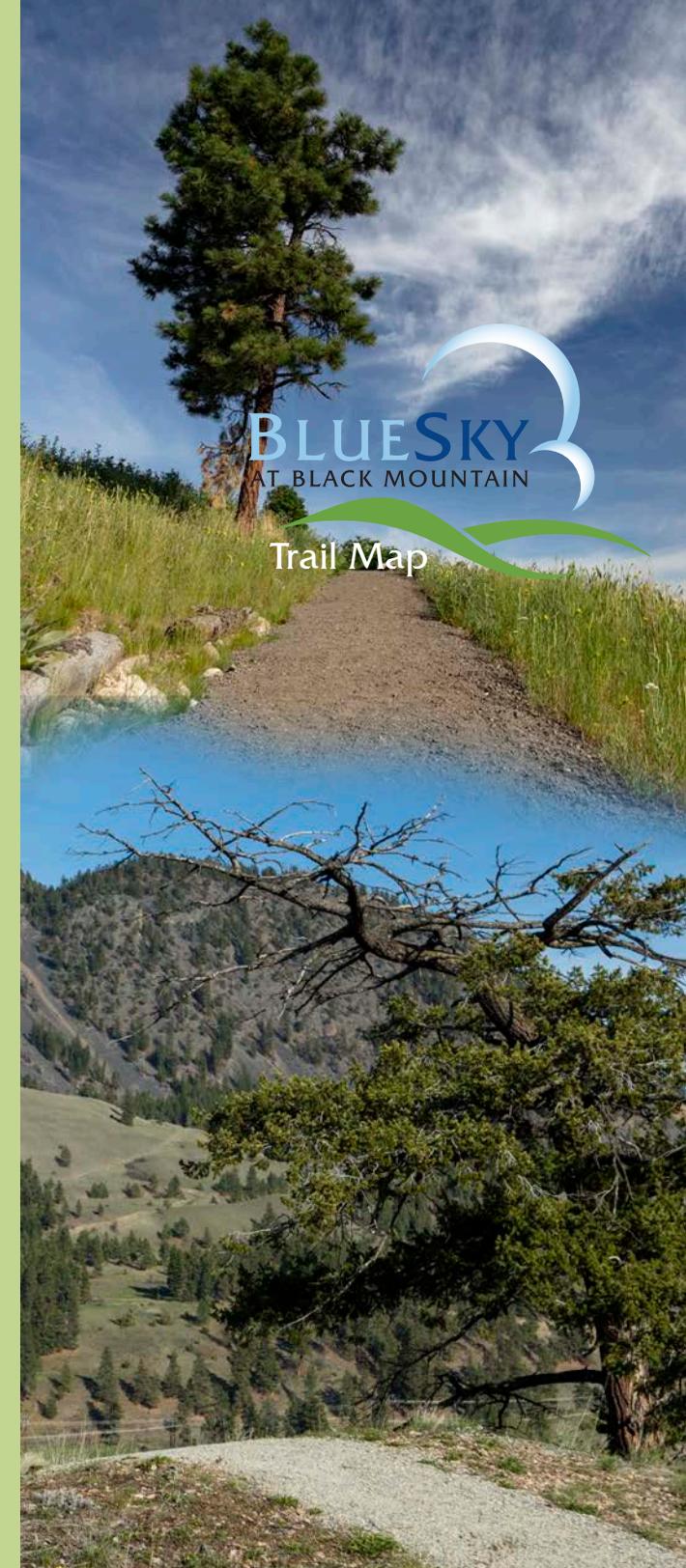
Decomposition of a tree starts quickly when disease, damage, fire etc. affect the outer cambium of the bark. Fungi move in & begin breaking down the tree into nutrients to replenish the soil. The rotting process creates soft outer layers in the trunk for primary cavity nesters such as woodpeckers & sapsuckers to excavate. Primary cavity nesters are considered keystone species because they create habitat for secondary cavity nesters such as certain species of chickadees, owls, nuthatches, bluebirds, swallows, & warblers.

MELCOR, on behalf of the BlueSky at Black Mountain subdivision has been following a planned restoration for the disturbed areas in order to ensure the local habitat continues to offer this important ecosystem. To date we have planted 280 Ponderosa Pines, 63 Douglas Firs, and 420 shrubs including Saskatoon, Kinnickinnick, Red Osier Dogwood, Nootka Rose, Oregon Grape, Mock Orange, Juniper and Rabbit Brush, 4000 grasses from other locations in the development; hand seeded and hydro seed acres of rye bunch grass, removed weeds, and watered many areas to ensure growth.

Plus, our restoration is far from being completed.

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BLUESKY
AT BLACK MOUNTAIN
Trail Map



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Legend

- Tennis
- Golf
- Stairs
- Biking
- Viewpoint
- Playground
- Restaurant
- Dog Walking

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The 11 kms of trails in the BlueSky Community bring access, breathtaking elevation changes and incredible views of Melcor's Black Mountain Golf Club and Grill. Black Mountain is an 18-hole, par-71 championship Kelowna golf course that spans 6,400 yards. Every level of golfer is welcome at Black Mountain, thanks to four tee boxes and a masterfully-planned design. The course features six par-3s, seven par-4s and five par-5s.

