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Work on the Plains of Abraham Trail Completed

The Plains of Abraham Trail Accessible

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The National Battlefields Commission wishes to inform the population that work on the new Plains of Abraham Trail has been completed. The mixed-use trail is now open to pedestrians and cyclists. This second phase of the project was finished on time and on budget. The trail, more than one kilometre long, is set in natural surroundings independent of road infrastructure and focuses on the beauty and history of the premises with its rest areas and interpretive panels. It will assuredly become a valued link for various park users between Promenade Samuel-de-Champlain and Québec City's Upper Town.

Quick Facts

- Mandated by the National Battlefields Commission, Public Works and Government Services Canada awarded a contract worth approximately \$3.7 million to *Les Constructions Bé-Con inc.*, through an open and transparent competitive process, to build a safe and accessible path for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The layout of the trail was designed primarily to preserve the site's heritage and historic cachet and minimize the impact on the cliff's vegetation and morphology. With a maximum speed limit of 10 km/h, the trail will also help ensure the safe coexistence of users (pedestrians and cyclists), in addition to offering users exceptional observation points. Skiing, snowboarding, skating and skateboarding will not be allowed on the trail.
- Along its winding sections, the new path will facilitate recreational traffic and the development of active transportation. The path, which is 1,190 metres long, has a more moderate slope than Gilmour Hill. It will be groomed in winter, lit year round and include six rest and interpretation areas, and safe crossings.
- The official inauguration of the Plains of Abraham Trail will take place in the spring of 2016 during more favourable weather conditions.
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