

# Fire Destroys Myra Canyon Trestles on the KVR Trail

## Twelve Gone - Two Damaged



Photo - BC Forest Service via Castanet.com

As of the morning of Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, BC Forest Service is reporting that twelve of the wooden trestles in Myra Canyon have been destroyed by the Okanagan Mountain Park Fire. Two steel bridges have also been damaged. The remaining four wooden trestles (1, 12, 16, & 17) remain threatened by the fire. These 18 trestles make up a national historic site, and are an important and scenic part of the KVR Trail, part of the Trans Canada Trail.

## Kettle Valley Railway's First Sub.

The Kettle Valley Railway was built across southern British Columbia, through the toughest terrain in North America. The line through Myra Canyon, from Penticton to Midway, was completed in 1914 as the KVR's First Subdivision. In 1931 it was renamed by the CPR as the Carmi Subdivision. Train service continued until 1973. Abandonment approval came five years later, and the tracks were removed in 1980.

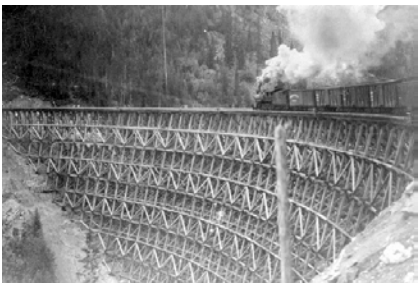


Photo - BC Archives #C-05832

## The KVR Trail

For years, the tracks, ties and train whistles have been gone and through the hard work of volunteers, like those of the Myra Canyon Trestle Restoration Society, the KVR has become an amazing recreational trail for walking and cycling.

Rob Scrimgeour  
British Columbia Railway Historical Association

## Trestle & Trail Building Fund

Trails BC is working with private and public partners to establish a Trestle & Trail Building Fund. Trails BC can accept donations and issue tax-deductible receipts. The fund will go toward rebuilding the Myra Canyon Trestles as well as the peripheral Trans Canada Trail infrastructure such as repairing route damage, replacing trail marker signs and installing route maps.

To make a donation, just fill in a membership form and mail it in.



Photo - Scott Ross, West Canada Bike Tours  
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## Trails BC

Trails BC's mission is to expand, sustain, and preserve the existing provincial trail network. We have the mandate to assemble the British Columbia section of the Trans Canada Trail.

[www.trailsbc.ca](http://www.trailsbc.ca)

## Trans Canada Trail

The Trans Canada Trail Foundation is a non-profit, registered charity organization, whose primary purpose is to raise funds to build a recreational trail that will wind its way through every Province and Territory in Canada, linking hundreds of communities along its route.

[www.tctrail.ca](http://www.tctrail.ca)

## The Myra Canyon Trestles



Map Courtesy Myra Canyon Society

## Mile By Mile List

- M91.3 – Ruth Station
- #1 - M90.4 – 255 feet long
- #2 - M89.4 – 360 feet long
- #3 - M88.4 – 270 feet long
- #4 - M88.2 – 270 feet long
- #5 - M88.0 – 420 feet long
- #6 - M87.9 – 721 feet long
- #7 - M87.4 – 300 feet long
- M86.8 – Water Tank site
- #8 - M86.55 – 240 feet long
- #9 - M86.5 – 365 feet long
- #10 - M86.4 – 194 feet long
- M86.2 – Tunnel 277 feet long
- #11 - M85.9 – 434 feet long
- M85.7 – Tunnel 375 feet long
- #12 - M85.6 – 80 feet long
- #13 - M85.5 – 285 feet long
- #14 - M85.4 – 240 feet long
- #15 - M85.3 – 145 feet long
- #16 - M85.25 – 90 feet long
- #17 - M85.2 – 90 feet long
- #18 - M85.0 – 180 feet long
- M83.8 – Myra Station

Mileages on the old CPR Carmi Subdivision and bridge lengths listed are from CPR data in the 1970's. Thanks to Roger Burrows, author of *Railway Mileposts: British Columbia*, for supplying this data.





# Membership Application Form

**Print, fill in and return to:**  
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 Phone: (604) 737-3188 - Fax: (604) 738-7175  
 Please make cheque or money order to "Trails BC".  
 See below for Visa or MasterCard payment.

Name of Individual, Group or Associate:		Phone:
Mailing Address:		Fax:
City / Province:		Renewal: Yes _____ No _____
Postal Code:	Country:	<b>Individual (\$20.00):</b> _____
Contact Name:		<b>Group (\$100.00):</b> _____
E-mail:		<b>Associate (\$100.00):</b> _____
Applicant's primary activities:		<b>Donation:</b> _____
<b>Trestle &amp; Trail Building Fund</b> This fund will support rebuilding the Myra Canyon Trestles as well as the peripheral Trans Canada Trail infrastructure such as repairing route damage, replacing trail marker signs and installing route maps.		<b>Trestle &amp; Trail Building Fund</b> <b>Donation:</b> _____
Associates and Groups: May we post your listing on the Trails BC Website? Yes _____ No _____ How many members do you represent? _____		<b>Total Enclosed:</b> _____
<b>Credit Card Number:</b>	<b>Name on Card:</b>	<b>Expiry Date:</b>
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
<b>The Trails Society of British Columbia (Trails BC) is a registered not-for-profit society. Your support is essential for the development of the Trans Canada Trail and related trails in B.C.</b>		
<b>Your financial contributions help develop the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail building skills and opportunities.</li> <li>• Trail registration &amp; mapping.</li> <li>• Fundraising opportunities.</li> </ul>	<b>I am willing to help with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ Trail building labour.</li> <li>• _____ Trail building equipment.</li> <li>• _____ Trail mapping.</li> <li>• _____ Trail maintenance.</li> <li>• _____ Trail user programming.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ Fundraising.</li> <li>• _____ Administration.</li> <li>• _____ Member services.</li> <li>• _____ Events.</li> <li>• _____ Public relations.</li> <li>• _____ Training.</li> <li>• _____ Presentations to groups.</li> </ul>
Please use the back of the form to comment on how that Trails BC can best meet your needs and how you may be able to assist in recreational trail development in British Columbia. <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A charitable tax receipt will be issued for donations in addition to the membership fee.          Memberships are valid from January 1st to December 31st.          Note: Applications received July 1 or later will be enrolled until December 31 of the following year.          Trails BC Website: <a href="http://www.trailsbc.ca">http://www.trailsbc.ca</a></p>		
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