SAANICH continues to have a long-standing belief in the value of trails and greenways dating back to the 1960’s. The Centennial Trails plans build upon the successes of existing trails and greenways such as the Colquitz River Park, the Galloping Goose Regional Trail, the Lochside Regional Trail, and many neighbourhood trails.

The trails and walkways in Saanich are diverse and provide opportunities for recreation, transportation, exploration, and education. They also provide an important connection between rural and urban Saanich, and the cultural richness of our community.

The Corporation of the District of Saanich celebrated its centenary on March 1st 2006. To honour this milestone, a significant trail and greenways project was envisioned. The “Centennial Trails 2006 and Beyond” is a multi-year plan to develop or improve nearly 45 km of trails by making connections north-south and east-west to all geographic areas of the community.

GLENDALE TRAIL

In partnership with the Glendale Gardens and Woodland formerly known as the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific, Camosun College and Vancouver Island Technology Park (University of Victoria), the existing trail was improved to accommodate many different trail interests. The trail, entirely on land formerly known as Glendale Lodge, connects the Royal Oak Trail to the Interurban Rail Trail providing a unique transition from urban Saanich to rural Saanich.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

From here, moving along the trail to the northwest, you will encounter open meadows, second growth forests, wetlands and educational points of interest. At the Quayle Road crossing you can go to the west to connect with the Interurban Rail Trail or go east for a visit to the Glendale Gardens and Woodland. Taking the trail east, you will pass through the Layritz Park and onto the Royal Oak Trail. Using other trails to the north you can reach Quick’s Bottom Park or head south to Camosun College and the Pacific Sport Institute.