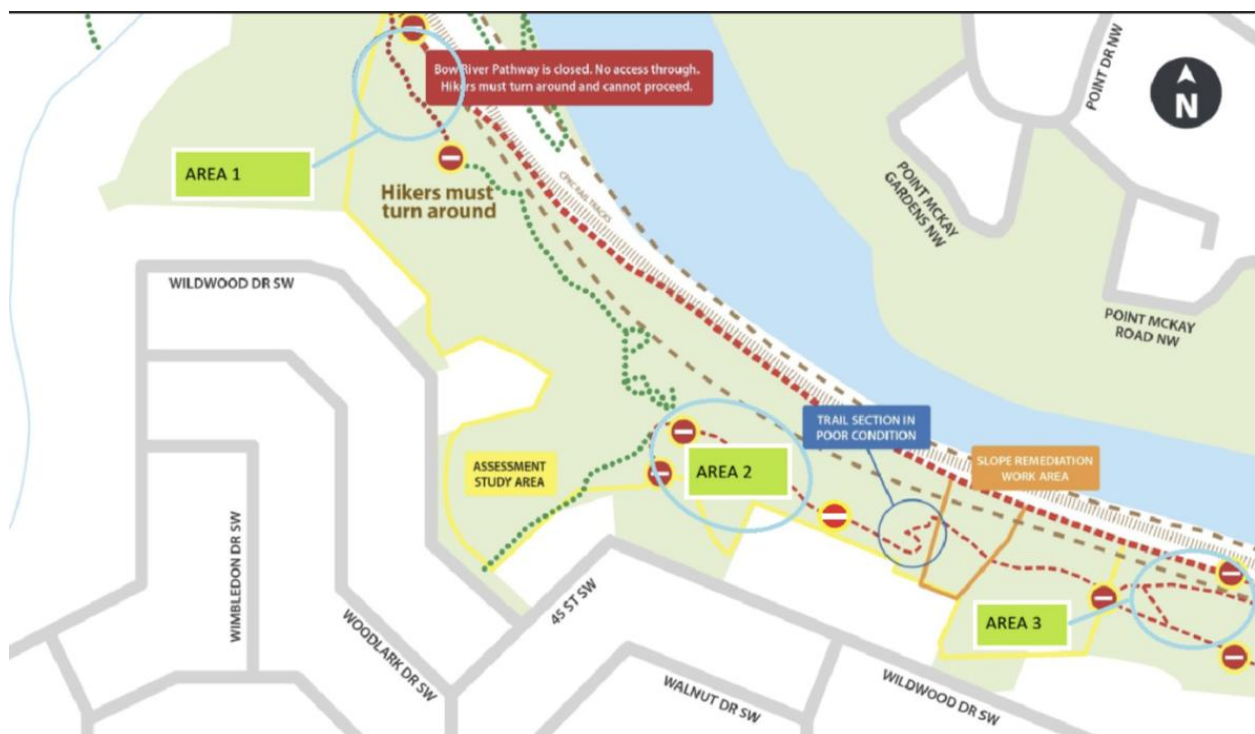


Douglas Fir Trail Project update: Partial trail reopening & public engagement

The City is reopening additional portions of the Douglas Fir Trail. We know how important this trail is to Calgarians, and we appreciate the community’s patience, care and continued interest as work continues. Our goal remains to reopen the Douglas Fir Trail safely and sustainably, while protecting trail users, construction crews and the surrounding natural environment.

What is reopening

Please refer to the map below for the sections that will be opened and the sections that will remain closed.



Some sections will remain closed due to trail conditions, slope stability concerns, or proximity to active construction. Other sections will reopen as current conditions have improved with reduced seasonal hazards. While trespassing remains a concern, it



appears to be more manageable resulting in The City being comfortable with the reopening of additional trail sections on a trial basis.

The western section of the trail, shown as *Area 1 (western section)* on the map, closed during the winter due to icy conditions and concerns related to the turnaround point being close to the active project site. Following recent inspection, the City has decided to reopen this section with a posted turnaround point.

Area 2 was previously closed to avoid directing hikers into a section with no available detour or clear turnaround option. This section will now reopen in a similar way to Area 1, with a posted turnaround point in place.

Area 3 (eastern section) is also reopening. This section previously led into a closed construction area; however, with this reopening, the City will provide a trail loop that will allow users to enjoy the area while also offering a clear detour alternative.

The City is also reopening these sections on a trial basis to help provide clearer access routes, reduce confusion for trail users and support compliance with posted closures near the active construction area. The closures will continue to be monitored and may change depending on site conditions, construction activities and user compliance.

What remains closed

Some sections of the trail will remain closed (please refer to the map), including areas near the active slope stabilization, access to the construction zone and sections where trail conditions remain poor.

The City is currently completing slope stabilization work on a 150-metre section above the Bow River Regional Pathway. This work is expected to continue through December 2026 and includes slope strengthening, slope monitoring equipment installation, and natural habitat restoration.

Please follow posted signs



Trail access remains conditional and may change depending on weather, trail conditions, construction activity and compliance with posted closures.

We kindly ask all trail users to follow signs, stay out of closed areas and avoid entering the construction zone. Respecting closures helps protect public safety, keeps crews safe and supports the City's ability to keep portions of the trail open where possible.

Upcoming engagement – beginning June 15

The City is planning for the safe, long-term reopening of the Douglas Fir Trail.

To support this work, we are undertaking detailed design to explore future trail repair options. We want to understand what matters most to the community as these options are developed, including safety, environmental protection, accessibility and the overall trail experience.

The first in-person and online opportunity to engage starts on June 15.

The project team will be present at Ward 6 Townhall on June 15 from 6:00 pm to 09:00 p.m. and this will coincide with the first phase of the public engagement for the Douglas Fir Trail. This first phase will focus on Values & Priorities and will be opened from June 15 to July 20.

At the engagement you will be able to tell us what matters most to you; share your ideas and priorities; learn about the project and future trail repair options; help shape the future of the trail

Feedback from Calgarians will help inform how future trail repair options are developed, reviewed and refined within technical, safety and environmental requirements.

How to get involved:

Complete the online survey or join us at an in-person event (**June 15 - July 20, 2026**)

Engage online: engage.calgary.ca/DFT

If you have questions, please email us: engage@calgary.ca

Construction update

Slope stabilization work is progressing well (see Slope Remediation Work Area at the map). Approximately 20% of the soil anchors have been installed and the construction crew is working hard to maintain the pace. Those anchors are critical to the overall slope



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improvement we are conducting. The next few months will be focusing on this soil anchoring scope prior to moving to the water management one.

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