



# Mono Cliffs

Management Plan  
Minor Amendment

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**MONO CLIFFS PROVINCIAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
May 2000

**ISSUE:** Minor amendment to *Mono Cliffs Provincial Park Management Plan* to provide an east/west, shared-use trail link from the Cliff Top Trail to the 1<sup>st</sup> Line of Mono.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this east/west trail link is to allow local park access for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing and is not intended to be seen or used as an alternate parking or access area. The park entrance is and will continue to be from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Line EHS, Town of Mono.

**LOCATION:** The proposed trail would enter the park midway on the closed portion of the 1<sup>st</sup> line EHS, between 20<sup>th</sup> sideroad and 25<sup>th</sup> sideroad (see attached map.) The trail leads from this point along an old (abandoned) farm lane to join McCarston's Lake Trail. Following McCarston's Lake Trail to the east will provide access to the Cliff Top Trail (shared-use), the park's existing trail system and special features.

**BACKGROUND:** The proposed trail will be on an old farm lane that had been traditionally used to access Mono Cliffs since the land was acquired in the early 1970's. Local residents had used it in the same way the other three remote access points are used. These remote access points are located where the old parking lots had been prior to the spring of 1999. At these points local hikers, bikers, and horseback riders are allowed "walk in" access, as no parking is available. With the addition of the proposed trail there will be access for local people on all sides of the park.

Closing the "traditional" trail in the west has been an ongoing struggle for park managers, Town of Mono Council and local interest groups. The local Mono Hills Saddle Club was one of the main users of this trail in the past. With the trail closing in 1999, members had concerns of not being able to access the park unless they were willing to ride along municipal roads, to the north or south walk-in gates. Opening this former trail in cooperation with the Town of Mono Council and the Saddle Club is the "best option" in terms of providing outstanding recreational opportunities, and enhancing partnerships. Using the old farm lane for this trail will ensure Ontario Parks' protection mandate is maintained.

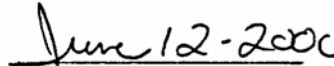
**TRAIL USE:** The proposed trail would be a shared-use trail allowing hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Use on the portion of McCarston's Lake Trail, that connects the proposed trail to the Cliff Top Trail, would be changed from hiking only to shared-use to accommodate this new access.

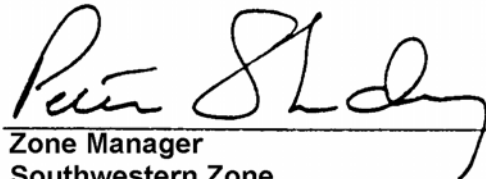
**CONDITIONS:** It is proposed that the Mono Saddle Club enter into an agreement with Ontario Parks to assist in the maintenance and monitoring of the access trail. Implicit in the agreement will be the understanding that no other new trails are created and that off trail use will not occur. To ensure that parking problems do not happen on the 1<sup>st</sup> Line EHS, the Town of Mono has agreed to post the area as a “no parking” area and to enact and enforce the necessary by-laws.

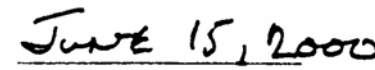
**APPROVAL STATEMENT**

This minor amendment to the *Mono Cliffs Provincial Park Management Plan* is approved to provide an east/west, shared-use trail link from the Cliff Top Trail to the 1<sup>st</sup> Line of Mono.

  
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Park Superintendent  
Mono Cliffs Provincial Park

  
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Zone Manager  
Southwestern Zone


  
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# Mono Cliffs Provincial Park

Figure 3  
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

-  Park Boundary
-  Entrance & Trailhead
-  Hiking, Horseback riding & Bicycling
-  HIKING
-  Hiking (& Bicycling) subject to trail improvements

 Scale  
1:26740

