

Hike NS Annual Report 2019-20

Here are some of the highlights on progress in the four areas of the Hike NS Strategic Plan, covering activities between April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Advocacy

- Had representation on the provincial Trails Strategy Coordinating Group.
- Made recommendations to the Province on trail signage standards.
- Provided input on provincial consultations regarding the Sustainable Prosperity Act, Biodiversity Act, Forestry Practices and Physical Activity Framework.
- Sent a letter urging the Province to protect Owl's Head Provincial Park Reserve.



Hikers enjoy fall's beauty in the Kentville Gorge, hosted by the Town of Kentville in October 2019 (photo credit: George Anderson).

Promotion

- Held the Fall 2019 Guided Hike Series and Winter 2020 Guided Hike Series across NS including 97 events for 1,895 participants organized by 60 partners.
- The new Hiker Challenge, launched in September 2019, involves five challenges and badges to earn. There were 200 badges earned by families, youth groups or individuals since the launch.
- In May 2019 a representative from IAT-NS attended the International Appalachian Trail Annual General Meeting of the North American Chapters in Maine.
- The Lunenburg County Hikers organized a Choco-Walk fundraiser for Hike NS in February 2020.
- Hike NS partnered with Goose Lane Editions on a talk by author Michael Haynes in Halifax in July, highlighting his new book The Best of the Great Trail Volume 2



Snowshoers take in the sights in Chéticamp, from the Skyline Trail to Blueberry Mountain, hosted by Les Hikers in February 2020 (photo credit: Daniel Aucoin).

