



# 2018 Spring Newsletter



## IMBA Canada Trail Audit Results

We were pleased to have the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) conduct an audit of the Hydrocut Trail network this past December. The audit was completed to evaluate how well our trails adhere to the IMBA trail building guidelines. The Hydrocut trails passed the audit with only a few recommendations for changes, including:

- Improved filters at the start of Adam's Run, Kamikaze and the Expert section of Sweet Street.** The new filters will be similar to that at the start of the Godzilla trail. The intent of these filters is to provide riders with an indication of the skill level required on the trail and to prevent riders without the necessary skills from inadvertently accessing them
- Re-routing of one of the Kamikaze trails.** Currently, the Expert and Blue lines on this trail crisscross each other which presents a potential safety concern. As such, we will be keeping the Expert line and building a new Blue trail, which will be called "Fluffy Bunny", adjacent to Kamikaze. Both Kamikaze and Fluffy Bunny will begin and end at the same place.



## Trail Day

**Saturday, May 12:** Building new filters on expert trails, fixing muddy causeway on Dagmar and starting Fluffy Bunny trail build

**Start Time:** 8:30am @ Snyder's Parking Lot

Coffee & light breakfast provided by Ziggy's Cycle. Post-Trail Day BBQ hosted by King Street Cycles

**How to get involved:** Go to <http://thehydrocut.ca/mtb/trails/wcc-trail-day-signup> to signup



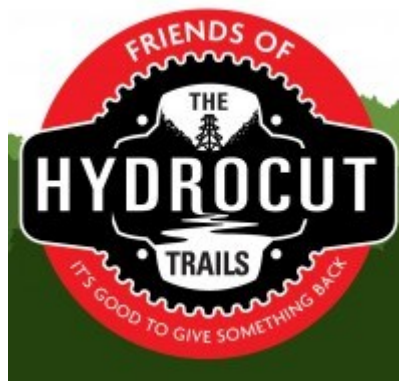
## Friends of the Hydrocut

Much of the work to maintain and improve the trail network at the Hydrocut is made possible by donations. Show your support by donating to the Friends of the Hydrocut program. A few of the ways that funds will be used in 2018 are for the purchase of:

- **Weedwackers:** To improve our ability to keep on top of overgrowth that affects the trails each summer
- **Chainsaws:** To make it faster to remove fallen trees that block the trails
- **Armour Stones:** To improve drainage on the trails, minimizing trail closures

### Ways to Donate:

1. Donation boxes available at King Street Cycles and Ziggy's Cycle
2. Donation posts at the Glasgow St and Snyder's Rd trail heads
3. Purchasing a Friends of the Hydrocut Badge (\$25) **Coming Soon! Stay Tuned for more details!**



## Demo Days



Take the opportunity to try out the latest bikes!

Demo days will be happening from the Glasgow entrance of the Hydrocut (unless otherwise posted), throughout May.

**Wednesday, May 16:** King Street Cycles will be hosting a Norco Demo Day

**Wednesday, May 23 (4-8pm):** Try out bikes from your favourite brands available through:





## Spring Riding

The winter thaw brings muddy trails. In order to keep the trails fun for riding, please stay off of them when they are closed.

The trails are being checked frequently to determine when they are ready to be ridden. Some trails take longer to dry out than others. Trails that are wet (such as Dagmar, Creepy Corner, Stinky Girl, Frankenstein and The Bride) may remain closed while other trails in the network are open. This will allow riding to happen sooner, rather than waiting for all trails to be ready. Please respect the trail closures by only riding on trails that are open.



## Kamikaze T-Shirt

### Limited Edition Kamikaze T-Shirts



\$25—All proceeds support the trails

Get yours before they are sold out!

Pre-release at May 12 Trail Day

Available at our partner retailers May 15:



## Motorized Vehicles

ATVs and dirt bikes have been damaging the trails this spring. Motorized vehicles of any kind are not permitted at the Hydrocut. The WCC Trails Committee is working with the Region of the Waterloo to find a sustainable solution to keep motorized vehicle traffic off of the trails.



If you see motorized vehicles on the Hydrocut trails, please report the incident by emailing:

[info@thehydrocut.ca](mailto:info@thehydrocut.ca)

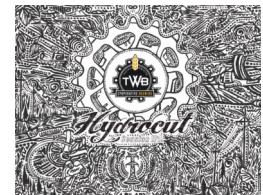
Please identify where the vehicles were spotted and, if possible, their license plate numbers.

## Special Events

### TWB Hydrocut Beer Release Party

Saturday, May 26 @ TWB Brewing (300 Mill St #1, Kitchener) from 12pm to 9pm

This will be a family-friendly event with activities for all ages until 5pm



## Stinky Girl May Get Stinkier

Construction work has commenced at the Waterloo Landfill Site, adjacent to the Hydrocut. The work is expected to be completed by October 2018. During the excavation phase, there may be some additional odour encountered, especially on trails adjacent to the construction. Please be mindful when riding on the Landfill side that construction equipment may be present, especially on weekdays.



There is no anticipated impact to the trail system as a result of this construction.

## Did You Know?

Over **2,500** volunteer hours were recorded at the Hydrocut in 2017 and **27%** of those that completed the 2017 Rider Engagement Survey indicated that they have volunteered.

