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A GNB Designated Trail offers a quality experience that is designed to draw visitors from outside the province as opposed to a recreational trail system that is primarily used by local residents.

- Comply with all government legislation and by-laws.
- Open to public.
- Consistent hours of operation (food, fuel, accommodation).
- Online presence must exist (such as: website, Facebook, Twitter).
- E-mail address and telephone number (point of contact).
- Ease of public access to site.
- Be attractive as a tourism destination. Unique beauty and vistas along the trail exist which provide superior viewing and photographic opportunities.
- Appropriate tourism amenities such as restrooms, restaurant, and accommodations on site or in proximity (within 2 Km of trailhead for non-motorized, within 5 Km for motorized).
- Legal access to fuel (for ORVs), food and accommodations at appropriate intervals.
- Consistent and suitable on-premise (trail head) and trail signs (interpretive and directional).
- Easily accessible paper and electronic maps clearly showing trail locations, services, trailheads and tourism features.
- Trail maps should also be posted at trail heads and at strategic locations along trail.
- Parking provided on site, or be located close to properly appointed parking areas that are accessible and visible from the Trailhead.
- Liability insurance.
- Trail surface and infrastructure receives regular maintenance (trail inspection schedule).
- ORV rental for users is possible/desirable.
- Commitment to environmental stewardship.
- Potential to connect to the GNB Designated Trail Network.
- Demonstrate municipal support for access to services or public lands.

### **Off-Road Vehicle Managed Trail (as defined in the *Off-Road Vehicle Act*):**

In order for a trail to become an ORV managed trail, it must meet the guidelines as set out in the *Off-Road Vehicle Act* as follows:

#### **ATV:**

*“All-terrain vehicle managed trail means the entire groomed or otherwise maintained surface width of a trail, or any portion thereof, that is identified as an all-terrain vehicle managed trail by signage posted or erected in accordance with the requirements established in an agreement made between the Minister of Natural Resources and the all-terrain vehicle trail manager.”*

**Snowmobile:**

*“motorized snow vehicle managed trail” means the entire groomed surface width of a trail, or any portion thereof, that is identified as a motorized snow vehicle managed trail by signage posted or erected in accordance with the requirements established in an agreement made between the Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture and the motorized snow vehicle trail manager;*

If the proposed trail runs along Crown Lands, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure roads or other government owned property, permission to use this property must be applied for through the Provincial Trail Planning Committee by the New Brunswick All-Terrain Vehicle Federation (NBATVF) or the New Brunswick Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (NBFSC).

If the property is privately owned, the NBATVF or the NBFSC must be granted written or documented verbal permission by the owner of the property.

If there is a combination of land ownerships along the proposed trail, all property owners must be contacted for written or verbal permission to use the property.