

## Walking map for city center trails

Blue lines: Airport  
 Pink lines: Above-the-airport  
 Green lines: Downtown/Riverdale  
 Thick red lines are clay cliff routes

Distances are approximate

This map allows a person to identify a set of walks, both for recreation as well as in a more conventional 'active transportation' sense. It's also to encourage people in other parts of the city to look at their neighbourhood's walkability.

Map created for [www.whitehorsewalks.com](http://www.whitehorsewalks.com), a website with a focus on building a stronger walking community in Whitehorse.

In 2009, the City of Whitehorse participated in a national exercise to increase 'walkability.' *Canada Walks Master Class, Case Study: City of Whitehorse*. From the report:

"In preparation for the Master Class, cities were asked to clarify why they became involved and what their hopes and expectations were. The responses from Whitehorse were as follows:

### • Why do you want to be involved?

- We have invested significantly in active transportation infrastructure, now we want to see a shift from recreational walking to walking for Active Transportation (AT)
- We are looking for an outside critique on what we have accomplished, what our strengths are and what we need to improve on if we want to attain a vision of a more walkable, sustainable community

### • How can the Master Class help you?

- Learn how to better utilize our existing paths and trails
- Engage community groups in promoting AT
- Integrate walking policy into key documents and plans

### • What do you want to achieve for your community short term/long term?

- Explore ways to connect major facilities with walkable areas
- Ingrate active transportation into complete neighbourhood design"

From the report's recommendations:

### "Improved integration of networks

Communities have the right to a network of connected, direct and easy to follow walking routes which are safe, comfortable, attractive and well maintained, linking their homes, shops, schools, parks, public transport interchanges, green spaces and other important destinations.

### Key findings

Whitehorse has already built some very high quality trails and walking links out from the downtown, including the river trail/Trans Canada Trail, the escarpment steps and up Two Mile Hill. These good systems need to be linked in more directly to residential communities and promoted for everyday active travel."

