

## Powerline – Heartbreak, 3.4 km

*This loop gives a quick, healthy walk in hills with inspiring views!*

*The loop can be walked in the opposite (counterclockwise) direction, but you'll do a lot of downhills on more rubbly or slippery slopes.*

**Trailhead:** *There's offroad space at the #1 trailhead for parking. You can also park at the Rotary Centennial Bridge parking lot by the power substation, it's about 400 m to the trail. And, there's many entrances to the powerline through the neighbourhood.*

**1:** Lots of trails run along the powerline corridor; it's easiest to follow the main dirt track. You'll pass many trails on the left heading into the neighbourhoods. The utility buildings on the right are associated with our city's water supply wells.

**2:** After about 1.75 km you'll approach a big hill with the powerline going abruptly up, turn right and follow the trail through the motorized vehicle barriers and go up Peewee Hill. The trail can be slippery in places with icy snow or muddy clay. Hiking poles can make this easier and safer. *The muddy, icy, slippery Peewee Hill could use some walkers lobbying for making this safer.*

**3:** At the top, there's a city trail post and the first of the viewpoints on this hike. You'll gain about 50 m in elevation in the next 600 m of the appropriately named Heartbreak Hill.

**4:** There's a nice viewpoint here where you can catch your breath.

**5:** The next viewpoint. As the trail goes down the hill it gets a bit braided. Avoid the one to the left as it's slippery with rubbly rock.

**6:** This is a nice place to overlook Riverdale. In the background are Pilot and Flat mountains. Over the next 500 m route along the edge of the road, you'll descend 35 m.

*An all-season switchback below the saddle between Heartbreak Hill and the Dam Hill would make the boring, scary descent along the downhill, gravel Chadburn Lake Road unnecessary.*

