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LETTER: Trail use designations need to be respected

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A sign at the bottom of Quarry Court trail designates usage. Photo supplied

Dear Editor:

Your Jan. 7 online story about a local woman setting traps on the trails of Mount Fromme hit close to home. I live nearby and hike the trails regularly, including Quarry Court trail.

Over the past year I've personally cleared Quarry Court of logs and other obstructions, sometimes numerous times per week, and I applaud the initiative of the two mountain bikers who discovered the perpetrator.

However, you missed one point in the story as reported. While Lower Skull is a designated bike trail, the close-by Quarry Court is designated hiking only.

You've published a photo of the sign marking Lower Skull for biking, I'm sending a photo of the sign at the bottom of Quarry Court trail.

There is no sign at the top of Quarry Court as approximately 18 months ago the signpost was ripped out and now lies nearby in the bush.

It's important for all of us who use the trails to respect others, and part of that means respecting the trail use designations.

I'm grateful to those who stood up to this individual, but I do wonder how mountain bikers came across traps set on a walking only trail?

Perhaps they didn't know it was hiking only, as the sign at the top is missing.

I hope that now the trails are cleared once and for all of traps and obstructions, users regard others and use the trails as designated.

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