

CHAPTER TWO UPDATES

THESE UPDATES SUPERCEDE INFORMATION IN THE GUIDE.

The guide to the Cariboo Waggon Road will be launched soon as a living document online. Until then, refer to these updates and guide in pdf format.

Mileages quoted in guide will not match against new distances in these updates.

Updated mid-June 2021

51 Mile Update

- At km 79.7 (p 56 of the guide), cyclists and hikers/trekkers **may not access** the CWR through private property at this time. You must continue along Highway 97.
- From 51-Mile pullout, travel 2.8 km north.
- As you approach the railway overpass, cross Highway 97 and watch for remnant of **old** highway on left that runs underneath the railway.
- Follow old highway north 1 km to junction with Big Bar Lake Road. This is a much safer alternative to traveling on the overpass, which has little shoulder for cyclists or hikers.
- Turn left/west onto Big Bar Lake Road. Travel 1.6 km to intersection of CWR, (km 87.3, p 60). GPS: 51°08'54.61" N 121°31'15.32" W. Elevation: 1147 m.
- Turn left/south or right/north to travel the CWR.
- Option 1: turn left/south. Travel 1.9 km to explore the old road and tunnel/culvert as detailed at km 85 (p 59). Otherwise, head north.
- Option 2: turn right/north and travel the CWR for approximately 4.7 km. Elevation: 1094 m.
- Watch for dirt track heading right/east, which takes you back to Highway 97. If you reach No Trespassing/Private Property signs, you have gone too far.
- Turn right/east onto dirt track, passing through two gates. Highway 97 is directly in front of second gate. It should be about 200 m on the dirt track from the old road to the highway.
- Cross the highway. Travel .6 km north to the turnoff for Chasm Provincial Park (km 92.6, p 61).
- Thanks to Roy Klupp for allowing travelers through his private property to access the CWR.
- Watch for new signage, gates and cattle guards in summer 2021.



Private Property/No Trespassing signs at GPS 51°11'21.90" N by 121°31'38.01" W.

Chasm Road note

- At km 104.7 (p 68), watch for old road coming in at this Y-junction. A few travelers have missed the turnoff and ended up continuing along the forest service road.
- The intersection is a Y-junction; take the left fork, which has a weathered, yellow, diamond-shaped, porcupine-chewed, Cariboo Waggon Road sign on a tree near the fork. The main branch continues as the Clinton–Loon Lake Forest Service Road.
- More clues: the CWR is a wide dirt road, whereas the main branch is a gravel resource road. Also, watch for “Chasm 10” sign, which you will pass *before* you get to Y-junction.



Watch for weathered CWR sign on the left fork of Y-junction at km 104.7

North of Stormy Road update

- Between km 130 (p 79) and km 131.9 (p 81), trail work is being done to facilitate the use of this route by cyclists and hikers/trekkers.
- Follow all directions in the guide. Description of the route being impassable and needing clearing will be passable and cleared by the time you get there!
- Watch for new signage and trail in summer 2021.



Steve Law, Contractor; Gord Rattray, New Pathways to Gold CEO; Richard Wright, Project Manager discussing trail building needs for 2 km section of CWR route north of Stormy Road.

83 Mile bypass to Mount Begbie update

- At km 135.9 (p 85), there are two options for continuing in the direction of the CWR up to Mount Begbie.
- Option 1: cross the highway and ride north .6 km to 83 Mile Creek Road.
- Turn right. Travel 150 m to Begbie Road on the left.
- Turn left. Head uphill .7 km. Road comes to a dead end.
- Ahead is a steep bank that follows the power line. Climb this bank and continue along power line to berm. Climb over berm and you will be on the old highway, now called Lookout Road.
- Travel north on Lookout Road to Mt. Bebgie parking lot (elevation 1220 m).
- Trail work is planned on this bank and along power line to Lookout Road. Watch for new signage and trail here in summer 2021.
- Option 2: cross the highway and ride north (along highway) to Mount Begbie turnoff.



Contractor, Steve Law pacing out the CWR trail along the power line south of Mount Begbie



Top of the bank looking south to dead end of Begbie Road and Highway 97.
Watch for new, accessible trail here in summer 2021