



*"the trailrider was **lighter** because you were in it."*



*"it's like a part of my **soul** that I didn't know was there is awake now"*



*"it changes the way we see **recreation...** that it's not for the few, it's for everyone"*



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## push to open nature initiative

With teamwork, creativity, and determination, we can break down barriers and make it possible for all Albertans to connect with Alberta Provincial Parks. There are many ways to get involved with the push to open nature initiative this summer, and all your efforts and abilities will be appreciated. We are seeking volunteers for all events, year-round push to open ambassadors, and new members of the push to open nature society. Contact us to request a volunteer information form.

- July 17**      **Banded Peak Challenge**, Elbow Valley, Kananaskis Country  
join the push to open team in this mountaineering race in support of Easter Seals Camp Horizon
- July 18**      **Canada Parks Day**, Bow Valley Provincial Park, Kananaskis Country  
a free afternoon showcase of Kananaskis Country partners and adaptive recreation
- August 3 - 7**      **Adaptive Kananaskis Challenge**, Peter Lougheed Provincial Park  
a challenging five-day adaptive backcountry excursion in the Canadian Rocky Mountains
- August 6 - 8**      **Adaptive Kananaskis Challenge**, William Watson Lodge, Upper Lake Day Use  
a weekend of adaptive frontcountry trips on land and water, and an adaptive recreation showcase
- August 27-29**      **Adaptive Parkland Challenge**,  
Eagle Point Provincial Park and Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area, Drayton Valley  
a community event promoting inclusion in a variety of nature-based and outdoor recreation activities



We are excited to collaborate with many agencies and community leaders to open the wilderness, and we invite your agency to be part of push to open. This year, we are also welcoming our newest explorer partners, Cenovus Energy and Encana Natural Gas.