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New hiking challenge features Keppoch Mountain

Keppoch Mountain is a hidden gem in Antigonish offering year round outdoor recreation with 40 km of wilderness trails. Now there's a new challenge highlighting this gem with a badge to earn at the end.

Janet Barlow, Hike NS Executive Director, says that Keppoch is something you have to experience in Antigonish if you love the outdoors. "After highlighting Keppoch Mountain at the 2024 Hiking Summit, I can't stress enough just how wonderful a destination it is. It's got lovely trails. And I'll never forget the sunset view from the top."

"Keppoch has the most beautiful, well-maintained trails in the Antigonish area," says Roz Jutras, Keppoch Manager of Operations. "The Keppoch Mountain hiking badge can serve as a guide for visitors to explore our best hiking trails and get a scenic overview of the land. In addition, there are detailed maps and signage by the lodge and on the trails to assist in directing visitors on their hike."

Earning the Keppoch Mountain Hiker Challenge badge means exploring a selection of its best hiking trails, approximately 23 km total distance, which you complete over the course of a year. Once you've earned the badge, you can order it online through [Hike NS](#). Badges are \$5 for Hike NS paid members or \$7.50 for non-members.

The Hiker Challenge is about inspiring, motivating and rewarding hikers to start hiking or to hike more. Your reward for completing a challenge is a badge to show off on clothing or backpacks and making the Honour Roll. Prize draws happen each season for gift cards generously provided by The Trail Shop. There are 21 badges to earn across the province as part of the Hiker Challenge. Learn more at www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects-hiker-challenge.

To help launch the Keppoch Mountain badge, folks are encouraged to join in on the [launch event](#) happening on Saturday, June 28 at 10 am at Keppoch (registration required).

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