

**Friday, September 5**

The perfect day for a trail builder

Hands-on trail building workshops in the morning, followed by the **Trail Sentinel work bee** alongside the experts from the Symposium!

From 8 am to noon, each participant will be able to attend 3 workshops of their choice from a range of available topics.

“New School” Trails: Jump Design, Flow & Freeride

Simon Drouin and Alexandre Duquette,
Wolf Bike Park

Goal: Learn how to design modern, flowy, and safe trails adapted to various user profiles.

This workshop is primarily theoretical. Freeride trail and jump design remains largely undocumented, leaving much room for the builder’s intuition and experience. With that in mind, how can we design jump lines that are consistent and coherent for riders?

Advanced Rock Armoring Techniques

Steeve Houde and Stéphane Perron,
Dig SDM leaders

Goal: Master safe and efficient rock-handling techniques to stabilize technical trail sections in natural terrain.

This workshop includes demonstrations, hands-on practice, knowledge-sharing, and an approach rooted in environmental sustainability.

Wooden Structures: Design, Safety & Durability

Félix St-Jacques Bédard, InnovSentier

Goal: Explore safe design and assembly standards for wooden features in trail networks.

This workshop is practical and interactive, taking place directly on the ground. It will also showcase innovation with advanced mechanical tools for sustainable trail building.

Building Natural Minimalist Trails

Patrick Perreault, Dig-It Trailbuilding

Goal: (Re)discover the art of building narrow, technical trails while ensuring long-term durability.

This workshop takes the form of a forest walk to observe site potential, recognize natural elements, and read the terrain in order to propose trail lines that reflect the character of the place and support trail sustainability.

Immersive Signage & Safety: More Than Just a Sign

Jérôme Pelland, Baere

Goal: Explore best practices in signage to create a coherent, intuitive, and safe user experience.

This workshop is held as a trail walk, encouraging discussion and exchange around advanced concepts and signage needs in trail networks.

Designing Trails That Leave a Mark

Glenn Jacobs, World Trail

Goal: Gain insight into Glenn Jacobs’ vision—rooted in technique but above all in a trail philosophy centered on respect for nature, rider enjoyment, and sustainability.

This workshop takes place as a guided forest walk with one of the most internationally renowned trail designers. Learning directly from his expertise is a chance to be mentored by a true pioneer in the field—a rare, valuable, and deeply enriching opportunity for any trail professional.