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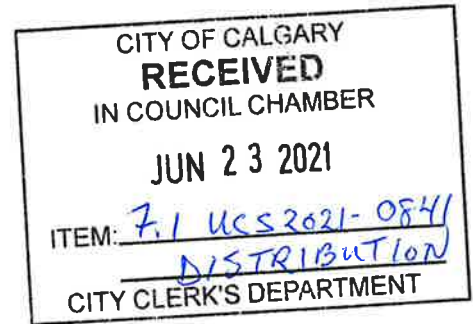
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) The Environment Strategy at SPC UCS

Date of meeting Jun 23, 2021



I hope the Environment Strategy will contain a plan with respect to the use of mountain bikes in our wild areas. Allowing mountain bikes to be ridden down a park's slopes is the reverse of protection and stewardship of the natural environment. The 2 parks I know well and whose terrain I have observed being carved and destroyed by mountain bikes are Nose Hill and Bowmont.

Nose Hill Park

When it comes to Nose Hill the City created the Trail & Pathways Plan 2005 and installed a small number of paths on the Hill slopes with a view to reducing the effect of foot traffic on the delicate undisturbed slopes of the Hill. If you look at the attached maps (Calgary Mountain Bike Alliance bike trails and the official Nose hill pathways) you will see that the biking community is just making a mockery of the Parks' department plans and recommendations. I can attest that the spider web of trails mapped by Trail Forks on the slopes of Nose Hill does indeed exist and that there are more trails than those mapped. The slopes of Nose Hill are worth protecting. They contain native shrubs and grasslands, which though valuable in their own right also provide foraging, breeding and nesting areas for wildlife. These newly carved by bike trails destroy native vegetation and erode the fabric of the Park. Perhaps the aggressive behavior by coyotes this year on Nose Hill is caused by the coyotes having nowhere to go that isn't disturbed by bikes.

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Bowmont Park

The situation in Bowmont Park is similar. Bikes are carving new paths down all the hillsides.

1. Attached image "Bowmont hillside trails". This photo shows the official path (red) down to the nautilus pond plus the new trails (blue) that bikes have recently carved into the hill.

Bikes are so destructive to hills. The tires skid and dig into the ground to get a grip. Then rain further erodes this newly formed channel. Unfortunately, hills are the most fun to ride therefore the bikers are drawn to them. Certain hills have features that bikers enjoy/learn from and are used repeatedly to hone technique.

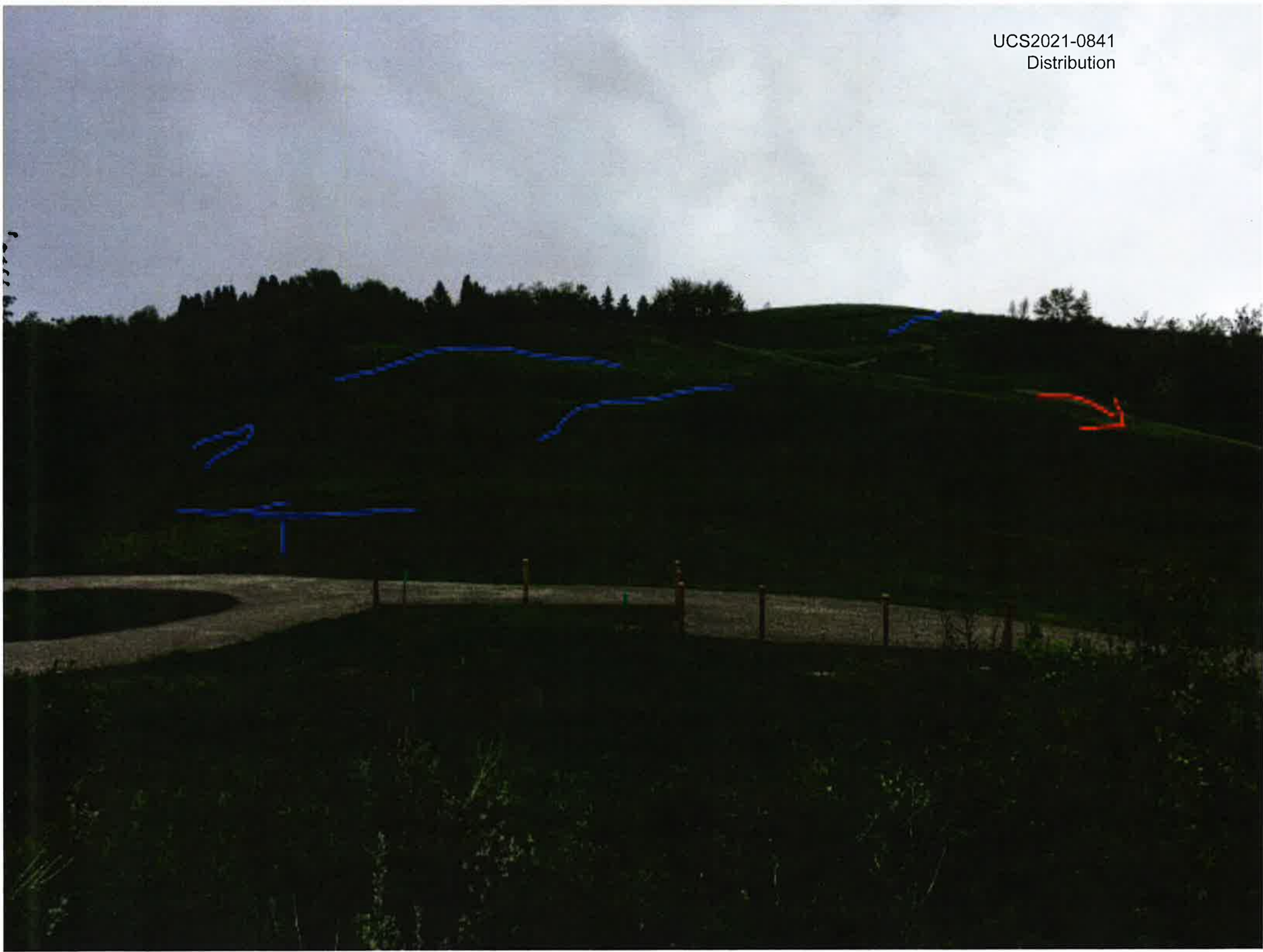
2. Attached image "Carved trail" shows that the original trail to the right has been ridden and ridden until it has become too deep to ride and so a parallel trail has been created.

3. Attached image " Bike jump area" shows that the biking community have taken over this piece of hillside and woodland (about 450m due east of the nautilus pond) creating jumps and obstacles to train on.

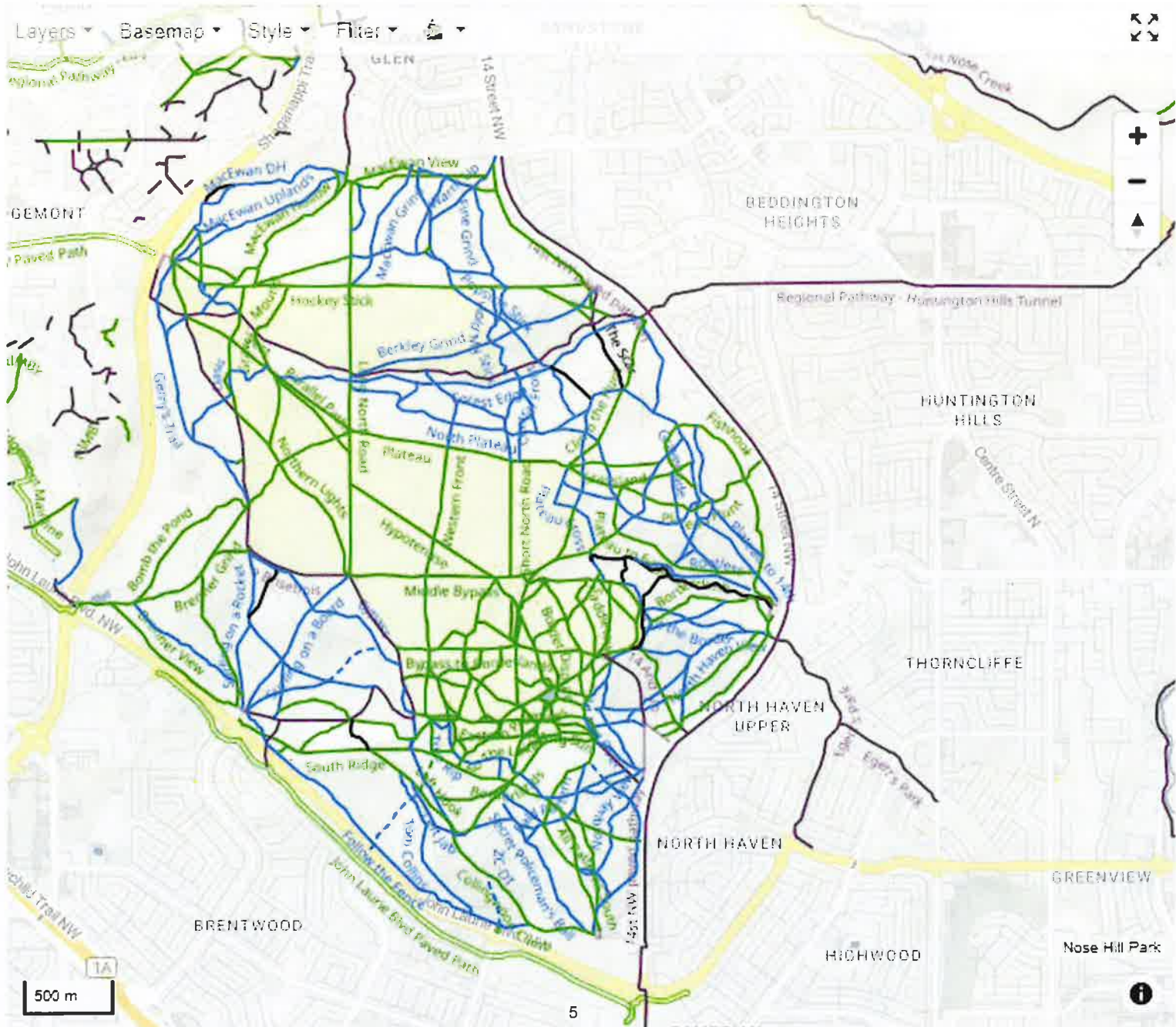
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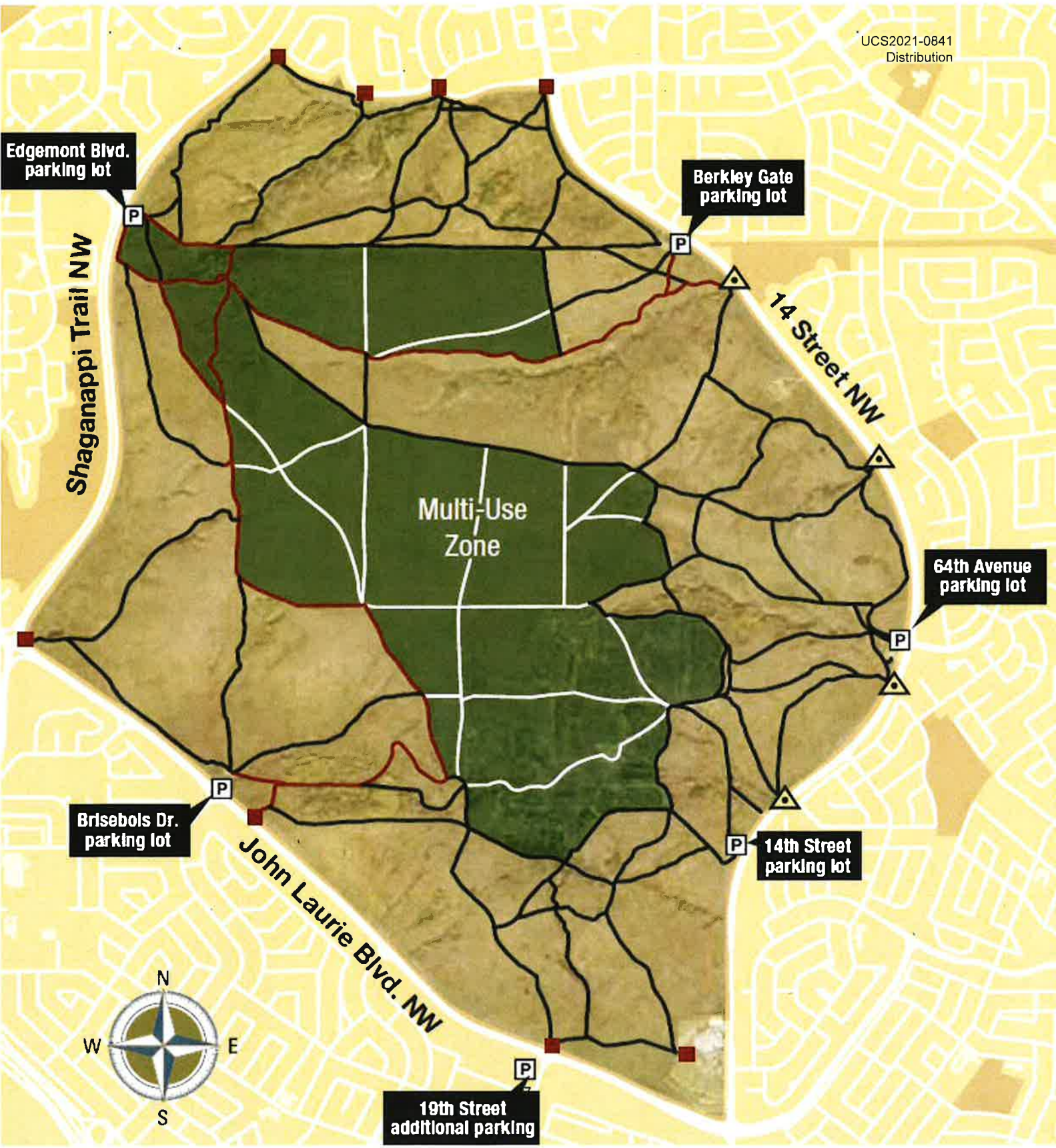




Nose Hill Park is one of the most popular local riding areas, with amazing views of Calgary, and easy access for riders in the NW.







Edgemont Blvd.
parking lot

Berkley Gate
parking lot

Shaganappi Trail NW

14 Street NW

Multi-Use
Zone

64th Avenue
parking lot

Brisebols Dr.
parking lot

John Laurie Blvd. NW

14th Street
parking lot

19th Street
additional parking

