Your feet won't cross the trestle until at least late spring

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Dear editor

I was delighted to see such a wonderful story about the rehabilitation of the historic Kinsol Trestle in your newspaper this week. Everyone involved in this tremendous project deserves the accolades they are receiving and I'm happy to know people across B.C. and Canada are hearing about it.

But I do want to clarify one issue and that is the question of when the public will be able to cross the completed Kinsol Trestle.

The trestle will not be open to the public at the end of March, although substantive rehabilitation work will be completed by then on the core elements of the structure. However, the area will remain an active construction zone and full access to the trestle itself will not be available until all work is completed and it is safe for the public to use this unique part of our history.

An official re-opening, when the public will be able to use the new rehabilitated Trestle as part of the Cowichan Valley Trail experience is planned for late spring or early summer 2011. An exact date will be announced closer to the actual time.

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