Grandes-Fourches network looking for bike patrollers

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Destination Sherbrooke is looking for people with good interpersonal skills and concern for the safety of cyclists in the Sherbrooke area to become volunteer bike patrollers.

The tourism agency is looking for active members to complete its volunteer patrol, which oversees the Grandes-Fourches cycling network throughout the summer season.

Bike patrollers are volunteers who provide assistance and guidance to cyclists throughout the Sherbrooke cycling network. "Whether you're 18 or 70, ride an average of 100 or 1,000 km a year makes no difference. The patrol is looking for people with varied schedules who live all over Sherbrooke," explained Sylvain Roy, a volunteer bike patrol officer.

To get involved, people need only commit to doing three hours of bike patrol a week. They must be at least 18 years old, own a bike and helmet and have a cell phone.

In addition, three preparatory courses are offered to volunteers to enable them to intervene in the fields of first aid, bike mechanics, and tourist information. The selected individuals will have to demonstrate courtesy, interest in physical activity, and a sense of responsibility to the community.

For any questions regarding involvement, or to register, those interested are invited to call 819 821-1919, Ext. 1, or write to the following address: info.patrouilleur@destinationsherbrooke.com.

In 2017, patrollers recorded 1,017 offering tourist information while riding the Grandes-Fourches cycling network. By enriching the cycling experience, they improved visitor reception in Sherbrooke, while contributing to Destination Sherbrooke's mission to develop the tourism industry and the city’s tourist landscape.