



Olkhon trail, part #15

Model Projects

GBT works in accordance with modern methodologies, which allow to balance interests between different users of recreation sites. The GBT is a model project, the successful experience from which (including construction of cabins and camp sites using the latest environmental technologies) could be spread all over Russia.

Monitoring

The Trail could also facilitate a system for permanent environmental monitoring of the whole Baikal coastline. It will be essential to involve volunteers of all ages, including children to collect data using the trail to give access to various sites around the lake.

Communications and Telephone services

It will be necessary to provide tourists with fast phone connection from any part of the Baikal coast, as well as facilitate the exchange of information from the monitoring of Lake Baikal. With this in mind, the GBT will unite resources for establishing quality telephone connections for any part of the Baikal coast.



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The Great Baikal Trail will be the longest environmental trail in all of Europe and Asia and will be located at the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Lake Baikal.

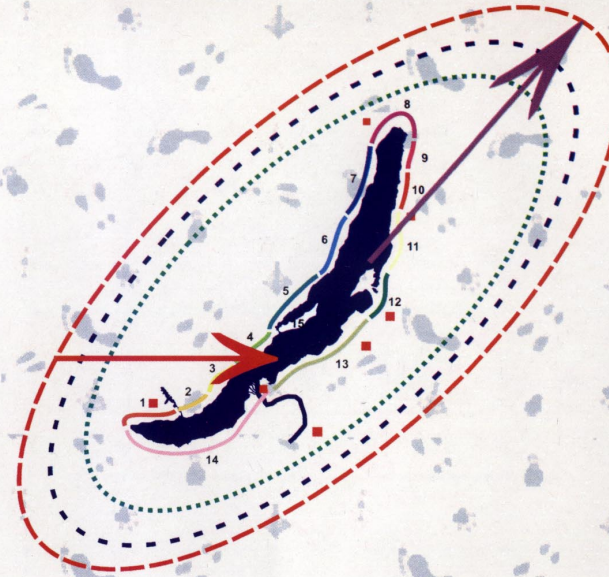
The purpose of the Great Baikal Trail is...

To develop and promote the growth of ecotourism and recreation at Lake Baikal, and build up the infrastructure to support this growth.

Our long term objectives are...

1. To plan for and build the «Great Baikal Trail» (the GBT—please, see the map).
2. To share our successful work experience in developing Information Resource Centers and Bed & Breakfast host networks with others.
3. To educate local communities and help them become more proficient in: a)—using the Internet as a tool for promoting ecotourism, b)—writing grant proposals, c)—constructing and maintaining eco-trails, and d) providing rangers and guides with training for their work. This kind of overall training will be conducted in the Information Centers, or in the field, with special programs for NGO development.
4. To share our accumulated experience in the field of environmental education (for both children and adults) as it applies to the preservation of biodiversity at Lake Baikal.
5. To create a unified information network for the Baikal Trail, using the Internet and mass media outlets, as well as our GBT resource centers; this will include the development, design, and promotion of the GBT.
6. To create a GBT Guidebook using the experience gained while creating the Lake Baikal Guidebook.
7. To create a database of all partners and local initiatives surrounding the Great Baikal Trail, and organize activists groups to facilitate future projects for ecotourism and conservation at Lake Baikal.

Map of GBT



The levels of responsibilities

- Regional (green dashed line)
- Federal (blue dashed line)
- Global (red dashed line)

Experience to Baikal
 Experience of sustainable development from Baikal to other World Heritage Site and Countries
 Real and perspective informational Centers

Portions of the GBT (2100 km)

1. Round Baikal Railroad trail (84km)	13. Davydov's trail (216 km)
2. Listvyanka trail (60km)	14. Khamar-Daban trail (280km)
3. Peschanaya Bay trail (86 km)	15. Olkhon trail (70 km)
4. Tazheranskaya trail (112 km)	
5. Maloe Morie (Little Sea) trail (128 km)	
6. The Coast of Brown Bears trail (141 km)	
7. The Hot Coast trail (124 km)	
8. North Baikal trail (118 km)	
9. Frolikha trail (91 km)	
10. Old Evenk trail (112 km)	
11. Sable trail (79 km)	
12. Barguzin trail (87 km)	

Green Rural Tourism and B&B&B

A well-organized flow of tourists will provide hundreds and thousands of people in the Baikal region with jobs. The network of small hotels and guesthouses located around Baikal (*Baikal&Bed&Breakfast), as well as the services of transportation providers will be in greater demand. Tourism managers, guides, owners of cafes and restaurants will gain additional income.

Souvenirs

Various souvenirs will feature the Baikal Trail. At different parts of the GBT one will be able to buy various souvenirs from traditional Russian, and Siberian cultures, such as: birch bark and local semi-precious stone jewelry; traditional hand made kitchen utensils; local berries: fresh or preserved in jams; mushrooms, siberian pine nuts; smoked, salted, or dried Baikal fish; traditional herb teas, as well as T-shirts, caps... all with the logos of the places one visits!

Volunteers

The organization and coordination of volunteers through the Regional Information Centers will help bring together the parks, nature reserves, and other interested parties around Baikal. Volunteers will be the main force for actually constructing and maintaining the GBT, the ones that will build the bridges and campsites, and keep the trail clear and use-able, etc.

The involvement of children

Special trips and summer camps will be set up for children and teenagers from the Baikal region, from the rest of Russia and the other countries. This will provide for healthy vacations and give reasons for the kids to be proud of their own country. There will also be special holidays and camps for handicapped children.