

# 2017 Birch Report

2017 was had another successful year at Birch, with increased membership, more group rides, improved mapping and a KOM/Cup race.

From May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, JYD hosted 20 Wednesday evening group rides, which had anywhere from 3 to 12 riders.

2017 was the third year that a Birch Pass was included with a JYD membership at no additional cost. In 2017, 113 JYD memberships and Birch passes were sold. In 2018, JYD will be eliminating the Birch Pass and only selling JYD memberships, which give access to Birch and the Portage trail systems.

All of the trails were uploaded onto Trail Forks. Download the Trail Forks App and you can navigate the 25 kms of trails using your smart phone.

In 2017, the KOM and Manitoba Cup Race #4 was held at Birch. This is a combined effort between Woodcock Cycling Club and JYD. In 2018, this race event is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

A quarter section of land formerly leased from the Keith Family was sold to a local farmer and part of the Kurt's Kut trails was bulldozed. We have signed a 5 year land use agreement with this farmer and we plan to reconstruct the damaged portion of the trail in May.

JYD will also be construction some new trails on the south wall of the main valley. This trail will utilize the bulldozer track that was made 5 years ago. It will provide an easier climb out of the main valley.

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