

Websites Selected for Transportation Day, Geography Awareness Week 2009

[Transport 2000 Canada](#) was selected for national recognition when Transportation Day was launched as part of Geography Awareness Week 2007.

One of the primary reasons for selecting Transport 2000 was its record of demonstrating why and how “transportation is a critical feature of Canada's economic, social, environmental, technological, and political fabric”.

And, especially important for Geography Awareness Week, is the Transport 2000 belief “that geography is a fundamental factor to consider when making decisions about all aspects of transportation, and especially about planning for and achieving sustainable transport systems.”

I am pleased to announce that the 10 outstanding, non-academic websites have been selected for Transportation Day 2009. With ten selections for each of 2007, 2008, and 2009, a total of 30 non-academic, Canadian websites have been recognized for the contributions they make to elaborating the geography-transportation connection.

Visitors to the Transport 2000 website are invited to visit these websites, and to bring them to the attention of students, colleagues, clients, and other interested parties.

Further, readers are requested to add a link to the Transportation Day page to their department, agency, or corporate websites, and thereby help to promote awareness of the geography-transportation connection.

The names of the Transportation Day 2009 websites and their urls are listed below. The reasons for their selection can be viewed at:

http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/geography_week_2009.html

1. Google Maps

<http://maps.google.ca/>

2. The Great Canadian Adventure Company

<http://www.adventures.ca/contact.htm>

3. The Trans Canada Trail

<http://www.tctrail.ca/home.php>

4. ecoACTION, Government of Canada

<http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/index-eng.cfm>

5. Canadian Train Vacations

<http://www.canadiantrainvacations.com/home>

6. La Route verte au Quebec

http://www.routeverte.com/rv/index_e.php?page=diapo2_e&image=17

7. Government of Saskatchewan: Highways and Infrastructure

<http://highways.gov.sk.ca/capitalplan/>

8. ScaleDown Windsor

<http://www.scaledown.ca/>

9. Raise the Hammer

<http://www.raisethehammer.org/index.asp?id=007>

10. Ottawa Light Rail Video Pages

http://web.ncf.ca/fd978/SE_Transitway_2008/index.html

The Transportation Day 2009 websites range from the national to the local in geographic scale, include the walk, cycle, rail, and private motor vehicle modes of transport, and are hosted by governments and businesses, as well as by public interest and advocacy groups.

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