



## “NEWS UPDATE”

### **June 2007 – New bridge upstream from the Gorge**

Construction was completed in June 2007 on a new 25 meter steel pedestrian bridge in the remote section of the hiking trail upstream from the look-out at the gorge.

Due to the remote location which did not allow vehicular access for either equipment or materials, this was a logistically challenging project. The abutment and center pier formworks were excavated by hand, and all materials for the railings and decking were brought in partially by ATV and physically carried a considerable distance to the site. The cement and steel were placed by helicopter in a choreographed display of planning and flying ability.

Prior to construction, trail users would cross the streambed by hopping from rock to rock. This posed a hazard for some users and made the crossing impossible at times during high water events. The new bridge provides a safe crossing point year round and adds to the hiking experience in this section of the trails.

