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Happy trails: Grant McDonald and Cheryl Hillocks take Debra McDonald for a highly anticipated ride along the trail at John Evdokimoff Park near White Lake.

Touring the trails again at last

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There were smiles all round Friday, when one of Debra McDonald's dreams came true.

The first TrailRider arrived at her home and was ready to take her on the trail Saturday morning for the Routes and Blues

hike near White Lake.

With her mobility severely impacted by multiple sclerosis, McDonald has campaigned and fundraised tirelessly to get the TrailRider, not just for herself, but to make off-road areas more accessible to others who are unable to get to the sites by themselves.

Shuswap Trail Alliance co-ordinator Phil McIntyre-Paul is also delighted.

"We have already been getting calls to book the TrailRider," he says.

McDonald will manage storing and booking the equipment and can be reached by email at debram2@telus.net.