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## **TrekEast's Davis visits Quebec, prepares for final leg of historic journey through East's wildlands *Conservationist to meet media, give talk in Mansonville***

**Lac-Brome, August 24<sup>th</sup> 2011** — When explorer John Davis set out from Florida 28 weeks ago on a first-ever outdoor journey to inspire people to help protect and connect an international "Eastern Wildway," he had no idea his trek would be met with such enthusiasm. But after sharing his amazing experiences on-line and in-person with thousands of supporters along his 9,600km journey through the East's last remaining wilds, Davis says he is convinced his efforts are making a difference.

"The network of energized friends of nature that this trek has generated has reinvigorated my belief that it is the people who love and care for the land and its wildlife who will ultimately protect it," he says.

Davis is preparing to start the final leg of his mission, hiking, biking and perhaps even skiing during the last 800km of his wild adventure that will end at Forillon National Park at the tip of Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula in November. Prior to his departure, Davis is relishing opportunities to describe his encounters with wild animals, the many threats to survival they face every day, and the great need for people to take actions that will protect and connect wild habitats over long distances.

With that in mind, Davis will be meeting with media and presenting a talk on his adventures at the Ruiter Valley Center near Mansonville on Friday, September 2. He will bicycle across the international border at Troy, Vermont (Highwater on Quebec's side) where, at 1:00 p.m., he will be met by other cyclists\*, Media and fellow conservationists (Wildlands Network, Appalachian Corridor, Ruiter Valley Land Trust, the Nature Conservancy of Canada and many more). A 12 km bike ride will take Davis and his "crew" to the Ruiter Valley Center where the talk will be held. A short presentation about transborder conservation will also be given by Appalachian Corridor, followed by a guided walk in the Trust's trails network. Presentations will be in both English and French.

\*The road taken to Ruiter Valley Center is on gravel. Road bikes are not recommended.

To follow John Davis' adventures, visit: [www.trek-east.org](http://www.trek-east.org)

Appalachian Corridor: [www.apcor.ca](http://www.apcor.ca)

Ruiter Valley Land Trust: [www.valleeruitter.org](http://www.valleeruitter.org)

Appalachian Corridor is a non-profit organisation working towards the conservation of natural environments and biodiversity in the Appalachian region (Eastern Townships' south-west section). Throughout its territory, close to 10,000 hectares of natural habitats on private land are henceforth protected in perpetuity thanks to private landowners, local and national conservation groups as well as many other partners.  
Source : Stéphanie Beaudoin, Appalachian Corridor



# Ruiter Valley Center location map

350 Ruiter Brook Rd, Mansonville, Quebec

