



## Local Author helps Guidebook Wins Coveted Award

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A little local knowledge goes a long way. At least that is the philosophy of the people at Backroad Mapbooks.

Lead by local researcher and writer, Trent Ernst, the Northern BC Backroad Mapbook has received the Best New Book/Atlas award in the 2008 Cartography and Geographic Information Society Map Design Competition. With entries coming from around the world, this is a very notable and impressive award for Backroads.

"I am very honoured to be part of a team that helped to produce the best new Book/Atlas in the 36th annual CaGIS Map Design Competition." stated Andrew Allen, head mapper for Backroads. "It also makes me very proud to be honoured by other professionals in the mapping community."

In preparation for the competition, the Backroad Mapbook team completely redesigned, updated and expanded the Northern BC Backroad Mapbook. Readers will find countless improvements in the new book. Not only have the maps been updated, the writing went under intense scrutiny headed by Tumbler Ridge resident, Trent Ernst.

"The Backroad Mapbooks have truly evolved over the years." said Trent. "When I first started writing them it was about finding what was out there. Now that we had a good base, we are able to find locals, clubs and industry professionals to help update and ensure the information is correct. This helps make the most up-to-date maps and guidebook available in Northern BC."

Trent is well known for his creative writing and photography skills. The fact that he lives and plays in the area is obvious from his thorough and insightful research. You will find countless outdoor recreation activities in the books that you just won't find anywhere else. "The fact that Northern BC just simply has so much to offer outdoor enthusiasts certainly helps." Trent adds.

Users of the Backroad Mapbooks series will also be happy to note that there are several new products for northern BC. The individual maps are now available in larger topographic map format and available digitally to be used with GPS software or on Google Earth. Fishing enthusiasts will also find the Northern BC Fishing Mapbook available at leading bookstores and outdoor stores throughout the province. For more information visit [backroadmapbooks.com](http://backroadmapbooks.com).

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