



Akamina-Kishinena Provincial Park

Trail Conditions Report

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Akamina-Kishinena Provincial Park is nestled into the southeast corner of British Columbia. This park shares a boundary with Waterton Park along the Great Divide and Montana's Glacier National Park to the south along the international boundary. Access to this area is by hiking into the park on the old roadbed over Akamina Pass from the Akamina Parkway in Waterton Lakes Park. Access from the west is also available through a network of forest service roads through the Flathead valley; however, this access is not developed or maintained often. The trails described below are via the main access from Waterton Lakes Park.

Weather fronts from the Pacific meet arctic and prairie influences that meet at this location creating sudden weather changes. Very extreme and unexpected winds can occur within this area due to the geography being located in the narrowest part of the Rocky Mountains. **Be prepared for all types of weather and have proper backcountry supplies.**

Akamina-Kishinena Core Area Trails

Trail Section	Approx. Distance (one way)	Elevation Gain	Trail Information	Trail Condition
Parking Lot to Campground	2.5 km	125 m	Steady up hill on old roadbed, grades level off when approaching the pass.	Clear; short wet sections
Parking Lot to Forum Lake	4.5 km	350 m	Steady climb through forest, short steep section after falls. Passes through small meadows before arriving at the lake.	Wind felled trees may be encountered. Wet muddy sections. Snow may be present at higher elevations.
Parking Lot to Wall Lake	5.2 km	125 m	After passing the campground this trail follows around the end of a heavily forested ridge. The trail stays close to the same elevation, as it contours to Wall Lake.	Wind felled trees may be encountered. Wet muddy sections. Snow may be present at higher elevations.
Parking Lot to Wall Lake via Horse Trail	7km	125 m	Gradually descends on the old roadbed until reaching the west park boundary. The trail then meanders up Wall creek slowly gaining elevation to the lake.	Wind felled trees may be encountered. Wet muddy sections. Snow may be present at higher elevations.
Akamina Ridge <u>Route</u>	18 km (Full Loop)	870 m	Route finding skills required. Recommended for experienced hikers only. Be prepared for sudden weather changes. Please use extreme caution around ridge areas where steep/dangerous areas exist.	Expect snow beyond Forum Lake to the ridge and descending off the ridge at Bennet Pass towards Wall Lake, dissipating quickly.