



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Park Act

Order of the Regional Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

DATE: January 15, 2026

WHEREAS:

- A. Whiteswan Lake Park ("the Park") is located near Canal Flats, BC.
- B. The Park is a Class A park established under the *Park Act* in 1978.
- C. Due to recent boulder instabilities and dislodgement of boulders at the pool areas of Lussier Hot Springs, the site has become unsafe for public use. This is the primary consideration in the making of this Order.
- D. Section 17 of the *Park Act* states:
 - A Director or any Park Officer acting on the Director's behalf may do one or more of the following:
 - (c) *Order any person in any park, conservancy or recreation area to cease or refrain from an action, an omission or conduct that the Director or Park Officer, in his or her discretion, considers dangerous to life or property or detrimental to the public interest.*
- E. This Order is regarding closure of all public access and use of the Lussier Hot Springs facility including the pathway to the pools and the pool area located along the Lussier River in Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park as shown in the maps attached as Schedule A.
- F. Public access and use includes, but is not limited to: park visitors, permittees,

agreement holders, and provincial and federal government employees but does not include: BC Parks staff, BC Parks contractors as authorized by a park officer.

- G. This Order does not apply to emergency services personnel when required to respond for rescue or other emergency operations within the closure area.

ACCORDINGLY, the Regional Director Orders:

1. Closure of Lussier Hot Springs (Pathway and Pool Area) in Whiteswan Lake Park due to boulder instabilities and impacts to public safety.
2. Any access to this area not exempted as above, requires a written exemption issued by the Regional Director. An exemption may not be issued unless, in the opinion of the Regional Director, to do so is consistent with the objectives of the park closure.
3. Areas outside of the closure, are open to the public.
4. If this order is not carried out or is only partially or imperfectly carried out, I may direct any person to carry out or complete the order, and the expenses to the government of carrying out or completing the carrying out of the order will be a debt owing to the government by Individual at the suit of the government in any court of competent jurisdiction.
5. This Order comes into effect at 1200 hours (MST) on Tuesday January 13th, 2026 and remains in effect until further notice.
6. Any users of the closure area within Whiteswan Lake Park during this closure are in Trespass under the Trespass Act.

Signed in Nelson, B.C., this 15th Day of January 2026.



Tennessee Trent
Regional Director, Kootenay Region
BC Parks and Recreation Sites and Trails
Ministry of Environment and Parks

Schedule A – CLOSURE MAP
WHITESWAN LAKE PARK
Lussier Hot Springs
(January 13th, 2026)

