

E.C. MANNING PROVINCIAL PARK

Friday, July 4th, 2025

TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT



BC Parks



Synopsis for July 4th, 2025

Summer temperatures are starting to rise in E.C. Manning Provincial Park with daytime highs in the 20°s. Wildflowers are beginning to bloom in the park. Be on the lookout for Queen's Cup, Red Paintbrush and Lupine flowers in their early stages. Expect to encounter patches of snow and windfallen trees along trails in the early season. Enjoy the views from Cascade Lookout. Please be Bear Smart when visiting the area, as populations are emerging from their hibernation. For more information please visit [Bear Smart - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/bear-smart)

Use only designated trails (do not trail braid).

Remember to Leave No Trace when exploring BC Parks.

BC Parks is a Drone Free Zone.

Long range forecast 4 July – 11 July

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Fri. 4 July			21° / 10°	0.9	4 / 2
Sat. 5 July			20° / 6°		4 / 2
Sun. 6 July			22° / 6°		3 / 1
Mon. 7 July			24° / 7°		4 / 0
Tue. 8 July			27° / 9°		4 / 1
Wed. 9 July			24° / 10°	0.2	4 / 1
Thur. 10 July			18° / 10°	0.9	4 / 2
Fri. 11 July			25° / 8°		3 / 1

Backcountry Camping fees are in affect.

E.C. Manning Park has both Reservation and Registration Backcountry camping permits that can be purchased at [Discover Camping](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/bear-smart) for \$5.00 per night. Registration allows for overnight camping in backcountry campground but does not guarantee campsite availability. Reservations holds a campsite in the campground selected. You must retain your permit while camping. Day use hiking does not require a permit.

Reservation is required for Kicking Horse and Buckhorn campgrounds, beginning June 27th. Reservation for Frosty required from July 18th to October 20th.



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS



Weather

- Unpredictable weather may occur at anytime of year. Use local Hope and/or Princeton weather as a source for planning your trip, and prepare accordingly.

Communication

- There is limited cell service in the Park; your phone WILL NOT WORK in most locations.

Wildlife

- To help prevent conflict with wildlife, and for the respect of other park users, **pets must be on leash and under control at all times , as well as picked up after.**
- Please do not feed any wildlife big or small as this will habituate animals to human behaviour and food. This will result in animals aggressively swooping or scurrying for food.

Conservation

- To protect the Park's ecological values, please stay on trails at all times.

DETERMINE WHICH TRAIL TO HIKE

Trail difficulty is based on the length of the trail section, change in elevation, and trail type for average park visitor.

Trail type is defined as:

- **Type I:** 1.5 to 2.5 m wide, paved, crushed gravel, or boardwalk , less than 10% grade
- **Type II:** 1.5 m wide, gravel surfacing in wet areas, up to 15% grade
- **Type III:** 0.5 m wide, grade greater than 15%
- **Type IV:** up to 0.3 m wide, lightly used wilderness trail, tread as worn not grubbed out, infrequent maintenance



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EASY TRAILS

TRAIL	EST. DISTANCE ONE-WAY	EST. TIME ONE-WAY	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION	AS OF:
BEAVER POND	500m	10 min	Very Little	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.	June 27th
PAINTBRUSH	1.5km	15 MIN	LITTLE		GOOD CONDITION: Wildflowers just beginning	JUNE 27TH
REIN ORCHID	600m	15 min	Very little	Type II	Good Condition: Trail is clear of windfall	April 25th
RHODODENDRON FLATS	1 km	20 min	40m	Type II	Good condition: Flowers in bloom	June 1st
STRAWBERRY FLATS (FROM STRAWBERRY FLATS TO GIBSON PASS SKI HILL)	4.5 km	2 hrs	125m	Type I	Good Condition:	June 18th
SUMALLO GROVE	1 km	30 min	Very little	Type II	Good condition: Day use area clear, expect wind fall and difficult sections beyond this point. Caution!! The Skagit River has changed course. There is no bridge in place to cross the river. Attempting to cross the river over log jams is extremely dangerous and should be avoided.	June 1st
TWENTY MINUTE LAKE	1 km	20 min	10m	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.	June 1st
LITTLE MUDDY	5 km	1 hr	100m	Type I	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall. Some flooded sections.	June 15th
EAST SIMILKAMEEN	4.7 km	2 hrs	75m	Type II & III	Good Condition: Some grown in sections. The Bridge over Castle Creek has been replaced June 2025.	June 18th
WEST SIMILKAMEEN	2.1 km	1 hr	75m	Type II	Good Condition: Trail cleared of windfall	June 15th



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MODERATE TRAILS

TRAIL	EST. DISTANCE ONE-WAY	EST. TIME ONE-WAY	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION	AS OF:
CANYON NATURE	2 km	45 min	50m	Type II	Good condition: Trail clear of windfall	June 1st
MONUMENT 78	12 km	4 hrs	200m	Type III	Fair Condition: Route finding is challenging. Expect windfall, and flooded sections of trail.	April 25th
DRY RIDGE	.7 km	40 min	75m	Type III	Good Condition: Open as June 27	June 27th
ENGINEERS LOOP	1 km	15 min	200m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on trail	April 25th
HEATHER (FROM BLACKWALL PEAK PARKING PAST BUCKHORN CAMP TO FIRST BROTHER)	5 km	1.5 hrs	100m	Type III	Good Condition: Possible windfall on trail. Reservations for Buckhorn start June 27th	June 27th
HEATHER (FROM FIRST BROTHER TO KICKING HORSE CAMP)	7 km	2.5 hrs	292m	Type III	Good Condition: Possible windfall and wet sections on trail. Reservations for Kickinghorse start June 27th	June 27th
HEATHER (FROM KICKING HORSE CAMP TO NICOMEN LAKE CAMP)	9 km	3 hrs	122m	Type III	Good Condition: Possible windfall and wet sections on trail.	June 27th
LIGHTNING LAKE LOOP (AROUND LIGHTING LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	200m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail cleared of windfall.	May 16th
LIGHTNING LAKE (TO AND AROUND VIA RAINBOW BRIDGE)	4.5 km	2 hrs	10m	Type II	Good Condition: Trail cleared of windfall.	May 16th
LIGHTNING LAKE (FLASH LAKE LOOP)	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	10m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail cleared of windfall.	June 18th
LIGHTNING LAKE (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE TO FLASH LAKE AND STRIKE CAMP)	2 km	30 min	31m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail cleared of windfall.	June 18th

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LIGHTNING LAKE (STRIKE CAMP TO THUNDER LAKE)	3 km	1 hr	30m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail cleared of windfall.	June 18th
NORTH GIBSON	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type III	Good Condition	June 1st
SOUTH GIBSON	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type II	Good Condition	June 1st
THREE FALLS	9 km (Return)	2-3 hrs	160m (one -way)	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on the trail	June 18th

DIFFICULT TRAILS

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BONNEVIER (FROM EASTGATE PORTAL— THE BEAR TO HEATHER TRAIL)	18 km	5 hr	950m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall	May 8th
TOM MOORE TRAIL— BONNEVIER UPPER EAST GATE BYPASS	3 km	30 hrs	N/A	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 14th
DEWDNEY (FROM CASCADE PARKING TO WHIPSAW FSR)	36 km	10 hrs	1131m	Type III	Fair condition: Expect windfall on the trail.	April 28th
GRAINGER CREEK (FROM HOPE PASS TRAIL TO NICOMEN LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	952m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on the trail.	June 18th
HOPE PASS (FROM CAYUSE FLATS TO WHIPSAW FSR)	24 km	7 hrs	1000m	Type III	Fair Condition: Trail has been cleared to Grainger Creek. Expect windfall past this point.	June 18th
WINDY JOE (FROM WEST SIMILKAMEEN)	5.5 km	2 hrs	525m	Type II	Good condition: Some overgrown sections	June 18th



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MT. FROSTY (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE DAY USE TO SUMMIT)	10.5 km	3.5 hrs	1150m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail to be cleared of windfall Reservation required from July 18th to October 20th.	July 5th
MT. FROSTY (FROM WINDY JOE TRAIL TO SUMMIT)	7 km	3 hrs	854m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail cleared of windfall	July 4th
MEMALOOSE TRAIL (FROM HIGHWAY 3 TO POLAND LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	427m	Type IV	Fair condition: Overgrown sections, portions of the trail flood seasonally. Route finding can be difficult.	June 18th
MOUNT OUTRAM (FROM WESTGATE — THE MARMOT)	10 km	3.5 hrs	1699m	Type IV	Fair condition: Expect windfall and snow on trail.	June 20th
MONUMENT 83	16 km	7 hrs	859m	Type II	Poor Condition: Expect extreme amounts of windfall past 6km. Bridges across the Similkameen and Chuwanten Creek crossings have been washed out. Access via East Similkameen	June 17th
NICOMEN LAKE (FROM NICOMEN LAKE TO MARMOT CITY)	9.5 km	2.5 hrs	31m	Type IV	Fair Condition: Expect snow and windfall on the trail.	April 28th
PACIFIC CREST (FROM WINDY JOE TRAIL TO BORDER)	8 km	2.5 hrs	450m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall	April 28th
POLAND LAKE (FROM STRAWBERRY FLATS)	8 km	4 hrs	665m	Type II	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 18th
SKAGIT BLUFFS (FROM CAYUSE FLATS TO CASCADE PARKING)	5.6 km	2.5 hrs	225m	Type III	Good condition: Clear of windfall, highway construction re-route near Cascade Parking.	May 1st
SKAGIT RIVER (IN SKAGIT VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK)	16 km	4 hrs		Type III	Condition: Unknown Caution!! The Skagit River has changed course. There is no bridge in place to cross the river. Attempting to cross the river over log jams is extremely dangerous and should be avoided.	NA



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SKYLINE I (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE TO STRAWBERRY FLATS)	16.6 km	5 hrs	775m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail cleared of windfall.	June 20th
SKYLINE II (FROM DESPAIR PASS TO MOWICH CAMP)	12.5 km	3 hrs	469m	Type III & IV	Fair Condition: Expect windfall and possible snowy sections	April 28th
SILVERDAISY MOUNTAIN (CROWN LAND INTO SKAGIT VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK)	10 km	2.5 hrs		Type IV	Condition: Unknown	NA
WARBURTON LOOP (TO AND FROM THE DEWDNEY TRAIL)	7 km	2 hrs	280m	Type IV	Poor Condition: Expect windfall and wet sections	April 28th
WHATCOM (TO AND FROM THE DEWDNEY TRAIL)	9.5 km	4 hrs	1081m	Type IV	Poor condition: Expect windfall and possible snowy sections	April 28th

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for the ongoing efforts of all the volunteers and crews who help to maintain our vast trails system!



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