

E.C. MANNING PROVINCIAL PARK

Friday, June 28th, 2024

TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT



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SYNOPSIS FOR JUNE 28TH, 2024

Canada Day Long Weekend is here and we wish you a fun and safe experience in the park. Mixed rain and cloud has created cooler temperatures but also some enjoyable hiking experiences. At high elevation points such the Three Brothers Trail and Mount Frosty, the snowpack still exists. Be prepared for waist deep snow in sections in those areas. At lower elevations, the Wild Pacific Dogwood Rhododendrons are blooming at Rhododendron Flats, and other wildflowers are emerging in the meadows as well. Please keep your distance from black bears and other wildlife within the park, as many animals are foraging near roads and day use areas. [Bear Smart - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/bear-smart)

Please be aware that our trails – especially those in the sub-alpine – are especially vulnerable to erosion from foot traffic. Do not trail braid, use only designated trails. Another consideration is the abundance of animals out and about looking for food. Use proper precautions when

Long range forecast 28 June – 5 July

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Fri. 28 June			18° / 9°	0.4	4 / 1
Sat. 29 June			18° / 6°	1.4	3 / 1
Sun. 30 June			16° / 6°	1.1	5 / 2
Mon. 1 July			15° / 5°		5 / 1
Tue. 2 July			19° / 7°		4 / 1
Wed. 3 July			20° / 6°	0.3	4 / 1
Thur. 4 July			23° / 5°		3 / 0
Fri. 5 July			27° / 8°		4 / 0

Backcountry Camping fees are in affect. The fee for camping in the backcountry of Manning Park is \$5.00 per person, per night. Backcountry camping permits can be purchased at [Discover Camping](#) up to two weeks prior to your visit. This permit is not a reservation for a specific campsite in a backcountry camp. You must retain your permit while camping. Day use hiking does not require a permit.

Attention: Buckhorn and Kickinghorse Campground now sold by reservation only. These can only be purchased online . To ensure a camping pad at Buckhorn, you must reserve online until after Labour Day Long Weekend



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, **dogs must be on a leash at all times, and picked up after.**
- Please do not feed wildlife 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	ESTIMATE D ELEVATION GAINED	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION
BEAVER POND	500m	10 min	Very Little	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall
PAINTBRUSH	1.5km	15 min	Little	Type II	Fair Condition: Clear of windfall, some sections of the trail are heavily eroded.
REIN ORCHID	600m	15 min	Very little	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.
RHODODENDRON FLATS	1 km	20 min	40m	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.
STRAWBERRY FLATS (FROM STRAWBERRY FLATS TO GIBSON PASS SKI HILL)	4.5 km	2 hrs	125m	Type I	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.
SUMALLO GROVE	1 km	30 min	Very little	Type II	<p>Good condition: Trail clear of windfall in day use area. Expect wind fall and difficult sections beyond this point.</p> <p>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.</p>
TWENTY MINUTE LAKE	1 km	20 min	10m	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.
LITTLE MUDDY	5 km	1 hr	100m	Type I	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.
EAST SIMILKAMEEN	4.7 km	2 hrs	75m	Type II & III	<p>Fair Condition: Trail has been cleared from the junction of the West Similkameen trail to Castle Creek on May 10th 2024.</p> <p>Caution!! The crossing over Castle Creek to the Monument 78 Trail is washed away. Attempting to cross the river over log jams is extremely dangerous and should be avoided.</p>
WEST SIMILKAMEEN	2.1 km	1 hr	75m	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.



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MODERATE TRAILS

TRAIL	EST. DISTANCE ONE-WAY	EST. TIME ONE-WAY	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION
CANYON NATURE TRAIL	2 km	45 min	50m	Type II	Good condition: Trail is cleared of windfall
MONUMENT 78	12 km	4 hrs	200m	Type III	Poor Condition: Expect windfall on trail. Portions of the trail are flooded and difficult to navigate. Use caution when hiking.
DRY RIDGE	.7 km	40 min	75m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been clear of windfall.
ENGINEERS LOOP	1 km	15 min	200m	Type III	Fair Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.
HEATHER (FROM BLACKWALL PEAK PARKING TO BUCKHORN CAMP AND FIRST BROTHER)	5 km	1.5 hrs	100m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall. Attention: Buckhorn Campground is now sold by reservation only. These can only be purchased online.
HEATHER (FROM FIRST BROTHER TO KICKING HORSE CAMP)	7 km	2.5 hrs	292m	Type III	Fair Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall to Kicking Horse Camp. Expect waist high snow in some sections and muddy portions. Attention: Kicking Horse Campground is now sold by reservation only. These can only be purchased online.
HEATHER (FROM KICKING HORSE CAMP TO NICOMEN CAMP)	9 km	3 hrs	122m	Type III	Poor Condition: Expect windfall, snow and muddy sections on the trail. Route finding can be challenging.
LIGHTENING LAKE LOOP (AROUND LIGHTING LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	200m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail is open and cleared of windfall.
LIGHTNING LAKE (TO AND AROUND RAINBOW BRIDGE)	4.5 km	2 hrs	10m	Type II	Good condition: Trail is open and cleared of windfall.
LIGHTNING LAKE (FLASH LAKE LOOP)	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	Very Little	Type III	Fair condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall. Use caution when crossing eastern bridge.
LIGHTNING LAKE (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE TO FLASH LAKE AND STRIKE CAMP)	2 km	30 min	31m	Type III	Good condition: Trail is open and cleared of windfall.



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LIGHTNING LAKE (STRIKE CAMP TO THUNDER LAKE)	3 km	1 hr	30m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on trail. Trail has not been brush cut.
NORTH GIBSON	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type III	Good condition: .Trail is clear of windfall.
SOUTH GIBSON	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type II	Good condition: .Trail is clear of windfall.
THREE FALLS	9 km (Return)	2-3 hrs	160m (one-way)	Type III	Good Condition: Trail is clear of windfall.

DIFFICULT TRAILS

TRAIL	EST. DISTANCE ONE-WAY	EST. TIME ONE -WAY	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION
BONNEVIER (FROM EASTGATE PORTAL—THE BEAR TO HEATHER TRAIL)	18 km	5 hr	950m	Type III	Fair Condition: Bottom 10km of trail has been cut out. Top 8km is fair with 30+ windfall.
TOM MOORE TRAIL— BONNEVIER UPPER EAST GATE BYPASS	3 km	30 hrs	N/A	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.
DEWDNEY (FROM CASACADE PARKING TO WHIPSAW FSR)	36 km	10 hrs	1131m	Type III	Fair condition: Expect windfall on the trail.
GRAINGER CREEK (FROM HOPE PASS TRAIL TO NICOMEN LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	952m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on the trail.
HOPE PASS (FROM CAYUSE FLATS TO WHIPSAW FSR)	24 km	7 hrs	1000m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall from Cayuse Flats to Grainger Creek. Expect windfall beyond this point.
WINDY JOE (FROM WEST SIMILKAMEEN)	5.5 km	2 hrs	525m	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall. Expect snow patches on the trail.



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MT. FROSTY (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE DAY USE)	10.5 km	3.5 hrs	1150m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect 6+ windfall, deep and muddy sections on the trail. Expect snow past Frosty Creek camp.
MT. FROSTY (FROM WINDY JOE TRAIL TO SUMMIT)	7 km	3 hrs	854m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall, snow and muddy sections on the trail.
MEMALOOSE TRAIL (FROM HIGHWAY 3 TO POLAND LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	427m	Type IV	Fair condition: Expect windfall on trail.
MOUNT OUTRAM (FROM WESTGATE — THE MARMOT)	10 km	3.5 hrs	1699m	Type IV	Fair condition: Expect windfall on trail.
MONUMENT 83	16 km	7 hrs	859m	Type II	Closed: Bridges across the Similkameen and Chuwanten Creek crossing the Similkameen River have been washed out.
NICOMEN LAKE (FROM NICOMEN LAKE TO HOPE PASS TRAIL)	7.5 km	2.5 hrs	31m	Type IV	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on the trail.
PACIFIC CREST (FROM WINDY JOE TRAIL TO BORDER)	8 km	2.5 hrs	450m	Type III	Fair condition: Expect windfall on the trail.
POLAND LAKE (FROM STRAWBERRY FLATS)	8 km	4 hrs	665m	Type II	Fair condition: Expect windfall on the trail.
SKAGIT BLUFFS (FROM CAYUSE FLATS TO CASCADE PARKING)	5.6 km	2.5 hrs	225m	Type III	Good condition: Trail clear of wind fall
SKAGIT RIVER (IN SKAGIT VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK)	16 km	4 hrs		Type III	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.



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SKYLINE (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE TO STRAWBERRY FLATS)	16.6 km	5 hrs	775m	Type III	Fair condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall from Lightning Lakes to the summit. Expect windfall beyond this point.
SKYLINE II (FROM DESPAIR PASS TO MOWICH CAMP)	12.5 km	3 hrs	469m	Type III & IV	Fair condition: Expect windfall on trail.
SILVERDAISY MOUNTAIN (CROWN LAND INTO SKAGIT VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK)	10 km	2.5 hrs		Type IV	Unknown
WARBURTON LOOP (TO AND FROM THE DEWDNEY TRAIL)	7 km	2 hrs	280m	Type IV	Fair condition: Expect windfall on trail. Route finding can be challenging. Expect snow and muddy sections.
WHATCOM (TO AND FROM THE DEWDNEY TRAIL)	9.5 km	4 hrs	1081m	Type IV	Fair condition: Expect windfall on trail.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As the 2024 Summer season ramps up at E.C. Manning Park we would like to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of all the volunteers and crews who help to maintain our vast trails system. Looking forward to another safe and productive season!!



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