



E.C. MANNING PROVINCIAL PARK

Friday, March 21st, 2025

WINTER TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT



BC Parks



SYNOPSIS FOR MARCH 21ST, 2025

Although spring is officially here, E.C. Manning is receiving a snowstorm. Snow is forecast over the weekend, but temperatures are expected to rise into the double digits next week. As the winter sports season comes to a close, now is the chance to get out and enjoy some of the last snowfall of the season.

For those touring in the backcountry, please be aware of the avalanche conditions. Currently, they are in the considerable to high risk range. Heavy snowfall can lead to avalanches. Check [Avalanche Canada](#) for the latest up to date information. Be aware that despite the snow fall, previous warm temperatures have melted a lot of the snowpack beneath. Ice on Lightning Lake is thin in some portions and travel over the ice is dangerous.

Long range forecast 21 Mar. – 28 Mar.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Fri. 21 Mar.			1° / -5°	6.1	6 / 1
Sat. 22 Mar.			1° / -6°	4.2	4 / 2
Sun. 23 Mar.			4° / -5°	29	5 / 2
Mon. 24 Mar.			9° / 2°	2.6	5 / 2
Tue. 25 Mar.			15° / 0°	0.2	2 / 1
Wed. 26 Mar.			14° / 0°	6.8	3 / 1
Thur. 27 Mar.			3° / -2°	4.3	5 / 3
Fri. 28 Mar.			2° / -8°	2.8	4 / 1

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.



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.

Gear and Personal Safety

- Ensure you have appropriate winter safety gear and knowledge and you are aware of your physical ability in relation to the trip you are planning. Manning is remote. The first person you should rely on is yourself

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.**

AVALANCHE CANADA
SOUTH COAST INLAND
DANGER RATING

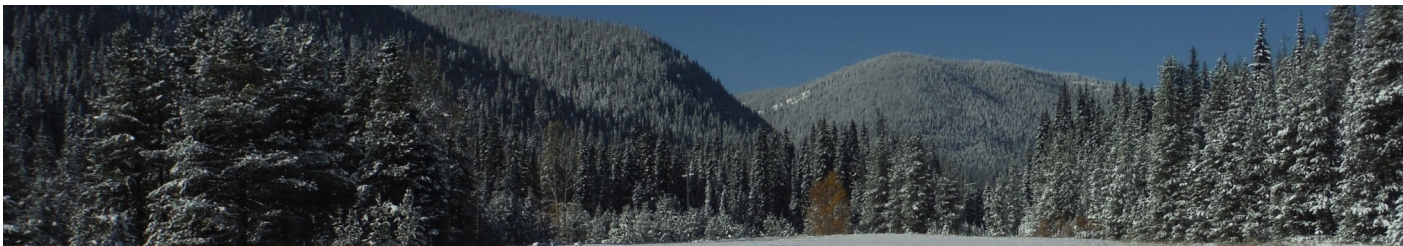
<https://www.avalanche.ca/forecasts/south-coast-inland>



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LINKS FOR OTHER RECREATION IN THE PARK:

- Downhill Skiing and Groomed Nordic Skiing :
<http://winter.manningpark.com/conditions/>
- Maintained Snowshoe Routes at Manning Park Resort
<http://winter.manningpark.com/snowshoeing/>
- Downhill, Nordic, and Snowshoe Maps:
<http://winter.manningpark.com/trail-maps/>



TRAILS CONDITIONS REPORT

TRAIL: FAT DOG

DESCRIPTION:

A Manning classic that begins at Cambie Creek and follows an access road for about 6km, then winds through the trees for a few hundred meters before punching into the sub-alpine. From here, follow a wide, exposed ridge to the Heather Trail and Blackwall, and then down the road (groomed for xc) all the way back to the Resort.

EST. DISTANCEE	TERRAIN	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	CURRENT TRAIL CONDITION
20 km +/- Depending on route choice Starts at Cambie Creek and ends at Manning Park Resort	Steady climb, rolling, sub-alpine, steady decent. Opportunity for turns	680m	Expect some windfall on the trail.

TRAIL: CAMBIE

DESCRIPTION:

A good alternative when you have limited time and/or it's socked in. Not much in the way of turns, but a nice ski through the trees. Starts at Cambie Creek/Fat Dog.

EST. DISTANCEE	TERRAIN	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	CURRENT TRAIL CONDITION
2.5 and 5 km Loop Options	Low-grade rolling through the trees	Minimal	Lower loop is clear of windfall. Upper loop is clear of windfall.



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TRAIL: MOUNT KELLY / NORDHEIM PEAK ROUTE

DESCRIPTION:

An increasingly popular route commencing at Allison Pass and following an old access road to a weather station, then 1km through the trees before reaching the ridge and the summit of Mt. Kelly. From here, follow the ridge westward, far above Highway 3 as far as Nordheim Peak(s). Park outside of gates at the Allison Pass Highways Yard; please don't impede trucks heading into the yard.

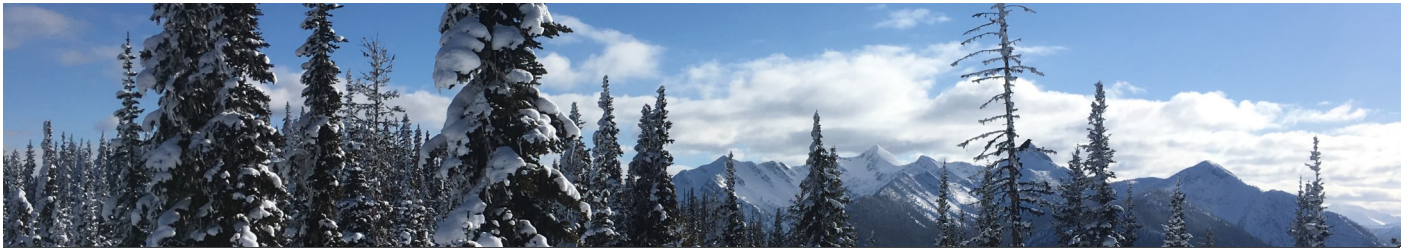
EST. DISTANCE	TERRAIN	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	CURRENT TRAIL CONDITION
10 km	Steady climb to the ridge, then rolling along from there Opportunity for turns	700m To Nordheim Peak	New route has been established. Last 300m of reroute has not been completed. Expect windfall on the trail.

TRAIL: MONUMENT 78

DESCRIPTION:

A beautiful, long, and mostly flat ski along Castle Creek from Highway 3 to the border. Parts of the trail have been heavily damaged by flooding, but still afford a nice mid-winter tour.

EST. DISTANCE	TERRAIN	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	CURRENT TRAIL CONDITION
14 km Approximately Depending on route	Mostly flat	150m	Closed: Bridge washed out on the Similkameen River approximately 500m from the parking area.



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TRAIL: SIMILKAMEEN RIVER (EAST AND WEST)

DESCRIPTION:

Commencing at the Similkameen River Bridge, 1km west of the Resort, this very enjoyable flat route follows the Similkameen River to the Windy Joe Trail, and further East as far as Castle Creek.

EST. DISTANCE	TERRAIN	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	CURRENT TRAIL CONDITION
2.1 km - one way To Windy Joe junction	Flat	Minimal	Trail has been cleared of windfall from the Canyon Nature Trail parking lot to the junction of Windy Joe
4.7 km - one way Additional to Castle Creek			

TRAIL: MONUMENT 83

DESCRIPTION:

Starting at Highway 3, the Monument 83 trail follows Chuwanten and Monument Creeks to Holdover Peak, site of an old American fire lookout, and an even older Canadian one. A long and steady uphill ski eventually affords a spectacular panoramic view.

EST. DISTANCE	TERRAIN	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	CURRENT TRAIL CONDITION
14 km - one way From Highway 3	Long steady climb and back again	830m	Closed Bridge washed out on the Similkameen River approximately 500m from the parking area.



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TRAIL: WINDY JOE

DESCRIPTION:

Similar in difficulty to Monument 83, but much shorter, Windy Joe also boasts an old fire tower at its summit. Start at the Similkameen trailhead and follow the river before intersecting the Windy Joe trail, and begin the ascent.

EST. DISTANCE	TERRAIN	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	CURRENT TRAIL CONDITION
7.7 km - one way From the Similkameen Trailhead	Steady climb and back	650m	Trail has been cleared of windfall to the Junction of the Pacific Crest Trail

TRAIL: POLAND LAKE

DESCRIPTION:

Starting at the Ski Hill, head up (downhill) skiers right on the Horseshoe trail to the top of the hill, or pay a few bucks for a one-ride trip up the lift! From the top of the hill, follow the Poland Lake Trail to the lake, and see if you can find the shelter!

EST. DISTANCE	TERRAIN	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	CURRENT TRAIL CONDITION
5 km - one way From the top of the ski hill Add another 1 km if starting at the bottom	Steep climb from bottom of hill, then rolling to lake	400m From bottom of ski hill	Expect to encounter windfall on the trail.