

E.C. MANNING PROVINCIAL PARK

Friday, May 16th, 2025

TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT



BC Parks



SYNOPSIS FOR MAY 16TH, 2025

Rain and flurries are forecast for the May Long Weekend in E.C. Manning Park. Many types of wildlife have returned to the park and spring flowers are in bloom! The snow is melting and trails are slowly becoming more accessible for hiking. Expect to encounter patches of snow, mud and windfallen trees early in the season. 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://gov.bc.ca/bear-smart)

Please use only designated trails and do not trail braid.

And always remember to **Leave No Trace** when exploring the beautiful backcountry.

Use proper precautions when hiking and camping in bear and cougar country!

Long range forecast 16 May – 23 May

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Fri. 16 May			8° / 0°		3 / 1
Sat. 17 May			9° / -1°	3.1	4 / 1
Sun. 18 May			5° / -1°	4.5	6 / 3
Mon. 19 May			6° / -3°	1	3 / 2
Tue. 20 May			8° / 0°	2.6	4 / 2
Wed. 21 May			10° / 0°	0.2	3 / 1
Thur. 22 May			14° / -3°		3 / 0
Fri. 23 May			14° / -1°		3 / 1

Backcountry Camping fees are in affect. Please note that E.C. Manning Park has both Reservation and Registration Backcountry camping permits. Permits can be purchased at [Discover Camping](#) for \$5.00 per night. Backcountry Registrations are for non specific campsites and 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. **During peak season, a Reservation is required for Kicking Horse, Frosty and Buckhorn campgrounds, with an additional booking fee.**



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.	April 25th, 2025
CLOSED UNTIL CANADA DAY WEEKEND						
PAINTBRUSH						
REIN ORCHID	600m	15 min	Very little	Type II	Good Condition: Expect windfall and muddy sections	April 25th, 2025
RHODODENDRON FLATS	1 km	20 min	40m	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.	April 25th, 2025
STRAWBERRY FLATS						
(FROM STRAWBERRY FLATS TO GIBSON PASS SKI HILL)	4.5 km	2 hrs	125m	Type I	Fair Condition: Expect windfall and snow on trail	April 25th, 2025
					Good condition: Trail clear of windfall in day use area. Expect wind fall and difficult sections beyond this point.	
SUMALLO GROVE	1 km	30 min	Very little	Type II	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.	April 25th, 2025
TWENTY MINUTE LAKE	1 km	20 min	10m	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.	April 25th, 2025
LITTLE MUDDY	5 km	1 hr	100m	Type I	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall. Some sections are flooded.	April 25th, 2025
					Poor Condition: Trail has windfall across many sections	
EAST SIMILKAMEEN	4.7 km	2 hrs	75m	Type II & III	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.	April 25th, 2025
WEST SIMILKAMEEN	2.1 km	1 hr	75m	Type II	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on the trail	April 25th, 2025



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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 TRAIL	2 km	45 min	50m	Type II	Good condition: Expect a few windfalls on the trail	April 25, 2025
MONUMENT 78	12 km	4 hrs	200m	Type III	Poor Condition: Route finding is difficult on this trail. Expect windfall, snow and flooded section of trail.	April 25th, 2025
DRY RIDGE	.7 km	40 min	75m	Type III	Closed Until Canada Day Weekend	
ENGINEERS LOOP	1 km	15 min	200m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall and snow on trail.	April 25th, 2025
HEATHER (FROM BLACKWALL PEAK PARKING TO BUCKHORN CAMP AND FIRST BROTHER)	5 km	1.5 hrs	100m	Type III	Closed Until Canada Day Weekend	
HEATHER (FROM FIRST BROTHER TO KICKING HORSE CAMP)	7 km	2.5 hrs	292m	Type III	Closed Until Canada Day Weekend	
HEATHER (FROM KICKING HORSE CAMP TO NICOMEN LAKE CAMP)	9 km	3 hrs	122m	Type III	Closed Until Canada Day Weekend	
LIGHTENING LAKE LOOP (AROUND LIGHTING LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	200m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect snow patches and some windfall on the trail.	April 25th, 2025
LIGHTNING LAKE (TO AND AROUND)	4.5 km	2 hrs	10m	Type II	Fair Condition: Expect snow patches and some windfall on the trail.	April 25th, 2025
LIGHTNING LAKE (FLASH LAKE LOOP)	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	Very Little	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect snow patches and some windfall on the trail.	April 25th, 2025
LIGHTNING LAKE (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE TO FLASH LAKE AND STRIKE CAMP)	2 km	30 min	31m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect snow patches and some windfall on the trail.	April 25th, 2025



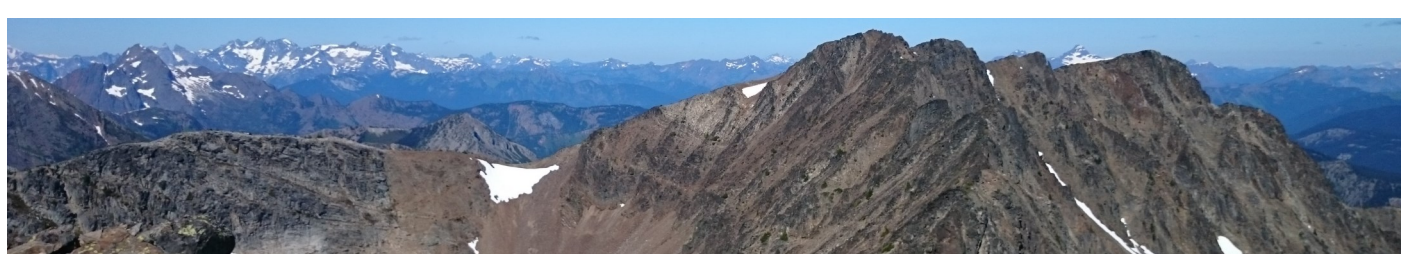
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LIGHTNING LAKE (STRIKE CAMP TO THUNDER LAKE)	3 km	1 hr	30m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail.	April 28th, 2025
NORTH GIBSON	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type III	Fair condition: Trail has not been assessed.	April 28th, 2025
SOUTH GIBSON	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type II	Fair condition: Trail has not been assessed.	April 28th, 2025
THREE FALLS	9 km (Return)	2-3 hrs	160m (one -way)	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail	April 28th, 2025

DIFFICULT TRAILS

TRAIL	EST. DISTANCE	EST. TIME ONE-WAY	ESTIMATED ELEVATION	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION	AS OF:
BONNEVIER (FROM EASTGATE PORTAL— THE BEAR TO HEATHER TRAIL)	18 km	5 hr	950m	Type III	Closed Until Canada Day Weekend	
TOM MOORE TRAIL— BONNEVIER UPPER EAST GATE BYPASS	3 km	30 hrs	N/A	Type III	Closed Until Canada Day Weekend	
DEWDNEY (FROM CASCADE PARKING TO WHIPSAW FSR)	36 km	10 hrs	1131m	Type III	Poor condition: Expect windfall and snow on trail.	April 28th, 2025
GRAINGER CREEK (FROM HOPE PASS TRAIL TO NICOMEN LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	952m	Type III	Poor Condition: Expect windfall and snow on trail.	April 28th, 2025
HOPE PASS (FROM CAYUSE FLATS TO WHIPSAW FSR)	24 km	7 hrs	1000m	Type III	Poor Condition: Expect windfall and snow at higher elevations.	April 28th, 2025
WINDY JOE (FROM WEST SIMILKAMEEN)	5.5 km	2 hrs	525m	Type II	Fair condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail	April 28th, 2025



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MT. FROSTY (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE DAY USE)	10.5 km	3.5 hrs	1150m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail. Reservation required from July 18th to October 20th.	April 28th, 2025
MT. FROSTY (FROM WINDY JOE TRAIL TO SUMMIT)	7 km	3 hrs	854m	Type III	Poor Condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail.	April 28th, 2025
MEMALOOSE TRAIL (FROM HIGHWAY 3 TO POLAND LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	427m	Type IV	Poor condition: Expect snow and windfall on the trail. Some portions of the trail flood seasonally.	April 28th, 2025
MOUNT OUTRAM (FROM WESTGATE — THE MARMOT)	10 km	3.5 hrs	1699m	Type IV	Poor condition: Expect windfall and snow on trail.	NA
MONUMENT 83	16 km	7 hrs	859m	Type II	Closed: Bridges across the Similkameen and Chuwanten Creek crossings have been washed out.	NA
NICOMEN LAKE (FROM NICOMEN LAKE TO HOPE PASS TRAIL)	7.5 km	2.5 hrs	31m	Type IV	Poor Condition: Expect snow and windfall on the trail.	April 28th, 2025
PACIFIC CREST (FROM WINDY JOE TRAIL TO BORDER)	8 km	2.5 hrs	450m	Type III	Poor condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail.	April 28th, 2025
POLAND LAKE (FROM STRAWBERRY FLATS)	8 km	4 hrs	665m	Type II	Poor Condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail	April 28th, 2025
SKAGIT BLUFFS (FROM CAYUSE FLATS TO CASCADE PARKING)	5.6 km	2.5 hrs	225m	Type III	Fair condition: Expect windfall on the trail.	April 28th, 2025
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 (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE TO STRAWBERRY FLATS)	16.6 km	5 hrs	775m	Type III	Poor Condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail.	April 28th, 2025
SKYLINE II (FROM DESPAIR PASS TO MOWICH CAMP)	12.5 km	3 hrs	469m	Type III & IV	Poor Condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail.	April 28th, 2025
SILVERDAISY MOUNTAIN (CROWN LAND INTO SKAGIT VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK)	10 km	2.5 hrs		Type IV	Unknown	NA
WARBURTON LOOP (TO AND FROM THE DEWDNEY TRAIL)	7 km	2 hrs	280m	Type IV	Poor Condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail.	April 28th, 2025
WHATCOM (TO AND FROM THE DEWDNEY TRAIL)	9.5 km	4 hrs	1081m	Type IV	Poor condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail.	Sept 1, 2024

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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