

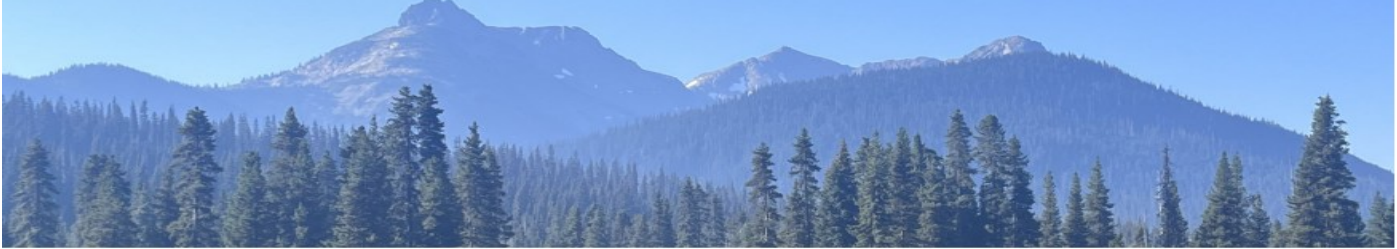
# E.C. MANNING PROVINCIAL PARK

September 5, 2025

## TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT



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Synopsis for September 5, 2025

Wildfires in the area are creating very smoky skies. **Some trails are currently closed due to wildfire; the Hope Pass, Grainger Creek, Skagit Bluffs, Whatcom and Dewdney trails.** The Heather Trail remains open but travel beyond Kickinghorse Camp is not recommended at this time. Hot temperatures continue, so make sure that you come prepared and bring enough water and know where the next water source is when out in the backcountry. Be aware that weather conditions can change quickly.

Use only designated trails (do not trail braid).

Long range forecast 5 Sep. – 12 Sep.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Fri. 5 Sep.			30° / 17°		3 / 1
Sat. 6 Sep.			26° / 14°	2.8	3 / 1
Sun. 7 Sep.			20° / 14°	9.3	3 / 2
Mon. 8 Sep.			20° / 11°	1	3 / 1
Tue. 9 Sep.			17° / 9°	3.1	3 / 1
Wed. 10 Sep.			19° / 8°	0.5	3 / 1
Thur. 11 Sep.			21° / 5°		3 / 0
Fri. 12 Sep.			21° / 7°		3 / 1

**Backcountry Camping fees are in effect.**

E.C. Manning Park has both Reservation and Registration Backcountry camping permits that can be purchased at [Discover Camping](#) 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 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	<b>Good condition:</b> Trail is clear of windfall.	June 27th
PAINTBRUSH	1.5km	15 MIN	LITTLE		<b>GOOD CONDITION:</b> Wildflowers just beginning	JUNE 27TH
REIN ORCHID	600m	15 min	Very little	Type II	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail is clear of windfall	April 25th
RHODODENDRON FLATS	1 km	20 min	40m	Type II	<b>Good condition:</b>	June 1st
STRAWBERRY FLATS (FROM STRAWBERRY FLATS TO GIBSON PASS SKI HILL)	4.5 km	2 hrs	125m	Type I	<b>Good Condition:</b>	June 18th
SUMALLO GROVE	1 km	30 min	Very little	Type II	<b>Good condition:</b> Day use area clear, expect wind fall and difficult sections beyond this point.  <b>Caution!!</b> 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	June 1st
TWENTY MINUTE LAKE	1 km	20 min	10m	Type II	<b>Good condition:</b> Trail is clear of windfall.	June 1st
LITTLE MUDDY	5 km	1 hr	100m	Type I	<b>Good condition:</b> Trail is clear of windfall.	August 1st
EAST SIMILKAMEEN	4.7 km	2 hrs	75m	Type II & III	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall on the trail.  <b>The Bridge over Castle Creek has been replaced June 2025.</b>	August 13th
WEST SIMILKAMEEN	2.1 km	1 hr	75m	Type II	<b>Good Condition:</b> 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	<b>Good condition:</b> Trail clear of windfall	June 1st
MONUMENT 78	12 km	4 hrs	200m	Type III	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Route finding is challenging. Flooded sections of trail. Cleared of windfall from Castle Creek bridge	July 16th
DRY RIDGE	.7 km	40 min	75m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Open as June 27	June 27th
ENGINEERS LOOP	1 km	15 min	200m	Type III	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall on trail	April 25th
HEATHER (BLACKWALL PEAK PARKING PAST BUCKHORN CAMP TO FIRST BROTHER)	9 km	1.5 hrs	100m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Cleared of windfall, water available at camp. <b>Registration required for Buckhorn</b>	August 1st
HEATHER (FIRST BROTHER TO KICKING HORSE CAMP)	4 km	2.5 hrs	292m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Cleared of windfall, water available at camp. <b>Registration required for Kickinghorse</b>	August 1st
HEATHER (KICKING HORSE CAMP TO NICOMEN LAKE CAMP)	9 km	3 hrs	122m	Type III	<b>Travel not recommended due to wildfire. Future closures possible.</b>	September 5th
LIGHTNING LAKE LOOP (AROUND LIGHTNING LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	200m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail cleared of windfall.	May 16th
LIGHTNING LAKE (TO AND AROUND VIA	4.5 km	2 hrs	10m	Type II	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail cleared of windfall.	May 16th
LIGHTNING LAKE (FLASH LAKE LOOP)	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	10m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail cleared of windfall.	June 18th
LIGHTNING LAKE (LIGHTNING LAKE TO FLASH LAKE AND STRIKE CAMP)	6 km	1.5 hrs	31m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail cleared of windfall.	June 18th

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LIGHTNING LAKE (STRIKE CAMP TO THUNDER LAKE)	3 km	1 hr	30m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail cleared of windfall.	June 18th
NORTH GIBSON	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type III	<b>Good Condition</b>	June 1st
SOUTH GIBSON	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type II	<b>Good Condition</b>	June 1st
THREE FALLS	9 km (Return)	2-3 hrs	160m (one -way)	Type III	<b>Good Condition</b>	July 10th

## DIFFICULT TRAILS

TRAIL	EST. DISTANCE ONE-WAY	EST. TIME ONE-WAY	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION	AS OF:
BONNEVIER (FROM EASTGATE PORTAL— THE BEAR TO HEATHER TRAIL)	18 km	5 hr	950m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared of windfall	May 8th
TOM MOORE TRAIL— BONNEVIER UPPER EAST GATE BYPASS	3 km	30 hrs	N/A	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 14th
DEWDNEY (FROM CASCADE PARKING TO WHIPSAW FSR)	36 km	10 hrs	1131m	Type III	<b>CLOSED due to Wildfire</b>	September 4th
GRAINGER CREEK (FROM HOPE PASS TRAIL TO NICOMEN LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	952m	Type III	<b>CLOSED due to Wildfire</b>	September 4th
HOPE PASS (FROM CAYUSE FLATS TO WHIPSAW FSR)	24 km	7 hrs	1000m	Type III	<b>CLOSED due to Wildfire</b>	September 4th
WINDY JOE (FROM WEST SIMILKAMEEN)	5.5 km	2 hrs	525m	Type II	<b>Good condition:</b> Clear of windfall	July 25th





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TRAIL	EST. DISTANCE ONE-WAY	EST. TIME ONE-WAY	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION	AS OF:
MT. FROSTY (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE DAY USE TO SUMMIT)	10.5 km	3.5 hrs	1150m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared of windfall <b>Reservation required from July 18th to October 20th.</b>	July 5th
MT. FROSTY (FROM WINDY JOE TRAIL TO SUMMIT)	7 km	3 hrs	854m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> No water access on this section of trail	July 25th
MEMALOOSE TRAIL (FROM HIGHWAY 3 TO POLAND LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	427m	Type IV	<b>Fair condition:</b> 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	<b>Fair condition:</b> Expect windfall on the trail	July 25th
MONUMENT 83	16 km	7 hrs	859m	Type II	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect extreme windfall past 6km. <b>Bridges across the Similkameen and Chuwanten Creek crossings have been washed out. Access via East Similkameen trail to Monument 78 trail.</b>	June 17th
NICOMEN LAKE (FROM NICOMEN LAKE TO MARMOT CITY)	9.5 km	2.5 hrs	31m	Type IV	<b>Travel not recommended due to nearby wildfire</b>	September 4th
PACIFIC CREST (FROM WINDY JOE TRAIL TO BORDER)	8 km	2.5 hrs	450m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Cleared of windfall, some overgrown sections	July 25th
POLAND LAKE (FROM STRAWBERRY FLATS)	8 km	4 hrs	665m	Type II	<b>Good Condition:</b> 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	<b>CLOSED due to Wildfire</b>	September 4th
SKAGIT RIVER (IN SKAGIT VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK)	16 km	4 hrs		Type III	<b>Condition: Unknown</b> <b>Caution!!</b> 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 (LIGHTNING LAKE TO STRAWBERRY FLATS)	16.6 km	5 hrs	775m	Type III	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail cleared of windfall.	June 20th
SKYLINE II (FROM DESPAIR PASS TO MOWICH CAMP)	12.5 km	3 hrs	469m	Type III & IV	<b>Good Condition:</b> Expect windfall on trail.	August 8th
SILVERDAISY MOUNTAIN (CROWN LAND INTO SKAGIT VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK)	10 km	2.5 hrs		Type IV	<b>Condition:</b> Unknown	NA
WARBURTON LOOP (TO AND FROM THE DEWDNEY TRAIL)	7 km	2 hrs	280m	Type IV	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall and wet sections	April 28th
WHATCOM (TO AND FROM THE DEWDNEY TRAIL)	9.5 km	4 hrs	1081m	Type IV	<b>CLOSED due to Wildfire</b>	September 4th

## 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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