



## Synopsis for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Atmospheric Rivers and heavy snow have made conditions difficult to predict in E.C. Manning Park. Hwy 3 remains closed due to washouts in some sections. Check DriveBC for the latest information. Rain and snow have created icy conditions on the trail and while driving. Use extreme caution near bodies of water as our rivers are very fast moving, and ice is not thick enough for travel. Please check weather conditions before heading out. Always check the avalanche forecast at [Avalanche Canada](#). Please be aware, due to frequent winter storms, you may encounter downed trees across some of our trails.

### Long range forecast 16 Dec. - 23 Dec.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Tue. 16 Dec.			3° / 0°	26	6 / 3
Wed. 17 Dec.			2° / -6°	16	8 / 3
Thur. 18 Dec.			2° / -4°	19	5 / 3
Fri. 19 Dec.			-3° / -13°	1.6	8 / 1
Sat. 20 Dec.			-3° / -9°	11	2 / 2
Sun. 21 Dec.			-1° / -7°	8.1	2 / 1
Mon. 22 Dec.			-1° / -5°	4.7	5 / 2
Tue. 23 Dec.			1° / -4°	5.5	3 / 2

### **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. Backcountry Registrations are for nonspecific 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.**

**Bookings for Kicking Horse and Buckhorn start June 27th.**



## **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.

### **Links for other recreation in the park:**

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





## 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. Distance	Terrain	Est. Elevation gain	Current Trail Conditions
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. Distance	Terrain	Est. Elevation gain	Current Trail Conditions
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.



## TRAILS CONDITIONS REPORT

### **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	Est. Elevation gain	Current Trail Conditions
10km	Steady climb to the ridge, then rolling along from there  Opportunity for turns	700m to Nordheim Peak	New route has been established. 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	Est. Elevation gain	Current Trail Conditions
14 km Approximately Depending on route	Mostly flat	150m	Route finding is challenging, expect windfall on trail. New bridge at Castle Creek.





## TRAILS CONDITIONS REPORT

### **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	Est. Elevation gain	Current Trail Conditions
2.1 km - one way To Windy Joe junction 4.7 km - one way Additional to Castle Creek	Flat	Minimal	Monarch Creek Bridge has been replaced. Expect some windfall on trails.

### **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	Est. Elevation gain	Current Trail Conditions
14 km - one way From Highway 3	Long steady climb and back again	830m	<b>Closed</b> Bridge washed out on the Similkameen River approximately 500m from the parking area.



## TRAILS CONDITIONS REPORT

### **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	Est. Elevation gain	Current Trail Conditions
7.7 km - one way From the Similkameen Trailhead	Steady climb and back	650m	Trail has been brushed back. Expect to encounter windfall on the 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	Est. Elevation gain	Current Trail Conditions
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.



## **Acknowledgments**

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