



Synopsis for January 9, 2026,

Winter has arrived in E.C. Manning, as snowpack continues to develop. The atmospheric river and winter storm has caused damage throughout the park. Expect to encounter many downed trees across the snowshoe and ski trails. Due to access issues, some trails will not be cleared until the spring. Hwy 3 has reopened with sections of single lane alternating traffic. Check DriveBC for the latest information. Please check weather conditions before heading out. Always check the avalanche forecast at [Avalanche Canada](#).

If you wish to volunteer to assist Ranger's with trail clearing throughout the winter, please leave a voicemail at (250) 840 8708.

Long range forecast 9 Jan. – 16 Jan.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Fri. 9 Jan.			0° / -3°		4 / 2
Sat. 10 Jan.			4° / -4°	2	4 / 3
Sun. 11 Jan.			3° / -2°	11	4 / 3
Mon. 12 Jan.			4° / 2°	37	5 / 3
Tue. 13 Jan.			6° / 2°	4.5	2 / 1
Wed. 14 Jan.			7° / -2°		2 / 1
Thur. 15 Jan.			4° / -7°		1 / 0
Fri. 16 Jan.			4° / -8°		1 / 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.

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.

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

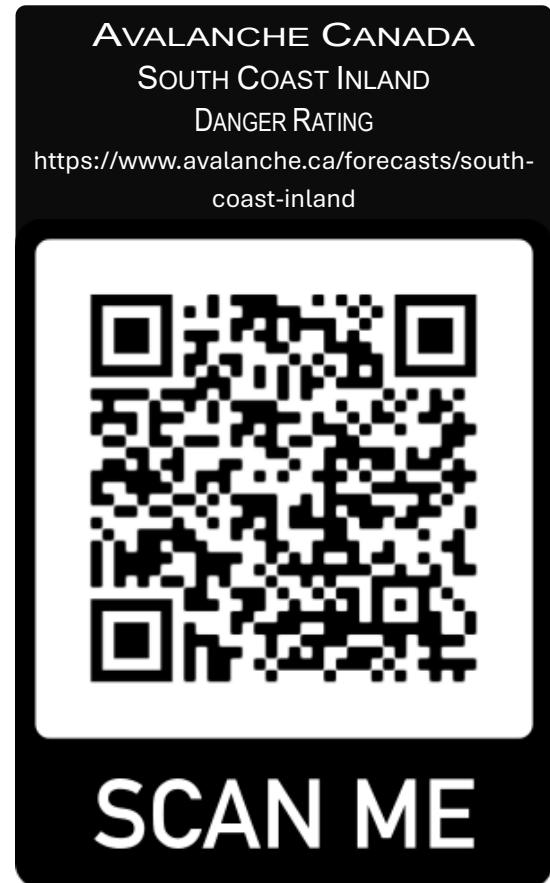
Wildlife

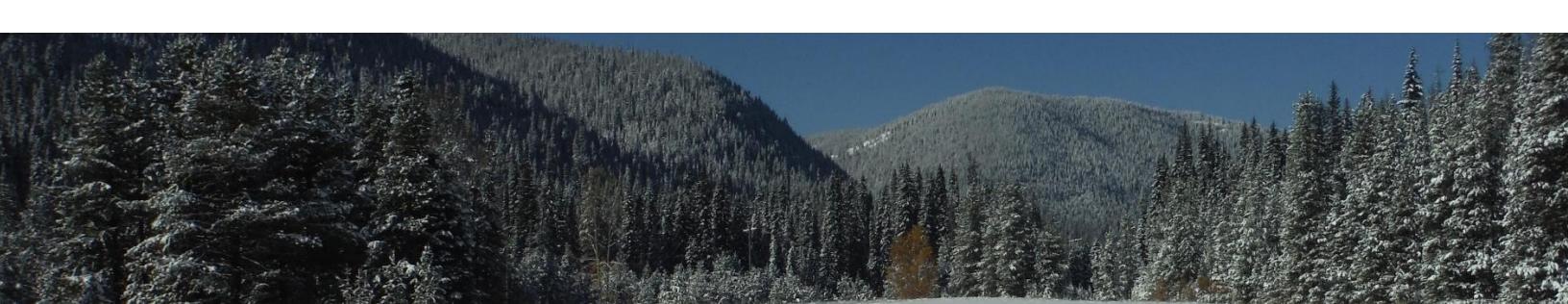
To help prevent conflict with wildlife, and for the respect of other park users, dogs must be on a leash at all times and picked up after.



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 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	Expect windfall on the trails.



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 windfall on trail the 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	Closed 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	Expect to encounter windfall on the trail.

Trail: Poland Lake

Description:

Starting at strawberry flats, follow the North Gibson trail to the top of the ski hill. 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

Thank you for the ongoing efforts of all the volunteers and crews who help to maintain our vast trails system!



BC Parks
VOLUNTEER
COMMUNITY

