


## Synopsis for June 24th, 2026

Summer is here in E.C. Manning Parks. Some rain is forecasted in the upcoming week. Blackwall Road to Blackwall Peak opens on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The road to Cascade Lookout is open from 6am to 11pm daily. The parking lot for Cascade Recreation Area is now open. Sumallo Grove remains closed due to bridge construction in the area. Front Country campgrounds are open now for the season.

Due to the wind, and heavy rainfall events over the winter there is an extreme amount of windfall in the park. Many trails are very difficult to navigate. Please do not walk around windfalls, as this causes erosion and spreads invasive species. Ranger Staff are working in the backcountry to restore connectivity. Trail reports are the latest information, but updates may be delayed due to vast amount of windalls to be cleared on trails in the backcountry.

If you would like to assist Rangers in clearing windfall, please contact Area Supervisor Travis Rutledge at [travis.rutledge@gov.bc.ca](mailto:travis.rutledge@gov.bc.ca).

### Long range forecast 24 June – 1 July

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Wed. 24 June			18° / 10°	0.1	3 / 1
Thur. 25 June			18° / 7°	0.1	4 / 1
Fri. 26 June			13° / 6°	5	4 / 2
Sat. 27 June			10° / 5°	2.2	4 / 2
Sun. 28 June			13° / 6°	0.2	5 / 2
Mon. 29 June			11° / 6°	1.6	4 / 2
Tue. 30 June			12° / 6°	1.2	4 / 2
Wed. 1 July			19° / 4°		4 / 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 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. Bookings for Kicking Horse and Buckhorn start June 27th.**



## **Important Considerations**

**Be Prepared.** Unpredictable weather conditions can occur at anytime. Cell service is extremely limited in the park. Visit: [AdventureSmart | Get Informed and Go Outdoors!](#) For more tips and tricks on staying safe on your visit!

### **Wildlife**

Many animals large and small live in our Parks. Visit [Home - WildSafeBC](#) for information on keeping yourself and wildlife safe on your visit! **Always use proper precautions when hiking and camping in bear and cougar country!**

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 seeking or stealing food.

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.

### **Conservation**

To protect the Park's ecological values, please **stay on trails** at all times.

BC Parks are **Drone Free Zones**.

Remember to **"Leave No Trace"** when exploring BC Parks.

### **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

## Easy Trails

Trail	Est. Distance One-way	Est. Time One-way	Elevation Change	Trail Type	Trail Condition	As of:
Beaver Pond	500m	10 min	Very Little	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Good condition:</b> Trail is clear of windfall.	May 8, 2026
Paintbrush	1.5km	15 min	Little		<b>Gate to Blackwall peak is closed</b>	May 8, 2026
Rein Orchid	600m	15 min	Very little	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Gate to Blackwall peak is closed.</b>	May 8, 2026
Rhododendron Flats	1 km	20 min	40m	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Good condition:</b> Trail cleared of windfall.	May 8, 2026
Strawberry Flats (from Strawberry Flats to Gibson Pass Ski Hill)	4.5 km	2 hrs	125m	<b>Type I</b>	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall on the trail.	June 16, 2026
					<b>Gate to Sumallo Grove closed.</b>	
Sumallo Grove	1 km	30 min	Very little	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Caution!</b> Construction crews are working in the area. Access to the public is not permitted.	May 8, 2026
Twenty Minute Lake	1 km	20 min	10m	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 16, 2026
Little Muddy	5 km	1 hr	100m	<b>Type I</b>	<b>Poor condition:</b> Expect windfall and flooded sections of trail.	June 16, 2026
West Similkameen	2.1 km	1 hr	75m	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall on the trail.	June 16, 2026

## Moderate Trails

Trail	Est. Distance One-way	Est. Time One-way	Elevation Change	Trail Type	Trail Condition	As of:
Canyon Nature	2 km	45 min	50m	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 16, 2026
Monument 78	12 km	4 hrs	200m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Route finding is challenging. Flooded sections of trail. Expect heavy windfall on the trail.	June 16, 2026
Dry Ridge	.7 km	40 min	75m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Gate to Blackwall peak is closed</b>	May 8, 2026
Engineers Loop	1 km	15 min	200m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Eroded sections of trail, heavy windfall.	May 8, 2026
Heather (Blackwall Peak Parking past Buckhorn Camp to First Brother)	9 km	1.5 hrs	100m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Gate to Blackwall peak is closed</b>	May 8, 2026
Heather (First Brother to Kicking horse Camp)	4 km	2.5 hrs	292m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Gate to Blackwall peak is closed</b>	May 8, 2026
Heather (Kicking Horse Camp to Nicomen Lake Camp)	9 km	3 hrs	122m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Gate to Blackwall peak is closed</b>	May 8, 2026

Lightning Lake Loop (Around Lighting Lake)	9 km	3 hrs	200m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared of	May 8, 2026
Lightning Lake (To and around via Rainbow Bridge)	4.5 km	2 hrs	10m	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Good Condition:</b> Expect some windfall on trail.	May 8, 2026
Lightning Lake (Flash Lake Loop)	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	10m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall on trail.	June 16, 2026
Lightning Lake (Lightning Lake to Flash Lake and Strike Camp)	6 km	1.5 hrs	31m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect heavy windfall on trail.	June 16, 2026
Lightning Lake (Strike Camp to Thunder Lake)	3 km	1 hr	30m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect windfall on trail.	June 16, 2026
North Gibson	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	125m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall on trail	May 8, 2026
South Gibson	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	125m	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall on trail.	May 8, 2026
East Similkameen	4.7 km	2 hrs	75m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall on the trail.	June 16, 2026
Three Falls	4.5 km	2-3 hrs	Very Little	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 16, 2026

## Difficult Trails

Trail	Est. Distance One-way	Est. Time One-way	Elevation Change	Trail Type	Trail Condition	As of:
Bonnevier	17 km	8 hr	950m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 16, 2026
Tom Moore Trail— Bonnevier Upper East Gate Bypass	3 km	1 hr	300m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared to the tree line.	June 16, 2026
Dewdney (from Cascade Parking to Whipsaw FSR)	25 km	10 hrs	1131m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall on the trail. <b>Caution!</b> Construction crews for Hwy 3 bridge construction in area.	June 16, 2026
Grainger Creek (from Hope Pass Trail to Nicomen Lake)	9 km	4 hrs	952m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect snow and extreme windfall on trail.	June 16, 2026
Hope Pass (From Cayuse Flats to Whipsaw FSR)	24 km	10 hrs	1000m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect snow and windfall on the trail.	June 16, 2026
Windy Joe (From West Similkameen)	8 km	4 hrs	525m	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Fair condition:</b> Trail has been cleared to the 6km mark. Expect windfall beyond this point.	June 16, 2026
Mt. Frosty (From Lightning Lake Day Use to Summit)	10.5 km	6 hrs	1150m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect snow and heavy windfall on the trail.	May 8, 2026
Mt. Frosty (From Windy Joe Trail to Summit)	14.2 km	6 hrs	1150m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect snow and heavy windfall on trail.	May 8, 2026
Memaloose Trail (From Highway 3 to Poland Lake)	9 km	4 hrs	427m	<b>Type IV</b>	<b>Poor condition:</b> Expect heavy windfall and flooded sections on trail.	May 8, 2026
Mount Outram (From Westgate — The Marmot)	9 km	6 hrs	1699m	<b>Type IV</b>	<b>Poor condition:</b> Expect windfall and snow on the trail.	May 8, 2026
Monument 83	16 km	7 hrs	859m	<b>Type II</b>	<b>TRAIL CLOSED.</b> <b>Caution!</b> Construction crews working in area. Access to the public is not permitted.	May 8, 2026

Nicomen Lake (From Nicomen Lake to Marmot City)	9.5 km	2.5 hrs	31m	<b>Type IV</b>	<b>Gate to Blackwall peak is closed.</b>	May 8, 2026
Pacific Crest (From Windy Joe Trail to Border)	8 km	3 hrs	450m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect heavy windfall on trail.	June 16, 2026
Poland Lake (From Strawberry Flats)	8 km	4 hrs	665m	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect snow and heavy windfall on trail.	May 8, 2026
Skagit Bluffs (From Cayuse Flats to Cascade Parking)	5.6 km	2.5 hrs	225m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared of windfall. <b>Caution:</b> Trail crews are working on restoring eroded sections of trail.	June 16, 2026
					<b>Condition: Unknown</b>	
Skagit River (in Skagit Valley Provincial Park)	16 km	4 hrs	Very Little	<b>Type III</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.	Winter, 2021
Skyline I (Lightning Lake to Strawberry Flats)	16.6 km	6 hrs	775m	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Good Condition:</b> Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 24, 2026
Skyline II (From Despair Pass to Mowich Camp)	12.5 km	3 hrs	469m	<b>Type III &amp; IV</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect snow and heavy windfall on the trail.	May 8, 2026
Silverdaisy Mountain (crown Land into Skagit Valley Provincial Park)	10 km	4 hrs	1000m	<b>Type IV</b>	<b>Condition:</b> Unknown	May 8, 2026
Warburton Loop (To and from the Dewdney Trail)	7 km	3 hrs	280m	<b>Type IV</b>	<b>Fair Condition:</b> Expect windfall on the trail.	June 16, 2026
Whatcom (To and from the Dewdney Trail)	9.5 km	4 hrs	1081m	<b>Type IV</b>	<b>Poor Condition:</b> Expect windfall on trail. Use caution over creek crossings.	June 16, 2026



## Acknowledgments

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

