

Synopsis for October 23rd, 2026

Autumn has arrived in E.C. Manning. The gate to Blackwall Peak, Cascade Recreation Area and Sumallo Grove are now closed for the season. The leaves have turned into their fall colours, and the temperatures are getting cooler. Autumn can be a very enjoyable time to get out and explore our trails. The Larches on Mount Frosty have now lost their needles and there is snow on the mountain. Trail conditions can change quickly. Please make sure you are prepared for the hike, and pack out anything that you pack in.

Some trails in E.C. Manning have active construction and trail maintenance occurring. You may encounter windfallen trees on some portions of the trails. 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 number of windfalls to be cleared on trails in the backcountry.

If you would like to assist Rangers in clearing windfall, please contact Senior Ranger: Travis Rutledge at travis.rutledge@gov.bc.ca.

Long range forecast 23 Oct. – 30 Oct.

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Fri. 23 Oct.			6° / -2°		3 / 1
Sat. 24 Oct.			4° / -2°	2.9	2 / 1
Sun. 25 Oct.			5° / 1°	11	3 / 2
Mon. 26 Oct.			6° / -2°	3.1	2 / 0
Tue. 27 Oct.			6° / -2°	1	2 / 1
Wed. 28 Oct.			4° / -3°	6.6	3 / 1
Thur. 29 Oct.			4° / -7°	1.3	2 / 1
Fri. 30 Oct.			1° / -9°	1.7	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](#). 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. Reservations are currently required for Buckhorn, Kickinghorse, and Frosty campgrounds.**



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	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear of windfall.	May 8, 2026
Paintbrush	1.5km	15 min	Little		Blackwall Road is Closed	Oct 23, 2026
Rein Orchid	600m	15 min	Very little	Type II	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	July 3, 2026
Rhododendron Flats	1 km	20 min	40m	Type II	Good condition: Trail cleared of windfall.	May 8, 2026
Strawberry Flats (from Strawberry Flats to Gibson Pass Ski Hill)	4.5 km	2 hrs	125m	Type I	Good Condition: Trail clear of windfall.	June 16, 2026
					Gate to Sumallo Grove closed.	
Sumallo Grove	1 km	30 min	Very little	Type II	Caution! 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	Type II	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 16, 2026
Little Muddy	5 km	1 hr	100m	Type I	Good condition: Trail cleared of windfall.	June 30, 2026
West Similkameen	2.1 km	1 hr	75m	Type II	Good Condition: Trail cleared of windfall.	Sept 4th, 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	Type II	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 16, 2026
Monument 78	12 km	4 hrs	200m	Type III	Poor Condition: Route finding is challenging. Flooded sections of trail. Expect heavy windfall on the trail.	June 16, 2026
Dry Ridge	.7 km	40 min	75m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	July 3, 2026
Engineers Loop	1 km	15 min	200m	Type III	Fair Condition: 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	Type III	Blackwall Road is Closed	Oct 23, 2026
Heather (First Brother to Kicking horse Camp)	4 km	2.5 hrs	292m	Type III	Blackwall Road is Closed	Oct 23, 2026
Heather (Kicking Horse Camp to Nicomen Lake Camp)	9 km	3 hrs	122m	Type III	Blackwall Road is Closed	Oct 23, 2026

Lightning Lake Loop (Around Lighting Lake)	9 km	3 hrs	200m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	May 8, 2026
Lightning Lake (To and around via Rainbow Bridge)	4.5 km	2 hrs	10m	Type II	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	May 8, 2026
Lightning Lake (Flash Lake Loop)	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	10m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect some small windfall on trail.	August 8, 2026
Lightning Lake (Lightning Lake to Flash Lake and Strike Camp)	6 km	1.5 hrs	31m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	August 8, 2026
Lightning Lake (Strike Camp to Thunder Lake)	3 km	1 hr	30m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect some small windfall on trail.	August 8, 2026
North Gibson	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	125m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail reopened after wildfires.	Sept 18 th , 2026
South Gibson	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	125m	Type II	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 30, 2026
East Similkameen	4.7 km	2 hrs	75m	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on the trail.	June 16, 2026
Three Falls	4.5 km	2-3 hrs	Very Little	Type III	Good Condition: 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	Type III	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on the trail past the 6km point.	September 3rd, 2026
Tom Moore Trail— Bonnevier Upper East Gate Bypass	3 km	1 hr	300m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared to the tree line.	June 16, 2026
Dewdney (from Cascade Parking to Whipsaw FSR)	25 km	10 hrs	1131m	Type III	Gate is Closed for the Season	Oct 23, 2026
Grainger Creek (from Hope Pass Trail to Nicomen Lake)	9 km	4 hrs	952m	Type III	Gate is closed for the Season	Oct 23, 2026
Hope Pass (From Cayuse Flats to Whipsaw FSR)	24 km	10 hrs	1000m	Type III	Gate is closed for the Season	Oct 23, 2026
Windy Joe (From West Similkameen)	8 km	4 hrs	525m	Type II	Good condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	August 9, 2026
Mt. Frosty (From Lightning Lake Day Use to Summit)	10.5 km	6 hrs	1150m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	July 11, 2026
Mt. Frosty (From Windy Joe Trail to Summit)	14.2 km	6 hrs	1150m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	September 18th, 2026
Memaloose Trail (From Highway 3 to Poland Lake)	9 km	4 hrs	427m	Type IV	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on trail.	Sept 18th, 2026
Mount Outram (From Westgate — The Marmot)	9 km	6 hrs	1699m	Type IV	Fair condition: Expect windfall on trail.	Sept 18 th , 2026
Monument 83	16 km	7 hrs	859m	Type II	TRAIL CLOSED. Caution! 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	Type IV	Fair Condition: Expect small windfall on trail. Gate at HWY 3 is closed. Access from Whipsaw FSR.	Oct 23rd, 2026
Pacific Crest (From Windy Joe Trail to Border)	8 km	3 hrs	450m	Type III	Poor Condition: Expect heavy windfall on trail.	June 16th, 2026
Poland Lake (From Strawberry Flats)	8 km	4 hrs	665m	Type II	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on trail.	Sept 18th, 2026
Skagit Bluffs (From Cayuse Flats to Cascade Parking)	5.6 km	2.5 hrs	225m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall. Gate at Cascade Recreation Area is closed.	Oct 23rd, 2026
Condition: Unknown						
Skagit River (in Skagit Valley Provincial Park)	16 km	4 hrs	Very Little	Type III	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.	Winter, 2021
Skyline I (Lightning Lake to Strawberry Flats)	16.6 km	6 hrs	775m	Type III	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	June 24, 2026
Skyline II (From Despair Pass to Mowich Camp)	12.5 km	3 hrs	469m	Type III & IV	Good Condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.	Sept 18th, 2026
Silverdaisy Mountain (crown Land into Skagit Valley Provincial Park)	10 km	4 hrs	1000m	Type IV	TRAIL CLOSED. Caution! Wildfires in area. Access to the public is not permitted.	July 22, 2026
Warburton Loop (To and from the Dewdney Trail)	7 km	3 hrs	280m	Type IV	Fair Condition: Expect windfall on the trail.	June 16, 2026
Whatcom (To and from the Dewdney Trail)	9.5 km	4 hrs	1081m	Type IV	Trail Closed Caution! Bridge replacement is in progress. Access to the public is not permitted.	Oct 23rd, 2026



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

