



BC Parks

Height of the Rockies Provincial Park

Trail Conditions Report

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Height of the Rockies Provincial Park is a remote mountain paradise. Together with Elk Lakes, Height of the Rockies Park protects 71,532 hectares of mountain wilderness located along the Great Divide on the British Columbia-Alberta boundary. The two parks border on Banff National Park and Peter Lougheed Provincial Park to the north in Alberta. Important features include 26 peaks over 3000 metres, over 60 alpine and subalpine lakes, many glaciers, extensive alpine meadow areas, valley bottom meadows, and several old growth stands.

The trails within Height of the Rockies Provincial Park are located in a remote mountain wilderness. Extreme and unexpected weather can occur at any time. Be prepared for all types of weather and have proper backcountry supplies and knowledge to survive in the wilderness. Many of the trails are 'routes' and require advanced route finding skills. **Please be prepared for wilderness navigation.**

Height of The Rockies Trails and Routes

Trail Section	Approx. Distance (one way)	Elevation Change (Approx.)	Trail Information	Trail Condition
Joffre Creek Trail	12 km	+1100m -175m	Access to the trailhead is at the end of Palliser River FSR. The Joffre trailhead has been moved to the same location as the Palliser trailhead. These trails begin a short ways up from the FSR trailhead and then divert after crossing the Joffre River. Use caution crossing this river, and do not attempt at high water levels.	Wind-felled trees will be encountered. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations. Extra caution at river crossings due to spring runoff.
Palliser Route	20 km	+1080m -255m	This route follows the Palliser River upstream through the Palliser Valley, until meeting up with the Great Divide Trail at Leroy Creek. From here the route continues on to Palliser Pass. This route contains many river crossings. Use caution and do not attempt at high water levels. Be prepared for route finding up the valley.	Extra caution at river crossings due to spring runoff. Maintained by Guide Outfitter in late Summer/ Fall annually. Wind-felled trees may be encountered. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations.
Queen Mary Trail	12 km	+1285m -440	To access trailhead turn left (north) at approx. km 54 of the Palliser FSR. Trail follows Queen Mary Creek upstream and then climbs steeply up to the Lake. There are many creek crossings and re-routes to navigate up the valley. Use caution crossing creeks, and do not attempt at high water levels.	A section of trail was washed out in 2022 near the trailhead. Maintained by Guide Outfitter in late Summer/ Fall. Wind-felled trees may be encountered. Extra caution at river crossings due to spring runoff. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations.
Ralph Lake Trail	6 km	+935m -80m	A new trailhead location has been developed. To access trailhead, turn left (north) at approx. KM 40 of the	Wind-felled trees will be encountered. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations.

			Palliser FSR. Follow the Albert FSR to KM 58. Follow Shag Main FSR for 1 KM, trailhead will be at the end of the road. Shag Main FSR is steep in sections, 4x4 is recommended.	
Middle Fork/ White	16 km	+1050m -350m	Access is off the Middle Fork of the White River FSR. Trail follows the White River upstream to Sylvan Pass. Use caution crossing river, and do not attempt at high water levels.	Wind-felled trees may be encountered. Extra caution at river crossing due to spring runoff. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations.
Forsyth Creek Trail (Connor Lakes)	15 km	+865m -530m	Trail is accessed East of the Elk River FSR, approaching Connor Lakes from the south of the Park. The route follows a deactivated industrial road to the Park boundary. This route contains multiple washouts and river crossings. Use caution and do not attempt at high water levels.	Wind-felled trees may be encountered. Extra caution at river crossing due to spring runoff. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations.
Maiyuk Trail (Connor Lakes)	7 km	+580m -310m	Access trailhead at the end of the Middle Fork of the White FSR. Trail climbs east up Maiyuk creek up and over to Connor Lakes.	Wind-felled trees may be encountered. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations.
Beattie Lake / Leroy Creek (S. Kan Pass to N. Kan. Pass) ROUTE	10 km	+880 -800	North side of Beatty Col impassable, do not attempt. Instead travel West and around into the Leroy Creek drainage and up to North Kan Pass	Wind-felled trees may be encountered. Still contains brushy sections and scree slopes. Route finding and advanced backcountry skills required. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations.