





Trail Report for KOKANEE GLACIER PROVINCIAL PARK and other Kootenay Lake Area parks (including west side of Purcell Wilderness Conservancy)

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Please call 250-354-6333 if you have new trail conditions to report.

PARK	AREA	ROADS	TRAILS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Kokanee Glacier Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park. 	Kokanee Creek drainage	Kokanee Glacier Road is snow covered High clearance 4x4 vehicle recommended. <u>SPECIAL NOTICE:</u> Assess avalanche hazard before crossing slopes. Expect snow on the road. Road is NOT plowed.	Snow covered trails. Snow can make finding the trails difficult. Gibson Lake to Kokanee Lake to Kokanee Glacier Cabin: trail is snow covered. Glacier safety gear (rope, crampons, axe, etc) is required for glacier travel. Assess Avalanche risk before crossing snow slopes. Avalanche knowledge and gear (transceiver, shovel, probe, ski buddy) is required to travel off trail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.5 km to Kokanee Lake, elev. gain 450m, moderate-steep hike (1.5-2 hrs) 3 km Kokanee Lake to Kaslo Lake; easy hike. Camping at Kaslo Lake: 10 tent sites, food cache, greywater, outhouse No fires permitted (anywhere in the park). Reservations for Kokanee Glacier Cabin (<u>not</u> campground) through <u>Alpine Club of Canada 403-678-3200</u>; no reservations for camping at Kaslo Lake Campground 1.3 km (0.5 hrs) Kaslo Lake to Slocan Chief Cabin; moderate Slocan Chief Cabin interpretive centre Sapphire Lakes and Kalmia Lake campgrounds are permanently CLOSED. No camping at Gibson Lake. Gibson Lake Shelter was removed in 2021. <p>Overnight visitors are advised to wrap chicken wire around their vehicles to prevent porcupines from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</p>
		Kokanee Lake		
	Gibson Lake loop trail		Snow covered trails. Use caution on foot bridges around lake.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5 km loop Easy hike, views of lake, surrounding peaks, old mine workings.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park.</p> 	<p>Woodbury Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road is snow covered</p> <p>High clearance 4x4 vehicle recommended.</p>	<p>Snow covered trails. Snow can make finding the trails difficult.</p> <p>Assess Avalanche risk before crossing snow slopes. Avalanche knowledge and gear (transceiver, shovel, probe, ski buddy) is required to travel off trail.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trailhead to Woodbury Cabin: 8 km, moderate hike, elev. gain 762m (2.5-4 hrs). Woodbury Cabin sleeps 8, also camping nearby. Trailhead to Silver Spray Cabin: 6 km, strenuous hike, elev. gain 1016m (4-5 hrs). Cabin sleeps 10. Mining history and alpine meadows. Both cabins book through ACC reservation system (see above) for summer season only. Both cabins are closed during winter season as the hut location(s) poses avalanche hazard to users. Sunset Lake Trail: park at Y-junction, ~1 hr walk on old road to trailhead, 30 min easy hike from there to lake <p>Overnight visitors are advised to wrap chicken wire around their vehicles to prevent porcupines from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</p>
	<p>Keen Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road permanently closed at park boundary; 8 km approximately to trailhead (bikeable) Condition unknown.</p>	<p>Snow covered trails. Trail to Joker Lakes not maintained and not recommended; known grizzly bear habitat. Trail to Helen Deane Lake and Slocan Chief Cabin last cleared Oct 2010.</p> <p>Warning: bridge across Joker Creek washed out.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 km easy grade road from park boundary to Joker Millsite (trailhead) 3.5 km moderate-steep hike from trailhead to Helen Deane Lake (1-2 hrs)
	<p>Enterprise Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road is snow covered</p> <p>High clearance 4x4 vehicle recommended.</p>	<p>Snow covered trails. Trail to Blue Grouse has been reported clear of windfall (as of early Aug 2022). Road to trailhead in good condition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprise Creek Trail: 7 km, elev. gain 500m, moderate hike (2.5-3 hrs) to Tanal Lake Tanal Lake to Kaslo Lake: 2.5 km (1.5 hrs), moderate hike Paupo Creek Trail to Blue Grouse Basin: 6.4 km, elev. gain 700m, moderate to strenuous hike (3-4 hrs); lovely subalpine area; no camping or fires

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	<p>Lemon Creek, Sapphire Lakes</p>	<p>Road is snow covered</p> <p>Access via 6-mile Lakes Road and Summit South FSR is very rough in places. High clearance and 4WD is necessary.</p>	<p>Snow covered trails. Lemon Creek Trail was cleared in September 2021.</p> <p>Trails up Nilsik Creek and to Crazy Jane Lake have not been cleared.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 km Lemon Creek FSR to Sapphire Lakes, elev. gain 950m, moderate to strenuous hike with washed out sections (5 hrs) 3 km Kaslo Lake to Sapphire Lakes, moderate hike (1-2 hrs) No camping at Sapphire Lakes
<p>Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (west)</p>	<p>Fry Creek</p>	<p>Road through Johnson's Landing is open but may be closed without notice if previous landslide area becomes active again.</p>	<p>Portion from trailhead to Fry Creek is clear.</p> <p>FRY CREEK TRAIL IS CURRENTLY CLOSED BEYOND THE FRY CREEK BRIDGE (at km 2.5) DUE TO WILDFIRE DAMAGES.</p> <p>THE FRY CREEK CANYON TRAIL IS PERMANENTLY CLOSED DUE TO WILDFIRE DAMAGES.</p> <p>NOTE: Carney Creek cable car was removed at 8km.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5 km trailhead to Fry Creek (start of canyon), easy hike (1-1.5 hrs) open. 8.5 km up canyon to Carney Creek cable car crossing. Trail narrow and exposed in places. Moderate to steep hike. This trail is closed permanently. Trail starts on private property; please be respectful.
 <p style="text-align: center;">Fry Creek Canyon</p>	<p>Hamill Creek, Earl Grey Pass</p>	<p>Road open above Argenta to trailhead</p>	<p>BC Parks cleared the majority of the western side of the Earl Grey Pass trail (from the pass to Hamill Creek trailhead) in mid September 2022. Some sections near Moose Meadows remain uncleared. Trail remains very overgrown in sections. Wilderness/route-finding skills are essential.</p> <p>THE CLINT CREEK BRIDGE ON THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE EARL GREY PASS TRAIL IS CURRENTLY IMPASSABLE.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 3 cable cars crossing Hamill Creek on the west side of Earl Grey Pass. Gloves are advised for pulling them. Total trail length is 61km. The Earl Grey Pass trail is a wilderness trail and good route-finding skills are essential.

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Pilot Bay	Sawmill Bay Campground	Road open	Several small passable blowdown trees for hikers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx 30-45 min hike to Campground. • Approx 1 hr hike Boomers • NO BICYCLES ALLOWED • Please keep dogs on leash at all times in the park.
Pilot Bay	Lighthouse	Road open	Trail cleared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400m moderate grade to Lighthouse • Top viewing platform affords excellent views in 3 directions; open to the public year-round
Lockhart Creek		Access through Gray Creek Pass open. Redding Cr FSR has washout approx 6 km below trailhead; road beyond washout very good for bicycles	First 8km cleared, June 2020 - Thanks Friends of West Kootenay Parks!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head for Baker Lake Forest Rec Site trail; approx 1 km in, blue flagging indicates trail jct; stay right for Lockhart Creek access • Approx 15 km top to bottom, elev. change 1450m • Hikers: be alert for mountain bikers descending
Kianuko	Sanca Creek	<p>Road is snow covered</p> <p>Road status: Forestry dirt roads are open and generally require a high clearance vehicle.</p>	<p>Trail from Sanca Creek Trailhead to junction with Kianuko Creek Trail cleared June 19, 2021. Thanks Saddle Axe Outfitters!!</p> <p>Trail from Kianuko Creek Trail junction with Haystack Alpine trail cleared in July 2020.</p> <p>2018 wildfire risks still exist on trail: -danger trees & overhead hazards, ash pits, -terrain instabilities, -amplified runoff after rainfall or snowmelt, -respiratory effects caused by breathing soot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haystack Alpine Trail is from Sanca Creek to Meachen Creek Trailhead at end of Sanca Creek FSR; approx. 1 km to park boundary. • Approx 8.5 km through to Meachen Creek trailhead • No official campsites or facilities in this park. • Motorized use is not permitted in the

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	Kianuko Creek	<p>Road is snow covered</p> <p>Road to confluence of Skelly Creek and Kianuko Creek unknown at this time.</p>	<p>Kianuko Creek Trail is OPEN but hazards exist from the 2018 wildfire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -danger trees & overhead hazards, ash pits, -terrain instabilities, -amplified runoff after rainfall or snowmelt, -respiratory effects caused by breathing soot and charcoal for extended periods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kianuko Creek Trail • Follow Goat River from Kitchener on Hwy 3, to about 20 km, turn west on Skelly Cr road. • 3.5 km to Kianuko Creek turnoff, approx 1.5 km from there to park boundary • Road deactivated; no vehicles beyond park boundary • Old FSR follows Kianuko valley north.