Trail Report for
KOKANEE GLACIER PROVINCIAL PARK
and other Kootenay Lake Area parks
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Updated: Nov 10, 2026 **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 Expect Snow Upper Elevation to Gibson LK.** **High clearance 4x4 vehicle recommended.**	**Early Season-** Winter conditions expect snow at Upper elevations. Note seasonal area wolverine closures. **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 on snow / glaciers.**	• **Ranger Way Trail**-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 (0.5 to 1.5hr). • Camping at Kaslo Lake: 10 tent sites, day use shelter, food cache, greywater, outhouse. All tent pads are snow covered. • **No fires permitted** (anywhere in the park). • Reservations for Kokanee Glacier Cabin (not campground) through **Alpine Club of Canada 403-678-3200;** 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- open during summer. • **Sapphire Lakes and Kalmia Lake campgrounds are permanently CLOSED.** • **No camping at Gibson Lake.** • **Gibson Lake Shelter was removed in 2021.**
	Gibson Lake loop trail		**Expect Snow**	• 2.5 km loop

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				• Easy hike, views of lake, surrounding peaks, old mine workings. • **Note Wolverine Protection Closure Area- closed to all public access from Jan 15- May 15, 2027 in Tanal and Woodbury Drainages. See info posted on main Kokanee Glacier Park webpage, under "Advisories".**
Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park. 	**Woodbury Creek drainage**	**Expect Snow Covered Roads Upper elevations.** **High clearance 4x4 vehicle recommended.**	**Assess Avalanche risk before crossing snow slopes. Avalanche knowledge and gear (transceiver, shovel, probe, ski buddy) is required to travel off trail.**	• 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 **Note Wolverine Protection Closure Area- closed to all public access from Jan 15- May 15, 2027 in Tanal and Woodbury Drainages. See info posted on main Kokanee Glacier Park webpage, under "Advisories".**
	Keen Creek drainage	**Road permanently closed at park boundary; 8 km approximately to trailhead** (bikeable) **Condition unknown.** **Expect snow covered roads.**	**Snow covered Upper Elevations** Trail to Joker Lakes not maintained and not recommended; known grizzly bear habitat. Trail to Helen Deane Lake and Slocan Chief Cabin last cleared Aug 2023.	• 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)

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		Assess Avalanche risk before crossing snow slopes. Avalanche knowledge and gear (transceiver, shovel, probe, ski buddy) is required for winter travel.	**Warning: bridge across Joker Creek washed out.**	
	Enterprise Creek drainage	**Expect snow covered roads.** **High clearance 4x4 vehicle recommended.** **Use Caution - post wildfire risks from 2024 may exist in the area:** **-danger trees & overhead hazards, ash pits,** **-terrain instabilities,** **-amplified runoff after rainfall or snowmelt.** **Road is NOT plowed.** **Assess avalanche hazard before crossing slopes.**	**Snow covered trails. Snow can make finding the trails difficult.** Trail to Blue Grouse was last cleared of windfall (summer 2023), thanks to Friends of West Kootenay Parks. **Assess Avalanche risk before crossing snow slopes. Avalanche knowledge and gear (transceiver, shovel, probe, ski buddy) is required for winter travel.**	• 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** **Note Wolverine Protection Closure Area- closed to all public access from Jan 15- May 15, 2027 in Tanal Drainage. See info posted on main Kokanee Glacier Park webpage, under "Advisories".**
	Lemon Creek, Sapphire Lakes	**Road Expect winter conditions.** **Road is not plowed.** **Assess avalanche hazard before crossing slopes.** Access via 6-mile Lakes Road and Summit	**Snow covered trails . Lemon Creek Trail** was cleared to 7km in October 2026. Trails up Nilsik Creek and to Crazy Jane Lake have not been cleared. **Assess Avalanche risk before crossing snow slopes. Avalanche knowledge and gear**	• 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**

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		South FSR is very rough in places. High clearance and 4WD is necessary.	**(transceiver, shovel, probe, ski buddy) is required for winter travel.**	
Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (west)	Fry Creek to Birchdale Trail		**Trail last cleared – June 2026**	• 2.5 km trailhead to Fry Creek (bridge), easy hike (1-1.5 hrs) open. • **Fry Creek Trail starts on private property; please be respectful.** • **Fry Creek Trail ends at the community of Birchdale; please respect private property.**
 Fry Creek				
Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (west)	Fry Creek Canyon	The Fry Creek Canyon route is no longer classified as a designated route The Fry Creek and Carney Creek drainages are deemed wilderness areas. Travel to these areas is not recommended. Use at your own risk and route-finding skills are required.		
Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (west)	Hamill Creek, Earl Grey Pass	Road open above Argenta to trailhead	**WESTERN PORTION OF THE EARL GREY TRAIL IS CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO 2024 Post WILDFIRE HAZARDS.** WILDERNESS/ROUTE-FINDING SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL.	• **WESTERN PORTION OF EARL GREY TRAIL IS CURRENTLY CLOSED** • 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.
Pilot Bay	Sawmill Bay Campground	Road open	Trail cleared Aug 2026	• Approx 30-45 min hike to Campground.

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				• 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	• 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	**Snow covered trails. Snow can make finding the trails difficult.** Snow covered at higher elevations. Wind-felled trees will likely be encountered.	• 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	**Expect snow covered roads.** **Road is not plowed.** **Assess avalanche hazard before crossing slopes.** Road status: Forestry dirt roads are open and generally require a high clearance vehicle.	**Snow covered trails. Snow can make finding the trails difficult.** Thanks "Trails for Creston Valley Society" for your work on the new bridge! Expect some windfallen trees across the trail. Trail from Sanca Creek Trailhead to first lake **Assess Avalanche risk before crossing snow slopes. Avalanche knowledge and gear (transceiver, shovel, probe, ski buddy) is required for winter travel.** Trail from Sanca Creek Trailhead to junction with Kianuko Creek Trail cleared June 19, 2021.	• 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 Kianuko Park. • Snowmobiling is not permitted in Kianuko Park.

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			Trail from Kianuko Creek Trail junction with Haystack Alpine trail cleared in July 2020. Meachen Tr head to Kianuko Pass cleared Sept, 2026 **2018 wildfire risks still exist on trail:** **-danger trees & overhead hazards, ash pits,** **-terrain instabilities,** **-amplified runoff after rainfall or snowmelt.**	
	Kianuko Creek	**Expect snow covered roads.** **Road is not plowed.** **Assess avalanche hazard before crossing slopes.** Road to confluence of Skelly Creek and Kianuko Creek unknown at this time.	**Snow covered trails. Snow can make finding the trails difficult.** **Assess Avalanche risk before crossing snow slopes. Avalanche knowledge and gear (transceiver, shovel, probe, ski buddy) is required for winter travel.** **Kianuko Creek Trail is OPEN but hazards exist from the 2018 wildfire:** **-danger trees & overhead hazards, ash pits,** **-terrain instabilities,** **-amplified runoff after rainfall or snowmelt.**	• **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. • Snowmobiling is not permitted in Kianuko Park.