



# Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park & Protected Area Trail Conditions Report

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The Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Park embraces six large drainages flowing east to the Columbia River system and three flowing west to Kootenay Lake. All of which emanate from the rugged and glaciated backbone of the spectacular Purcell Mountain Range of southeastern BC. Please refer to the trail page link for more information: <http://www.d.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/purcell/trails.html>

## SAFETY INFORMATION

The Purcell Wilderness Conservancy is a rugged wilderness area with limited facilities. Trails are rough and not routinely maintained and at times hard to follow, expect river crossings, muddy sections and blow down. Only experienced backcountry users with map, compass and route finding knowledge should venture into this park. Leave your trip itinerary with someone before you venture out. Emergency equipment and technical rescues are not available and all park visitors should be self-equipped for emergencies

Trail Name	Access	Special Notes	Trail Condition
Earl Grey Trail – Toby Creek	From Invermere follow the road that takes you to Panorama ski resort, at the ski resort keep heading straight on the Toby Creek Forest Service Road until you come to the junction with Jumbo Creek. Stay left you will immediately see the Earl Grey Trailhead.	The trail up the South Toby drainage is intermittent and route-finding skills are required. Expect creek crossings, and use extra caution during high water levels.	Wind-felled trees will be encountered. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations
Dutch Creek	Follow Findlay Creek Forest Service Road for aprx. 13km. Turn right onto Whitetail Lake Road. Follow it for 14km. The official trailhead is after the bridge where you will see an information kiosk and registry.	Be prepared for several creek crossings, use extra caution during high water levels. Horse trail. Exercise caution during hunting seasons.	Maintained by Guide Outfitter for late summer and fall use. Wind-felled trees may be encountered. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations
Findlay Creek	Follow Findlay Creek FSR for aprx. 20km. Turn right on Valentine Creek FSR, follow this road for aprx. 6 km where the road will be washed out. There is a horse trail to the right that goes over the washout. After passing the washout, to the left is the old parking area. The trail head is at the end of the old lot. <b>Do not</b> follow the FSR road that continues uphill and right.	Be prepared for several creek crossings, use extra caution during high water levels. Horse trail. Exercise caution during hunting seasons.	Maintained by Guide Outfitter for late summer and fall use. Wind-felled trees may be encountered. Expect wet and muddy conditions, with snow at higher elevations
Dewar Creek Hot Springs	Drive west on the St. Mary's forest service road 47 km to the junction of the West Fork St. Mary's road and the Dewar Creek road. Bear right and follow the Dewar Creek road to the end at approximately km marker 72 there is a trail registry and information kiosk located at the beginning of the trail.	The last 4 km is a very rough road and high clearance vehicles are recommended. Exercise caution during hunting seasons. Do not camp at the Hot Springs, please camp at Bugle Basin.	Trail clear of windfall and snow Jun 19, 2024 Wet and muddy sections. Hot Springs will be temporarily CLOSED July 16-18, 2024 - access to Bugle Basin will remain open

