

Strathcona Trail and Area Conditions – May 14, 2026

Snow is continuing to melt from higher elevations and areas are becoming free of snow. Hikers can generally expect to find snow conditions above 1200m while snow may remain at lower elevations in shaded forested areas, and in north facing slopes and valleys. Extreme caution is needed in travelling in snow covered areas at this time while conditions are difficult and snow equipment may still be required to traverse some areas of the park.

Revised updates will be posted as information becomes available.

Buttle Lake Area

Marine Locations:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Boat Launches	Buttle Lake water level is average.; boat with caution and look for submerged hazards. 4x4 vehicles are recommended for launching boats at boat launches	May 14, 2026
Marine Sites	Titus, Wolf, Phillips, and Upper Campbell Marine sites are open.	May 14, 2026

Paradise Meadows Trailhead & Mt. Albert Edward Area Trails

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Paradise Meadows Trailhead	Centennial Loop (Universal Access loop) are free of snow. Hikers should be prepared for uneven boardwalk sections until repairs are planned for next month.	May 14, 2026
Helen Mackenzie/ Battleship Loop, Helen Mackenzie to Kwai Lake via Croteau Lake, Cruckshank Canyon Lookout	All of these areas remain mostly snow free below 1200m. Hikers can expect to encounter snow on trails beyond Croteau Lake. Extreme caution is needed to cross creeks where snow bridges are not stable. Tent pads are mostly snow covered at some campsites (Kwai and Cirplet) and not available for camping. Croteau Lake Group Site will be available for reservations starting June 26.	May 14, 2026

<p>Helen Mackenzie to Circlet Lk, Amphitheatre Lake, Moat Lake, Mount Albert Edward</p>	<p>Moat Lake / Castlecrag Route No camping at Moat Lake. This location is inside the Core Area of the park, and the nearest campsites are at Circlet Lake. The Castlecrag route is not maintained.</p> <p>Mt. Albert Edward Hiking Route Skis or snowshoes may be necessary. Extreme caution is required in variable and changing conditions. Weather and conditions can change rapidly on this high elevation route.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Weather conditions</u> and visibility can change rapidly. Youtube video with detailed route information: Adventure Smart Video - Mount Albert Edward</p>	<p>May 14, 2026</p>
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Nature Walks and Short Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Karst Creek	TRAIL CLOSED due to hazardous conditions including a rockfall hazard upstream. Keep off trail.	May 14, 2026
Lady Falls	Trail is open and windfall has been cleared.	May 14, 2026
Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crags, Lupin Falls, Wild Ginger, Auger Point Loop, Shepherd Creek, Lower Myra Falls	All trails are open, windfall may exist on trails. Park Rangers and Volunteers will be conducting trail work on Crest Crags trail (Hidden Wall) on June 13.	May 14, 2026
Auger Point Traverse/ Jack's Trail	Trail has not been inspected at this time.	June 5, 2025

Buttle Lake Area Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Elk River Trail	Trail is mostly snow free of snow to Landslide Lake. Trail has not been cleared of windfall. Camp 1 and camp2 are open.	May 14, 2026
Crest Mountain	Winter conditions exist above 1200m of elevation, including at the Lake. Snow is melting quickly in some areas. Bridges may be slippery, please use caution when crossing streams. Winter windfall has not been cleared.	May 14, 2026
King's Peak	Winter conditions exist above 1300m of elevation with persistent snow are higher elevations. Windfall has been cleared to 1000m.	May 14, 2026
Bedwell Lakes	Winter conditions exist above 1200m of elevation. Facilities (tent pads and toilets) may be partially visible at Main Bedwell Lake. Some sections of trail remain under snow and snow persists in valleys. Challenging and Marginal hiking conditions exist at higher elevations.	May 14, 2026
Cream Lake	Bedwell – Cream Lake Trail remains under snow.	May 14, 2026
Upper Myra Falls	Trail is free from snow. Windfall has not been cleared. Extreme caution is needed on viewing platform where fallen tree has damaged the railings. Repairs will be underway soon.	May 14, 2026
Arnica Lake/Phillips Ridge	Trail has not been assessed and conditions are unknown at this time. Expect some blowdown and snow at higher elevations.	May 14, 2026
Tennent Lake/Mount Myra	Winter conditions exist above 1200m of elevation. Winter windfall has not been cleared.	May 14, 2026
Flower Ridge	Winter conditions exist above 1200m of elevation. Winter windfall has not been cleared.	May 14, 2026
Marble Meadows	Winter conditions exist above 1200m of elevation. Trail has not been assessed this season.	May 14, 2026

Other Trails and Areas

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Della Falls & Love Lake Trail	<p>Trail has not been inspected, windfall may be present. Park Rangers will be clearing and assessing this trail in early June.</p> <p>No fires are permitted in campsites along Della Falls Trail.</p> <p>NOTE: This is an old growth forest with natural hazards. Campers/hikers should be exercising conservative decision making during stormy weather conditions.</p>	May 14, 2026
Oshinow Lake	Not inspected.	May 14, 2026
Kunlin/Donner Lakes	Travel by vehicle is not possible to Donner Lake. Road to Kunlin Lake is becoming overgrown – watch for deep water bars and small road failures. The trail to Ucona Falls has been cleared of brush by volunteers in 2025. This trail is snow free.	May 14, 2026
Gold Lake	Forest service road (outside park boundaries) bridge decommissioning has made trailhead access impossible by 4x4 truck. This route requires good navigation and route finding ability. Large tree blowdown exists in first 2Km. Exercise caution crossing Gold River.	May 14, 2026
Comox Glacier/ Century Sam Lake	<p>Trail has not been inspected, snow and windfall may be present.</p> <p>NOTE: Be advised that hours for the Comox Main gate access can be found on Mosaic Forest Management website.</p>	May 14, 2026
Mount Beecher, Forbidden Plateau Traverse	<p>Winter conditions exist above 1200m of elevation. Winter windfall has not been cleared.</p>	May 14, 2026