



Bugaboo Provincial Park

Trail Conditions Report

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Bugaboo Provincial Park is a remote mountain wilderness located in the Purcell Mountains of British Columbia. It protects a spectacular landscape of towering granite spires, tumbling glaciers, alpine meadows, and mid-elevation forest. The primary users of the park are mountaineers attracted by the world class alpine climbing, although experienced hikers and scramblers will find a visit to the park very rewarding as well.

The Bugaboos are famous for their volatile weather and wild lightning storms. All visitors to the park should come prepared: intense storms with hail, snow, high winds, and freezing temperatures are common throughout the summer months.

Access to glaciers and steep snow slopes within the park is relatively easy; please don't attempt to travel on this type of terrain without adequate mountaineering knowledge and equipment. There have been numerous accidents and rescues in the past involving inexperienced and ill-equipped persons in technical terrain.

Bugaboo Spires Trail

Trail Section	Distance (one way)	Elevation Gain	Trail Information	Trail Condition
Parking Lot to Conrad Kain Hut	4.5 km	720 m	Flat valley bottom for the first km, then climbs steeply to the hut. Trail passes through granite rock bluffs, climbs a steel ladder, and has exposure to steep drop-offs. Sturdy footwear is required.	Open
Conrad Kain Hut to Applebee Dome Campground	1.0 km	200 m	Trail crosses the creek flowing out of Crescent Glacier (follow cairns), then climbs up an old moraine and through boulder fields to the campground on the bare rock slabs of Applebee Dome.	Open

Cobalt Lake Trail

Trail Section	Distance (one way)	Elevation Gain	Trail Information	Trail Condition
Parking area to Black Forest Ridge	6.5 km	875 m	Trail switchbacks up an old skid road through a second growth forest, passes through a pleasant stand of alpine larches, then climbs to an alpine pass on Black Forest Ridge.	Open
Black Forest Ridge to Cobalt Lake	2.0 km	140m gain 200 m loss	Trail follows Black Forest Ridge	Trail is unmarked and un-maintained.