



Height of the Rockies Provincial Park

Trail Conditions Report

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Height of the Rockies Provincial Park is a remote mountain paradise. Together with Elk Lakes, Height of the Rockies Park protects 71,532 hectares of mountain wilderness located along the Great Divide on the British Columbia-Alberta boundary. The two parks border on Banff National Park and Peter Lougheed Provincial Park to the north in Alberta. Important features include 26 peaks over 3000 metres, over 60 alpine and subalpine lakes, many glaciers, extensive alpine meadow areas, valley bottom meadows, and several old growth stands.

The trails within Height of the Rockies Provincial Park are located in a remote mountain wilderness. Extreme and unexpected weather can occur at any time. Be prepared for all types of weather and have proper backcountry supplies and knowledge to survive in the wilderness. Many of the trails are 'routes' and require advanced route finding skills. **Please be prepared for wilderness navigation.**

Attention Park Users: There is still a lot of snow in the alpine, and with warming temperatures river crossings may be extremely dangerous. If crossing rivers take extreme caution.

Height of The Rockies Trails and Routes

Trail Section	Approx. Distance (one way)	Elevation Change (Approx.)	Trail Information	Trail Condition
Joffre Creek Trail	12 km	+1100m -175m	Access to the trailhead is at the end of Palliser River FSR. The Joffre trailhead has been moved to the same location as the Palliser trailhead. These trails begin a short ways up from the FSR trailhead and then divert after crossing the Joffre River. This bridge was blown out, use caution crossing this river, and do not attempt at high water levels.	Bridge blown out across the Joffre. Re-routed sections constructed in 2015. Be careful around newly re-routed sections. Wind-felled trees will be encountered. Last cleared July 2020
Palliser Route	20 km	+1080m -255m	This route follows the Palliser River upstream through the Palliser Valley, until meeting up with the Great Divide Trail at Leroy Creek. From here the route continues on to Palliser Pass. This route contains many river crossings. Be prepared for route finding up the valley.	Route finding required. Multiple river crossings. Maintained by Guide Outfitter in late Summer/ Fall annually. Last cleared July 2020.
Queen Mary Trail	12 km	+1285m -440	To access trailhead turn left (north) at approx. km 54 of the Palliser FSR. Trail follows Queen Mary Creek upstream and then climbs steeply up to the Lake.	Maintained by Guide Outfitter in late Summer/ Fall. There are many river crossings and re-routes to navigate up the valley. Public Cabin is closed due to COVID-19. Last Cleared July 2020
Ralph Lake Trail	6 km	+935m -80m	To access trailhead turn left (north) at approx. KM 40 of the Palliser FSR. Follow the Albert FSR to approx. KM 18 trailhead will be on the right (east) side of the FSR.	The Bridge at 45km's along the Albert FSR has been washed out. Vehicle access beyond this point is not possible as of June 2020. Work will continue this summer Wind-felled

				trees will likely be encountered.
Middle Fork/ White	16 km	+1050m -350m	Access is off the Middle Fork of the White River FSR Trail follows the White River upstream to Sylvan Pass	South section cleared June 2020. Wind-felled trees may be encountered.
Forsyth Creek Trail (Connor Lakes)	15 km	+865m -530m	Trail is accessed East of the Elk River FSR, approaching Connor Lakes from the south of the Park. The route follows a deactivated industrial road to the Park boundary.	There are washouts along this trail, including the bridge at the trailhead. River crossings are dangerous and not recommended by BC Parks due to fluctuating water levels. Wind-felled trees may be encountered. Cleared and snow free as of June 2020.
Maiyuk Trail (Connor Lakes)	7 km	+580m -310m	Access trailhead at the end of the Middle Fork of the White FSR. Trail climbs east up Maiyuk creek up and over to Connor Lakes.	Cleared and snow free as of June 2020. Wind-felled trees may be encountered.
Beattie Lake / Leroy Creek (S. Kan Pass to N. Kan. Pass) ROUTE	10 km	+880 -800	North side of Beatty Col impassable, do not attempt. Instead travel West and around into the Leroy Creek drainage and up to North Kan Pass	Route from Palliser to Leroy creek cleared in June 2019. Still contains brushy sections and scree slopes. Route finding and advanced backcountry skills required.