







# Trail Report for KOKANEE GLACIER PROVINCIAL PARK and other Kootenay Lake Area parks (including west side of Purcell Wilderness Conservancy)

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Please call 250-354-6333 if you have new trail conditions to report.

PARK	AREA	ROADS	TRAILS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<b>Kokanee Glacier</b>  <b>Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park.</b> 	Kokanee Creek drainage	Kokanee Glacier Road is clear.	Gibson Lake to Kokanee lake: open. <b>Expect snow covered trails.</b> Trail from Kokanee Lake to the Kokanee Glacier Cabin: open. <b>Expect snow covered trails.</b>  Glacier safety gear (rope, crampons, axe, etc) is required for glacier travel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.5 km to Kokanee Lake, elev. gain 450m, moderate-steep hike (1.5-2 hrs)</li> <li>3 km Kokanee Lake to Kaslo Lake; easy hike (when snow-free)</li> <li>Camping at Kaslo Lake: 10 tent sites, food cache, greywater, outhouse;</li> <li><b>no fires permitted (anywhere in the park).</b></li> <li>Reservations for Kokanee Glacier Cabin (<u>not</u> campground) through <b>Alpine Club of Canada 403-678-3200</b>; no reservations for camping at Kaslo Lake Campground</li> <li>1.3 km (0.5 hrs) Kaslo Lake to Slocan Chief Cabin; moderate</li> <li>Slocan Chief Cabin interpretive centre <u>is open</u>.</li> <li><b>Sapphire Lakes and Kalmia Lake campgrounds are permanently CLOSED.</b></li> <li><b>No camping at Gibson Lake.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Overnight</b> visitors are advised to wrap chicken wire around their vehicles to prevent <b>porcupines</b> from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</p>
<p>Photo Oct 1, 2018 Kokanee Lake</p> 				
	Gibson Lake loop trail		Use caution on foot bridges around lake.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.5 km loop</li> <li>Easy hike, views of lake, surrounding peaks, old mine workings</li> </ul>
	<b>Woodbury Creek drainage</b>	<b>Road is now open.</b>	<b>. Expect snow covered trails.</b> <b>Silver Spray trail: Trail has</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trailhead to Woodbury Cabin: 8 km, moderate hike, elev. gain 762m (2.5-4 hrs). Woodbury</li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park.</b></p> 			<p>been cleared to parking lot as of July 6/2018</p> <p><u>Woodbury trail: trail has been cleared of windfall Aug 9/2018.</u></p> <p>Sunset Lake not cleared.</p> <p>Travel times at right refer to cleared trails.</p>	<p>Cabin sleeps 8, also camping nearby. Trail is not cleared at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trailhead to Silver Spray Cabin: 6 km, strenuous hike, elev. gain 1016m (4-5 hrs). Cabin sleeps 10. Mining history and alpine meadows.</li> <li>Both cabins book through <u>ACC</u> (see above)</li> <li>Sunset Lake Trail: park at Y-junction, ~1 hr walk on old road to trailhead, 30 min easy hike from there to lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Overnight visitors are advised to wrap chicken wire around their vehicles to prevent porcupines from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</b></p>
	Keen Creek drainage	<p><b>Road permanently closed at park boundary; 8 km approximately to trailhead (bikeable) 2018 condition unknown.</b></p>	<p>Trail to Joker Lakes not maintained and not recommended; known grizzly bear habitat. Trail to Helen Deane Lake and Slocan Chief Cabin last cleared Oct 2010.</p> <p><b>Warning: bridge across Joker Creek washed out.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 km easy grade road from park boundary to Joker Millsite (trailhead)</li> <li>3.5 km moderate-steep hike from trailhead to Helen Deane Lake (1-2 hrs)</li> </ul>
	Enterprise Creek drainage	<p><b>Road closed to motorized vehicles at 5 km; approximately 7 km from there to trailhead on good wilderness road with gentle grade. 2018 condition unknown.</b></p>	Trail condition unknown at this time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enterprise Creek Trail: 7 km, elev. gain 500m, moderate hike (2.5-3 hrs) to Tanal Lake</li> <li>Tanal Lake to Kaslo Lake: 2.5 km (1.5 hrs), moderate hike</li> <li>Paupo Creek Trail to Blue Grouse Basin: 6.4 km, elev. gain 700m, moderate to strenuous hike (3-4 hrs); lovely subalpine area;</li> <li><b>no camping or fires</b></li> </ul>
	Lemon Creek, Sapphire Lakes	<p>Access via 6-mile Lakes Road and Summit South FSR is very rough in places. <b>2018 condition unknown. Lemon Creek FSR "officially" closed at 2 km. Not known if/when it will be re-</b></p>	<p><b>Lemon Creek Trail</b> was cleared in 2016. Thanks to Glen Erickson family!</p> <p>Trails up Nilsik Creek and to Crazy Jane Lake have not been cleared.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 km Lemon Creek FSR to Sapphire Lakes, elev. gain 950m, moderate to strenuous hike with washed out sections (5 hrs)</li> <li>3 km Kaslo Lake to Sapphire Lakes, moderate hike (1-2 hrs)</li> <li><b>No camping at Sapphire Lakes</b></li> </ul>

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		<b>opened. Many rough sections from Hwy 6 to 6-Mile Lakes road.</b>		
<b>Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (west)</b>	Fry Creek	<b>Road through Johnson's Landing is open</b> , but may be closed without notice if previous landslide area becomes active again.	<b>Portion from trailhead to Fry Creek is clear.</b>  <b>Above Fry Creek bridge, old trail has been wiped out in several places and this is now considered a route. Definitely not recommended during high water period.</b>  <b>Carney Creek cable car no longer in service.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.5 km trailhead to Fry Creek (start of canyon), easy hike (1-1.5 hrs)</li> <li>• 8.5 km up canyon to Carney Creek cable car crossing. Trail narrow and exposed in places. Moderate to steep hike.</li> <li>• <b>Trail starts on private property; please respect that.</b></li> </ul>
	Hamill Creek, Earl Grey Pass	Road open above Argenta to trailhead	Trail has been cleared to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> cable car. Expect windfall on the trail beyond this.  Cable cars 1-5 are in working order.  Strongly recommend 2 persons to operate cars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamill Creek Trail is a wilderness trail and good route-finding skills are essential.</li> <li>• There are 5 cable cars crossing Hamill Creek on the west side of Earl Grey Pass. Gloves are advised for pulling them. <b>The first car (closest to Argenta) is of a heavier design and requires more effort than the others.</b> Total trail length is 61km.</li> </ul>
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Fry Creek Canyon</p>			
<b>Pilot Bay</b>	Sawmill Bay Campground	Road open.	<b>Trail clear to campground.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approx 30-45 min hike to Campground.</li> <li>• Approx 1 hr hike Boomers</li> <li>• NO BICYCLES ALLOWED</li> <li>• <b>Please keep dogs on leash at all times in the park.</b></li> </ul>
	Lighthouse	Road open.	Trail clear to lighthouse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 400m moderate grade to Lighthouse</li> <li>• Top viewing platform affords</li> </ul>

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				excellent views in 3 directions; open to the public year-round
<b>Lockhart Creek</b>		Access through Gray Creek Pass open. <b>Currently there is a fire near Haystack mountain in Kianuko Park.</b> Redding Cr FSR has washout approx 6 km below trailhead; road beyond washout very good for bicycles	Lockhart Creek Trail: last cleared 5 km up from bottom in 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head for Baker Lake Forest Rec Site trail; approx 1 km in, blue flagging indicates trail jct; stay right for Lockhart Creek access</li> <li>Approx 15 km top to bottom, elev. change 1450m</li> <li>Hikers: be alert for mountain bikers descending</li> </ul>
<b>Kianuko</b>  <b>Park closure:</b> All trails are <b>CLOSED</b> due to wildfire.	Sanca Creek	Road status: Forestry dirt roads are open and generally require a high clearance vehicle.	<b>Haystack Alpine Trail is CLOSED.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Haystack Alpine Trail AND Kianuko Creek Trail are CLOSED.</b></li> <li>Haystack Alpine Trail is from <b>Sanca Creek to Meachen Creek IS CLOSED</b> due to current wildfire. Trailhead at end of Sanca Creek FSR; approx. 1 km to park boundary.</li> <li>Approx 8.5 km through to Meachen Creek trailhead</li> <li>No official campsites or facilities in this park</li> </ul>
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