



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

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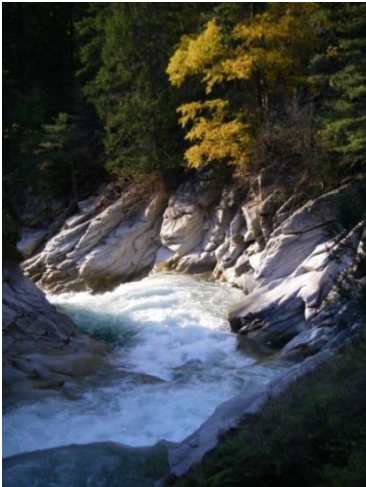
Please call 250-354-6333 if you have new trail conditions to report.

PARK	AREA	ROADS	TRAILS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Kokanee Glacier</p> <p>Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park.</p>	<p>Kokanee Creek drainage</p>	<p>Kokanee Glacier Road is clear.</p>	<p>Gibson Lake to Kokanee lake: trail is snow free. Trail from Kokanee Lake to the Kokanee Glacier Cabin: 90% snow free. Conditions are changing rapidly as snow melts. Expect wet conditions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Expect snow on trails above 2000 m.</p> <p>Glacier safety gear (rope, crampons, axe, etc) is required for glacier travel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.5 km to Kokanee Lake, elev. gain 450m, moderate-steep hike (1.5-2 hrs) • 3 km Kokanee Lake to Kaslo Lake; easy hike (when snow-free) • Camping at Kaslo Lake: ~20cm snow currently onsite (majority of tent pads are snow covered)- 10 tent sites, food cache, greywater, outhouse; • no fires permitted (anywhere in the park). • Reservations for Kokanee Glacier Cabin (<u>not</u> campground) through <u>Alpine Club of Canada 403-678-3200</u>; no reservations for camping at Kaslo Lake Campground • 1.3 km (0.5 hrs) Kaslo Lake to Slocan Chief Cabin; moderate • Slocan Chief Cabin interpretive centre <u>is open</u>. • Sapphire Lakes and Kalmia Lake campgrounds are permanently CLOSED. • No camping at Gibson Lake. <p><u>Overnight</u> visitors are advised to wrap chicken wire around their vehicles to prevent <u>porcupines</u> from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</p>
<p>Photo July 13, 2018 Kokanee Lake</p> 				
	<p>Gibson Lake loop trail</p>		<p>Use caution on foot bridges around lake.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 km loop • Easy hike, views of lake, surrounding peaks, old mine workings

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<p style="text-align: center;">No dogs in Kokanee Glacier Park</p>	<p>Woodbury Creek drainage</p>	<p>Rock slide at 9km Road closed until further notice.</p> <p>This adds an additional 3.5 km to Trail Head. (VERY LIMITED PARKING.)</p> <p>Avalanche debris at 11.5km is unsafe / unstable. Crossing is NOT recommended until cleared. TBD</p>  <p>Photo July, 2018</p>	<p>Silver Spray trail: Trail has been cleared to parking lot as of July 6/2018</p> <p>Woodbury trail: <u>Upper</u> 4km from Woodbury cabin cleared. <u>Lower</u> <u>section of trail not cleared</u> & NOT RECOMMENDED.</p> <p>Sunset Lake not cleared.</p> <p>Travel times at right refer to cleared trails.</p>	<p>All trails are not recommended at this time due to crossing unsafe avalanche debris on road at 11.5km.</p> <p>Note the travel times listed below refer to cleared trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trailhead to Woodbury Cabin: 8 km, moderate hike, elev. gain 762m (2.5-4 hrs). Woodbury Cabin sleeps 8, also camping nearby. Trail is not cleared at this time. Trailhead to Silver Spray Cabin: 6 km, strenuous hike, elev. gain 1016m (4-5 hrs). Cabin sleeps 10. Mining history and alpine meadows. Both cabins book through ACC (see above) Sunset Lake Trail: park at Y-junction, ~1 hr walk on old road to trailhead, 30 min easy hike from there to lake <p>Overnight visitors are advised to wrap chicken wire around their vehicles to prevent porcupines from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</p>
	<p>Keen Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road permanently closed at park boundary; 8 km approximately to trailhead (bikeable) Road not yet checked in 2018.</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. Warning: bridge across Joker Creek washed out.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 km easy grade road from park boundary to Joker Millsite (trailhead) 3.5 km moderate-steep hike from trailhead to Helen Deane Lake (1-2 hrs)
	<p>Enterprise Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road closed to motorized vehicles at 5 km; approximately 7 km from there to trailhead on good wilderness road with gentle grade. Road not yet checked in 2018.</p>	<p>Trail condition unknown at this time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprise Creek Trail: 7 km, elev. gain 500m, moderate hike (2.5-3 hrs) to Tanal Lake Tanal Lake to Kaslo Lake: 2.5 km (1.5 hrs), moderate hike Paupo Creek Trail to Blue Grouse Basin: 6.4 km, elev. gain 700m, moderate to strenuous hike (3-4 hrs); lovely subalpine area; no

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				camping or fires
	Lemon Creek, Sapphire Lakes	Access via 6-mile Lakes Road and Summit South FSR is very rough in places. 2018 condition unknown. Lemon Creek FSR "officially" closed at 2 km. Not known if/when it will be re-opened. Many rough sections from Hwy 6 to 6-Mile Lakes road.	<p>Lemon Creek Trail 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"> 10 km Lemon Creek FSR to Sapphire Lakes, elev. gain 950m, moderate to strenuous hike with washed out sections (5 hrs) 3 km Kaslo Lake to Sapphire Lakes, moderate hike (1-2 hrs) No camping at Sapphire Lakes
Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (west)	Fry Creek	Road through Johnson's Landing is open , but may be closed without notice if previous landslide area becomes active again.	<p>Portion from trailhead to Fry Creek is clear.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Carney Creek cable car no longer in service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5 km trailhead to Fry Creek (start of canyon), easy hike (1-1.5 hrs) 8.5 km up canyon to Carney Creek cable car crossing. Trail narrow and exposed in places. Moderate to steep hike. Trail starts on private property; please respect that.
	Hamill Creek, Earl Grey Pass	Road open above Argenta to trailhead	<p>Trail has not been cleared as of June 29, 2018.</p> <p>Cable cars 1-5 are in working order.</p> <p>Strongly recommend 2 persons to operate cars.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamill Creek Trail is a wilderness trail and good route-finding skills are essential. There are 5 cable cars crossing Hamill Creek on the west side of Earl Grey Pass. Gloves are advised for pulling them. The first car (closest to Argenta) is of a heavier design and requires more effort than the others. Total trail length is 61km.
				
	Fry Creek Canyon			

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Pilot Bay	Sawmill Bay Campground	Road open.	Trail clear to campground.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx 30-45 min hike to Campground. • Approx 1 hr hike Boomers • NO BICYCLES ALLOWED • Please keep dogs on leash at all times in the park.
	Lighthouse	Road open.	Trail clear to lighthouse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400m moderate grade to Lighthouse • Top viewing platform affords excellent views in 3 directions; open to the public year-round
Lockhart Creek		Access through Gray Creek Pass still snow-bound. 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"> • Head for Baker Lake Forest Rec Site trail; approx 1 km in, blue flagging indicates trail jct; stay right for Lockhart Creek access • Approx 15 km top to bottom, elev. change 1450m • Hikers: be alert for mountain bikers descending
Kianuko	Sanca Creek	Road status unknown in 2018.	Trail condition unknown in 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailhead at end of Sanca Creek FSR; approx. 1 km to park boundary. • Approx 8.5 km through to Meachen Creek trailhead • No official campsites or facilities in this park
	Kianuko Creek	Road to confluence of Skelly Creek and Kianuko Creek unknown at this time.	Trail condition unknown.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Goat River from Kitchener on Hwy 3, to about 20 km, turn west on Skelly Cr road. • 3.5 km to Kianuko Creek turnoff, approx 1.5 km from there to park boundary • Road deactivated; no vehicles beyond park boundary • Old FSR follows Kianuko valley north.