



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

Updated: **September 19, 2017**

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>SPECIAL NOTICE: starting Monday Sept 25 road repair work may result in delays avg 20-25 minutes. There may be a half-day closure for culvert replacement.</p>	<p>Trail from Gibson Lake to the Kokanee Glacier Cabin: clear</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: 10 tent sites, cook shelter, 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.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Along the Kokanee Trail, August 2017</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">  </div>				<p>Overnight visitors are advised to wrap chicken wire around their vehicles to prevent porcupines from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Notice: During high fire hazard, no smoking on trails!</p>

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Wildflowers in Kokanee Meadows

	<p>Gibson Lake loop trail</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>Trail snow-free.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 km loop • Easy hike, views of lake, surrounding peaks, old mine workings
<p style="text-align: center;">No dogs in Kokanee Glacier Park</p>	<p>Woodbury Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road is open to parking lot. Some deep swales may be too much for low-clearance vehicles.</p>	<p>Silver Spray trail: Trail cleared.</p> <p>Woodbury trail: trail has been cleared of blowdown. Quite brushy in places.</p> <p>Sunset Lake Trail: cleared</p> <p>Travel times at right 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. • 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 • Porcupine alert
	<p>Keen Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road permanently closed at park boundary; 8 km approximately to trailhead (bikeable) Road closed at 2 km until further notice.</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)


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	Enterprise Creek drainage	Road closed to motorized vehicles at 5 km; approximately 7 km from there to trailhead on good wilderness road with gentle grade.	Trail condition unknown at this time. Travel times at right refer to cleared trails.	<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.
	Lemon Creek, Sapphire Lakes	Access via 6-mile Lakes Road and Summit South FSR is very rough in places, but open to trailhead. Lemon Creek FSR "officially" closed at 2 km. Not known when will be re-opened. Many rough sections from Hwy 6 to 6-Mile Lakes road.	Lemon Creek Trail was cleared in 2016. Thanks to Glen Erickson family! Trails up Nilsik Creek and to Crazy Jane Lake have not been cleared.	<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.	Portion from trailhead to Fry Creek is clear. 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. Carney Creek cable car no longer in service.	<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.

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PWC West (cont'd)	Hamill Creek, Earl Grey Pass	Road open above Argenta to trailhead	<p>Entire trail has very recently been cleared of deadfall, but avalanche paths above 5th cable car are still thick (follow blue flagging through).</p> <p>Cable car #1 has been modified and works more easily. Cars #2-5 checked and safe, June 2017, but #2 very stiff.</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 across. The first car (closest to Argenta) is of a heavier design and may require more effort than the others. • Other cable cars require 2 persons to operate. 2nd car is particularly hard to pull across. • Total trail length is 61 km 		
 <p style="text-align: center;">Hamill Creek Trail</p>		Pilot Bay	Sawmill Bay Campground	Road open.	Trail clear to campground, and to Boomers Landing Beach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-45 minute easy hike to campground; approx 1 hour to 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		Gray Creek Pass FSR open. Redding Cr FSR has 2 washouts approx 6 km below trailhead; fordable. Road beyond washout very brushed in, but rideable.	Lockhart Creek Trail: cleared August 28. A few trees left as saw fuel ran out.	<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 		

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<p>Kianuko</p>	<p>Sanca Creek: Road open to trailhead.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Haystack Mtn, Kianuko Park</p>	<p>Trail cleared toward Meachen approx. 5 km.</p>	<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 	
	<p>Kianuko Creek</p>	<p>Road to confluence of Skelly Creek and Kianuko Creek unknown at this time.</p>	<p>Trail condition unknown.</p>	<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.