


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

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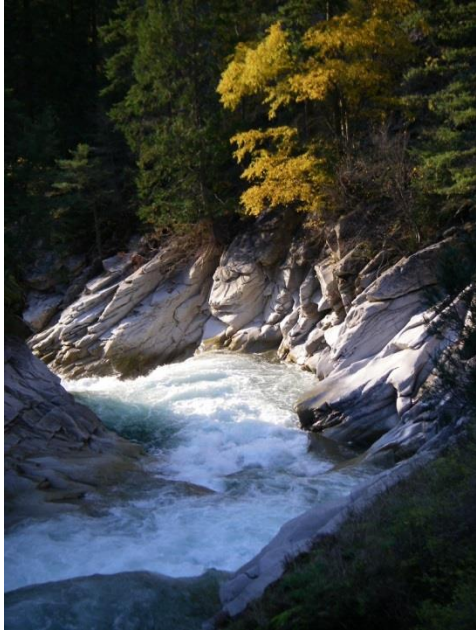
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PARK	AREA	ROADS	TRAILS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p><b>Kokanee Glacier</b></p> <p><b>Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park.</b></p>	<p>Kokanee Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road is open to parking lot at Gibson Lake.</p>	<p>Trail from Gibson Lake to the Kokanee Glacier Cabin: clear to Kokanee Lk lookout, traverse above Kokanee Lk now safe to cross, then still some old snow from Kokanee Meadows to Kaslo Lake. Some campsites are still snow-covered.</p>	<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; <b>no fires permitted (anywhere in the park).</b></li> <li>• Reservations for Kokanee Glacier Cabin (<u>not</u> campground) through <b><u>Alpine Club of Canada 403-678-3200</u></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 <u>porcupines</u> from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Notice: During high fire hazard, no smoking on trails!</b></p>
 <p><b>Kokanee Lake July 12, 2017</b> Looking south from below Kokanee Pass</p>				
	<p><b>Gibson Lake loop trail</b></p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>Trail snow-free.</p>	<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>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>No dogs in Kokanee Glacier Park</b></p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Woodbury Creek drainage</b></p>	<p><b>Road is snow-free to parking lot. Some deep swales may be too much for low-clearance vehicles.</b></p>	<p><b>Silver Spray trail: some snow near top of trail. Trail cleared July 11, a few new blowdown reported since.</b></p> <p><b>Woodbury trail: trail has been cleared of blowdown. Quite brushy in places.</b></p> <p><b>Sunset Lake Trail: cleared</b> Travel times at right refer to cleared trails. <b>See above regarding porcupines.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trailhead to Woodbury Cabin: 8 km, moderate hike, elev. gain 762m (2.5-4 hrs). Woodbury Cabin sleeps 8, also camping nearby.</li> <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 <b>ACC</b> (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>Keen Creek drainage</p>	<p><b>Road permanently closed at park boundary; 8 km approximately to trailhead (bikeable)</b> <b>Road closed at 2 km until further notice.</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. <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>
	<p>Enterprise Creek drainage</p>	<p><b>Road closed to motorized vehicles at 5 km; approximately 7 km from there to trailhead on good wilderness road with gentle grade.</b></p>	<p>Trail condition unknown at this time. Travel times at right refer to cleared trails.</p>	<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; <b>no camping or fires</b></li> </ul>
	<p>Lemon Creek, Sapphire Lakes</p>	<p>Access via 6-mile Lakes Road and Summit South FSR is very rough in places, but open to trailhead. <b>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.</b></p>	<p><b>Lemon Creek Trail</b> was cleared in 2016. Thanks to Glen Erickson family! 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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<p><b>Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (west)</b></p>	<p>Fry Creek</p>	<p><b>Road through Johnson's Landing is open</b>, but may be closed without notice if previous landslide area becomes active again.</p>	<p><b>Portion from trailhead to Fry Creek is clear.</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><b>Carney Creek cable car no longer in service.</b></p>	<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>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Fry Creek Canyon</p>	<p>Hamill Creek, Earl Grey Pass</p>	<p>Road open above Argenta to trailhead</p>	<p>Trail cleared to 2<sup>nd</sup> cable car this spring; beyond there, some major avalanche debris in 2 places (Garnet Beach and Comb Slide). Lots of blowdown. Crew presently working between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> cars. Top-to-bottom clearing scheduled for July 28-31, 2017.</p> <p><b>Cable car #1 has been modified and works more easily. Cars #2-3 checked and safe, June 2017, but #2 very stiff.</b></p>	<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 across. <b>The first car (closest to Argenta) is of a heavier design and may require more effort than the others.</b></li> <li>• Other cable cars require 2 persons to operate. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> car is particularly hard to pull across.</b></li> <li>• Total trail length is 61 km</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pilot Bay</b></p>	<p>Sawmill Bay</p>	<p>Road open.</p>	<p><b>Trail clear to campground,</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30-45 minute easy hike to</li> </ul>

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	Campground		<b>and to Boomers Landing Beach.</b>	campground; approx 1 hour to Boomers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 excellent views in 3 directions; open to the public year-round</li> </ul>
<b>Lockhart Creek</b>		Condition of access through Gray Creek Pass unknown. 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 2015.	<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>	Sanca Creek	Road status unknown in 2017.	Trail condition unknown in 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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>
	Kianuko Creek	Road to confluence of Skelly Creek and Kianuko Creek unknown at this time.	Trail condition unknown.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow Goat River from Kitchener on Hwy 3, to about 20 km, turn west on Skelly Cr road.</li> <li>• 3.5 km to Kianuko Creek turnoff, approx 1.5 km from there to park boundary</li> <li>• Road deactivated; no vehicles beyond park boundary</li> <li>• Old FSR follows Kianuko valley north.</li> </ul>