


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

Updated: **October 23, 2017**


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

PARK	AREA	ROADS	TRAILS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Kokanee Glacier Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park.	Kokanee Creek drainage	SPECIAL NOTICE: Winter conditions have arrived. Road is snow-covered well below Gibson Lake parking lot.	Trail from Gibson Lake to the Kokanee Glacier Cabin: totally snow-covered, and particularly unsafe above Kokanee Lake.	<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. <p>Overnight visitors are advised to wrap chicken wire around their vehicles to prevent porcupines from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</p>
				
Looking south across Kokanee Meadows to Kokanee Lake, Oct 22, 2017				
	Gibson Lake loop trail	See above	Trail snow-covered.	<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 style="text-align: center;">Woodbury Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road is probably snow-covered before the parking lot.</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 style="text-align: center;">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)
	<p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>	<p>Trail condition unknown at this time. Travel times at right refer to cleared trails.</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.
	<p style="text-align: center;">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. Lemon Creek FSR "officially" closed at 2 km. Not known when will be re-opened. Many rough sections</p>	<p>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.</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

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		from Hwy 6 to 6-Mile Lakes road.		
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.
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
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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 probably closed.	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
Kianuko	<p>Sanca Creek: Road condition unknown.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Haystack Mtn, Kianuko Park</p>		Trail cleared toward Meachen approx. 5 km.	<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

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	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.
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