





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>SPECIAL NOTICE: Winter conditions have arrived. Road is snow-covered well below Gibson Lake parking lot. Road is not plowed.</p>	<p>Trail from Gibson Lake to the Kokanee Glacier Cabin: totally snow-covered, and particularly unsafe above Kokanee Lake.</p> <p>Snow covered trails.</p> <p>Avalanche knowledge and gear (transceiver, shovel, probe, ski buddy) is required to travel safely.</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: 10 tent sites, food cache, greywater, outhouse; no fires permitted (anywhere in the park). Reservations for Kokanee Glacier Cabin (<u>not</u> campground) through Alpine Club of Canada 403-678-3200; 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>No photo available. Snow covered trails. Snow level is currently 60cm at Kaslo Lake (elevation of 1980m).</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;">Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Woodbury Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road is snow covered and not plowed.</p>	<p>Snow covered trails.</p> <p>Silver Spray trail: Trail has been cleared to parking lot as of July 6/2018</p> <p>Woodbury trail: trail has been cleared of windfall Aug 9/2018.</p> <p>Sunset Lake not cleared.</p> <p>Travel times at right refer to summer & 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 reservation system (see above) for summer season only. Both cabins are closed during winter season as the hut location(s) poses avalanche hazard to users. 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) condition unknown.</p> <p>Road is snow covered, not plowed.</p>	<p>Trail to Joker Lakes not maintained and not recommended; known grizzly bear habitat.</p> <p>Trail to Helen Deane Lake and Slocan Chief Cabin last cleared Oct 2010.</p> <p>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. condition unknown.</p> <p>Road is snow covered, not plowed.</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 camping or fires

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	<p>Lemon Creek, Sapphire Lakes</p>	<p>Road is snow covered, not plowed. 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>	<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
<p>Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (west)</p>	<p>Fry Creek</p>	<p>Road through Johnson's Landing is open, but may be closed without notice if previous landslide area becomes active again.</p>	<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.
	<p>Hamill Creek, Earl Grey Pass</p>	<p>Road open above Argenta to trailhead</p>	<p>Trail has been cleared to the 3rd cable car. Expect windfall on the trail beyond this.</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 open. 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: Forestry dirt roads are open and generally require a high clearance vehicle.	Haystack Alpine Trail is CLOSED.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haystack Alpine Trail AND Kianuko Creek Trail are CLOSED. • Haystack Alpine Trail is from Sanca Creek to Meachen Creek IS CLOSED due to 2018 wildfires. 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
Partial park closure: All trails are CLOSED due to 2018 wildfires.	Kianuko Creek	Road to confluence of Skelly Creek and Kianuko Creek unknown at this time.	Kianuko Creek Trail are CLOSED.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kianuko Creek Trail is CLOSED. 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.