



# Monashee Provincial Park

## Trail Conditions Report

Updated: **July 11th, 2017**

Monashee Provincial Park protects substantial stands of old growth cedar, spruce and hemlock. Lush green forests grace the valley bottoms and, in the spring, alpine meadows blossom with a colourful array of wildflowers. The park is also known for some of the oldest rock formations in western Canada. Mount Fosthall is the highest peak in the park and part of the snowcapped peaks of the Monashee Range. Lucky visitors may get a glimpse of the rare mountain caribou, wolverine, grizzly or black bear, or the much more common mule deer, ground squirrels and pikas.

### Important Considerations

**Caution:** Unpredictable weather may occur at any time of year. Use local Revelstoke, Nakusp or Cherryville weather as a source for planning your trip, and prepare accordingly. There is no cell service in the Park.

In an effort to protect the Park's red and blue listed species, **DOGS are prohibited from Monashee Park.** FIRES are only permitted in designated fire rings at Spectrum Lake Camp.

Monashee is a user maintained Park. Garbage facilities are not available. Please help by packing out all your garbage and garbage left behind by others. If you utilize the shelters at Spectrum Lake, clean the facilities prior to your departure. Camping fees are payable online at:

<https://secure.camis.com/DiscoverCamping/Backcountry/Monashee?Map>

## FIRE CLOSURE IN EFFECT – NO OPEN FIRES OR SMOKING PERMITTED

### Spectrum Lake to Peters Lake Trails

Trail Section	Distance (one way)	Time	Trail Information	Trail Condition
<b>Parking Lot to Spectrum Lake Camp @ elevation 975 m</b>	6 km	<i>1.5 - 2 hrs</i> Easy	This is the most common Park access. There are maintained boardwalks and bridges across streams and wet areas. The trail passes through a mixed forest of Douglas fir, lodgepole pine, birch, cedar and hemlock.	Trail has been cleared of windfall <b>\$5/person camp fee applies; payable online.</b> <b style="background-color: yellow;">FIRE and SMOKING CLOSURE IN EFFECT</b>
<b>Spectrum Lake Camp to Little Peter's Lake @ 1737 m elevation</b>	6.5 km	<i>2-4 hrs</i> Difficult Elevation gain: 762M	This is the most difficult section of trail in the Park; it winds rapidly up out of Spectrum Lake Camp, passing through rocky terrain in avalanche chutes. The climb allows for views of Spectrum Lake, Mount Fosthall and a cascading waterfall from Peter's Lake.	<b>Bridge at Rum Creek installed</b> Trail has been cleared of windfall to Rum Creek. <b>BC Parks will clear the trail from Rum Creek to Little Peters Lake once the fire danger rating drops. Expect windfall and brushy sections in the meantime</b> <b>\$5/person camp fee applies; payable online.</b>

<p><b>Little Peter's Lake Camp to Big Peter's Lake Camp @</b> elevation 1737 m</p>	<p>2.5 km</p>	<p><i>1 hr</i> Moderate Elevation gain: 0 m</p>	<p>This Trail continues from Little Peters Camp to the the end of Peters Lake (Big Peters Camp). Most of your elevation has already been gained. The remainder of the trail follows rolling sub alpine terrain through patches of Engelmann spruce and sub-alpine fir forest.</p>	<p><b>Trail has not been cleared of windfall. BC Parks will clear the trail from Rum Creek to Little Peters Lake once the fire danger rating drops. Expect windfall and brushy sections in the meantime.</b></p> <p><b>The bridge across Little peters creek may have sustained damage over the winter, use with caution or find an alternate crossing.</b></p> <p><b>\$5/person camp fee applies; payable online.</b></p>
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## Peters Lake (Upper Park) Routes

Trail Section	Distance (one way)	Time	Trail Information	Trail Condition
<b>Big Peters Camp to Margie Lake</b> @ elevation 1859 m	4.57 km	<i>2hr</i> Easy- Elevation gain: 122m	This route meanders through flat open subalpine meadows between the two lakes. To aid in navigation, red tags and cairns have been periodically placed along this route – however, these markers should not be used as your sole navigational source. BC Parks does not maintain this route.	<b>Trail has not been cleared of windfall. BC Parks will clear the trail from Big Peters Camp to Margie Lake once the fire danger rating drops. Expect windfall in the meantime.</b>  <b>\$5/person camp fee applies; payable online.</b>
<b>Big Peters Lake to Fawn Lake</b> @ elevation 2042m	4.77 km	<i>2hr</i> Moderate- Elevation gain: 305m	A moderately difficult hike, especially during the wetter early season, this route climbs to the lake affording hikers spectacular views of Mount Fosthall and the Monashee Range. To aid in navigation, red tags and cairns have been periodically placed along this route – however, these markers should not be used as your sole navigational source. BC Parks does not maintain this route.	<b>Route is not regularly maintained and may be difficult to follow in many places.</b>
<b>Big Peter's Lake to Valley of the Moon</b> @ elevation 2011m	5.5 km	<i>2 - 2.5hrs</i> Moderate- Elevation gain: 274m	This route, past Fawn Lake, offers wide open alpine walking and spectacular views of the Monashees. This route leads out of the Park, is for experienced hikers, and is not always well defined.	<b>Route is not regularly maintained and may be difficult to follow in many places.</b>
<b>Big Peter's Lake to South Caribou Pass</b> @ elevation 2133m	2.27 km	<i>1.5 - 2hrs</i> Difficult- Elevation gain: 396m	Near the Pass, this route has a beautiful view of Peters Lake and the Monashee Range beyond. To aid in navigation, red tags and cairns have been periodically placed along this route – however, these markers should not be used as your sole navigational source. BC Parks does not maintain this route.	<b>Route is not regularly maintained and may be difficult to follow in many places.</b>
<b>Big Peter's Lake to Mount Fosthall</b> @ elevation 2697m	5.23 km	<i>3 - 4hrs</i> Difficult- Elevation gain: 960m	The epic Monashee hike! The highest peak in the Park offers a panoramic vista of the Park and the Monashee Range. This route leads out of the Park, is for experienced hikers, and is not always well defined.	<b>Route is not regularly maintained and may be difficult to follow in many places.</b>

Trail Section	Distance (one way)	Time	Trail Information	Trail Condition
<b>Bill Fraser Trail to Margie Lake</b> @ elevation 1859 m	4.5 km	<i>2hr</i> Moderate Elevation gain: 200m	This route follows Fosthall Creek up into the Alpine to Margie lake. The trail climbs suddenly and is very steep in sections until you reach the pass. The trail then meanders around the north shore of Margie lake to Margie Lake Campground, camping fees payable online.	<p><b>Route is not regularly maintained and may be difficult to follow in many places.</b></p> <p><b>CAUTION: The new bridge across Fosthall Creek has not been assessed, please cross with care.</b></p>