

Trail Summary

South Chilcotin Mountains Park boasts approximately 200 km of trails providing relatively easy access to spectacular alpine meadows, broad valleys, ridge walks and mountain lakes. Hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking are the main activities here, as well as fishing, wildlife viewing and, in the winter, ski touring, heliskiing and snowmobiling.

South Chilcotin Mountains Park is a user maintained park. Garbage removal service is not provided. If you pack it in, please pack it out.

The maps provided are for information only – they may not represent legal boundaries and should not be used for navigation.

The commercial operators working in South Chilcotin Mountains Park keep the trails generally clear of deadfalls. Visitors may encounter higher numbers of deadfall early in the season or after wind events. Mountain Pine Beetle has attacked most of the pine stands in the park and this may result in increased deadfall on trails over time.

Sections of some trails are wet, steep or difficult to see and may have unbridged creek crossings. In late spring and early summer cold, fast streams such as Tyaughton Creek can be a challenge to cross.

Weather in the park can change quickly. You may experience sun, rain and snow all on the same day in the summer months. In alpine areas you can expect frost on most nights. Be prepared.

In many locations in the park you will be far from any form of help. Park Ranger patrols of the trails in the park occur infrequently. Visitors should be self sufficient, carry a first aid kit and exercise caution.

Major Trails

(Note: All distances and elevations are approximate)

Gun Creek Trail

The main trailhead for Gun Creek and Spruce Lake is at Jewel Bridge. The first portion of trail follows Gun Creek for 11.5 km with an elevation gain of 450 m. At 11.5 km is the junction with Spruce Lake Main trail to Spruce Lake. Continue along Gun Creek (Cowboy Camp is only about a kilometre up the trail) for another 12.5 km with an elevation gain of 200 m to the junction with trails to Deer Pass and Warner Pass. Hummingbird Lake is about 5.5 km and Trigger Lake at about 9 km past the Spruce Lake Main junction. Taylor Pass is 12 km past Trigger Lake with an elevation gain of 500 m. Note that the final half of this section of trail is reportedly overgrown.

Warner Pass Trail

This trail starts near the west end of Trigger Lake, following Warner Creek for 3.5 km with an elevation gain of 250 m to Warner Lake. Warner Pass is reached after another 8.5 km and an elevation gain of 500 m.

Spruce Lake Main

From the Gun Creek trail junction at 11.5 km, the trail to Spruce Lake climbs 200 m in 1 km. Just south of Spruce Lake are the junctions to trails leading to the grasslands above Gun Creek as well as the High Trail. Spruce Lake South campsite with a pit toilet, food cache and tables is located on the eastern lakeshore near the south end of the lake. Continue on the relatively flat trail along the east side of Spruce Lake for another 1.5 km to reach the Spruce Lake North campsite (pit toilet, food caches, tables). Note that the west side of Spruce Lake is private property, as are the cabins at the north end of the lake.

High Trail

The High Trail is extremely scenic, passing through extensive alpine meadows with high mountain vistas. This trail starts near the south end of Spruce Lake, off the Spruce Lake Main trail. The first 5 km of trail, with an elevation gain of 600 m, takes the hiker to Windy Pass. The trail then drops about 500 m down into the Eldorado Basin before climbing about 500 m to the ridge between Eldorado and Pearson Creek, a distance of about 6.8 km. For the next 5 km the trail drops about 600 m through the scenic Pearson Creek area to the park boundary, and then another 300 m over 3 km and ending at the south end of Tyaughton Lake.

Tyaughton Creek Trail

This trail features open grasslands, moderate grades and spectacular views. The trailhead is accessed by the Mud Creek Forest Service road. The confluence with Spruce Creek is about 12 km up the trail, which continues along the Tyaughton Creek valley bottom for another 13 km to the mouth of Lizard Creek. The trail continues to follow Tyaughton Creek for another 6 km, gaining 600 m in elevation to Elbow Pass.

Area	Trail Name	Estimated Distance (km)	Comments
Gun Creek – Warner Lake Area	Gun Creek Trail	11.5	To junction with Spruce Lake Main
	Gun Creek Trail	12.5	From Spruce Lake Main to Deer Pass Trail / Warner Pass Trail junction
	Gun Creek Trail	12.3	From Deer Pass / Warner Pass junction to Taylor Pass. The latter half of this trail is overgrown and in poor condition

	Warner Pass Trail	12	
	Lower Grasslands Trail	1.2	
	Wolverine Trail	6	
	Leckie Creek Trail	4.2	
Spruce Lake Area	Spruce Lake Main	4	From Gun Ck trail to north end of Spruce Lake
	Upper Grassland Trail	2	
	Gun Meadows Trail	3	
	Greasy Hill Trail	4.2	
	Open Heart Trail	3.6	
	Spruce Creek Trail	4	
	Viewpoint Trail	1.2	
	WD Trail	3.3	
Eldorado Valley Area	North Cinnabar Trail	1	
	B&F Creek Trail	4.3	
	High Trail	18	
	High Trail South Branch	1.5	
	Camel Pass Trail	1.5	
Tyaughton Creek – Relay Creek Area	Deer Pass Trail	9.7	North of the pass down to the Tyaughton Creek Trail
	Purty Fair Trail	3.7	
	Tyoax Pass Trail	1.5	
	Relay Creek Trail	10.8	
	Lizard Creek Trail	7.1	Access on to the Lizard Creek trail is via a ford over Tyaughton Creek north of its junction with Lizard Creek, then south on the west side of Tyaughton Creek for about .5 km to Lizard Creek.
	Manson Creek Trail	2.9	
	Little Graveyard Trail	2.3	
	Lorna Pass Trail	3.8	
	Relay Col Trail	1.5	
	Little Paradise Trail	8.2	
	Castle Pass Trail	8.7	
	Tyaughton Creek Trail	34.7	From Tyaughton Creek trail head to Elbow Pass. Note that this trail has un-bridged creek crossings over Tyaughton Creek.