Strathcona Trail and Area Conditions

Starting May 15th, trails are being assessed by Park Operators and Rangers as time permits, with updates provided on the detailed trail report shown below. Revised updates will be posted as information becomes available.

BC Parks appreciates any information about trail conditions. If you are hiking along trails in Strathcona Park and want to provide any information that you may have regarding trail conditions please contact Alec Patterson, Strathcona Senior Ranger at Alec.Patterson@gov.bc.ca

Spring conditions are in effect. Visitors to the backcountry during the spring/early summer should be aware that deep snow, mud, ice, wet or frost covered wood, thin ice on ponds/lakes and other spring hazards may exist anywhere. Visitors should not venture into terrain they are not prepared for and must be aware that variable weather conditions still persist in higher elevations.

Visitors are reminded that fires are not permitted anywhere or at any time (all seasons) within Strathcona Park except in authorized and provided BC Parks steel fire rings. This regulation is in effect at all times of the year. No open fires are allowed in any backcountry areas.

Reminder: Backcountry camping fees are in effect from June 15, to September 30th. Adults (16 years & over) are $10 per person/night, and Children (6-15 years) are $5 per person/night, and Children 5 years and under- no charge. Backcountry fees are applicable in the core fee zones along the Bedwell Lakes/Cream Lake Trail, Elk River Trail and Forbidden Plateau areas.

Buttle Lake Area

Marine Locations:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Boat Launches	Watch for natural hazards (ie. submerged stumps and wind conditions) Lake levels are low but normal for this time of year.	October 18th, 2016
Marine Sites	Titus; Wolf and Phillips - All Open. Campsites have not been inspected. Windfall may be present. Backcountry Marine fees are in effect from June 15th – Sept 30th; Adults (16 years & over) $10 per person/ night, and Children (6-15 years) $5 per person/night and children under 5 years no charge. Self-registration fee stations are located at boat launches (Buttle/Karst) and day-use areas (Karst/Lupin/Auger Pt). All Marine sites have tent pads and tables.	October 18th, 2016

Nature Walks and Short Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Karst Creek	Not inspected yet but assumed to be snow free. Use caution on trail to upper waterfall. **Notice: Bridge out -No through trail (seasonal dry creek bed); cross at own risk.**	October 18th, 2016
Lady Falls, Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crags, Lupin Falls, Wild Ginger, Shepherd Creek, Lower Myra Falls,	Trails are open but may be subject to blow down.	October 18th, 2016
Auger Point	Not inspected yet. Expect potential windfall through all forested sections.	October 18th, 2016

Buttle Lake Area Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Elk River	Some windfall on trail due to recent storms, but still passable. Snow noted at higher elevations. Caution: When trail sections are flooded and you are trying to cross water-flows on logs, these can be wet and dangerous. Also when walking adjacent to steep banks be aware of possible undercutting which could make the surface unstable.	October 18th, 2016
Crest Mountain	Few blowdown on trail; trail is still passable.	October 18th, 2016
King's Peak	Not inspected yet. Expect blowdown along trail and snow in higher elevations.	October 18th, 2016
Bedwell Lakes	Trail has been inspected and is clear of snow beyond main Bedwell Lake.	October 18th, 2016
Price Creek/Cream Lake	Price Creek route no longer maintained. Advanced navigation skills required on this route. Recommend accessing Cream Lake from Bedwell Lakes Trail.	October 18th, 2016
Upper Myra Falls	Trail has been inspected and clear of windfall.	October 18th, 2016
Arnica Lake/Phillips Ridge	Not inspected yet. Windfall is likely along trail up to Arnica Lake.	October 18th, 2016
Tennent Lake/Mount Myra	Not inspected yet. Trail should be clear of snow and windfall. **NOTE: Nyrstar Mine is planning to replace penstock which runs from Tennent Lake down to power house.**	October 18th, 2016

	Due to safety concerns, trail closures will be in affect in late Spring to early summer. The mine will try to keep trail open to public on weekends. If travel is required at other times, the mine should be consulted as limited access may be possible.	
Flower Ridge	Reports of some blow down on the trail heading into the alpine; trail is still passable.	October 18th, 2016
Marble Meadows	Not inspected yet. Trail may be difficult to navigate in some sections due to windfall and encroaching vegetation.	October 18th, 2016

Forbidden Plateau Area Trails

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Paradise Meadows Trailhead	Centennial and Paradise Loop are free of ice and snow. No issues on boardwalk. Be aware of changing weather conditions.	October 18th, 2016
Helen Mackenzie/ Battleship Loop, Helen Mackenzie to Kwai Lake via Croteau Lake, Cruickshank Canyon Lookout, Helen Mackenzie to Circlet Lk, Amphitheatre Lake, Moat Lake, Mount Albert Edward, Wood Mountain Traverse	Trails are snow free and clear of windfall. Snow is now present on Albert Edward, navigation may become more difficult.	October 18th, 2016

Other Trails and Areas

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Della Falls & Love Lake Trail	Windfall cleared from trail and some sections of the trail are overgrown. Windfall and encroaching vegetation on Love Lake trail; navigation is difficult at times. **NOTE: This is an old growth forest with natural hazards. Campers/hikers should be cautious during storm events.**	October 18th, 2016
Oshinow Lake	Vegetation is encroaching in on roadway.	October 18th, 2016
Kunlin/Donner Lakes	Not inspected yet. Travel by vehicle is not recommended to Donner Lake. Road to Kunlin Lake is becoming overgrown – watch for	October 18th, 2016

	deep water bars and small road failures. Windfall likely.	
Gold Lake	Length of trail is 5 km, elevation is minimal; suggested hiking time: 2.5 hours. **NOTE: As of 2016 the trailhead is no longer accessible by vehicle. The bridge at Gisle Creek has been removed. If the water is low enough to cross by foot, the road to the trailhead (approximately 8km) can still be hiked**	October 18th, 2016