

Strathcona Trail and Area Conditions

Starting May 15th, trails are being assessed by Park Facility 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 (19 years & over) are \$10 per person/night, Youth (13-18 years) are \$5 per person/night, and Children 12 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.	July 20 th , 2017
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 15 th – Sept 30 th ; Adults (19 years and over) \$10 per person/night, Youth (13-18 years) \$5 per person/night and children under 13 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.	July 20 th , 2017

Nature Walks and Short Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Karst Creek	Trail is snow free. There is one partial obstruction due to windfall but easy to negotiate. Notice: Bridge out -No through trail (seasonal dry) creek bed); cross at own risk.	July 20 th , 2017
Lady Falls, Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crags, Lupin Falls, Wild Ginger, Shepherd Creek, Lower Myra Falls,	Trails are clear of windfall and snow.	July 20 th , 2017
Auger Point	Trail is clear of snow and windfall. Caution: Wooden foot bridge is slippery when wet.	July 20 th , 2017

Buttle Lake Area Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Elk River	Trail is snow free up to Landslide Lake.	July 20 th , 2017
Crest Mountain	Not inspected yet. Expect windfall throughout entire trail.	July 20 th , 2017
King's Peak	Not inspected yet. Reports of deadfall on lower trail, and deep snow conditions at higher elevations. Some moats forming on the Winter Gully, and lingering cornices of face of Queen's Peak.	July 20 th , 2017
Bedwell Lakes	Trail is clear of snow up to Main Bedwell Lake, deep snow still present towards Cream Lake.	July 20 th , 2017
Price Creek/Cream Lake	Not inspected yet. Price Creek route no longer maintained. Advanced navigation skills required on this route. Recommend accessing Cream Lake from Bedwell Lakes Trail. Expect deep snow.	July 20 th , 2017
Upper Myra Falls	Trail is clear of snow and windfall.	July 20 th , 2017
Arnica Lake/Phillips Ridge	Trail is clear of snow and windfall up to Arnica Lake. Expect snow along Phillips ridge and beyond.	July 20 th , 2017
Tennent Lake/Mount Myra	One windfall down on trail towards Tennent Lake. Snow present at approximately 1400m elevation. Expect deep snow conditions beyond Tennent Lake, towards Sandbag lake and beyond.	July 20 th , 2017
Flower Ridge	Not inspected yet. Expect some windfall through forested sections of the trail.	July 20 th , 2017

Marble Meadows	Not inspected yet. Reports of numerous windfall and trail becoming over grown. Expect snow at high elevations	July 20 th , 2017
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Forbidden Plateau Area Trails

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Paradise Meadows Trailhead	Snow is clear of trailhead.	July 20 th , 2017
Helen Mackenzie/ Battleship Loop, Helen Mackenzie to Kwai Lake via Croteau Lake, Cruickshank Canyon Lookout, Helen Mackenzie to Cirlet Lk, Amphitheatre Lake, Moat Lake, Mount Albert Edward, Wood Mountain Traverse	Plateau is clear of snow and windfall. Lingering patches of snow still persist up at Cirlet Lake and beyond. Expect deep snow up Mount Albert Edward.	July 20 th , 2017

Other Trails and Areas

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Della Falls & Love Lake Trail	Snow clear up to falls, snow patches still present at Love Lake. Some blowdown present on trail. Navigation difficult in some sections due to encroaching vegetation. Caution: Snow melt has increased the water levels in streams, exercise extreme caution when crossing. NOTE: This is an old growth forest with natural hazards. Campers/hikers should be cautious during storm events.	July 20 th , 2017
Oshinow Lake	Not inspected yet.	July 20 th , 2017
Kunlin/Donner Lakes	Not inspected yet. Travel by vehicle is not recommended to Donner Lake. Road to Kunlin Lake is becoming overgrown – watch for deep water bars and small road failures. Windfall likely.	July 20 th , 2017
Gold Lake	Not inspected yet. Logging road is becoming poor from Grilse Creek to trailhead. Logging bridge will be removed soon (no date provided) which will restrict vehicle access	July 20 th , 2017

	to trailhead in the future. Trail has many windfalls previously identified in 2015 which have not been addressed (due to access issues, trail may not be seasonally maintained).	
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