

Strathcona Trail and Area Conditions



The next trail report will be updated in the Spring of 2010

Winter conditions in effect. Visitors to the backcountry during the winter should be aware that avalanche, thin ice and other winter hazards can exist anywhere. Visitors should not venture into terrain they are not prepared for.

Reminder: Backcountry fees (\$5 per person/night) are in effect from June 15th - September 30th in Core Areas (Bedwell, Elk River and the Plateau).

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

Buttle Lake Area

Marine Locations:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Boat Launches	Watch for natural hazards (ie. submerged stumps)	November 19, 2009
Marine Sites	Backcountry Marine fees are in effect from June 15 th – Sept 30 th - \$5.00 per person per night; less than 13 years exempt. 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.	November 19, 2009

Nature Walks and Short Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Karst Creek	Use caution on trail to upper waterfall. Notice: Bridge out - No through trail (seasonal dry creek bed. Cross at own risk). Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009
Lady Falls, Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crags, Lupin Falls, Wild Ginger, Shepherd Creek, Lower Myra Falls, Auger Point	Windfall has been cleared off of these trails. Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009

Buttle Lake Area Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Elk River	Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009
Crest Mountain	Trail is CLOSED due to an unsafe bridge crossing at the trailhead. Unfortunately there is no alternate crossing.	November 19, 2009
King's Peak	Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009
Bedwell Lakes	Four wheel drive vehicles are recommended for road travel up to the trailhead. Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009
Price Creek/Cream Lake	Price Creek route no longer maintained. Advanced navigation skills required on this route. Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009
Upper Myra Falls	Trail is CLOSED This trail is closed until further notice due to a damaged boardwalk over a steep embankment.	November 19, 2009
Arnica Lake/Phillips Ridge	Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009
Tennent Lake/Mount Myra	Trail is OPEN. The Tennent Bridge has been repaired. Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009
Flower Ridge	Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009
Marble Meadows	Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009

Forbidden Plateau Area Trails

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Paradise Meadows Trailhead Parking Lot	<p>Overnight Winter Parking Restrictions in effect as of Dec 11, 2009</p> <p>For Park users wishing to park vehicles overnight or for multiple days, visitors must follow the process below or risk the potential of having your vehicle towed away at the owners expense. Prior to leaving vehicles overnight, Park users must obtain a permit from Mount Washington's Raven Lodge.</p> <p>Mount Washington's Raven Lodge staff will direct overnight Park users to an appropriate parking site and provide them with a "no fee" permit for the dashboard of their vehicle. The permit's format will be randomly changed for security purposes.</p> <p>For those expecting to arrive when Raven Lodge is closed, overnight park users must phone (250) 334-5764 prior to their trip, to discuss parking requirements and obtain the number for the "coded lock box" where Raven Lodge staff will place a permit with the user's name on it. The permit sheet will have a simple parking lot site plan where staff can illustrate an approved parking area.</p> <p>Designated parking sites will change at the discretion of Mount Washington Resort in order to address snow-clearing concerns.</p> <p>Any unauthorized (non-permitted) vehicle using Mount Washington's parking lots overnight will/could be towed at owner's expense.</p>	November 19, 2009
Helen Mackenzie/ Battleship Loop, Helen Mackenzie to Kwai Lake via Croteau Lake, Cruickshank Canyon Lookout, Helen Mackenzie to Cirplet Lk, Amphitheatre Lake, Moat Lake, Mount Albert Edward, Wood Mountain Traverse	Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009

Other Trails and Areas

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Della Falls & Love Lake Trail	Trail CLOSED. To ensure the safety of visitors, the Della Falls trail has been Closed due to the destruction of the bridge at the 11km crossing. The bridge replacement has been identified as a needed capital project; however, completion will be dependent on resources. Updates will be posted on this trail report.	November 19, 2009
Oshinow Lake	Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009
Kunlin/Donner Lakes	Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009
Gold Lake	Winter Conditions	November 19, 2009