

## Strathcona Trail and Area Conditions

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### Buttle Lake

Boat Launches	Watch for natural hazards (ie. submerged stumps)	August 29, 2008
Marine Sites	All marine sites are open. Backcountry Marine fees are in effect from June 15th –Sept 30th - \$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.	August 29, 2008

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

### Buttle Lake Area Trails

Elk River	Windfall has been cleared off the trail. Recent storm activity has impacted trail. Overflowing streams and debris flows have damaged and covered some trail sections. BC Parks will be addressing these trail problems in 2008.	August 29, 2008
Crest Mountain	<b>Crest Mtn Trailhead Bridge is CLOSED</b> - due to unsafe conditions, this bridge is now closed until further notice. Unfortunately there is no alternate crossing. Some windfall present on the trail.	August 29, 2008
King's Peak	Hikers route is snow free.	August 29, 2008
Bedwell Lakes	<b>Bedwell Lakes Trail is OPEN.</b> Repairs to the suspension bridge have occurred. Please cross this bridge one person at a time. Use caution when crossing bridges and climbing stairs as winter damage to railings have occurred.	August 29, 2008
Price Creek/Cream Lake	Price Creek route no longer maintained. Advanced navigation skills required on this route.	August 29, 2008
Upper Myra Falls	Use caution on bridge and boardwalk crossings, windfall has caused damage to bride railings. Windfall has been cleared off of the trail.	August 29, 2008
Arnica Lake/Phillips Ridge	Trail is in good condition with some windfall present on the trail.	August 29, 2008
Tennent Lake/Mount Myra	<b>Tennent Creek Bridge is CLOSED.</b> Winter damage to the Tennent creek bridge has occurred making the crossing impassable. Repairs will be happening in the near future.	August 29, 2008
Flower Ridge	Trail is in good condition with minor windfall on the trail.	August 29, 2008
Marble Meadows	Some windfall present on the trail.	August 29, 2008

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### Forbidden Plateau Area Trails

Paradise Meadows Trailhead	The new trailhead is located adjacent to the Raven Lodge, the trail is wheelchair accessible and includes 1km of new trail that winds its way around the meadows and connects into the old trail system leading to Helen Mackenzie, Battleship and beyond. This trail is also suitable for seniors and families with strollers. Alpine flowers in bloom.	August 29, 2008
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	<p><b>Helen Mackenzie/ Battleship Loop-</b> Good condition.</p> <p><b>Helen Mackenzie to Kwai Lake- Caution Bear in Area (sow with two cubs)</b> in the Kwai Lake and Helen McKenzie area. Bears often spotted grazing in the open meadows and have been keeping their distance away from people.</p> <p><b>Kwai Lake to Circlet Lake</b> - Muddy sections.  <b>Battleship to Kwai Lake-</b> Muddy sections.  <b>Kwai Lake Camp</b> - Good summer condition.</p> <p><b>Cruickshank Canyon Lookout</b> – Good condition with some muddy sections.</p> <p><b>Mount Albert Edward</b> – Trail from Circlet Lake – Albert Edward in good condition. Minimal snow patches on approach to summit ridge. Exercise attention to route location upon return from ridge top down to Circlet Lake.</p> <p><b>Amphitheatre Lake, Moat Lake, and Wood Mountain Traverse</b> – Good summer condition.</p> <p><b>Mount Becher</b> – Good summer condition.</p>	August 29, 2008

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### Nature Walks and Short Trails

Karst Creek	Use caution on trail to upper waterfall. Some loose rock and debris on trail.	August 29, 2008
Lady Falls, Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crag, Lupin Falls, Wild Ginger, Shepherd Creek, Lower Myra Falls, Auger Point	Good Summer conditions on trails.	August 29, 2008

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### Other Trails and Areas

Della Falls	<p><b>Della Falls Trail is OPEN - Bridge Closed</b> at 11km due to unsafe travel conditions, alternate crossing is by fording the river upstream. Most windfall has been cleared off the trail. Some sections of trail are brushy in places and a few small section of trail have been washed out, use caution when traveling in these areas.</p> <p><b>Caution Bear in Area</b> around the Della Falls viewpoint and campground area. Please do not leave food unattended and store all food in the designated bear cache.</p>	August 29, 2008
Oshinow Lake	<b>Ash River Access Road is Now Open</b>	August 29, 2008
Kunlin/Donner Lakes	This road to Kunlin Lakes is becoming overgrown – watch for deep water bars and small pockets of road failure.	August 29, 2008
Gold Lake	Road is able to be traveled but 4x4 is recommended. Windfall has been cleared off of the trail leading into Gold Lake. Some sections of trail are muddy in places and a few washouts have occurred.	August 29, 2008
Comox Glacier	Due to logging operations, access to this area is restricted. Please contact Timberwest logging operations for access times.	August 29, 2008

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