

# 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](mailto: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	Water level is higher than normal; continue to boat with caution and watch for natural hazards (ie. submerged stumps and deadheads).	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Marine Sites	Titus, Wolf, Phillips, and Upper Campbell - All Open.  Backcountry Marine fees are in effect from June 15 <sup>th</sup> – Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> ; 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.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017

## Nature Walks and Short Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Karst Creek	Be advised, trail may be closed due to a new rock fall hazard in close proximity to the trail.  <b>Notice:</b> Bridge out; No through trail (seasonal dry creek bed); cross at own risk.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Lady Falls, Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crags, Lupin Falls, Wild Ginger, Shepherd Creek, Lower Myra Falls,	There is a tree across the Lower Myra Falls trail; however, it is easy to negotiate.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Auger Point	Trail is currently closed due to impassable windfall on the trail.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017

## Buttle Lake Area Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Elk River	Snow may be present beyond Landslide Lake.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Crest Mountain	Not inspected yet. Expect windfall throughout entire trail.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
King's Peak	Not inspected yet. Reports of deadfall on lower trail and snow present at higher elevations.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Bedwell Lakes	Trail is clear of snow up to Main Bedwell Lake, snow patches still present towards Cream Lake and beyond.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 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 snow.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Upper Myra Falls	Trail is clear of snow and windfall.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Arnica Lake/Phillips Ridge	Trail is clear of snow and windfall up to Arnica Lake. Expect patches of snow beyond Philips Ridge.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Tennent Lake/Mount Myra	One windfall down on trail towards Tennent Lake. Expect snow conditions beyond Tennent Lake, towards Sandbag lake and beyond. Snow is at approximately 1500m.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Flower Ridge	Expect some windfall through forested sections of the trail. Trail becoming overgrown.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Marble Meadows	Not inspected yet. Reports of numerous windfall and trail becoming over grown. Expect snow at higher elevations	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017

## Forbidden Plateau Area Trails

<b>Trail Area:</b>	<b>Latest Condition:</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>
Paradise Meadows Trailhead	Snow is clear of trailhead.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
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	Lingering patches snow present near the summit of Albert Edward; easy to negotiate. Fresh snow at higher elevations past Circlet lake as of Sept. 19. One windfall down on trail just beyond Murray Meadows.  All boardwalks in this area becoming icy in the mornings.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017

## Other Trails and Areas

<b>Trail Area:</b>	<b>Latest Condition:</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>
Della Falls & Love Lake Trail	Snow is cleared off trail up to falls. Some blowdown present on trail. Navigation difficult in some sections due to encroaching vegetation.  Cable car has been fixed, and is once again usable. Bridges with broken railings ~1.5km upstream of cable car have been fixed.  <b>NOTE:</b> This is an old growth forest with natural hazards. Campers/hikers should be cautious during storm events.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
Oshinow Lake	Not inspected yet. Access is restricted through Island Timberlands due to the current high fire hazard rating.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 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.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 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 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).	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017

Comox Glacier/ Century Sam Lake	Trails are not maintained; navigation may be difficult at times.  <b>NOTE:</b> Be advised that Comox Lake Main will be temporary closed to the general public (including weekends) due to the high fire hazard.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017
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