

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 Jamie Godfrey, Strathcona Senior Ranger at James.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca

Summer conditions are in effect. Visitors to the backcountry during the summer should be aware that snow may be present through most of the summer at high elevations in Strathcona. 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 low; boat with caution and look for submerged hazards.	July 18th , 2018
Marine Sites	Titus, Wolf, Phillips, and Upper Campbell - All Open Backcountry Marine fees and service 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. Be aware of submerged hazards on approach to these sites – Lake level is currently low.	July 18th , 2018

Nature Walks and Short Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Karst Creek	Be advised, a rock fall hazard exists in close proximity to the end of the trail at the waterfall. Obey posted signage.	July 18th , 2018
Lady Falls, Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crags, Lupin Falls, Wild Ginger, Shepherd Creek, Lower Myra Falls,	Lady Falls, Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crags South of the highway, Lupin Falls, and Lower Myra Falls are all clear and accessible. Wild Ginger trail, Shepard Creek, and Crest Creek Crags North of the highway have not inspected.	July 18th , 2018
Auger Point	Not inspected in 2018. Trail is open but still with encroaching windfall.	July 18th , 2018

Buttle Lake Area Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Elk River	Trail is free of snow and windfalls. Be advised that between the upper campsite and Landslide Lake, the trail becomes a “route”, and routefinding skills are necessary.	July 18th , 2018
Crest Mountain	Not fully inspected in 2018. Clear of windfall to 4km, expect windfall beyond this point.	July 18th , 2018
King’s Peak	Not inspected yet. Reports of deadfall on lower trail and snow present at higher elevations.	July 18th , 2018
Bedwell Lakes	Trail clear of snow and windfall to Bedwell Lake campsite. Snow may persist above Little Jim Lake. NOTE: Access road in poor condition. 2WD not recommended at this time.	July 18th , 2018
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.	July 18th , 2018
Upper Myra Falls	Trail is clear of snow and windfall.	July 18th , 2018
Arnica Lake/Phillips Ridge	Trail is clear of windfall and snow. Note bridge at mouth of Arnica Lake is out, and hikers must cross the creek. Expect snow on Philips ridge. Ice axe recommended.	July 18th , 2018
Tennent Lake/Mount	Trail is clear to Tennent Lake. Beyond Tennent Lake the trail becomes a “route” and is unmaintained.	July 18th , 2018

Myra		
Flower Ridge	Not fully inspected in 2018. Start of trail has been brushed, but expect thick brush beyond. Reports of windfall throughout the whole trail.	July 18th , 2018
Marble Meadows	Some snow remains in Marble meadows, but is passable. Note the presence of one large tangle of windfall near the top of the trail.	July 18th , 2018

Forbidden Plateau Area Trails

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Paradise Meadows Trailhead	Centennial Loop and Paradise Meadows Loop are clear of obstructions and snow.	July 18th , 2018
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 clear to Circlet Lake. Expect snow on all mountain trails/summits around the plateau, and be prepared to navigate and travel in such conditions. Wood mountain traverse is clear of snow, but has extensive windfall which will be cleared throughout the summer.	July 18th , 2018

Other Trails and Areas

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Della Falls & Love Lake Trail	Trail clear of snow up to falls campsite. Windfall is consistent throughout the trail. As of September 2017: Cable car has been fixed, and is once again usable. NOTE: This is an old growth forest with natural hazards. Campers/hikers should be cautious during storm events.	July 18th , 2018
Oshinow Lake	Not inspected in 2018	July 18th , 2018
Kunlin/Donner	Not inspected yet in 2018. Travel by vehicle is not	July 18th , 2018

Lakes	recommended to Donner Lake. Road to Kunlin Lake is becoming overgrown – watch for deep water bars and small road failures. Windfall likely.	
Gold Lake	Not inspected yet in 2018. 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).	July 18th , 2018
Comox Glacier/ Century Sam Lake	Trails are not maintained; navigation may be difficult at times. NOTE: Be advised that hours for the Comox Main gate access can be found on the Island Timberlands blog	July 18th , 2018