

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

Fall conditions are in effect. Visitors to the backcountry during the fall should be aware that temperatures at high elevation can be very cold, and rain at lower elevations may be falling as snow near mountain peaks. It is also important to note that creeks can quickly become swollen during high rain events, and could prevent crossing on your descent if hiking in heavy rains. Visitors should not venture into terrain they are not prepared for and must be aware that variable weather conditions 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, and apply in the core fee zones along the Bedwell Lakes/Cream Lake Trail; Elk River Trail; and on the Forbidden Plateau. Camping fees break down as follows:

Adults and youth over 16 years of age - \$10/night
Children 15 – 6 years of age - \$5/night
Children 5 and under - Free

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.	Sept. 21 st , 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 (16 years and over) \$10 per person/ night, Youth (6-15 years) \$5 per person/night and children under 5 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.	Sept. 21 st , 2018

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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.	Sept. 21 st , 2018
Lady Falls, Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crags, Lupin Falls, Wild Ginger, Shepherd Creek, Lower Myra Falls,	All clear and accessible.	Sept. 21 st , 2018
Auger Point	Not inspected in 2018. Trail is open but still with encroaching windfall.	Sept. 21 st , 2018

Buttle Lake Area Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Elk River	Trail is free of snow and windfalls. Be aware creeks can quickly swell during high rain events. Be advised that between the upper campsite and Landslide Lake, the trail becomes a "route", and routefinding skills are necessary.	Sept. 21 st , 2018
Crest Mountain	Not fully inspected in 2018. Clear of windfall to 4km, expect windfall beyond this point.	Sept. 21 st , 2018
King's Peak	Trail mostly clear. Creeks can quickly swell during high rain events.	Sept. 21 st , 2018
Bedwell Lakes	Trail clear of snow and windfall to Cream Lake. NOTE: Access road in poor condition. 2WD not recommended at this time.	Sept. 21 st , 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.	Sept. 21 st , 2018
Upper Myra Falls	Trail is clear.	Sept. 21 st , 2018
Arnica Lake/Phillips	Trail is clear. Note bridge at mouth of Arnica Lake is out,	Sept. 21 st , 2018

Ridge	and hikers must cross the creek. Summer conditions on Phillips ridge – some snow patches may remain.	
Tennent Lake/Mount Myra	Trail is clear to Tennent Lake. Beyond Tennent Lake the trail becomes a “route” and is unmaintained.	Sept. 21 st , 2018
Flower Ridge	Trail cleared of windfall up to 6km (to the ridge). Trail not inspected beyond this point. Expect windfall as you travel along the ridge.	Sept. 21 st , 2018
Marble Meadows	Note the presence of one large tangle of windfall near the top of the trail.	Sept. 21 st , 2018

Forbidden Plateau Area Trails

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Paradise Meadows Trailhead	Centennial Loop and Paradise Meadows Loop are clear.	Sept. 21 st , 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. Summer conditions exist on alpine trails. Trails are mostly clear, but some snow patches may remain. Wood mountain traverse is clear of snow, but has extensive windfall.	Sept. 21 st , 2018

Other Trails and Areas

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Della Falls & Love Lake Trail	Windfall and heavy brush are consistent throughout the trail. As of September 2017: Cable car has been fixed, and is once again usable, although hard to pull. NOTE: This is an old growth forest with natural hazards. Campers/hikers should be cautious during storm events.	Sept. 21 st , 2018

Oshinow Lake	Not inspected in 2018	Sept. 21 st , 2018
Kunlin/Donner Lakes	Not inspected yet in 2018. 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. 21 st , 2018
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).	Sept. 21 st , 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	Sept. 21 st , 2018