

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

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 very low; boat with caution and look for submerged hazards. 4x4 vehicles only recommended for launching boats at boat launches due to water level being extremely low and causing vehicles to back off the cement boat launch onto gravel.	June 13 th , 2019
Marine Sites	Titus, Wolf, Phillips, and Upper Campbell - All Open. Servicing and Fees begin this weekend (June 15 th) 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.	June 13 th , 2019

Nature Walks and Short Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Karst Creek	Beware of rock fall hazard at falls viewing area. Obey posted signage.	June 13 th , 2019
Lady Falls, Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crags, Lupin Falls, Wild Ginger, Shepherd Creek, Lower Myra Falls,	All trails snow and windfall free.	June 13 th , 2019
Auger Point	Trail is snow and windfall free.	June 13 th , 2019

Buttle Lake Area Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Elk River	Trail is clear of snow up to landslide lake. An area of trail erosion has been repaired with a new retaining wall at approx. 6km from the trailhead.	June 13 th , 2019
Crest Mountain	Not inspected yet. Expect windfall throughout trail, and patchy snow at higher elevations.	June 13 th , 2019
King's Peak	Not inspected yet. Expect windfall throughout trail and snow at higher elevations.	June 13 th , 2019
Bedwell Lakes/Cream Lake	<p>Snow level is above 1200m. (Little Jim Lake). Proceed beyond snow level with caution.</p> <p>No facilities present at Cream Lake – wilderness camping only. Toilet facilities, tent pads, and bear proof food caches are all available at Main and Baby Bedwell lakes.</p> <p>NOTE: Access road has been improved. 2WD accessible. Be aware that ore hauling is ongoing each night from 7pm to 7am. Follow instructions of flag people.</p>	June 13 th , 2019
Price Creek	Price Creek route no longer maintained. Advanced navigation skills required on this route. Recommend accessing Cream Lake from Bedwell Lakes Trail. Expect snow.	June 13 th , 2019
Upper Myra Falls	Trail is clear of snow and windfall.	June 13 th , 2019
Arnica Lake/Phillips Ridge	Trail not yet inspected in 2019. Expect windfall throughout and snow at higher elevations (above ~1200m).	June 13 th , 2019
Tennent	Trail not yet inspected in 2019. Expect windfall	June 13 th , 2019

Lake/Mount Myra	throughout, and snow at higher elevations.	
Flower Ridge	Trail not yet inspected in 2019. Expect thick brush, windfall throughout, and snow at higher elevations.	June 13 th , 2019
Marble Meadows	Trail not inspected yet in 2019. Reports of windfall from 2018. Expect snow at higher elevations.	June 13 th , 2019

Forbidden Plateau Area Trails

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Paradise Meadows Trailhead	Trailhead is free of snow, but lower parking lot has not been cleared of debris from snow clearing. Strathcona Wilderness Hut opens June 15.	June 13 th , 2019
Helen Mackenzie/ Battleship Loop, Helen Mackenzie to Kwai Lake via Croteau Lake, Cruikshank Canyon Lookout, Helen Mackenzie to Circler Lk, Amphitheatre Lake, Moat Lake, Mount Albert Edward, Wood Mountain Traverse	<p>Trails are mostly snow free up to Battleship Lake/Helen Mackenzie. Expect patchy snow beyond this point.</p> <p>Note day use area at Croteau Lake has been moved due to creation of new groupsite. For lunch/day use please continue ~100m. beyond the groupsite to the rock bluffs along the South edge of the lake.</p> <p>In areas with snow cover, beware of voids that may form over creeks and at edges of boardwalks. These voids can break underfoot, causing injury.</p>	June 13 th , 2019

Other Trails and Areas

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Della Falls & Love Lake Trail	<p>Trail is free from snow up to the falls. Minor windfalls along trail above Margarite Creek. Trail above cable car is brushy and difficult to follow in spots. Cable car is working but difficult to pull. Expect large amounts of windfall on Love Lake Trail.</p> <p>NOTE: This is an old growth forest with natural hazards. Campers/hikers should be cautious during storm events.</p>	June 13 th , 2019
Oshinow Lake	Not inspected in 2019	June 13 th , 2019
Kunlin/Donner Lakes	Not inspected yet in 2019. Travel by vehicle is not recommended to Donner Lake. Road to Kunlin Lake is becoming overgrown – watch for deep water bars and	June 13 th , 2019

	small road failures. Windfall likely.	
Gold Lake	Not inspected yet in 2019. 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).	June 13 th , 2019
Comox Glacier/ Century Sam Lake	Trails are not maintained; navigation may be difficult at times. Snow remains above 1200m. NOTE: Be advised that hours for the Comox Main gate access can be found on the Island Timberlands blog	June 13 th , 2019