



# VALHALLA PROVINCIAL PARK

Ministry of Environment

DATE: **September 11, 2018**

If you spot a forest fire call 1-800-663-5555

**As of noon Thursday July 26: NO fires & NO smoking anywhere in the park.**

**SPECIAL NOTICE: Wildfire has closed access to Gimli (Bannock Burn Creek FSR).**

**Hoder Ck FSR re-opened to Drinnon/Gwillim trail, but fire remains close by.**

TRAIL	ACCESS	CONDITION OF TRAIL	GENERAL COMMENTS
Wee Sandy Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat- excellent moorage</li> <li>Coarse pebble beach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bridges above 1<sup>st</sup> crossing are out.</li> <li>Trail cleared to 1<sup>st</sup> crossing (4km). Not open beyond there.</li> <li>Wildfire in drainage</li> </ul>	<b>Wee Sandy Creek</b> - Length, 14.4 km; suggested time, 10 hours; elevation change, 1,370 m. Trail starts on west shore of Slocan Lake at Wee Sandy Creek. Features include: Wee Sandy Lake.; enjoyable historic trail for first 2 km with views of goat bluffs at entrance to valley on north side; old trappers' cabins at 5.8 km and 10.5 km. Also at 10.5 km is Iron Creek Cabin, a shelter with a wood stove. Rugged trail beyond 3 km.
Sharp Creek Trail (New Denver Glacier)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat- good moorage</li> <li>Mixed rock &amp; sand beach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail not yet cleared in 2018</li> </ul>	<b>Sharp Creek</b> - Length 8 km; suggested time, 6 hrs; elevation change 1,380 m. Trail begins on west shore of Slocan Lake immediately north of Sharp Creek and follows creek to ruins of old cabin at the 1,920 m level. The trail is steep although its condition is generally good. Usual campsite is 1.8 km and 240 m elevation gain beyond trail end.
Nemo Creek Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat- good moorage.</li> <li>Well protected from southerly winds</li> <li>Fine sandy beach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail not yet cleared in 2018</li> <li>Loop trail cleared</li> </ul>	<b>Nemo Creek</b> - Length 4 km; suggested time, 4 hours; elevation change 905 m. Trail starts 50 m north of Nemo Creek and leads along the creek, an easy or moderate hike. Lower Nemo Falls on first section, the Rock Castles at 3.4 km and an old trapper's cabin at 4 km are all interesting features well within the range of an easy day trip.
Cove Creek Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat- excellent moorage.</li> <li>Steep rock &amp; pebble beach.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not maintained</li> </ul>	<b>Cove Creek</b> - Length 3.5 km; suggested time 2 hours; elevation change, 282 m. Trail starts just behind Cove Creek cabin on an old skid road and leads to a patch of coastal salal ( <i>Gaultheria</i> sp.). An easy day outing through some impressive ponderosa pine.
Slocan-Evans Trail	Please park on east side of Slocan River in village of Slocan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good condition</li> <li>Not yet cleared in 2018; report of ~10 trees down</li> </ul>	Excellent trail along Slocan Lake, beautiful views and a multitude of swimming spots, fantastic day hike 7.5 km, suggested time 2.5 hours. Please respect Private Property at Pebble Beach.
Evans Beach/Beatrice Lake Trail	Hike to Evans Cr. along Slocan/Evans Trail or boat to Evans Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good condition</li> <li>Trail cleared from Evans Creek all the way to Beatrice Lake!</li> </ul>	<b>Beatrice Lake</b> - Length 12.5 km; suggested time 8 hours; elevation change 985 m. Two trailheads. The best trail starts just south of Evans Creek at a rockbound cove and connects with both the shoreline trail to Slocan and the main Beatrice Lake trail across the Evans Creek bridge. Emerald Lake (Little Cahill) is a good day hike destination. 4 tent pads @ Emerald Lake; 6 tent pads @ Cahill Lake; no camping @ Beatrice Lake. <b>Dogs on leash permitted.</b>
Drinnon/Gwillim Trail <b>See special notice at top</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last 2km very rough; 4WD highly recommended</li> <li>Please do not leave chicken wire at parking lot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail cleared 2018</li> <li>Wildfire continues close to road 2 km before parking lot</li> </ul>	<b>Drinnon Pass</b> - Length 3.5 km; suggested time 2 hours; elevation change 435 m. Trail begins at end of Hoder Creek logging road spur and leads to Drinnon Pass. Gwillim Lakes are 2.2 km; 1.5 hours and a 225 m elevation gain beyond the pass. <b>Note: Open fires and pets are not allowed in this trail corridor.</b> 4 tent pads @ Drinnon Lk; 6 tent pads @ Wicca Lk; 11 tent pads @ Gwillim Lks
Gimli Trail (Mulvey Basin) <b>See special notice at top</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dozens of deep waterbars; high clearance 4WD required</li> <li>13 km from Little Slocan FSR to trailhead.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail cleared 2018</li> <li>Trail closed due to wildfire at parking area</li> </ul>	Short spectacular trail with awe inspiring views. Excellent day hike. Access to climbing destination with base camp on South Gimli Ridge outside Mulvey Basin. <b>Note: Open fires and pets are not allowed in this trail corridor.</b>
Beach Front	Boat access – when choosing your campsite, note the quality of the moorage considering that Slocan Lake is prone to frequent and violent wind squalls.	Use food caches provided to reduce wildlife problems.	Tent pads, outhouse, food caches at 9 beach campgrounds. Public boat launches at Slocan City, Silverton, and New Denver.

Please do not camp in any alpine meadow as the vegetation is extremely susceptible to damage.

**DOGS ALLOWED ON SLOCAN LAKE SHORE & THE TRAIL TO CAHILL & BEATRICE LAKES ONLY & MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH. DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY OTHER BACKCOUNTRY AREAS**

Use of food caches mandatory (caches suitable for small coolers)