

## E.C. Manning Provincial Park Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Trail and Backcountry Campground Conditions Report**– updated every second Friday throughout the summer.

### Synopsis for August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019



-With the hot weather rush we had earlier in the season, we saw a quick melting of snow in the alpine that cleared the trails. With the rise in temperatures over the last few weeks, trails are dry in most areas. Take advantage of the last two weeks before Labour Day to get out with the family and enjoy the park. Ranger staff, Park Operators and our many volunteers have been able to clear the majority of trails and are continuing to reach some of the lesser used sections to remove windfall– even most of the higher elevation routes are ready to go.

**Please** be aware that our trails – especially those in the sub-alpine – are especially vulnerable to erosion from foot traffic. Do not trail braiding, use only designated trails. Another consideration is the abundance of animals now out and about looking for food. Use proper precautions when hiking and camping in bear and cougar country!


**Backcountry Camping fee in effect.** The fee for camping in the backcountry in Manning Park is \$5.00 per person, per night. Backcountry camping permits can be purchased at <https://discovercamping.ca/Backcountry/E.C.Manning?Map> up to two weeks prior to your visit. This permit is not a reservation for a specific campsite in a backcountry camp. You must retain your permit while camping. Day use hiking does not require a permit.

### Important Considerations

- **Caution:** Unpredictable weather may occur at any time of year. Use local Hope or Princeton weather as a source for planning your trip, and prepare accordingly. There is limited cell service in the Park; your phone **WILL NOT WORK** in most locations.
- To help prevent conflict with wildlife, and for the respect of other Park users, **dogs must be on a leash at all times, and picked up after.**
- To protect the Park’s ecological values, please stay on trails at all times.


### Help with determining which trail you should hike:

- Trail difficulty is based on the length of the trail section, change in elevation and trail type for the average Park visitor.
- Trail type is defined as:
  - **Type I:** 1.5 to 2.5 m wide, paved, crushed gravel or board walk, less than 10% grade.
  - **Type II:** 1.5 m wide, gravel surfacing in wet areas, up to 15% grade.
  - **Type III:** 0.5 m wide, grade greater than 15%
  - **Type IV:** up to 0.3 m wide, lightly used wilderness trail, tread as worn not grubbed out, infrequent maintenance.


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<b>Easy Trails</b>						
<b>Beaver Pond Trail</b>	500m	10 min	Very little	Type II	<b>Good condition</b> - snow-free and windfall have been cut. Re-route (commencing near tennis courts at MPR is now complete, bypassing the old flooded section).	Possibly some small wet sections along trail.
<b>Paintbrush Trail</b>	1.5 km	20 min	Very little	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b>	Blackwall road is now open to the sub-alpine meadows




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<b>Rein Orchid Trail</b>	600 m	15 min	Very little	Type II	<b>Good condition</b> – Windfall Free	
<b>Rhododendron Flats Trail</b>	1 km	20 min	40m	Type II	<b>Good condition</b> - Snow Free. Windfall Cut.	
<b>Strawberry Flats Trail</b> (From Strawberry Flats to Gibson Pass Ski Hill)	4.5 km	2 hrs	125m	Type I	<b>Good condition</b> - Snow-free. Windfall cut.	Chairlift replacement happening at ski hill – use caution and adhere to signage.
<b>Sumallo Grove Trail</b>	1 km	30 min	Very little	Type II	<b>Good condition</b> - snow free and windfall has been cut.	
<b>Twenty Minute Lake Trail</b>	1 km	20 min	10m	Type II	<b>Good condition</b> - snow free and windfall has been cut.	
<b>Little Muddy Trail</b>	5km	1 hour	100m	Type 1	<b>Good condition</b> - snow free and windfall has been cut. Re-route (commencing near tennis courts at MPR is now complete, bypassing the old flooded section).	
<b>East Similkameen Trail</b> (From Windy Joe Trail to Castle Creek)	4.7 km	2 hrs	75	Type II & III	<b>Fair condition</b> - Windfall has been cut. Wet areas.	Bridge over Castle Creek <b>CLOSED</b> at 7 km accessing Monument 78 trail. Trail has not been cleared 200m from Castle Creek.
<b>West Similkameen Trail</b> (From PCT trailhead to Windy Joe Jct.)	2.1 km	1hrs	75m	Type II	<b>Good condition</b> – Snow-free and windfall has been cut.	
<b>Moderate Trails</b>						
	2 km	45min	50m	Type II		

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<b>Canyon Nature Trail</b> (From Gibson Pass Road to Coldspring Campground, and back)					<b>Good condition</b> - snow free and windfall has been cut.	
<b>Monument 78 Trail</b> (From Highway 3 to border)	12 km	4 hrs	200m	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b> – All Windfall cut; some erosion and flooding issues in places.	Bridge over Castle Creek <b>CLOSED</b> at 7 km of the Similkameen Trail accessing Monument 78 trail. Trail has not been cleared 200m from Castle Creek. Use Monument 78/83 trailhead for access.
<b>Dry Ridge Trail</b> (From and to Blackwall Road)	.7 km	40min	75m	Type III	<b>Good condition</b> - windfall cut, snow free	
<b>Engineers Loop Trail</b> (@Westgate – the Marmot)	1km	15min	200m	Type III	<b>Good condition</b> - snow free, windfall has been cut, and the trail has been brushed.	Huge thanks to the BC Wildfire Service IA crews from Hope for helping to get this trail cleared and brushed.
<b>Heather Trail</b> (From Blackwall Peak parking lot to Buckhorn camp)	5 km	1.5 hrs	100m	Type III	<b>Good Condition</b> – snow-free and windfall has been cut	Blackwall road is now open to the sub-alpine meadows
<b>Heather Trail</b> (From Buckhorn to Kicking Horse campsite)	7km	2.5 hrs	292m	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b> – expect a few windfall	Blackwall road is now open to the sub-alpine meadows
<b>Heather Trail</b> (From Kicking Horse campsite to Nicomen Campsite)	9km	3 hrs	122m	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b> – expect a few windfall	Blackwall road is now open to the sub-alpine meadows
<b>Lighting Lake Loop</b> (Around Lightning Lake)	9 km	3 hrs	200m	Type III	<b>Good condition</b> - snow free and windfall has been	


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<b>Lightning Lake Trail</b> (to and around Rainbow Bridge)	4.5 km	2 hrs	10m	Type II	<b>Good condition</b> - snow free and windfall has been cut.	
<b>Lighting Lake Trail</b> - Flash Lake Loop	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	Very little	Type III	<b>NOW OPEN - Fair Condition</b> – Cleared of Windfall	
<b>Lighting Lake Trail</b> (From Lightning Lake to Flash Lake and Strike Lake Camp)	2 km	30m	31m	Type III	<b>Good condition</b> - snow free and windfall has been cut as far as Strike Camp. Back side of LL loop is brushy.	
<b>Lighting Lake Trail</b> (Strike Lake Camp to Thunder Lake)	3 km	1hrs	30m	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b> - expect some trees down and brushy sections	
<b>North Gibson Trail</b> (From Lightning Lake Campground to Strawberry Flats)	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type III	<b>Good condition</b> - snow free and windfall has been cut.	
<b>South Gibson Trail</b> (From Lightning Lake Campground to Strawberry Flats)	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type II	<b>Fair condition</b> - snow free and windfall has been cut. Some muddy sections	
<b>Three Falls Trail</b> (From the bottom of the T-bar)	9km r/t	2-3 hrs.	-160 one way	Type III	<b>Fair Condition</b> - Likely windfall but snow-free	
<b>Difficult Trails</b>						
<b>Bonnevier Trail</b> (From	18 km	5 hrs	950m	Type III		

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Eastgate Portal – the Bear – to Heather Trail)					<b>Fair condition</b> – All windfall has been cut. Some brushy sections	Huge thanks to Tom Moore, Erik Bird and David Lee for cutting windfall on the Eastgate connector and a few kms of the main trail!
<b>Bonnevier – Upper Eastgate Bypass Trail</b> (km 12 on the Bonnevier Trail to Eastgate/Park Boundary)	3km approx.	30min		Type III	<b>Good condition</b> - snow free and windfall has been cut.	Huge thanks to Tom Moore, Erik Bird and David Lee for cutting windfall on the Eastgate connector and a few kms of the main trail!
<b>Dewdney Trail</b> (From Cascade Parking Area to Whipsaw FSR)	36 km	10 hrs	1131m	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b> – Expect some windfall, sections have been brushed and thinned	Big thanks to the Fat dog Crew who have cleared the trail to the 10km at Punch Bowl Lake. Expect windfall beyond 10km.
<b>Grainger Creek Trail</b> (From the Hope Pass Trail to Nicomen Lake)	9 km	3 hrs	952m	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b> – windfall cut 2 km into the trail from Hope Pass.	
<b>Hope Pass Trail</b> (From Cayuse Flats to Whipsaw FSR)	24 km	7 hrs	1000m	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b> – Windfall cut	
<b>Windy Joe Trail</b> (From West Similkameen Trail Junction)	5.5 km	2 hrs	525m	Type II	<b>Good condition</b> , windfall cut, snow free.	
<b>Mt. Frosty Trail</b> (From Lightning Lake Day Use Area to Summit)	10.5 km	3.5 hrs	1150m	Type III	<b>Good condition</b> – most windfall has been cut; snow free	
<b>Mt. Frosty Trail</b> (From Windy Joe Trail to Summit Junction)	7 km	3 hrs	854m	Type III	<b>Fair Condition</b> – All Windfall Cut	
	9 km	3 hrs	427m	Type IV	<b>Fair condition</b> – Windfall	Big Thanks to the BC Wildfire Service IA crew from

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<b>Memaloose Trail</b> (From Poland Lake to Highway 3)					cut. Expect heavy brush on the top 2km.	Hope for helping to cut the Memaloose Trail out!
<b>Mount Outram Trail</b> (From Westgate – the Marmot)	10 km	3.5 hrs	1699m	Type IV	<b>Poor condition</b> – First ¼ km has been cut and brushed; expect heavy windfall past there.	Not maintained by BC Parks Past the Park Boundary
<b>Monument 83 Trail</b> (From Highway 3 to Lookout)	16 km	5 hrs	859m	Type II	<b>Poor condition</b> – Windfall has been cut to 5km; expect heavy windfall past there.	
<b>Nicomen Lake Trail</b> (From Nicomen Lake to Hope Pass Trail)	7.5 km	2.5 hrs	31m	Type IV	<b>Fair condition</b> – Trail Cleared of Windfall, Snow Free	
<b>Pacific Crest Trail</b> (From Windy Joe Junction to Border)	8 km	2.5 hrs	450m	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b> – Windfall has been cut (One large windfall remaining at start of trail), trail will be brushed (July 19 <sup>th</sup> ) and is snow free, but expect some erosion issues along the route.	
<b>Poland Lake Trail</b> (From Strawberry Flats)	8 km	4 hrs	35m	Type II	<b>Fair condition</b> –Windfall cut; snow-free	
<b>Skagit Bluffs Trail</b> (From Cayuse Flats to Cascade Parking Area)	5.6 km	2.5 hrs	225m	Type III	<b>Good condition</b> – snow free and windfall have been cut	Wildfire Crews started work on these section on July 4 <sup>th</sup> , big thanks to them with their continued efforts, erosion issues have been fixed.

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<b>Skagit River Trail</b> (in Skagit Valley Provincial Park)	16 km	4 hrs		Type III		<b>Note</b> – Trails in Skagit Valley Provincial Park that were impacted by the 2018 Silvertipped Creek fire are currently closed pending danger tree inspection and clearing. <b>These trails are the Skagit River, Centennial and Shawatum trails.</b>
<b>Skyline Trail</b> (From Lightning Lake to Strawberry Flats Loop)	16.6 km	5 hrs	775m	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b> – Snow-free, most windfall has been cut	
<b>Skyline II Trail</b> (From Despair Pass to Mowich Camp)	12.5 km	3 hrs	469m	Type III & IV	<b>Fair condition</b> – Snow free but expect 35+ windfall over the first 4km	
<b>Silverdaisy Mountain Trail</b> (Crown Land into Skagit Valley Provincial Park)	10 km	2.5 hrs		Type IV	<b>Unknown.</b>	<b>Note</b> – Trails in Skagit Valley Provincial Park that were impacted by the 2018 Silvertipped Creek fire are currently closed pending danger tree inspection and clearing. <b>These trails are the Skagit River, Centennial</b>



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<b>Warburton Loop</b> (To and From the Dewdney Trail)	7 km	2 hrs	280m	Type IV	<b>Fair condition</b> – Likely a few windfall, snow free	
<b>Whatcom Trail</b> (To and From the Dewdney Trail)	9.5 km	4 hrs	1081m	Type III	<b>Fair condition</b> – Snow free; windfall cut.	