

E.C. MANNING PROVINCIAL PARK

Thursday, June 30th, 2022

TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT



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SYNOPSIS FOR JUNE 30TH, 2022

Lower elevation trails continue to melt becoming more accessible. As a result of the cooler spring temperatures hikers can expect snow to linger a little bit longer in many of the higher elevation trails and on North and Northeast facing aspects.

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

9-day forecast 30 June – 8 July

	00-12	12-00	Max/min temperature	Precipitation mm	Max/min wind m/s
Thur. 30 June			19° / 4°	3.1	2 / 1
Fri. 1 July			20° / 5°		4 / 1
Sat. 2 July			24° / 6°	1.6	1 / 0
Sun. 3 July			20° / 9°	8.5	1 / 1
Mon. 4 July			11° / 6°	19	3 / 1
Tue. 5 July			13° / 5°	8	2 / 1
Wed. 6 July			19° / 3°		2 / 0
Thur. 7 July			21° / 7°	2.8	3 / 0
Fri. 8 July			19° / 9°	0.5	5 / 1

Backcountry Camping fees are in affect. The fee for camping in the backcountry of Manning Park is \$5.00 per person, per night. Backcountry camping permits can be purchased at [Discover Camping](#) 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



Weather

- Unpredictable weather may occur at anytime of year. Use local Hope and/or Princeton weather as a source for planning your trip, and prepare accordingly.

Communication

- There is limited cell service in the Park; your phone WILL NOT WORK in most locations.

Wildlife

- 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.**
- Please do not feed wildlife as this will habituate animals to human behaviour and food. This will result in animals aggressively swooping or scurrying for food.

Conservation

- To protect the Park's ecological values, please stay on trails at all times.

DETERMINE WHICH TRAIL TO HIKE

Trail difficulty is based on the length of the trail section, change in elevation, and trail type for average park visitor.

Trail type is defined as:

- **Type I:** 1.5 to 2.5 m wide, paved, crushed gravel, or boardwalk , 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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EASY TRAILS

TRAIL	EST. DISTANCE ONE-WAY	EST. TIME ONE-WAY	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION
BEAVER POND	500m	10 min	Very Little	Type II	Good condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall. Expect flooding and wet areas on some portions of trail.
PAINTBRUSH	REMAINS CLOSED DUE TO SNOW				
REIN ORCHID	600m	15 min	Very little	Type II	Good condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.
RHODODENDRON FLATS	1 km	20 min	40m	Type II	Good condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.
STRAWBERRY FLATS (FROM STRAWBERRY FLATS TO GIBSON PASS SKI HILL)	4.5 km	2 hrs	125m	Type I	Good condition: Expect snow on trail
SUMALLO GROVE	1 km	30 min	Very little	Type II	Good condition: Trail is clear. Caution!!! The Skagit River has changed course. There is no bridge in place to cross the river. Attempting to cross the river over log jams is extremely dangerous and should be avoided.
TWENTY MINUTE LAKE	1 km	20 min	10m	Type II	Good condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall. Some muddy areas.
LITTLE MUDDY	5 km	1 hr	100m	Type I	Poor condition: Similkameen river has flooded the trail south of the bridge on the Gibson Pass road. Some muddy areas.
EAST SIMILKAMEEN	4.7 km	2 hrs	75m	Type II & III	Fair condition: Spring flooding and windfall on trail.
WEST SIMILKAMEEN	2.1 km	1 hr	75m	Type II	Good condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall. Caution!! Bridge out before Windy Joe Junction. Attempting to cross the river over log jams is extremely dangerous and should be avoided.



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Trail	Est. Distance One-Way	Est. Time One-Way	Estimate D Elevation Gained	Trail Type	Trail Condition
CANYON NATURE TRAIL <small>(MAINTAINED BY MANNING PARK RESORT)</small>	2 km	45 min	50m	Type II	Clear of Windfall as of June 24th
MONUMENT 78 <small>(MAINTAINED BY BC PARKS)</small>	12 km	4 hrs	200m	Type III	Trail has been cleared of Windfall
DRY RIDGE <small>(MAINTAINED BY MANNING PARK RESORT)</small>	.7 km	40 min	75m	Type III	Expect a few windfall on trail
ENGINEERS LOOP <small>(MAINTAINED BY MANNING PARK RESORT)</small>	1 km	15 min	200m	Type III	Expect windfall and snow on the trail.
HEATHER (FROM BLACKWALL PEAK PARKING TO BUCKHORN CAMP AND FIRST BROTHER) <small>(MAINTAINED BY MANNING PARK RESORT)</small>	5 km	1.5 hrs	100m	Type III	Closed Due to Snow
HEATHER (FROM FIRST BROTHER TO KICKING HORSE CAMP) <small>(MAINTAINED BY BC PARKS)</small>	7 km	2.5 hrs	292m	Type III	
HEATHER (FROM KICKING HORSE CAMP TO NICOMEN CAMP) <small>(MAINTAINED BY BC PARKS)</small>	9 km	3 hrs	122m	Type III	
LIGHTNING LAKE LOOP (AROUND LIGHTING LAKE) <small>(MAINTAINED BY MANNING PARK RESORT)</small>	9 km	3 hrs	200m	Type III	Fair condition: Trail is open and cleared of windfall.
LIGHTNING LAKE (TO AND AROUND RAINBOW BRIDGE) <small>(MAINTAINED BY MANNING PARK RESORT)</small>	4.5 km	2 hrs	10m	Type II	Good condition: Trail is open and cleared of windfall.
LIGHTNING LAKE (FLASH LAKE LOOP) <small>(MAINTAINED BY BC PARKS)</small>	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	Very Little	Type III	Fair condition: Trail is open and cleared of windfall, some wet sections from freshet
LIGHTNING LAKE (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE TO FLASH LAKE AND STRIKE CAMP) <small>(MAINTAINED BY BC PARKS)</small>	2 km	30 min	31m	Type III	Good condition: Trail is open and cleared of windfall.



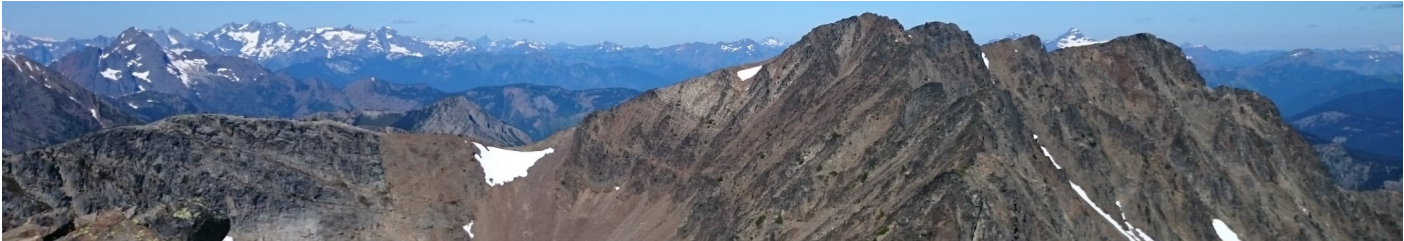
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MODERATE TRAILS

TRAIL	EST. DISTANCE ONE-WAY	EST. TIME ONE -WAY	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION
LIGHTNING LAKE (STRIKE CAMP TO THUNDER LAKE)	3 km	1 hr	30m	Type III	Fair condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall.
NORTH GIBSON	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type III	Good condition: .Expect windfall and snow on the trail.
SOUTH GIBSON	3.5 km	1.5 hrs	90m	Type II	Fair condition: Expect windfall and snow on the trail.
THREE FALLS	9 km (Return)	2-3 hrs	160m (one-way)	Type III	Fair condition: Expect snow on the trail.

DIFFICULT TRAILS

TRAIL	EST. DISTANCE ONE-WAY	EST. TIME ONE -WAY	ESTIMATED ELEVATION GAINED	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL CONDITION
BONNEVIER (FROM EASTGATE PORTAL—THE BEAR TO HEATHER TRAIL)					REMAINS CLOSED DUE TO SNOW
BONNEVIER—UPPER EAST GATE BYPASS					REMAINS CLOSED DUE TO SNOW
DEWDNEY (FROM CASACADE PARKING TO WHIPSAW FSR)	36 km	10 hrs	1131m	Type III	Fair condition: Trail has been clear to within 300m of Whatcom Junction, Expect snow and windfall beyond there.
GRAINGER CREEK (FROM HOPE PASS TRAIL TO NICOMEN LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	952m	Type III	Fair condition: Expect snow and windfall on the trail. The bridge is washed out that used to cross Grainger Creek.
HOPE PASS (FROM CAYUSE FLATS TO WHIPSAW FSR)	24 km	7 hrs	1000m	Type III	Fair condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall to Grainger Creek junction. Bridge flooded out just beyond the junction heading for Grainger Camp. Expect windfall on trail beyond Junction.
WINDY JOE (FROM WEST SIMILKAMEEN)	5.5 km	2 hrs	525m	Type II	Good condition: Expect snow and windfall on the trail. Caution!! Bridge out before Windy Joe Junction on Similkameen west. Attempting to cross the river over log jams is extremely dangerous and should be avoided



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MT. FROSTY (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE DAY USE)	10.5 km	3.5 hrs	1150m	Type III	Good condition: Trail has been cleared of windfall to 2.5 km. Snow on trail beyond that.
MT. FROSTY (FROM WINDY JOE TRAIL TO SUMMIT)	7 km	3 hrs	854m	Type III	Fair condition: Snow on trail
MEMALOOSE TRAIL (FROM HIGHWAY 3 TO POLAND LAKE)	9 km	3 hrs	427m	Type IV	Fair condition: Trail has been clear of windfall to snowline.
MOUNT OUTRAM (FROM WESTGATE — THE MARMOT)	10 km	3.5 hrs	1699m	Type IV	Poor condition: Snow on trail
MONUMENT 83	16 km	7 hrs	859m	Type II	Closed: Both bridges crossing the Smilkameen River have been washed out
NICOMEN LAKE (FROM NICOMEN LAKE TO HOPE PASS TRAIL)	7.5 km	2.5 hrs	31m	Type IV	Fair condition: Snow on trail
PACIFIC CREST (FROM WINDY JOE TRAIL TO BORDER)	8 km	2.5 hrs	450m	Type III	Fair condition: Expect snow and windfall on the trail.
POLAND LAKE (FROM STRAWBERRY FLATS)	8 km	4 hrs	665m	Type II	Fair condition: Expect Snow and windfall on trail.
SKAGIT BLUFFS (FROM CAYUSE FLATS TO CASCADE PARKING)	5.6 km	2.5 hrs	225m	Type III	Good condition: Trail clear of wind fall
SKAGIT RIVER (IN SKAGIT VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK)	16 km	4 hrs		Type III	Unknown Caution!! The Skagit River has changed course. There is no bridge in place to cross the river. Attempting to cross the river over log jams is extremely dangerous and



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SKYLINE (FROM LIGHTNING LAKE TO STRAWBERRY FLATS)	16.6 km	5 hrs	775m	Type III	Good condition: Expect snow and windfall on the trail.
SKYLINE II (FROM DESPAIR PASS TO MOWICH CAMP)	12.5 km	3 hrs	469m	Type III & IV	Fair condition: Snow on trail
SILVERDAISY MOUNTAIN (CROWN LAND INTO SKAGIT VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK)	10 km	2.5 hrs		Type IV	Unknown
WARBURTON LOOP (TO AND FROM THE DEWDNEY TRAIL)	7 km	2 hrs	280m	Type IV	Fair condition: Snow on trail
WHATCOM (TO AND FROM THE DEWDNEY TRAIL)	9.5 km	4 hrs	1081m	Type IV	Fair condition: Snow on trail

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As the 2021 Summer season ramps up at E.C. Manning Park we would like to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of all the volunteers and crews who help to maintain our vast trails system. Looking forward to another safe and productive season!!



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