

## Golden Ears Provincial Park Trail Conditions Report

TRAIL NAME	STATUS / CONDITION	LENGTH (ONE-WAY) (KM)	ELEVATION GAIN (M)	BIKES ALLOWED?	DIFFICULTY	TRAIL INFORMATION	LAST DATE ASSESSED (YYYY-MM-DD)	COMMENTS
Lower Falls Trail	OPEN/GOOD	2.6	119	No	Easy	Lower Falls Trail: Gold Creek Parking Lot to the Lower Gold Creek Falls. A popular easy walk along Gold Creek to the 10 metre high Lower Falls. (2.8 km, suggested hiking time one-way 1 hr, elevation change minimal).	2019-09-12	Waterfalls are dangerous, please do not swim in the falls.
East Canyon Trail	OPEN/CAUTION	3.8 (end at bridge)	100	Yes	Easy	East Canyon Trail: Gold Creek Parking Lot to Viewpoint Beach. Follow the logging road north to Viewpoint Beach and great views of the Golden Ears and Panorama Ridge to the west (4.5 km, suggested hiking time one-way 2 hrs, elevation change minimal).	2019-09-12	Easy, moderate grade approach to Golden Ears Trail, Some trail erosion at 1.5km mark
West Canyon Trail	OPEN/GOOD	5.3 (end at bridge)	289	No	Easy	West Canyon Trail: West Canyon Parking Lot to Alder Flats. The trail follows an old logging road for approximately 3 km and then becomes a rough trail that swings into the Golden Ears Valley (5.7 km, suggested hiking time one-way 2 hrs; estimated elevation change 250 m).	2019-09-12	Easy, gradual grade gain as trail approaches Alder Flats. Slightly steeper approach to Golden Ears Trail than the East Canyon Trail. Sections of this trail can gather water making the trail muddy and swamped after and during rain events.
Mike Lake Trail	OPEN/GOOD	4.1	235	No	Easy	Mike Lake Trail: Main Horse Corral near the Park entrance to Mike Lake. Mike Lake was once a thriving logging camp home to some 600 or more men who logged the area in the 1920s. (4.2 km, suggested hiking time one-way 2 hrs, elevation change 100 m).	2019-09-12	Gradual elevation gain nice trail with new surface (2018)
Menzies Trail	OPEN/GOOD	7.8	132	Yes	Easy	Menzies Trail: Park Headquarters to Gold Creek Parking Lot. Access to trailhead is approximately 100 metres up the Mike Lake Road by Park Headquarters. This trail was used as rail spur for logging operations in the 1920s. There is a viewpoint offering a glimpse through the treetops to the south of Alouette Lake and down to the dam (9 km, suggested hiking time one-way 4.5 hrs, elevation change minimal).	2019-09-12	Easy hiking route but moderate bike route. Some creek crossings can be impassible in the fall.
Alouette Valley Trail	OPEN/GOOD	7.2	188	No	Easy	Alouette Valley Trail: Main Horse Corral to Menzies Trail junction. Trailhead located at the Main Horse Corral. At .8 kilometres the trail crosses over to the side of the Parkway and heads north (7 km, suggested hiking time one-way 3.5 hrs; elevation change minimal).	2019-09-12	Easy hiking trail with some minor elevation drops and gains as the trail winds through a beautiful conifer forest.
Half Moon Beach Trail	OPEN/Requires brushing	5.8 (from East/ West Canyon connector)	166	Yes	Easy	Trail continue passed Hiker's Beach off of the East Canyon Trail.	2019-09-12	Trail is not easily navigable passed 2.6km; requires brushing and marking
Mike Lake Loop	OPEN/POOR	2.1	0	No	Moderate	Mike Lake Loop Trail circles Mike Lake. The 2km loop has little elevation gain. The trail has swampy and	2019-09-12	Trail has exposed roots, broken bridges and washed out culverts.
Alouette Mt. Fire Access Road	OPEN/GOOD	9	547	Yes	Moderate	Alouette Mountain Fire Access Trail: Fire access road that sweeps up the lower south slope of Alouette Mountain. Used to access the Alouette Mountain trailhead (elevation change 400 m).	2019-09-12	Long moderate elevation gain on old forestry fire access road.
Viking Viewpoint Trail	OPEN/REPAIR	1		No	Moderate	Viewpoint Trail: West Canyon Parking Lot to partial views of Alouette Lake and in wetter seasons a picturesque waterfall can be seen tumbling down from the Viking Creek Viewpoint. Trailhead at .33 km on West Canyon Trail. (1.7 km, suggested hiking time one-way 1.5 hours; elevation change 175 m).	2019-09-12	One challenging gully crossing
Connector Trail Loop	OPEN/CAUTION	6.2 (RT)	162	No	Moderate	One steep and challenging section connecting lower falls and east canyon trail.	2019-09-12	

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Incline Trail	OPEN/FAIR	1.1km	189	No	Moderate	Incline Trail: Mike Lake to Alouette Mountain Fire Access Trail. Trailhead 150 m back along Mike Lake Road from the Parking Lot. This steep trail follows the shortcut that was once used by loggers as a route to 'skyline' huge logs down to Mike Lake from the railhead above (Alouette Mountain Fire Access Trail). This shortcut eliminated 5 kilometres of the railroad haul down the mountain (1.2 km, suggested hiking time one-way 1 hr; elevation change 150 m).	02-12-2019	Very steep and in need of some water drainage issues.
Lookout and Loop Trails	OPEN/GOOD	3.1km	115	No	Moderate	Lookout and Loop Trails: Providing a circular hike to the Lookout on Menzies Trail. Trails begin on the west side of the Parkway near the entrance to the South Beach day use area. Park at Spirea nature trail parking lot (2.5 km, suggested hiking time one-way 1 hour, elevation change 75 m).	02-12-2019	
Eric Dunning Trail	OPEN/GOOD	1.3	152	Yes	Moderate	Eric Dunning Trail: Mike Lake Road to Incline Trail junction. Access trailhead approximately 200 metres up Mike Lake Road (1.2 km, suggested hiking time one-way 1 hr, elevation change 200 m).	2019-09-12	Mountain Bike Trail primary - use with caution if hiking
Alouette Mt. Trail	OPEN/REPAIR	9.8	1117	No	Strenuous	Alouette Mountain Trail: This is a strenuous hike to the top of Alouette Mountain from Mike Lake. It requires backcountry experience and proper equipment. Take the Alouette Mountain Fire Access Trail (AMFA) to the trailhead. (4 km, elevation change 930 m)	2019-09-12	Ridge Meadows Outdoor Club reports trail damage from equestrian use near beautiful lake junction
Golden Ears Trail	OPEN/REPAIR	11	1644	No	Strenuous	Golden Ears Trail: Strenuous and difficult hike to the summit of the North Ear by way of Alder Flats and Panorama Ridge. It requires backcountry experience, route finding skills and navigation equipment. Follow the West Canyon Trail to Alder Flats to reach the Golden Ears trailhead (6.8 km, estimated time one-way 7 hrs, estimated elevation change 1,500 m).	2019-09-12	Minor stairway repair at 49.369057, -122.482239, material requirements documented