





Trail Report for KOKANEE GLACIER PROVINCIAL PARK and other Kootenay Lake Area parks (including west side of Purcell Wilderness Conservancy)

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Please call 250-354-6333 if you have new trail conditions to report.

PARK	AREA	ROADS	TRAILS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Kokanee Glacier</p> <p>Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park.</p> 	<p>Kokanee Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road is not plowed.</p> <p>Expect 0.5-1 meter of snow pack depth 1700m & above.</p>	<p>Trail from Gibson Lake to the Kokanee Glacier Cabin: totally snow-covered, and particularly unsafe above Kokanee Lake, due to avalanche risk.</p> <p>Snow covered trails.</p> <p>Assess Avalanche risk before crossing snow slopes.</p> <p>Avalanche knowledge and gear (transceiver, shovel, probe, ski buddy) is required to travel safely.</p> <p>Glacier safety gear (rope, crampons, axe, etc) is required for glacier travel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.5 km to Kokanee Lake, elev. gain 450m, moderate-steep hike (1.5-2 hrs) 3 km Kokanee Lake to Kaslo Lake; easy hike (when snow-free) Camping at Kaslo Lake: 10 tent sites, food cache, greywater, outhouse; no fires permitted (anywhere in the park). Reservations for Kokanee Glacier Cabin (<u>not</u> campground) through Alpine Club of Canada 403-678-3200; no reservations for camping at Kaslo Lake Campground 1.3 km (0.5 hrs) Kaslo Lake to Slocan Chief Cabin; moderate Slocan Chief Cabin interpretive centre Sapphire Lakes and Kalmia Lake campgrounds are permanently CLOSED. No camping at Gibson Lake. Gibson Lake Shelter was removed in 2021.
<p style="text-align: center;">No photo available.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trail is snow covered and difficult to follow. Snow level is currently 150cm at Kokanee Glacier Cabin (elevation of 1960m).</p>				<p>Overnight visitors are advised to wrap chicken wire around their vehicles to prevent porcupines from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</p>
	<p>Gibson Lake loop trail</p>		<p>Use caution on foot bridges around lake.</p> <p>Snow covered trails.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5 km loop Easy hike, views of lake, surrounding peaks, old mine workings.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Dogs are PROHIBITED in Kokanee Glacier Park.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Woodbury Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road is snow covered and not plowed.</p>	<p>Snow covered trails. Be aware of avalanche risk in the alpine.</p> <p>Silver Spray/Woodbury/Sunset Lake Trails: condition unknown. Likely not to be cleared before mid-July at earliest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trailhead to Woodbury Cabin: 8 km, moderate hike, elev. gain 762m (2.5-4 hrs). Woodbury Cabin sleeps 8, also camping nearby. Trail is not cleared at this time. Trailhead to Silver Spray Cabin: 6 km, strenuous hike, elev. gain 1016m (4-5 hrs). Cabin sleeps 10. Mining history and alpine meadows. Both cabins book through ACC reservation system (see above) for summer season only. Both cabins are closed during winter season as the hut location(s) poses avalanche hazard to users. Sunset Lake Trail: park at Y-junction, ~1 hr walk on old road to trailhead, 30 min easy hike from there to lake <p>Overnight visitors are advised to wrap chicken wire around their vehicles to prevent porcupines from chewing tires, brake lines, etc.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Keen Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road permanently closed at park boundary; 8 km approximately to trailhead (bikeable) Condition unknown.</p> <p>Road is snow covered, not plowed.</p>	<p>Snow covered trails</p> <p>Trail to Helen Deane Lake and Slocan Chief Cabin last cleared Oct 2010.</p> <p>Warning: bridge across Joker Creek washed out.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 km easy grade road from park boundary to Joker Millsite (trailhead) 3.5 km moderate-steep hike from trailhead to Helen Deane Lake (1-2 hrs)
	<p style="text-align: center;">Enterprise Creek drainage</p>	<p>Road closed to motorized vehicles at 5 km; approximately 7 km from there to trailhead on good wilderness road with gentle grade. Current condition unknown. Road is snow covered, not plowed.</p>	<p>Trail condition unknown at this time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprise Creek Trail: 7 km, elev. gain 500m, moderate hike (2.5-3 hrs) to Tanal Lake Tanal Lake to Kaslo Lake: 2.5 km (1.5 hrs), moderate hike Paupo Creek Trail to Blue Grouse Basin: 6.4 km, elev. gain 700m, moderate to strenuous hike (3-4 hrs); lovely subalpine area; no camping or fires

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	<p>Lemon Creek, Sapphire Lakes</p>	<p>Road is snow covered, not plowed. Access via 6-mile Lakes Road and Summit South FSR is very rough in places. Current condition unknown. Lemon Creek FSR "officially" closed at 2 km. Not known if/when it will be re-opened. Many extremely rough sections from Hwy 6 to 6-Mile Lakes road.</p>	<p>Lemon Creek Trail was cleared in September 2021.</p> <p>Trails up Nilsik Creek and to Crazy Jane Lake have not been cleared.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 km Lemon Creek FSR to Sapphire Lakes, elev. gain 950m, moderate to strenuous hike with washed out sections (5 hrs) • 3 km Kaslo Lake to Sapphire Lakes, moderate hike (1-2 hrs) • No camping at Sapphire Lakes
<p>Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (west)</p>	<p>Fry Creek</p>	<p>Road through Johnson's Landing is open, but may be closed without notice if previous landslide area becomes active again.</p>	<p>Portion from trailhead to Fry Creek is clear.</p> <p><i>Route above Fry Creek bridge up the canyon is NOT RECOMMENDED. This is a steep, narrow, exposed route, which is hard to follow.</i></p> <p>NOTE: Carney Creek cable car was removed at 8km.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 km trailhead to Fry Creek (start of canyon), easy hike (1-1.5 hrs) • 8.5 km up canyon to Carney Creek cable car crossing. Trail narrow and exposed in places. Moderate to steep hike. • Trail starts on private property; please respect that.
 <p style="text-align: center;">Fry Creek Canyon</p>	<p>Hamill Creek, Earl Grey Pass</p>	<p>Road open above Argenta to trailhead</p>	<p>Expect windfall on the remaining open portion (east side) of trail.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Earl Grey Trail will be receiving major upgrades including removing/ replacing cable cars, bridges and other trail work on Hamill Creek side (west side trailhead). The trail will be closed for repairs /major works and will be inaccessible to the public for the summer of 2022 from the section of Hamill Creek trailhead to Earl Grey Pass. For your safety, please observe this trail closure. Please continue to check this page for updates. • Trail will remain open from the Toby Creek trailhead to Earl Grey pass.

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Pilot Bay	Sawmill Bay Campground	Road open	Trail cleared in 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx 30-45 min hike to Campground. • Approx 1 hr hike Boomers • NO BICYCLES ALLOWED • Please keep dogs on leash at all times in the park.
Pilot Bay	Lighthouse	Road open	Trail cleared in 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400m moderate grade to Lighthouse • Top viewing platform affords excellent views in 3 directions; open to the public year-round
Lockhart Creek		Access through Gray Creek Pass open. Redding Cr FSR has washout approx 6 km below trailhead; road beyond washout very good for bicycles	First 8km cleared, June 2020 - Thanks Friends of West Kootenay Parks!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head for Baker Lake Forest Rec Site trail; approx 1 km in, blue flagging indicates trail jct; stay right for Lockhart Creek access • Approx 15 km top to bottom, elev. change 1450m • Hikers: be alert for mountain bikers descending
Kianuko	Sanca Creek	<p>Road is likely snow covered, not plowed.</p> <p>Road status: Forestry dirt roads are open and generally require a high clearance vehicle.</p>	<p>Trail from Sanca Creek Trailhead to junction with Kianuko Creek Trail cleared June 19, 2021. Thanks Saddle Axe Outfitters!!</p> <p>Trail from Kianuko Creek Trail junction with Haystack Alpine trail cleared in July 2020.</p> <p>2018 wildfire risks still exist on trail: -danger trees & overhead hazards, ash pits, -terrain instabilities, -amplified runoff after rainfall or snowmelt, -respiratory effects caused by breathing soot and charcoal for extended periods.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haystack Alpine Trail is from Sanca Creek to Meachen Creek Trailhead at end of Sanca Creek FSR; approx. 1 km to park boundary. • Approx 8.5 km through to Meachen Creek trailhead • No official campsites or facilities in this park. • Motorized use is not permitted in the
	Kianuko Creek	Road is likely snow covered, not plowed.	Kianuko Creek Trail is OPEN but hazards exist from the 2018 wildfire:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kianuko Creek Trail

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		<p>Road to confluence of Skelly Creek and Kianuko Creek unknown at this time.</p>	<p>-danger trees & overhead hazards, ash pits, -terrain instabilities, -amplified runoff after rainfall or snowmelt, -respiratory effects caused by breathing soot and charcoal for extended periods.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Goat River from Kitchener on Hwy 3, to about 20 km, turn west on Skelly Cr road. • 3.5 km to Kianuko Creek turnoff, approx 1.5 km from there to park boundary • Road deactivated; no vehicles beyond park boundary • Old FSR follows Kianuko valley north.
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