

## Strathcona Trail and Area Conditions – September 2022

Revised updates will be posted as information becomes available.

### **Wildfires in Strathcona September 21, 2022**

There are two active wildfires in the Wolf River drainage near the Golden Hinde. Do not travel in the Wolf River drainage. Expect smoke on usual ridge routes in the area depending on local weather conditions. For the latest wildfire information, please check the interactive map available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation>

**Visitors are reminded that fires are not permitted anywhere or at any time within Strathcona Park** except in authorized and provided BC Parks steel fire rings. This regulation is in effect at all times of the year. No fires are permitted in any backcountry areas.

### **Campfire Ban Lifted – in steel fire rings at frontcountry campsites only.**

Coastal Fire Centre lifted the campfire ban on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions/coastal-fire-centre-bans>

## Buttle Lake Area

### **Marine Locations:**

<b>Trail Area:</b>	<b>Latest Condition:</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>
Boat Launches	Buttle Lake water level is <b>high.</b> ; boat with caution and look for submerged hazards. 4x4 vehicles are recommended for launching boats at boat launches	September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022
Marine Sites	Titus, Wolf, Phillips, and Upper Campbell Marine sites are open.	July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2022

## Paradise Meadows Trailhead & Mt. Albert Edward Area Trails

<b>Trail Area:</b>	<b>Latest Condition:</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>
Paradise Meadows Trailhead	Centennial Loop (Universal Access loop) is free of snow.	July 15 <sup>th</sup> 2022
Helen Mackenzie/ Battleship Loop, Helen Mackenzie to Kwai Lake via Croteau Lake, Cruickshank Canyon Lookout, Helen Mackenzie to Circler Lk, Amphitheatre Lake, Moat Lake, Mount Albert Edward, Wood Mountain Traverse	<p>Snow present on trails beyond Lake Helen Mackenzie and Battleship Lake.</p> <p>Group campsite at Croteau Lake is available by reservation at <a href="http://camping.bcparks.ca">camping.bcparks.ca</a>.</p> <p><b>Moat Lake / Castlecrag Route</b> There is no camping at Moat Lake. This location is inside the Core Area of the park, and the nearest campsites are at Circler Lake. The Castlecrag route is not maintained.</p> <p><b>Mt. Albert Edward Hiking Route</b> Youtube video with detailed route information: <a href="#">AdventureSmart Trail Specific Safety Video - Mount Albert Edward - YouTube</a></p> <p>Hiking route GeoPDF map (for use with smartphone apps) available here: <a href="#">Strathcona Provincial Park: Mount Albert Edward Hiking Route – BC Parks</a></p>	July 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2022

## **Nature Walks and Short Trails:**

<b>Trail Area:</b>	<b>Latest Condition:</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>
Karst Creek	Beware of rock fall hazard at falls viewing area. Obey posted signage.	June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Lady Falls, Elk River Viewpoint, Crest Crags, Lupin Falls, Wild Ginger, Shepherd Creek, Lower Myra Falls,	All have been cleared of winter windfall.	July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Auger Point	Trail has not been inspected at this time. Reports of significant tree blowdown.	June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022

## Buttle Lake Area Trails:

Trail Area:	Latest Condition:	Last Updated:
Elk River	Trail is free of snow and cleared of windfall to Landslide Lake. The watercourse has shifted at Puzzle Creek requiring hikers to cross the creek – shallower crossings can be found downstream of the current bridge locations. Hikers must use extreme caution while crossing the creek at this location.	July 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Crest Mountain	Trail has been cleared of tree blowdown.	July 15 <sup>th</sup> 2022
King's Peak	Trail not inspected at this time. Expect some tree blowdown.	July 15 <sup>th</sup> 2022
Bedwell Lakes	Trail is cleared. NOTE: Access road has been improved. 2WD accessible. Be aware that ore hauling trucks may be encountered on the parking lot access road.	September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022
Cream Lake	Price Creek route no longer maintained. Advanced navigation skills required on this route. Recommend accessing Cream Lake from Bedwell Lakes Trail.	June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Upper Myra Falls	Trail has been partially cleared, but several sections of trail have significant obstacles: three sections of large tree blowdown have not been cleared.	September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022
Arnica Lake/Phillips Ridge	Trail has been partially cleared with only a few larger trees across the trail.	July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Tennent Lake/Mount Myra	Trail not inspected at this time. Expect some tree blowdown.	June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Flower Ridge	Some small sections of windfall.	July 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Marble Meadows	Trail is in good condition.	September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022

## Other Trails and Areas

<b>Trail Area:</b>	<b>Latest Condition:</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>
Della Falls & Love Lake Trail	<p>Cable car is functional and trail is clear.</p> <p><b>No fires are permitted in campsites along Della Falls Trail.</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This is an old growth forest with natural hazards. Campers/hikers should be exercise conservative decision making during stormy weather conditions.</p>	September 21 <sup>st</sup> 2022
Oshinow Lake	Not inspected.	June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Kunlin/Donner Lakes	Not inspected. Travel by vehicle is not possible to Donner Lake. Road to Kunlin Lake is becoming overgrown – watch for deep water bars and small road failures. Tree blowdown is very likely. Wildfire at south end of Donner Lake is being held as of September 21 <sup>st</sup> 2022.	September 21 <sup>st</sup> 2022
Gold Lake	Inspected August 2021. Forest service road (outside park boundaries) bridge decommissioning has made trailhead access impossible by 4x4 truck. This route requires good navigation and routefinding ability. Large tree blowdown exists in first 2Km. Exercise caution crossing Gold River.	July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Comox Glacier/ Century Sam Lake	<p>Trails not inspected. Expect tree blowdown.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Be advised that hours for the Comox Main gate access can be found on <a href="#">Mosaic Forest Management website</a>.</p>	June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Mount Becher, Forbidden Plateau Traverse	Mt. Becher trail is maintained by Comox District Mountaineering Club.	June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022