



Joffre Lakes Provincial Park Trail Conditions

Date: October 30, 2021

Joffre Lakes Provincial Park is located within the Coast Mountain wilderness. Weather in the Joffre Lakes area can be severe, unforgiving, and often unpredictable. Users can expect snow-free conditions from late-June through early-October, however higher elevation areas within the park can receive new snow any month of the year. Be well prepared, well informed, and properly equipped before entering the backcountry. Avalanche and glacial hazards exist in Joffre Lakes Provincial Park. The glaciers above Upper Joffre Lake pose a serious icefall hazard for those venturing above the campground. Travelling beyond the maintained trail requires technical equipment, skills, ability, and knowledge. The Joffre Lakes campground is closed during the winter and spring due to avalanche hazard. Those visiting Joffre Lakes Provincial Park during the winter months will be exposed to avalanche terrain. Winter visitors should check the Avalanche Canada public avalanche bulletin prior to their visit and should bring and know how to use an avalanche transceiver, probe, and shovel. Visitors should also consider taking a formal avalanche training course prior to visiting the Park during winter and spring.

Visit <https://www.adventuresmart.ca/> to learn more about what you should do to prepare for your visit to Joffre Lakes Provincial Park.

Please help keep Joffre Lakes pristine by packing out all your garbage and any garbage left by others. Take only photographs and leave only footprints. Please use the outhouses provided. Bring your own toilet paper – BC Parks does not supply toilet paper to any backcountry outhouse.

Visitors to Joffre Lakes Provincial Park during winter months will be exposed to avalanche terrain! Any visitors to the Park should carry avalanche companion rescue equipment (Transceiver, Probe, Shovel), and know how to use them. Anyone planning to recreate in avalanche terrain should complete formal avalanche training. Further resources for formal avalanche training can be found here: <https://avalanche.ca/training>

There is no cell phone service in Joffre Lakes Provincial Park.

Cell phone Service is available 10km west of the Park at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pullout and runaway lane. Do not block the runaway lane with your vehicle.

Dogs and Fires are Prohibited in Joffre Lakes Provincial Park

Trail Difficulty Rating
Rating

E Easy
wide, paved, gravel or board walk, less than 10% grade.
M Moderate
gravel surfacing in wet areas, up to 15% grade.
S Strenuous
grade greater than 15%
D Difficult
lightly used wilderness trail, infrequent maintenance.

Trail Type

Type I 1.5 to 2.5 m
Type II 1.5 m wide,
Type III 0.5 m wide,
Type IV 0.3 m wide,

- Ratings are determined based on the length of the trail section, change in elevation and trail type for the average park visitor.
- Elevations shown are estimated for the trail section and reflect the maximum gain or loss.

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Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Trail Safety Information	Trail Condition
Overflow Parking Lot Connector Trail	150m	15m	E	<p align="center">Compact Snow and Ice</p> <p>Please use the connector trail between the overflow parking lot and the main parking lot and trail head. For your safety and for the safety of others, avoid walking on the highway and use caution when crossing Highway 99 in the designated crossing area.</p>	Open
Parking Lot to the Lower Joffre Lake.	200m	0m	E	<p align="center">Compact Snow and Ice</p>	Open
Lower Joffre Lake to Upper Joffre Lake	4km	445m	M	<p align="center">Compact Snow and Ice</p> <p>30 – 60 cm's of snow above Middle Lake. 100+ cm's of snow above Upper Lake (1500m).</p> <p>Winter users will be exposed avalanche terrain above Lower Lake.</p>	Open
Upper Joffre Lake to Campground	1km	0m	S	<p align="center">Snow</p> <p>Avalanche Hazard Exists Above Upper Joffre Lake as of October 29, 2021.</p>	Open

- Motorized vehicles, dogs, drones, and fires are prohibited within the park, year-round.
- Camping is permitted in the designated campground at Upper Joffre Lake from June 22 – November 1st
- Please use the permanent toilet facilities provided. Do not leave human waste near trails or in the lakes.
- Please stay on the trails; this will protect the fragile alpine vegetation from damage.
- Please help by packing out what you pack in and by keeping the park and the facilities clean for others. Leave knowing that you did your part! Consider packing out any garbage you find in the park if it is safe to do so. Report any trail issues found within the Park to parkinfo@gov.bc.ca.