

BOW VALLEY PARKS TRAILS

DATE: 2011-2012 Winter Season (Issued April 16, 2012)

MOUNTAIN BIKE/ HIKING TRAILS	DRY	MUDDY / WET	SNOW	COMMENTS
Bow Valley Bike Path		x		
Jewell Pass		x	x	
Prairie View		x	x	
Quaite Valley		x	x	
Skogan Pass		x	x	
DAY HIKES	DRY	MUDDY / WET	SNOW	
Barrier Lake Forestry Interp		x	x	
Barrier Lake Interpretive		x	x	
Bow River Interpretive		x	x	
Centennial Ridge Trail			x	Seasonal Closure
Elk Flats		x	x	
Flowing Water Interpretive		x	x	
Grassi Lakes		x	x	
Grotto Creek Trail		x	x	
Heart Creek Interpretive		x	x	
Heart Mountain		x	x	
Many Springs Interpretive		x	x	
Middle Lake Interpretive		x	x	
Montane Interpretive		x	x	
Moraine Interpretive		x	x	
Widowmaker Trail		x	x	
BACKCOUNTRY CAMPGROUNDS	DRY	MUDDY / WET	SNOW	
Jewell Bay		x	x	Seasonal Closure
Quaite Valley		x	x	
HORSE, BIKE & HIKING TRAILS	DRY	MUDDY / WET	SNOW	
Stoney Trail		x	x	Seasonal Closure

Comments:

Due to the prevalence of Chinooks in the area, this is often the best location for winter season walking; however, these winds can create extremely variable conditions. On any given day, expect to encounter snow-covered sections, sometimes with very deep drifts, very icy sections and occasionally even standing water. Furthermore, since these trails are not regularly maintained during the winter there may be numerous natural hazards, including fallen trees, so caution is advised. Please call the Barrier Lake Visitor Centre for information on recent closures. If heading into the backcountry, please ensure you are well prepared and consult the backcountry avalanche report at: www.kananaskis-country.ca

Please note: The following trails and day use areas have been re-opened: Middle Lake, Moraine, Bow River, Many Springs and Elk Flats trails; Bow Valley Paved Bike Path; Middle Lake Day Use Area; and Bow Valley Provincial Park Road extending from the Bow Valley Maintenance Compound to Middle Lake Day Use Area. All areas adjacent to these trails, roads and facilities are also accessible again.

Seasonal Closures: Wind Ridge: Closed December 1st to June 15th; Pigeon Mountain: Closed December 1st to June 15th; Mt. Allan/Centennial Ridge Trail: Closed April 1st to June 21st ; Stoney Trail: Portion closed April 15th to June 15th; Jewell Bay Backcountry Campground: Closed April 15th to June 15th.

Visitor Centre Hours: The Barrier Lake Visitor Information Centre is open daily from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. For additional information, please call the centre at (403) 673-3985.