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TRAIL, PARK, AND ACCESS ISSUE

This is our first attempt at such an extensive report. In each of the previous issues we have emphasized the need for information to be sent to the Trail Clearinghouse Coordinator, but there has been little response. This issue's information is therefore based upon a mail survey of Parks Canada, Parks Branch District Superintendents, and selected club members; telephone calls to known trip leaders; and personal experience. This is not good enough for a truly comprehensive coverage. If you find this issue helpful, inadequate, or incorrect, please let one of us or Elizabeth Walker, Trail Clearinghouse Coordinator, know (Suite # 108 - 4875 Valley Drive, Vancouver V6J 4B8; 261-5383 evenings).

GUIDEBOOK CORRECTIONS

As a result of our previous request, we have only received corrections for "103 Hikes in Southwestern British Columbia." This is now available at many bookstores in a second, revised printing. For those who may still have the first printing, we list here all corrections known to us, by page number, as well as some more recent ones.

- Page 8. An excellent selection of maps may be obtained from Geological Survey of Canada Branch, Dept. of Energy, Mines & Resources, 6th Floor, 100 West Pender St. (666-1271).
- Page 20. Highway construction has closed off parking at trail base; park opposite, if available, or at overlook up the Squamish Highway.
- Page 21. Photo reversed.
- Page 26. Trail beyond Fourth Lk. marked with pink tapes; Waterboard cabin gone.
- Page 38. Trail around W side of Grouse now a road; access blocked by Grouse Mtn. Resorts; status unclear.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS ISSUE: BCFS = B.C. Forest Service; Col. = Column; Cr. = Creek; ELUC = Environment & Land Use Committee; FMCBC = Federation; L = left; Lk. = Lake; PB = Parks Branch; PORAC = Provincial Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee; R = right; Riv. = River; R & C = Recreation & Conservation; VFD = Vancouver Forest District, BCFS.

- Page 44. Col. 2, line 10: No technical difficulty between 1st & 2nd Peaks. There is one obscure spot: on ascent just below summit cone, bear L (W) on level, then sharp R into gully; use caution on descent, bearing L (E) where gully ends, to pick up trail.
- Page 48. Col. 2: Take 2nd road, continue short distance on road towards watershed, passing private house on R. Then turn R into woods on new trail, rejoining old route.
- Page 50. Col. 1: Trail starts above new development on E side of Oceanview Rd. just after last switchback from below, a few hundred yds. from road end, which curves to R to end in cul-de-sac. Alternate route leads to trail from road end, but no parking here. Main marking is with orange paint blazes.
- Page 56. Col. 2: Part-way up above old homestead trail has been re-routed to avoid washout.
- Page 70. Col. 1: Change description to read as follows:
"...sideroad, with a gate (open 1975), rises on left hand side. (Avoid road further on, at bottom of hill.) Head uphill on this, following main road at forks. Once up near obvious sag, avoid road R to tower, continuing on. Old road (overgrown) marked at beginning with pink tapes, enters L at bend; this is for descent. Continue with yellow tapes a short distance to upper tower; just beyond, trail goes sharp left..."
Col. 2: "...continuing to south across cleared area..."
"From here go south with occasional views..." (Old logging road is now a trail.) Note: topo map shows old roads, not route of present road.
- Pages 80-81. Mt. Copley should read "Mt. Cokely," 5,302 feet. The old Cameron Lk. Trail is getting much less use since a good trail leads there from Rosseau Chalet, which can be driven to 7 days a week on M&B logging road. An easy 1 hour hike. Also logging roads lead to old trail near Pipeline Creek about 1 hr. below summit, above new Mt. Arrowsmith Ski Development.
- Page 82. New map of Forbidden Plateau available from Director, Surveys & Mapping Branch, Dept. of Lands, Forests, & Water Resources, Victoria (#M273, Key Map 6, 1,320' = 1" or 4" = 1 mi.; 25 ft. contours; 75¢ + tax).
- Page 86. Col. 1: Crown-Zellerbach now allows weekend access to Cruikshank, Canyon, and Paradise Meadows without permit. Circlet Lk. only a short (1/2 hr.) backpack from Kwai Lk., not a second day.
Col. 2: Moat Lk. less than a mile, 1/2 hr. Return trip time about 2 to 2-1/2 hrs.
- Page 89. Mt. Albert Edward a 12 hr. return trip from Nanaimo.
- Pages 90-91. Photo taken from Mt. Elkhorn, not trail end. Lake is called Landslide Lk., peak Rambler Peak. Route from trail end crosses Riv. halfway between last fork & Lk.
- Pages 96-97. Alice Ridge is Cheekye Ridge on Western Garibaldi Park Map (PS-G3).
- Page 98. Col. 2: Branches off 2.0 (not 2.3) miles due to road construction. There is another logging road turnoff 1.9 mi. N of Alice Lk. junction; joins other road at first fork. N road better; S has better bridge.

- Page 100. Col. 1, line 9: "turns sharply south."
- Page 102. Col. 1, line 10: Should read tower no. 64-2, not 164.2.
- Page 115. Picture: Rainbow Lk., not Tonic Lk.
- Page 122. Road access difficult; road may be impassable; not maintained. Mine closed. Col. 2, line 7: turn E just before reaching highest point in Pass.
- Page 125. Col. 1, line 2: 9,527 feet. Line 5: Turn L just over bridge across river.
- Page 148. Col. 1, line 8: "before Trout Lk."
- Page 152. Col. 2: Trail turnoff from new bulldozed road may be obscure; this is part way up from highway to crest.
- Page 155. New, easy trail from rafting area on W side of Cultus Lk. to summit, running SW along ridge ("Attorney General's Trail").
- Page 167. View of Canadian Border Peak, Tomyhoi Peak, Baker.
- Page 177. View of Pierce Lk. (H. Lunden).
- Page 187. Forest Service cabin in disrepair, 1975.

NATIONAL PARKS

For the interest of those planning trips to the mountain parks, we have included those on the Alberta side in our survey. We asked about changes from last year in trails, access, campsites and campgrounds, huts, regulations, and maps. *The cooperation of Parks personnel is appreciated.* Please note that vehicle fees have increased to \$10 for a season, and \$2 for single-entry (\$4 with trailer). Through travel is exempt. Unserved campsite fee \$ 3.00.

BANFF NATIONAL PARK. No changes.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK. No changes.

MT. REVELSTOKE NATIONAL PARK. No changes.

JASPER NATIONAL PARK. A personalized registration system has been introduced. Overnight stay requires personal registration with duty warden at Jasper or Columbia Icefields office. High trails should open earlier this year. New Park map available for \$ 1.50.

KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK. Crew will be working in Helmet Cr. area this summer.

PACIFIC RIM NATIONAL PARK. West Coast Trail being improved. New "Interim West Coast Lifesaving Trail Information Sheet" available. Boundaries still being negotiated; Indian land claims involved.

WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARK. Cameron Lk. Campground closed; for day use only; equivalent space added to townsite campground. New topo map available for \$1; guide for 50¢. Crandell Lk. horse trail revised, 4 mi. down Blakiston Cr., previously washed out. Makes loop possible; said to be good for walking also.

YOHO NATIONAL PARK. New registration system: all overnight hikers, climbers, campers must register at Kicking Horse Info Bureau or Hoodoo Cr. Campground. Self-registration for day climbers only, in Lk. O'Hara area. Work will continue on Burgess Pass, McArthur Cr., and Twin Falls Trails. Construction will start on Goodsir Pass Section of Great Divide Trail, hopefully to be completed this fall. Access to Takakkaw Falls C.G. and viewpoint will be on foot, with parking area being constructed near youth hostel. Bridge near Twin Falls Teahouse to be replaced with bailey bridge. Emerald Lk.-Yoho Pass Trail obliterated by avalanche (1974).

TRAILS, ACCESS, AND PROVINCIAL PARKS

We wish to express our appreciation to Parks Branch personnel, and others, who provided useful information. The following are listed, insofar as possible, according to the new Resource Management Regions.

LOWER MAINLAND REGION

ALOUETTE MIN. Windfalls on lower section [T. Taylor, BCMC].
BRANDYWINE CR. & METALDOME. Gate closed on June 1; future situation uncertain. Parking available at gate. Adds 0.5 m. each way.
CHILLIWACK LK. TRAIL. Many blowdowns in April. Initial metal markers seen from road are misleading; keep through forest to E bank of river [P. Bussell, NSH].
DAM & GOAT MTS. Trail closed by Grouse Mtn. Resorts (see p. 1).
DEEKS LK. Upper section brushy; may be cleared in Oct. Marking good, with yellow paint triangles, except at lower logging road junctions [Hughes, NSH; C. Clark, NSH].
ELK-THURSTON. Needs some clearing on ridge in trees [C. Clark, NSH].
GOLD CREEK. Trail on both sides, then Burma bridge connection. New section being worked on [Bob Kippan, VOA].
GOLDEN EARS MINE. No marking; there is a confusing spur. Overgrown, needs clearing [A. Hirschsprung, NSH].
GREENDROP LK. Trail generally good, marking recently improved. At N end Lindeman Lk. there is new trail on E side which is easier, avoiding overgrown old trail on W; rejoins old route after about 0.25 m. Half-way between lks. is maze of tapes and mining grid lines [R. Gurr, VOA; Bob Kippan, VOA].
HENRIETTA LK. Trail good [Hirschsprung, NSH].
MERCER, MT. Chipmunk Cr. logging rd. open, washout repaired, should be driveable high onto ridge [Waddington, BCMC].
MUNRO & DENNETT LKS. Bottom of trail hard to locate in maze of routes partly caused by careless short-cutting; few tapes. Needs remarking with paint [Gurr, VOA; Hughes, NSH].
RADIUM CR. TRAIL. Many windfalls. Marking confusing higher up. BCFS cabin has collapsed roof [Waddington, BCMC].
RAINBOW LK. (TWENTY-ONE MILE CR.). Trail generally good, but brushy and muddy in places [Mason, NSH].
SQUAW. Trail from Chief overgrown; will be cleared 27 July by NSH.
SUMAS MIN. Some light brushing-out needed. Bulldozed road part-way up parallels route and may obscure trail in places.
VEDDER MIN. Attorney-General's Trail clear, but deeply rutted by motorcycle or trail-bike use.
WILLIAMS RIDGE TRAIL. Subject to erosion; needs switchbacks on steep sections; marking adequate; only minor blowdowns [Styron, BCMC].
WOOD, MT. Trail marking from Ashlu Cr. logging road adequate; trees sprayed with orange paint. Rough footway [P. Bussell, NSH].

PARKS DISTRICTS

Alouette. New access to Alouette Lk. C.G. 0.5 m. further N on main road. New Gold Cr. C.G. with 142 campsites opened this year. New 1975-76 maps available at Gate House.
Cultus Lk. No changes.
Garibaldi. Ring Cr. bridge to Mamquam Lk. is in bad shape, to be repaired this year. Caution advised at snow bridge crossing. Diamond Head Shelter scheduled for construction this year near Elfin Lks. No pets in Black Tusk Conservancy Area. "Neve Hilton" in bad shape.

Manning. New 40-unit C.G. at Skagit Riv. in Recreational Reserve. No other changes.
Mt. Seymour. No changes reported.

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION

HEATHER MIN. Logging road extended to within 0.25 m. from Heather Lk. Active logging under way, use caution with trail access [Sid Watts, Outdoor Club of Victoria].

PARKS DISTRICTS

Arrowsmith. No changes.
Malahat. New 2-mile loop trail in Matheson Lk. Provincial Park.
Strathcona. Improvements and upgrading of trail from Great Central Lk. to Della Falls. Gravel road access from S end Buttle Lk. to Price Cr.-Cream Lk. trail.

THOMPSON-OKANAGAN REGION

BRENT MIN. Best access via Shingle Cr. Road which is now open. Local owners had blocked access. Highways Dept. has jurisdiction; if any problems, report to them [Arnold, OSPS].
CENTENNIAL TRAIL route from Manning to Cathedral Parks badly affected by blowdowns [Green, PB].

PARKS DISTRICTS

Okanagan. No changes.
Shuswap. Self-conducted nature trail on Copper Island in Shuswap Lk. Provincial Park.
Thompson. No changes.
Wells Gray. No changes; new brochure with map.

KOOTENAY REGION

PARKS DISTRICTS

Kokanee. List of all road access to trails and of trails (5 pp.) available from PB, R.R. #3, Nelson, B.C. re Kokanee Glacier Park. Brushing out of all trails planned. No new trails or changes in road access. Silver Spray Cabin at head of Silver Spray Cr. has been renovated--will sleep 6. Camping around Slocan Chief Cabin restricted--see ranger in charge. Max. of 20/night; max. 3 nights per person until 15 November. All dogs must be on leash in Park. Fry Creek Access: Highway 31, 19 mi. N from Kaslo to Cooper Cr.; then 12 mi. E & S to Carlsons farm at Johnson's Landing. Follow old telephone line and trail S for 1.5 mi. to Fry Cr. Trail good for 6 mi. to Fry/Carney Cr. junction. Then game trails & trappers trails up both Fry & Carney Crs. to high country.
Hamill Creek Access: Highway 31 to Cooper Cr., as above. Then 2 mi. E to Argenta. Park at Land Co-op gate. Follow old road 1.5 mi. to logged clearing, then follow Hamill Trail along Hamill Cr. for some 24 mi. to Earl Grey Pass, over Pass to Toby Cr. for 6 mi. to Mineral King Mine.
Wasa/Hamber. Road & parking lot from Bugaboo Lodge to head of Boulder Camp Trail has had some minor improvements. Restoration work continued on old ACC cabins in Mt. Assiniboine Park. Letter of authorization required to take horses into this park.

OMINECA-PEACE REGION
PARKS DISTRICTS

Mt. Robson. No changes.

Peace-Liard. No trail changes. Kledo Cr. Campsite, mile 335 Alaska Highway, reduced from 55 to 28 due to flood damage; picnic shelter washed away.

CARIBOO REGION
PARKS DISTRICTS

Quesnel. No changes except power boats and aircraft restricted to Bowron Lk. only. No fly-in service to Indian Point Lk.

Tweedsmuir-Babine. Trail to Hunlen Falls completed. Bella Coola Road in very good condition. Trails to be sign-posted shortly. Working on up-dated brochure, trail route and navigational hazard description.

SKEENA REGION
PARKS DISTRICTS

Lakelse. Lakelse Lake Park: increase in campsites from 133 to 155 projected at Furlong Bay Campground.

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION NEWS IN BRIEF

- Recreational Corridors. Ted Frechette of Long Range Planning Section, PB, presented a slide show and distributed a new brochure with questionnaire at June 12 meeting at BCIT. Elizabeth Walker presented a slide show and discussion representing the FMCBC position. Legislation has been prepared for first reading.
- Provincial Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee was outgrowth of Wildland Conference (see Newsletter 1:3, p. 2); request for funding (\$31,520) was sent to Government. Dept. of R & C has committed \$20,000 for an excellent start. Other requests will be made to Council of Forest Industries, Provincial Secretary, and Mining Association. PORAC will operate administratively in and under the B.C. Sports Federation, but with independent policies. Interim Chairman John Hasell, FMCBC President, was elected a Director of the B.C.S.F. Letter was sent to Premier expressing concern over potential conflicts between new Outdoor Recreation Branch and new Leisure Services in Provincial Secretary's Dept.
- Ecological Reserves. New regulations ref: B.C. Reg. 335/75, O.I.C. # 1456. In part, prohibits prospecting, timber cutting, camping, grazing, lighting fires, building roads or trails, and motorized vehicles. To be used for research and educational purposes by permit of Administrator. One could presumably hike through.
- Council of Forest Industries Public Liaison Committee. This group was originated at COFI's suggestion; has representation from FMCBC, Sierra Club, Wildlife Federation, Federation of B.C. Naturalists, S.P.E.C., I.W.A., industry, government, and fishing and guiding groups, among others. Following the working out of a number of useful areas of consensus (which will be published soon), name was changed to Forest Land Use Liaison Committee.
- Klondike Gold Rush International Park. PB subcommittee studying development plans (Chilkoot Pass area).

- Spectrum Cr./Rainbow Falls Near Monashee Park (Newsletter 1:3, p. 3). A.H. Dixon (BCFS Kamloops District, 9 June) advises that no application has been received for logging; if one is it will go through Folio System with recreational values of primary concern.
- Valhalla Proposal (Newsletter 1:3, p. 3). PB Regional Manager in Nelson advises that detailed recreational analysis will be done this summer. Direct input welcome to Mr. D. Kerr, c/o PB, 303 Victoria Street, Nelson, B.C.
- Cypress Provincial Park. Access road to be closed 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.; attendant on duty for access by residents. All traffic blocked at Mile 7 by road construction.
- Pacific Rim National Park. Efforts under way to secure boundary for Phase III (West Coast Trail Section). For info: Superintendent, PRNP, Box 280, Ucluelet, B.C. V0R 3A0.
- GVRD Livable Region Program 1976/86. Members of FMCBC R & C Committee and other interested groups met with planners of Greater Vancouver Regional District on June 5 to discuss concerns over poor development and maintenance of trails. These groups are documenting their interests for two GVRD committees. This approach will be essential because relatively little Crown land is available for recreation in this area.
- Royal Commission on Forest Resources. Dr. Peter Pearse, Commissioner, will hold public hearings in Vancouver, Nelson, Kamloops, Prince George, Victoria, Prince Rupert. "He will formulate recommendations directed toward ensuring that the public interest is protected in the legislation, policies, procedures and practices affecting the allocation and use of forest resources of the Province." See local paper for details.
- Recreational Areas for All-Terrain Vehicles. A brief was presented by the FMCBC R & C Committee (see Publications) to the subcommittee of the Lower Mainland Parks Advisory Assn. on areas suitable for ATVs (incl. snowmobiles). Brief called especially for non-motorized use of Burke Ridge (to become park under GVRD Livable Region Program) and part of Vedder Mtn. in Recreational Reserve, among other points.

SELECTED ALBERTA NEWS

The Alberta Wilderness Association has an excellent Newsletter; single membership \$3.00 to AWA, Box 6398, Station "D", Calgary, Alberta T2P 2E1. Following excerpted from Spring-Summer 1975 issue.

- Great Divide Trail. Conflict over powerline route and Trail route in Crowsnest Pass area; Calgary Section, ACC, involved.
- Waterton Park Master Plans. Several conservation groups have met with Parks Canada in effort to limit development.
- Two New Wilderness Provincial Parks about B.C.: Kananaskis S of Banff Park incl. Kananaskis Lks. (120 sq. mi.), and Kakwa Wilderness Park N of Willmore Wilderness Park (150 sq. mi.).
- Provisional Master Plans for Banff, Jasper, Yoho, Kootenay Parks extensively discussed (pp. 18-28); important for B.C. as well. Includes trail standards, ATVs, new maps, twinning of Trans-Canada and scenic parkway on Highway 1-A.