



Kananaskis Country Summer Construction Update - What's happening?

Bow Valley Provincial Park

Gap Lake Day Use Area

Alberta Parks is upgrading the Gap Day Use Area by reconfiguring the access road, resurfacing the asphalt pavement, replacing the washroom, brushing existing trails, improving picnic sites and overall signage, and adding parking stalls. The project should be completed this June.

Grotto Day Use Area

Alberta Parks is upgrading the Grotto Day Use Area by formalizing parking spaces within the parking lot, including some parking spaces for users with limited mobility, resurfacing the asphalt pavement and replacing the washroom. The existing trail around portions of the pond will be upgraded as well as signage, picnic table, and benches. The project should be completed this June.

Bow River Campground

Alberta Parks will be completing upgrades to the Bow River Campground. Facility upgrades include a new comfort station, construction of 7 new walk-in tent sites and service (water and power) to 60 drive-in sites. The campground comfort station will feature power, water and sanitary services. Bow River Campground is targeted to open without water services or use of the comfort station in late June. Water services and the comfort station will become available in July.

Evan Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Hwy 40 and Kananaskis Village Paving

Paving will occur along Highway 40 south of the Kananaskis Village intersection to the junction of Hwy 742 (Hwy 40 winter gate in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park); as well as Mount Allen Drive, Centennial Drive, Kananaskis Village and Nakiska. The paving project is scheduled for July and August. Reduced speed, one lane alternative traffic, partial parking lot closures may cause traffic disruptions.

Spray Valley Wildland Provincial Park

Ha Ling Peak Trail Realignment

Ha Ling Peak hiking trail is one of the most popular trails in Kananaskis Country and over the years, the hiking trail has degraded substantially due to erosion from very high use. To prevent further trail degradation and increase public safety, Alberta Parks will realign the trail this summer. To support construction of the new hiking trail alignment, rock blasting and tree removal are required. To ensure the safety of hikers and climbers on Ha Ling Peak, Alberta Parks will implement occasional full mountain closures. Alberta Parks will not permit access to hiking and climbing routes on Ha Ling Peak during the closures. Occasional closures will be implemented from July to October.

Elbow Sheep Wildland Provincial Park

Tombstone Backcountry Campground

The Tombstone Backcountry Campground will be expanded from 10 sites to 15 sites. The campground will be reconfigured to separated equestrian from hiker use. There will be 4 separate equestrian sites with fire pits and hitching rails. The hiker sites will have a communal cooking area with fire pits and picnic tables that will be located separated from the 11 tent sites. In addition, two new pit toilets will be installed.

Highwood

Sentinel Day Use Area

As part of the 2013 flood recovery effort, Sentinel Day Use Area repairs are scheduled to occur this summer. Equestrian parking will be accommodated on the east end, day use parking on the west end supplemented with formal picnic sites. Flood mitigation will be installed along the Highwood River to protect the day use area and picnic sites from future floods. The two washrooms will be replaced with a new 4-stall building.

Peter Lougheed Provincial Park

Boulton Campground

Alberta Parks will construct an addition loop (Loop E) with 34 fully serviced campsites at Boulton Campground. 6 sites will be provided which meet full accessibility standards. Some of the Boulton Creek trails as well as the Boulton Campground Store upper parking lot will be close during construction. The project may be completed by September.

Elbow Valley

Cobble Flats, Forgetmenot Pond and Little Elbow Trailhead

Alberta Parks is finishing off 2013 flood projects in the Elbow Valley. Cobble Flats, Forgetmenot Pond and Little Elbow Trailhead day use areas are being upgraded. Due to the removal of the picnic sites at Elbow Falls, sites have been added to Cobble Flats and Forgetmenot Pond Day Use. Cobble Flats has addition picnic sites and a new picnic shelter. The access road and some picnic site trails are now paved. Forgetmenot Pond entry/exit has been reconfigured to improve traffic flow. The site has additional parking, picnic sites and a paved pathway. The Little Elbow Trailhead parking is expanded with separate equestrian and hiker parking lots. These day use areas will be open to the public this July.

Ghost Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area

Ghost Reservoir Boat Launch Extension

Alberta Parks is upgrading the Ghost reservoir boat launch to accommodate the low late spring/early summer water levels. The south side of the parking lot and boat launch will be closed during construction. The site should be open to the public this July.

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