



Trail Conditions Report

Kachemak Bay State Park

COVID-19: Follow CDC guidelines while hiking in the park. Social distancing, wearing face coverings, and using hand sanitizer. All latrines and trailhead registers ARE NOT cleaned, disinfected or sanitized. USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Overall Conditions: Alpine trails are obscured. Expect multiple trees down on trails. Trails are brushier and are harder to follow. Trail junction signage could be misleading and/or missing. **Known signs that are missing or misleading are:** Poot Peak North/Wosnesenski River Jet; Poot Peak South/Wosnesenski River Jet.

****Trail Condition Terms****

- Clear: No obstacles and tread well defined, moderate grades - Green**
- Clear > Passable: Some brush and/or deadfalls, tread evident, moderate to steep grades - Yellow**
- Passable > Difficult: Brushy and/or many deadfalls, evident to faint tread, steep grades - Orange**
- Difficult > Impassable: Very brushy to completely overgrown, many deadfalls, tread faint/obliterated, steep grades - Red**

* See General information & Announcements

Alpine Ridge:	O	Difficult: Reported 7/31: Solitary human habituated black bear boar encountered. Hikers had to wait 30 min.before proceeding. A Few trees down across the trail. Last climb up to alpine is steep, expopsed and when wet very slick.
Blue Ice Trail:	R	Difficult: This trail is a spur trail off from the Emerald Lake Loop Trail.
China Poot Lake Trail:	G	Clear: Trail is brushy in sections for the first 2 miles. Trail is flooded for 500 ft. at mile 2* and is IMPASSABLE . China Poot Lake Cabin is not accessible by foot. Please see General Info. And Announcements. Please read General Info. And Announcements for more detail. A black bear sow with 2 yearlings seen along China Poot Lake.
Coalition Trail:	Y	Passable
Coalition Loop Trail:	R	Difficult>Impassable. IMPASSABLE TO THE FALLS. DO NOT HIKE TO FALLS. (Trail adopted by Boy Scout Troop 555)
Diamond Creek Trail:	Y	Passable: Portions of the trail have sluffed away in the slide area above Diamond Cr. Please take caution when hiking with pets and children. Conditions can worsen after a rain event. Please park at the top of the road and walk to the trail during break up. This will help keep the integrity of the road for the summer
Emerald Lake Loop Trail:	R	Humpy Creek and Emerald Lake Loop Trail along the shoreline and inland from the headland between Mallard Bay and Humpy Cr. drainage TO 1/2 mile SE of bridge (towards Grewingk Tram) AND upstream from the bridge near the trailhead is CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THIS INCLUDES HUMPY CR. YURT. Possible wounded brown bear and moose kill in that area. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED MAP FOR DETAIL ON CLOSURE. REPORTED 8/11: Black bear possibly charged in the brush and was huffing at 2 hikers 3/4 mile from the Tram heading toward north side of Grewingk Lake. Impassable: NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE. Grewingk Tram to Blue Ice Trail and Emerald Lake via the tram: Many large blowdowns on Foen Ridge and from Grewingk Lake to Emerald Lake. Grewingk Tram to 1/2 mile from Humpy Cr.: Hikable. . Overgrown from Humpy Cr. to Emerald via Portlock Plateau .
Estuary Trail:	G	Clear



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Glacier Lake Trail	G	Clear. Bears are active in the area. Please be bear aware. Reported 10/12: A black bear exhibiting predatory behavior between Grewingk Tram Connector Trail and Saddle Trail jcts. was killed in defense of life and property. Bears in the area are food stressed due to the poor berry production. Their behavior can become bolder as they are looking for food before denning. Use extreme caution when hiking in this area. Please keep pets leashed, make noise, hike in loose groups, carry bear deterrent and know how to use it safely. Reminder: No discharge of firearms within a 1/2 mile radius of a developed facility. This includes the Grewingk Lake day use and camping areas, trailheads, and the Grewingk Tram. Please see General Info. and Announcements*
Goat Rope Trail:	R	Difficult.
Grace Ridge Trail:	Y	Passable. Multiple bears seen in alpine.
Grewingk Tram Spur Trail:	G	Clear. Bears are active in the area. Please be bear aware. Please see General Info. and Announcements*
Grewingk Tram	G	Open. Suggest 2 people and gloves for operation * Depending upon individual upper body strength, pulling the cart across can be strenuous.
Lagoon Trail:	O	Passable>Difficult: There is no bridge across Halibut Cr. Ford at your own risk. Trail is difficult from Alpine Ridge Trail junction to Halibut Cr. Trail is difficult from Halibut Cr. to Halibut Cove Lagoon Ranger Station
Mallard Bay Trail:	R	Impassable: Black bear pepper sprayed at the trailhead on 6/28.
Mallard/Emerald Conn. Trail:	R	CLOSED/IMPASSABLE
Moose Valley Trail:	R	Passable>Difficult: Passable to Moose Valley Cabin. IMPASSABLE from the cabin to Poot Peak South Route
Poot Peak Trail: North Route:	R	Difficult > Impassable: There are no trail junction signs here with the Wosensenski River Trail.
Poot Peak Trail: South Route:	R	Difficult > Impassable: Impassable: From Moose Valley Trail to Summit route. DO NOT HIKE. There are no trail junction signs here with the Wosensenski River Trail.
Poot Peak Trail: Summit Route:	R	Difficult > Impassable: Steep climb up scree slope and there is a short climb to the actual summit. Rock is unstable near the summit.
Saddle Trail:	G	Clear: Reported 10/12: A black bear exhibiting predatory behavior between Grewingk Tram Connector Trail and Saddle Trail jcts. was killed in defense of life and property. Bears in the area are food stressed due to the poor berry production. Their behavior can become bolder as they are looking for food before denning. Use extreme caution when hiking in this area. Please keep pets leashed, make noise, hike in loose groups, carry bear deterrent and know how to use it safely. Reminder: No discharge of firearms within a 1/2 mile radius of a developed facility. This includes the Grewingk Lake day use and camping areas, trailheads, and the Grewingk Tram. Please see General Info. and Announcements*
Sadie Knob Trail:	Y	Clear. (Opened by volunteers with Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park)
Sentinel Ridge	O	Difficult: Please stay on established tread or marked/flagged alignment in alpine areas
Tutka Backdoor	R	Passable: Tutka Bay to the upper valley past Lunch Mtn. Difficult>Impassable: From the NW end of the valley past lunch mtn. to Taylor Bay. Expect route finding and river crossings.



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Tutka – Jakolof Trail:	O	Passable: Trail traverses through an old forest clearing and can be obscured on the Jackalof Bay end.
Tutka Lake Trail:	O	Passable > Difficult:
Wosnesenski River Trail:	R	Difficult > Impassable: An overflow channel has made the Wosnesenski River Trail impassable from 3 mile to 9 mile from Haystack Rock. The main channel has moved along the north side of the river and is partially being diverted. Very brushy and many trees down from China Poot Lake (M 11) to Woz River Valley (M 9)



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General Information and Announcements

Please contact us to report problems, file complaints, or complements at 907-235-7024 or 907-262-5581. Email: eric.clarke@alaska.gov and jason.okuly@alaska.gov

Advisory: Trails in KBSP are rough, with steep grades in places, and in some cases only marked routes. It is advisable to add 1/3 to your average hiking time. Use a current map locating trails. Trail junction signage could be misleading and/or missing. **Known signs that are missing or misleading are:** Poot Peak North/Wosnesenski River Jct; Poot Peak South/Wosnesenski River Jct.

LEAVE NO TRACE: Please practice Leave No Trace Ethics while hiking and camping. **PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN.**
THANKS!!!

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Grewingk Tram: Tram is not cleaned, disinfected, or sanitized. USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.. The tram spans approximately 300 feet across Grewingk Cr. A minimum of two people in party, one assisting by remaining on the platforms to pull on the rope, reversing process when first person across completes trip. Depending upon individual upper body strength, pulling the cart across can be strenuous. Gloves are recommended.

China Poot Lake Trail: The trail is currently flooded in the China Poot Lake Valley at mile 2 for 500 feet and is **IMPASSABLE**. Reports of thigh deep water currently, and will vary depending on heavy rain events. Chest waders are recommended. China Poot Lake Cabin is not in the flooded area and is accessible by float plane or hiking via Moose Valley > Poot Peak, south route > Wosnesenski River Trail back to China Poot Lake. This is an additional 11 miles. Moose Valley Creek has changed course permanently and until the new channel is entrenched and stable, continuing flooding is expected.

Black Bears: Multiple individuals have been sighted in the Grewingk Valley along the Glacier Lake, Grewingk Tram, and Saddle Trails, and at Grewingk Lake on the southern end where people camp. Please be bear aware. Keep food in bear proof containers or with you. While hiking, give them their space if encountered. **They are becoming more human habituated and large groups DO NOT scare them off. Especially if cubs are involved. We ask the public to back away the direction you came, til out of sight, and wait until they move off the trail and away. This could take 20-30 minutes and possibly longer if there are cubs involved and they show signs of stress with human activity. These signs are moaning, huffing/woofing, jaw popping, stomping, and following.** Please be bear aware while hiking and report all stress related and aggressive behaviors and/or encounters. 907-399-2054 or 907-435-7595. If contact from a charge and/or mauling occur, call 911.

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Halibut Cove Lagoon: Black bear has successfully entered a private cabin and was rewarded with food and attempted to enter another cabin with people inside. Please keep all coolers, food, trash, cooking and eating utensils, stoves, BBQs, toiletries, pet food and bowls inside cabins at all times. Please keep dogs on a leash.

Humpy Creek/Brown Bears: **Humpy Creek and Emerald Lake Loop Trail along the shoreline and inland from the headland between Mallard Bay and Humpy Cr. drainage to 1/2 mile SE of bridge (towards Grewingk Tram) AND upstream from the bridge near the trailhead is CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THIS INCLUDES HUMPY CR. YURT. Possible wounded brown bear and moose kill in that area. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED MAP FOR DETAIL ON CLOSURE.**