



Park Summer Conditions Report HATCHER PASS EAST MANAGEMENT AREA and SUMMIT LAKE

June 13, 2016

Park Facility	Conditions
Government Peak Campground	Open
Gold Mint Lot	Open Camping Available
Fishhook Lot	Open
Independence Mine State Historical Park	Day Use Only Gate open 9-7 Facility open Wednesday-Sunday 10-6
Summit Lake	Hike in only no road access
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Gold Mint Trail	Dry for the first 3-4 miles, wet melting snow beyond
Archangel Trailhead	Open for vehicles; the road past the bridge is unmaintained, treacherous
Reed Lakes Trail	Good until the upper valley, still snow present Trail head in poor shape for vehicles
Mile 16 Bike Trail	Good
Gold Cord Lake Trail	East meadow approach and upper sections including lake snow covered
<p>Overall Conditions:</p> <p>Things are warming rapidly in Hatcher Pass! Visible melting of snow and greening of lower valleys are evident in just hours, every day looks different. There is still snow, mostly patchy, above 3500 feet and in shaded valleys and aspects. Sun kissed aspects are completely dried out. The lack of spring rains and above normal temperatures are definitely having impacts on the vegetation.</p> <p>Archangel road is now open. Please be respectful of multi-use in Archangel Valley. Drive carefully.</p> <p>The road to Willow over the pass is currently under construction and tentatively scheduled to open the first part of July.</p> <p>The road to independence Mine is open daily 9-7, Visitor center and store open Wednesday-Sunday 10-6. Be mindful that the gate closes at 7 p.m. Don't get locked behind the gate!! Please plan accordingly!</p>	

A \$5 day-use fee or 2016 annual parking pass is required at most trailheads through the park. Please respect private properties adjacent to park land.

Please check the Alaska State Parks website www.alaskastateparks.org or call (907) 745-8950 for current conditions.