



Trail Conditions Report

KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK

Updated: Sept. 22, 2016

Overall Conditions: Due to heavy rains the past few days, expect rivers to rise and flooding conditions to occur. Snow level is at 2500 ft. and above. Trail locations obscured in alpine areas. Majority of trails are/will be very brushy/overgrown. When in doubt, look for chainsaw cuts on trees and logs. **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.

Grewingk Creek Tram is open and upgraded. It is difficult to use. We suggest 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. Gloves are recommended.

Please practice LEAVE NO TRACE etiquette. **PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN!**

Report any problems, complaints to the Park Ranger @ 235-7024 or 262-5581, thank you.

Announcement: Please look at the additional pages. Expect ALL trails to be VERY BRUSHY/OVERGROWN and at times hard to follow. There is a young black bear hanging around the Grewingk Valley near the Saddle and Galcier Lake Trails that is not afraid of and doesn't run from humans. Sow with a cub seen around the Saddle and Glacier Lake Trails. Please give her space. Brown bears sighted in the Humpy Cr. area. Please report any negative and/or human habituated bear encounters.

China Poot Lake Trail:	Hikeable. Brushy areas near lake.
Estuary Trail:	Cleared of deadfall
Poot Peak Trail: North Route:	Unmaintained. Possible fallen trees across the trail and is very brushy
Poot Peak Trail: South Route:	Unmaintained. Very Brushy and overgrown.
Poot Peak Trail: Summit Route:	Caution climbing up to the summit. Route climbs up scree slope and there is a short climb to the actual summit. Rock is unstable near the summit.
Coalition Trail:	Cleared of deadfall btw. Hal. Cove Lagoon and China Poot Bay and brushy. Unmaintained btw. China Poot Bay and China Poot Lake. NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE OR TO FALLS.
Moose Valley Trail:	Hike-able. Brushy with high grass btw. Moose Valley PUC (mile 1) and Moose Valley Campsite (mile 3.) Look for orange flagging. Bridge is out at mile 2.5. Moose Valley Cr. is fordable majority of the time.
Lagoon Trail:	Unmaintained. Not recommended to hike.
Goat Rope Trail:	Unmaintained. Not recommended to hike.
Alpine Ridge:	Not Cleared. Brushy to overgrown conditions.
Saddle Trail:	Cleared of deadfall. Expect slick trail conditions after heavy rains Saddle Re-route Project done for the season.
Glacier Lake Trail	Cleared of Deadfall.
Grewingk Tram Spur Trail:	Hike-able.
Blue Ice Trail:	Hike-able.
Emerald Lake Loop Trail:	Not Cleared. Hard to follow trail. Brown bears sighted in the Humpy Cr. area. Trail is overgrown between Humpy Cr. and Emerald Lk. AND between Grewingk Lk. and Emerald Lk. Humpy Cr. to Grewingk Lk. via the tram is hike-able and brushy over Foen Ridge.
Mallard/Emerald Conn. Trail:	Unmaintained. Not recommended to hike
Mallard Bay Trail:	Unmaintained. Not recommended to hike
Woznesenski River Trail:	UNMAINTAINED. Very brushy with trees down btw. China Poot Lake and Woz River. Trail flooded from the HEA powerlines onward. An overflow channel has made the Wosensenki River Trail impassable 3 miles from Haystack Rock. A main channel has moved along the north side of the river and is partially being diverted. UNMAINTAINED AND NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE BETWEEN MILE 3 AND MILE 9
Sadie Knob Trail:	North Eldred Access is brushy to overgrown. South Eldred Access brushy to overgrown.

Grace Ridge Trail:	Hike-able. Reports of a few trees down on the north end and South end. Very brushy/overgrown in sub-alpine on North end.
Tutka Lake Trail:	Hike-able. Few trees down. Beach landing is seriously eroded due to heavy rains the past few days.
Tutka – Jakolof Trail:	Not Cleared. Unmaintained

SADDLE RE-ROUTE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Starting late May through the end of August, a trail construction crew will be working on the new trail alignment for the Saddle Trail between the Lagoon Trail Junction and the Glacier Lake Trail junction. During this time the existing trail will be open for public use. We anticipate no delays for the public during this time. We will update with information of trail delays if they should arise. The crew will be using the Glacier Lake Trail August 18-22 with ATV's to bring tools and equipment out for the winter.



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ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please be aware that the following organizations will be occupying the following beach campsites.

Homer Wilderness Leaders (HoWL)

- July 11-16 2016: Kachemak Crack/Left Beach

Private Parties

- May 27-31 2016: Kachemak Crack/Left Beach Campsite.

Boy Scout Troop 222

- June 22-25 2016: Kachemak Crack/Left Beach Campsite

Trail Name Changes

Grewingk Tram Spur Trail: Replaces a portion of the Grewingk Glacier Trail from the junction of the Glacier Lake Trail to the Grewingk Tram

Emerald Lake Loop Trail: This trail replaces a portion of the Humpy Creek Trail from the Emerald Lake Trail junction to the Grewingk Tram AND a portion of the Grewingk Glacier Trail from the Grewingk Tram to the Emerald Lake Trail junction near Grewingk Lake.

Blue Ice Trail: This trail replaces a portion of the Grewingk Glacier Trail from the junction of the Emerald Lake Trail to Grewingk Glacier or the end of the trail.

Mallard/Emerald Connector Trail: This trail replaces a portion of the Humpy Creek Trail from the Emerald Lake Trail junction to the Mallard Lake Trail junction.

Grewingk Glacier Trail name has changed:

- From the Glacier Lake Trail junction to the Grewingk Tram is now the **Grewingk Tram Spur Trail**
- From the Grewingk Tram to the Emerald Lake Trail Junction is now part of the **Emerald Lake Loop Trail**
- From the Emerald Lake Trail junction to Grewingk Glacier is now the **Blue Ice Trail**

Humpy Creek Trail has changed:

- From Humpy Creek Trailhead to the Emerald Lake junction is now part of the **Emerald Lake Loop Trail**
- From Humpy creek Trailhead to the Grewingk Tram is now part of the **Emerald Lake Loop Trail**
- From the Emerald Lake Trail junction to the Mallard Bay trail junction is now the **Mallard/Emerald Connector Trail**