



# Trail Conditions Report

## Kachemak Bay State Park

**Overall Conditions:** Majority of trails are brushy in sub-alpine and trail locations can be hard to follow in these areas. As the vegetation dies off, trails should become easier to follow. Look for chainsaw cuts on trees if in doubt of trail location. Termination dust on Sadie Peak.

### **\*\*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 > Impassible: Very brushy to completely overgrown, many deadfalls, tread faint/obliterated, steep grades - Red**

\* See General information & Announcements

<b>Alpine Ridge:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Passable &gt; Difficult</b>
<b>Blue Ice Trail:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Passable</b>
<b>China Poot Lake Trail:</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Clear</b> Trail can be flooded for 500 ft. at mile 2*. Bears are feeding along the trail in areas of Devils Club, Blueberries, and Salmon Berries and around Halibut Cove Lagoon Ranger Station
<b>Coalition Trail:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Passable.</b> Expect brushy conditions.
<b>Coalition Loop Trail:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Passible to Difficult.</b> Brushy conditions. <b>IMPASSABLE TO THE FALLS. DO NOT HIKE TO FALLS.</b> (Trail opened and adopted by Boy Scout Troop 555)
<b>Diamond Creek Trail:</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Passable:</b> Trail has firmed up with patchy muddy areas. Be aware that portions of the trail are close to bluffs above Diamond Cr. Please take caution when hiking with pets and children. Conditions can worsen after a rain event.
<b>Emerald Lake Loop Trail:</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Difficult &gt; Impassible: Difficult</b> from Humpy Cr. to Blue Ice Trail via the Grewingk Tram. <b>Difficult &gt; Impassible</b> from Humpy Cr. to Emerald via Portlock Plateau and between Grewingk Lake and Emerald Lake.
<b>Estuary Trail:</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Clear.</b> Bears are feeding along the trail in areas of Devils Club, Blueberries, and Salmon Berries and around Halibut Cove Lagoon Ranger Station
<b>Glacier Lake Trail</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Clear.</b> Bears reported in the area, including sows with cubs. Please see General Info. and Announcements*
<b>Goat Rope Trail:</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Difficult</b>
<b>Grace Ridge Trail:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Passable.</b>
<b>Grewingk Tram Spur Trail:</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Clear.</b> Bears reported in the area, including sows with cubs. Please see General Info. and Announcements*
<b>Grewingk Tram</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Open.</b> Suggest 2 people and gloves for operation *
<b>Lagoon Trail:</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Difficult to Impassible:</b> Trail is <b>difficult</b> from Alpine Ridge Trail junction to Halibut Cr. Flats. Bears are feeding along the trail in areas of Devils Club and blueberries. <b>Impassible from Halibut Creek to Halibut Cove Lagoon Ranger Station</b>
<b>Mallard Bay Trail:</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Impassible</b>
<b>Mallard/Emerald Conn. Trail:</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Impassible</b>
<b>Moose Valley Trail:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Passable: Passable</b> to Moose Valley PUC. Expect high grass and obscured tread past the Moose Valley Cabin in the valley proper.
<b>Poot Peak Trail: North Route:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Difficult</b>
<b>Poot Peak Trail: South Route:</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Difficult:</b> From Woz River Trail to Moose Valley Trail. Expect high grass in sub-alpine obscuring the trail. <b>Impassible: From Moose Valley Trail to Summit route. DO NOT HIKE</b>



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<b>Poot Peak Trail: Summit Route:</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Difficut:</b> Steep climb up scree slope and there is a short climb to the actual summit. Rock is unstable near the summit.
<b>Saddle Trail:</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Clear.</b> Bears reported in the area, including sows with cubs. Please see General Info. and Announcements*
<b>Sadie Knob Trail:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Passable.</b> Passable from the South Eldred Trailhead to Sadie Knob. Difficult from North Eldred Trailhead to junction with portion of trail going to alpine and South Eldred Trailhead.
<b>Tutka – Jakolof Trail:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Passable:</b> Trail traverses through an old forest clearing and can be obscured on the Jackalof Bay end
<b>Tutka Lake Trail:</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Passable</b>
<b>Woznesenski River Trail:</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Difficult &gt; Impassable:</b> An overflow channel has made the Wosensenki River Trail <b>impassable</b> 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

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

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

**Grewingk Tram** 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

**Bears:** Multiple individuals including sows with cubs have been sighted in the Grewingk Valley along the Glacier Lake, Grewingk Tram, and Saddle Trails. Also 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, and stomping. Bears are feeding in areas of ripe berry patches. Devils Club, Blueberries, Salmon Berries, Black Currants, etc.** Please be bear aware while hiking and report all negative encounters. 907-235-7024

**China Poot Lake Trail:** The trail can be, depending upon rain events, flooded in the China Poot Lake Valley (mile 2) for 500 feet. The depth can be from shin to waist deep, depending on rain events and snow melt and is not swift moving. China Poot Lake Cabin is not in the flooded area and is accessible, depending upon water depth. Hip waders are recommended. Moose Valley Creek has changed course permanently and until the new channel is entrenched and stable, continuing flooding is expected.

**Halibut Cove Lagoon Public Use Cabins:** Black bear sighted close to Overlook and Lagoon East Public Use Cabins, latrines, and associated boardwalk feeding on berries. Bear does not appear to be afraid of human presence. Please keep all food and garbage secured within the cabins, including anything in the fire rings. Please be considerate of other park users and keep all pets leashed in the Halibut Cove Lagoon Ranger Station and Cabin area or left in the cabins. **Loose pets could aggravate and stress bears which can escalate the encounter to a dangerous level.**



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