



# Park Summer Conditions Report

## HATCHER PASS EAST MANAGEMENT AREA and SUMMIT LAKE

September 15, 2023

Park Facility	Conditions
Government Peak Campground	<b>OPEN.</b> \$15/vehicle camping, or parking fee or pass required.
Gold Mint Lot	<b>OPEN.</b> \$15/vehicle camping, or parking fee or pass required.
Fishhook Lot	<b>OPEN.</b> \$10/vehicle camping, or parking fee or pass required.
Independence Mine State Historical Park	<b>OPEN.</b> Mine camp trails are wet yet in good shape. Occasional snow occurring then melting throughout the day. Parking fee or pass required.
Summit Lake	<b>ROAD OPEN.</b> Washboard and potholes in some places. Watch out for DOT road crews at work.
Reed Lakes Trailhead	<b>Open.</b> Parking fee or pass required.
<b>TRAIL REPORTS</b>	
Gold Mint Trail	Wet and muddy due to rain.
Archangel Trailhead	Road is still open. Potholes and washboards in sections.
Reed Lakes Trail	Wet, slick, and muddy in sections due to rain. Occasional snow is being reported in the higher elevations.
Mile 16 Bike Trail	Wet due to rain. Brush along sections of trail is growing in.
Gold Cord Lake Trail	Wet and muddy in sections due to rain. Occasional snow is being reported.
<p><b>OVERALL CONDITIONS:</b>            Rain and snow in the upper elevations with occasional breaks seems to be our weather pattern recently. Snow is occurring around 3,000' and melting off throughout the day. If hiking alone let someone know where you are hiking and when you are due to return. For those of you who are summer hikers you might be sad to see the snow in the upper elevations. For those of you who are excited the white stuff it still might be too soon to shake the dust off the winter gear, but it doesn't hurt.</p> <p>Independence Mine is OPEN 10 AM to 6 PM with services and tours. Gate will be OPEN 9 AM to 6 PM for entry. All vehicles must Be out by 7 PM when the gate is CLOSED and locked for the evening. Please to <a href="http://salmonberrytours.com">Visit Independence Mine State Historical Park   Salmon Berry Travel &amp; Tours (salmonberrytours.com)</a> for more information regarding services and tours.</p> <p>Please be mindful that pets are required to always be on a leash (not e-collars) within and near Park facilities and always be under control in the backcountry.</p> <p>PLANT PIKERS: Picking edible plants for personal consumption <b>ONLY</b> is allowed. It is unlawful to pick plants to sell or to transplant.</p>	

A \$5 day-use fee or annual parking pass is required at most trailheads through the park. There are electronic pay stations accepting Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and AMEX at all parking areas with the exception of Government Peak campground . Please print and display receipts face up on your dashboard as proof of payment. Cash payments are only accepted at the Government Peak iron ranger. Please respect private properties adjacent to park land.

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