



Stakeholder Update

Temporary closure of some secondary roads

March 24, 2020

This is a challenging time for all Canadians and it is even more important now that we enhance our efforts to change our behaviours and work together to flatten the curve and limit the spread of COVID-19. Last week, Parks Canada took action by suspending all visitor services at national parks, historic sites, and marine conservation areas. In response to high visitation and crowding that continues to occur in a number of Parks Canada locations over the weekend, and in effort to help limit the spread of COVID-19, Parks Canada is now taking further measures that support the public health direction to stay at home.

In Banff National Park, a number of secondary roads will be temporarily closed. In Yoho and Kootenay national parks, effective 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Parks Canada will prioritize visitor services and facilities to support through traffic only.

The Trans-Canada Highway, Highway 93 South and Icefields Parkway will remain open to through traffic. Restrooms will continue to be maintained along transportation corridors at this time. Access to the Village of Field businesses and critical services will be maintained. Residents' access to and from their homes will also not be affected. Residents are urged to follow Alberta health advice associated with social distancing and limiting non-essential travel.

Basic critical services such as road maintenance, avalanche control and forecasting, search and rescue, wildlife management, and Field municipal services continue to be offered. Parks Canada real property, business licencing, and development review services may be accessed online through your usual contacts, and the Office of the Superintendent will remain open for telephone inquiries. If you have any concerns or questions about Parks Canada-related matters, please contact us at 403.522-1250 (Lake Louise).

We understand that many of you are experiencing significant challenges due to the evolving situation with COVID-19. Our thoughts are with everyone who have been impacted by this global challenge.

Together, we can #FlattenTheCurve and help limit the spread of COVID-19.

Questions?

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