
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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More Cariboo recreation sites and trails reopened

WILLIAMS LAKE – Due to improved weather conditions and successful firefighting operations, Recreation Sites and Trails BC (in consultation with the BC Wildfire Service) has reopened additional recreation sites and recreation trails in the Cariboo Fire Centre, effective at 8 a.m. on Sept. 13, 2017.

This partial reopening will include some recreation sites and trails in the Chilcotin region west of the Fraser River, which are accessed by Highway 20 west of Williams Lake.

However, until further notice, the following recreation sites and trails will remain closed:

- All recreation sites and trails within (or accessed through) evacuation order and evacuation alert zones or within a wildfire closure area (issued under Section 11 of the Wildfire Act); and
- All recreation sites and trails south of Highway 24 in the Interlakes area.

Recreation sites and trails within the declared title lands of the Tsilhqot'in First Nation (Xeni Gwet'in caretaker area) also remain closed.

For a complete list of closed recreation sites and trails, please visit:

www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/closures.aspx

Hazards may exist in some locations because of wildfire damage and because maintenance of these sites has not been possible for most of the summer due to the wildfire situation. Visitors to recreation sites and trails that are now open are advised to use caution and be aware of any damaged facilities, fallen trees or other potential safety hazards.

A campfire ban remains in effect throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre. For details on current open burning prohibitions, please visit: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans

Recreation Sites and Trails BC and the BC Wildfire Service are asking the public to remain vigilant and help prevent human-caused wildfires. To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call *5555 on a cellphone or 1 800 663-5555 toll-free.

- For general information about recreation sites and trails, please visit the Recreation Sites and Trails BC website at: www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca
- For information about areas currently under evacuation orders and evacuation alerts, please visit the Cariboo Regional District website at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/>
- For the latest information on wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, please visit the BC Wildfire Service website at: www.bcwildfire.ca
- For information about access to the declared title lands of the Tsilhqot'in First Nation,

please visit the Tsilhqot'in National Government website at: www.tsilhqotin.ca/

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