

Coquihalla

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Canyon Recovery

Issue #1

Latest News and Updates

Recovery Project Overview:

Coquihalla Canyon Park was significantly impacted by the November 2021 atmospheric river. Access roads, trails, tunnels, and bridges were severely damaged, making the park unsafe for visitors. Since the event, BC Parks has been working with a team of engineers and professionals to determine the best way to repair infrastructure and reopen the park. BC Parks recognizes the importance of Coquihalla Canyon Park for the local community and visitors alike.

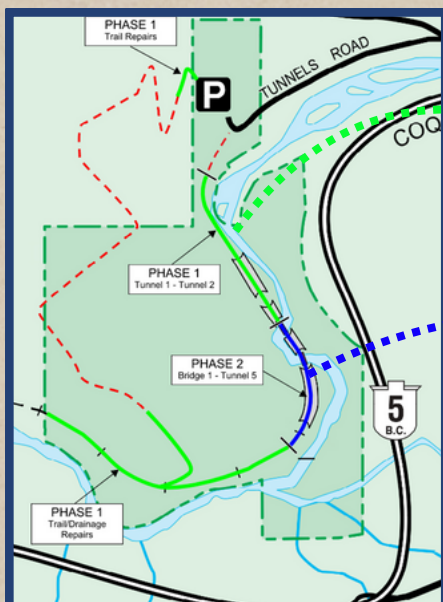
Starting this spring, infrastructure will be rebuilt through a phased approach to restore the trail to pre-flood conditions with climate resiliency in mind. The first phase of construction is projected to start in the spring, with a partial reopening set for early July 2024. BC Parks is planning work to avoid impacts to cultural heritage, which may influence construction timing. The whole trail is projected to reopen in the summer 2025. This reopening date depends on bridge one being replaced within appropriate windows for construction since work in the water between May and August would impact fish. If in-water work cannot be completed by end of April 2025, additional work will be delayed to fall 2025.

This is the first of several regular update bulletins that will be sent on the project. Please stay tuned!



Construction Phases:

BC Parks is taking a phased, multi-year approach to repair and rebuild infrastructure in a climate resilient way.



PHASE 1: Construction Spring 2024

- Rock slope stabilization and tunnel maintenance.
- Trail work, debris removal and resurfacing.
- Raising the trail surface prior to Tunnel 1.
- Phase 1 projected to re-open early July 2024.

PHASE 2:

- Stabilization of Tunnel 5.
- Removal and decommissioning of Bridge 1 and installation of new single span bridge.
- Phase 2 projected to re-open the summer of 2025..



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