



# Trail Conditions Report

## Kachemak Bay State Park

**Overall Conditions:** **HALIBUT COVE LAGOON DOCK RAMP IS RAISED FOR THE WINTER.** The dock can still be used. A dinky will be needed to get from the dock to the beach where the stairs are. Trails at lower elevations are accessible. Expect muddy conditions. **Snow Line:** Approx. 1000 ft. There could be snow at lower elevations in more shaded areas. **Trail Signs:** Signage at trail junctions could be misleading and/or missing. **Known signs that are missing or misleading are:** Poot Peak North/Wosnesenski River Jct; Poot Peak South/Wosnesenski River Jct. **OUTERSPATIAL APP!!** Download the app and maps before going into the park! Can be used in the field without a cell signal.



Drones are incompatible in the following areas: Grewingk Glacier, Halibut Cove Lagoon/China Poot Lake/China Poot Bay, Tutka Lagoon, Petrof Lake, Diamond Cr. SRA, Eveline SRA, the northern portion of Cottonwood Eastland Unit and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park

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

\* See General information & Announcements

Alpine Ridge:	R	Difficult/Unknown Conditions
Blue Ice Trail:	R	Difficult/Unknown Conditions: This trail is accessed from the Emerald Lake Loop Trail.
China Poot Lake Trail:	Y	Passable: Flooded area at mile 2* is passable. Open flowing water. Expect wet feet. Water depth up to knees with mucky bottom. Levels can change due to rain events. China Poot Lake Cabin may not be accessible by foot. <b>Please read General Info. And Announcements for more detail.</b>
Coalition Trail:	R	Unknown Conditions
Coalition Loop Trail:	R	Difficult>Impassable. <b>NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE IMPASSABLE TO THE FALLS. DO NOT HIKE TO FALLS.</b> (Trail adopted by Boy Scout Troop 555)
Diamond Creek Trail:	Y	Clear: Portions of the trail have sluffed away in the slide area above Diamond Cr. Please take caution when hiking with pets and children. Conditions can worsen after a rain event. <b>Please park at the top of the road and walk to the trail during break up. This will help keep the integrity of the road for the summer</b>
Emerald Lake Loop Trail:	R	Impassable: <b>NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE TO EMERALD LAKE.</b> Grewingk Tram to Blue Ice Trail: <b>Unknown Conditions.</b> Blue Ice Jct. to Emerald Lake: <b>IMPASSABLE:</b> Many large blowdowns and overgrown from Grewingk Lake/Blue Ice Trail Jct. to Emerald Lake. Humpy Cr to Grewingk Tram: <b>Unknown Conditions.</b> Humpy Cr. to Emerald Lake via Portlock Plateau: <b>Unknown Conditions</b>
Estuary Trail:	Y	Clear:



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Glacier Lake Trail		Y	Clear: Rock falls have been reported along the southern slope of Grewingk Lake. Reminder: No discharge of firearms within a 1/4 mile radius of a developed facility. This includes the Grewingk Lake day use and camping areas, trailheads, trail junctions, and the Grewingk Tram. <b>Please see General Info. and Announcements*</b>
Goat Rope Trail:		R	Difficult: Unknown Conditions
Grace Ridge Trail:		R	Difficult: Unknown Conditions
Grewingk Tram Spur Trail:		Y	Clear: Please be bear aware.
Grewingk Tram		O	Open Challenging. Suggest 2 people and gloves for operation * Depending upon individual upper body strength, pulling the cart across can be strenuous.
Lagoon Trail:		R	Difficult/Unknown Conditions. <b>NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE There is no bridge across Halibut Cr. Ford at your own risk.</b>
Mallard Bay Trail:		R	Impassable:
Mallard/Emerald Conn. Trail		R	CLOSED/IMPASSABLE
Moose Valley Trail:		R	Difficult/Unknown Conditions: <b>NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE</b>
Poot Peak Trail: North Route		R	Difficult/Unknown conditions. There are no trail junction signs here with the Wosensenski River Trail.
Poot Peak Trail: South Route		R	Difficult > Impassable: <b>NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE</b> There are no trail junction signs with the Wosensenski River Trail. <b>Impassable: From Moose Valley Trail to Summit route. DO NOT HIKE.</b>
Poot Peak Trail: Summit Route		R	Difficut/Unknown Conditions. Snow. Steep climb up scree slope and there is a short climb to the actual summit. Rock is unstable near the summit.
Saddle Trail:		Y	Clear: Please be bear aware. <b>Please see General Info. and Announcements*</b>
Sadie Knob Trail:		R	Difficult/Unknown Conditions (Opened by volunteers with Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park)
Sentinel Ridge		R	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE:</b> Due to additional construction needs in fragile sub-alpine areas, we are asking the public to refrain from hiking in those areas of Sentinel Ridge.
Tutka Backdoor		R	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE:</b> Due to additional construction needs in fragile sub-alpine areas, we are asking the public to refrain from hiking in those areas of the Tutka Backdoor.
Tutka Hatchery Spur Trail:		O	Difficult/Unknown Conditions:
Tutka – Jakolof Trail:		O	Difficult/Unknown Conditions: Snow. Trail traverses through an old forest clearing and can be obscured on the Jackalof Bay end.
Tutka Lake Trail:		O	Difficult/Unknown Conditions:
Wosnesenski River Trail:		R	Difficult/Unknown Conditions: <b>NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE. An overflow channel has made the Wosensenski River Trail impassable 3 miles from Haystack Rock to mile 9.</b>



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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) , [carter.forney@alaska.gov](mailto:carter.forney@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. Use a current map locating trails. **Halibut Cove Lagoon Dock: The ramp has been raised for the winter.** Access to the public use cabins will be accessible via the beach and stairs near the dock. The dock will still be available for boats, but a dinghy will be needed to get to and from shore. **Trail Signs:** Trail junction signs could be misleading and/or missing. **Known signs that are missing or misleading are:** Poot Peak North/Wosnesenski River Jct; Poot Peak South/Wosnesenski River Jct.

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

**Drones:** Drone use is incompatible, in accordance to the new management plan, in all Recreational Development and Wilderness Zones, which include the following areas: Grewingk Valley SW of Grewingk Creek, Halibut Cove Lagoon; China Poot Bay and Lake; Tutka Bay Lagoon; Majority of the Tutka Backdoor Trail; Portions of Sentinel Ridge Trail; Petrof Lake; Diamond Creek SRA; Eveline SRA; and the northern end of Cottonwood/Eastland portion of the park. These areas are colored Orange and Green on the map. Link to the map below

<https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/plans/kbay/2022/kbay-2022-map06.pdf>

**Hunting:** Hunting is allowed year around, per AK Fish and Game Regulations, with in Kachemak Bay State Park. However, no discharge of firearms are allowed within a 1/4 mile radius of a developed facility. This includes campsites, day use areas, trailheads, trail junctions, public use cabins, Ranger Stations, and the Grewingk Tram.

**Grewingk Tram:** The tram spans approximately 300 feet across Grewingk Cr. 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. Depending upon individual upper body strength, pulling the cart across can be strenuous. Gloves are recommended. USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

**Grewingk Lake:** Rock falls have been reported along the slope on the south side of the lake. Please report any rockfall activity or disturbance to the ice on the lake. 907-399-2054; 907-435-7595; 907-262-5581

**China Poot Lake Trail: Currently the flooded area at mile 2 is passable. Water can be up to knee deep. This can change as rain events occur.** There is a new log bridge located up stream from where the existing trail meets the flooded area. Follow the cleared path, off to the left. The bridge only crosses the main channel and there can be wading up to knee deep water at both ends. Depth and width of channels will vary depending on rain events. China Poot Lake Cabin is not in the flooded area and can be accessible by float plane too. Moose Valley Creek has changed course permanently and until the new channel is entrenched and stable, continuing flooding is expected.



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**Black Bears:** 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, stomping, and following.** Please be bear aware while hiking and report all stress related and aggressive behaviors and/or encounters. 907-399-2054, 907-756-3851, or 907-435-7595. If contact from a charge and/or mauling occur, call 911.

**Brown Bears:**

**Tutka Backdoor and Sentinel Ridge Routes:** Due to ongoing trail construction needs coupled with the increase of impacts to sensitive soils in sub-alpine/alpine areas, and to curb further impacts to these areas, Kachemak Bay State Park is encouraging the public not to hike these routes/trails in those areas at this time.