Information Update May 27, 2020

Resumption of limited visitor services in the Lake Louise, Yoho and Kootenay field unit

What to expect beginning June 1, 2020:

Beginning June 1, 2020 most day use areas and restrooms will open for visitors in Banff, Yoho and Kootenay national parks. Front-country and back-country campgrounds continue to be closed until further notice, and Parks Canada reservable shuttles in the Lake Louise area and to Lake O'Hara are not available at this time. Further details on the resumption of other visitor services will be made available in June, as they are confirmed.

The health and safety of visitors, employees and all Canadians is of the utmost importance and Parks Canada will follow the advice and guidance of public health authorities in resuming visitor access and services. Only places and activities where health and safety risks can be mitigated will be available for visitation.

Visitors can safely and confidently visit the parks, however, it will be a different experience with COVID related safety measures in place. These measure currently range from additional signage, enhanced cleaning protocols in washrooms, to limiting parking and monitoring visitor numbers in high use locations.

In Banff, Yoho and Kootenay, visitor services opening June 1, 2020 include:	 Day use areas and washrooms located along open or accessible roads. Trails in Banff, Yoho and Kootenay will be open, monitored, and conditions reported. The Banff East Gate will open for information only. Gates and visitor centres in LLYK will remain closed and visitor information can be obtained online or by phone.
Lake Louise area and the Icefields Parkway:	 Traffic flaggers will be present throughout the summer to help facilitate the safe and smooth flow of traffic. Please respect these workers and help keep them safe. Parking lot capacity at the Lake Louise Lakeshore will be monitored and may be limited by traffic flaggers to ensure traffic flow and support physical distancing measures. Parks Canada shuttles to Lake Louise and Moraine Lake are not available at this time. Please visit www.roam transit.ca for transit options in Banff National Park.

	 Moraine Lake Road remains closed to vehicle traffic due to regular seasonal closure. David Thompson and Niblock gate on the Icefields Parkway remain closed. Day use areas, washrooms and trails are open.
Yoho:	 Emerald Lake day use area and trails will open to visitors. Field townsite will open to visitors. The Lake O'Hara access road, campsite and trails remain closed at this time. Takkakaw Falls remains inaccessible due to the seasonal closure of the Yoho Valley Road
Kootenay:	 Trails and day use areas will open to visitors. The Radium Hot Springs pools facility remains closed under public health guidelines. Renovations to the change rooms and necessary upgrades to the concrete subfloor are now complete.

Public Health Information:

- Public Health Agency of Canada COVID-19 information
- Government of Alberta COVID-19 info for Albertans
- Government of British Columbia COVID-19 information

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