

Mt Robson Visitors Centre ▼

Information

Date of Audit: 2016-09-12

Park Name: Belarko Wildlife Viewing Area

Key Features: View_Point

Location: Central Coast, Bella Coola, Cariboo Chilcotin Coast - Provincial : Attraction (Discovery Coast Circle Route)

Description: A very popular bear viewing location and a boat launch area for guided river rafting tours

Parking

Access Routes

From: : Designated accessible parking stalls

To: : Wildlife viewing platform

Comments/Description : Designated parking stalls are within 10 metres of rope gate. One stall is often used by attendant in case he/she has to access their vehicle in the event a bear approaches too closely.

Recommendations : Running and cross slopes around the stalls are typically 1.7 and 1.1 respectively. However maximum values are 3.4 and 2.6, respectively. Grading to create a more level surface would improve accessibility

Improvement Priority : Med

Estimated Cost : High

2. What is the condition of the surface along this route? : Good

Comments/Description : 42 m from rope gate at entrance (parking lot) to electrified gate at viewing platform (see pictures). From rope gate to top of slope the distance is 17 metres. From the top of the slope to the electrified gate the distance is 25 metres.

4. What is the type of surface? : Gravel

Comments/Description : very firm and compact

Clear Width

5. What is the typical route width (mm)? : More_than_1525 (Rating: 0)

Comments/Description : Typical route width on 17 metre section is 1.6 metres On 25 metre section route width is approximately 2.5 metres

6. What is the narrowest route width (mm)? : between_1525_-_1220

Comments/Description : minimum width 1.35 metres

Obstacles

7. If the route is concrete, asphalt or boardwalk, are there any obstacles that exceed 13mm from the

surface? : N_A (Rating: 0)

8. If yes, are the obstacles at least 1220mm apart? : N_A (Rating: 0)

9. If the route is anything other than concrete, asphalt or boardwalk, are there any obstacles that exceed 25mm from the surface? : No (Rating: 0)

10. If yes, are the obstacles at least 1220mm apart? : N_A (Rating: 0)

Openings

11. Are there any gaps or grates present that have an opening greater than 13mm? : No (Rating: 0)

12. If gaps/grates are present, do they run perpendicular to the path of travel? : N_A (Rating: 0)

Running Slope

13. What is the typical running slope on the route? : Very_steep_above_5 (Rating: 0)

Comments/Description : 5.5 degrees average on 17 metre long section 1 degree or less on 25 metre section

14. What is the maximum running slope on the route? : Very_steep_above_5 (Rating: 0)

Comments/Description : 8.4 degrees max

Cross Slope

15. What is the typical cross slope on the route? : Moderate_2_-_3 (Rating: 1)

Comments/Description : average 1.7 degrees on 17 metre long section less than 1 degree on 25 metre long section

16. What is the maximum cross slope on the route? : Moderate_2_-_3 (Rating: 1)

Comments/Description : max 2.6 degrees

Resting Intervals

17. Are there resting intervals at the top and bottom of a route where the grade exceeds 3°? : No (Rating: 0)

18. If the running slope is greater than 3°, are there resting intervals in the middle of the route when the length exceeds 9.1m? : No (Rating: 0)

Comments/Description : Access route has been constructed in the past two years. While the distance is short and the surface is good, the grade is still steep. An alternate route that will provide a gentler slope is being considered by park staff

Recommendations : Build an access route with a gentler grade

Improvement Priority : High

Estimated Cost : High

Benches

21. Are there any benches along the route? : No (Rating: 0)

Comments/Description : Probably not required because of the short distance

22. If yes, are the benches located approximately every 61m? : N_A (Rating: 0)

23. Is the bench seat height between 485mm - 510mm? : N_A (Rating: 0)

Ramps

24. Is there is a ramp? : No (Rating: 0)

Comments/Description : A ramp could be an option to improve accessibility

25. Is the ramp at least 915mm wide?

Note: If there are handrails, measure between the handrails. : N_A (Rating: 0)

26. Is the surface stable, firm and slip resistant? : N_A (Rating: 0)

27. For each section of the ramp, is the running slope no greater than 5°?

Note: Rises no greater than 76mm with a slope no steeper than 7° and rises no greater than 150mm with a slope no steeper than 6° are permitted when due to space limitations. : N_A (Rating: 0)

28. Is there a level landing that is at least 1525mm long and at least as wide as the ramp: At the top of the ramp? : N_A (Rating: 0)

29. At the bottom of the ramp? : N_A (Rating: 0)

30. Is there a level landing where the ramp changes direction that is at least 1525mm x 1525mm? : N_A (Rating: 0)

31. If the ramp has a rise higher than 150mm are there handrails on both sides? : N_A (Rating: 0)

32. Is the top of the handrail gripping surface no less than 865mm and no greater than 965mm above the ramp surface? : N_A (Rating: 0)

33. Is the handrail gripping surface continuous and not obstructed along the top or sides? : N_A (Rating: 0)

34. If there are obstructions, is the bottom of the gripping surface obstructed no more than 20%? : N_A (Rating: 0)

Stairs

35. Are there floors or surfaces connected only by stairs, not an elevator or ramp? : No (Rating: 0)

36. How many flights of stairs are there? : N_A

37. If there are less than a flight, how many stairs are there? : N_A

38. Do all stair treads have a horizontal strip at the edge that is: 40mm-60mm deep, colour contrasted & extends the full width of the step? : N_A (Rating: 0)

39. If the stairs are not enclosed, is there a tactile warning system present at the landing of entrance to stairs system? : N_A (Rating: 0)

40. Are there handrails on both sides of the stairs at a uniform height of 860mm-920mm above the front step? : N_A (Rating: 0)

41. Do the handrails extend horizontally at the top and bottom of each flight of stairs? : N_A (Rating: 0)

42. Are the handrails continuous around landings? : N_A (Rating: 0)

43. Are the handrails continuously graspable, without interruption by vertical supports, newel posts, or other construction elements which require repositioning the hands while ascending or descending? : N_A (Rating: 0)

44. Do the handrails have a graspable cross-section that is either circular with an outside diameter of 30mm-40mm or elliptical with an outside perimeter of 100mm-125mm? : N_A (Rating: 0)

Trails

Washrooms

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