



Chilkoot Trail Cross-Border Hiking Update

December 10, 2025

Latest Update from Parks Canada

On December 10, 2025, we received an update from Parks Canada regarding cross-border hiking on the Chilkoot Trail. As reservations for the 2026 hiking season approach, we want to keep our members informed about the current situation and upcoming opportunities.

Cross-Border Closure Extended

Unfortunately, there is no change from previous updates regarding the border closure along the Chilkoot Trail. The closure is now expected to remain in place for at least another two to three years. This decision aligns with the Canada Border Services Agency's broader evaluation of non-conventional entry points and an ongoing service modernization process, which may include future options for remote traveler reporting.

Parks Canada continues to collaborate with the National Park Service and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to assess possibilities for reopening the border on the trail in the future.

2026 Canadian Side Reservations

Despite the cross-border closure, reservations to hike the Canadian side of the Chilkoot Trail (between June 1 and September 13, 2026) will open on January 19, 2026. Members interested in exploring the Canadian portion of the trail are encouraged to mark this date on their calendars.

Canada Strong Pass Continues

Good news for visitors: With the renewal of the Canada Strong Pass, the Government of Canada is once again offering free admission to national historic sites, national parks, and national marine conservation areas operated by Parks Canada. From December 12, 2025 to January 15, 2026, enjoy free or discounted admission to some of the country's most iconic places. The Canada Strong Pass was first introduced in summer 2025 and will also return in summer 2026, offering opportunities to discover and celebrate even more of what Canada has to offer.

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