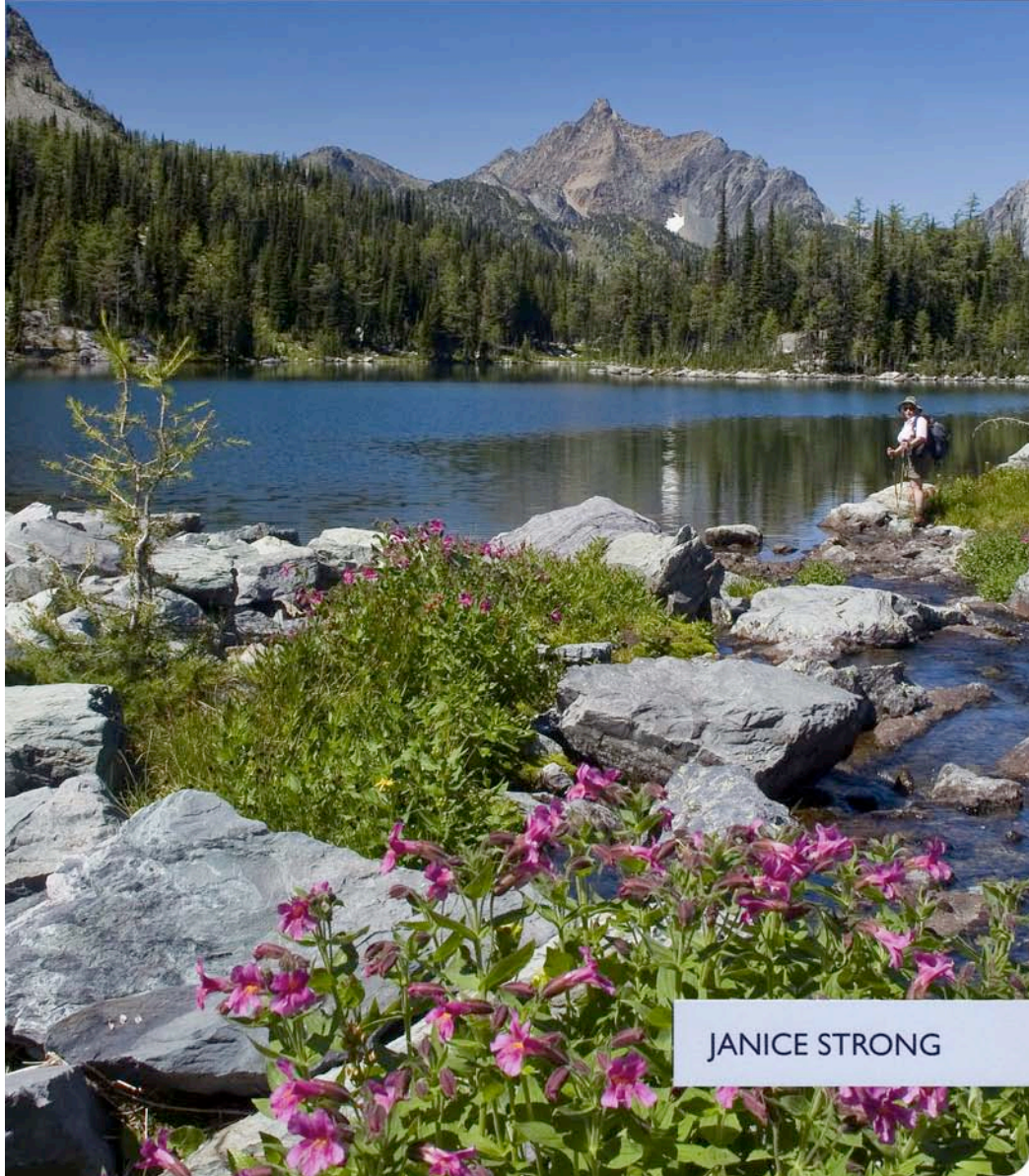


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# **MOUNTAIN FOOTSTEPS**

## **HIKES IN THE EAST KOOTENAY OF SOUTHEASTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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**28**    **#1 Silent Pass**

Maps: 82N/3 Mt. Wheeler MGRS Zone 11U-MS, 82N/2 McMurdo Zone 11U-NS (NAD83)

**30**    **#1 Silent Pass**

Road > 17km > Continue straight on Spillimacheen Creek FSR, (don't take left fork to Bobbie Burns)

Road > 23.4 km > Loon Lake just after 23 km sign.

**32**    **#2 McMurdo Cabin**

There are no Trail descriptions mentioned. There is space below the Drive:

Trail > 0 km > Hike from the parking spot at the south end of McMurdo Creek FS Road.

900m > Road forks. Take the left fork up a steep rocky road.

1.5 km > Creek crossing on a make-shift log bridge. From here to the cabin the track is through very wet marshy meadows. The condition is made worse by the increasing ATV traffic creating muddy ruts in the saturated soil.

2.2 km McMurdo Hut

**33**                      Maps: MGRS Zone 11U-NG, ...

**36**    **#9 Templeton Lake Road**

Road > 5.2 km > From here the road is heavily overgrown with alders and branches will scratch your vehicle. The narrow road was drivable in 2010.

**54**    **#9 Templeton Lake**

Trail > 0 km > ... head downhill on muddy road toward creek.

Trail > 400 m > End of bridge is now underwater, but fordable.

## 55 #10 Tiger Pass

Maps: ... Zone 11U-NG

88 Replace the *Italics* section with the new notes from the *BC Parks website* with this note:

Trail descriptions for the Early Grey Pass Trail, Toby Creek to Earl Grey Pass, Fry Creek Trail and the Dewar Creek Trail are detailed on the BC Parks website December 2010, <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/purcell/trails.html>

This is a quote from the webpage:

... “The trail crosses Hamill Creek for the first time on a cable car installed prior to 1929 at the site of an old bridge. BC Parks has recently replaced all cable cars. Ensure that you bring gloves for pulling the car along the cable.

... access the west side of the park on hiking trails up Fry, Carney and Hamill Creeks. Day hikes are popular on the lower reaches of Hamill Creek to visit the old compressor site via the cable cars and on Fry Creek to see the canyon.

Rivers may be impassable during flood season, usually until the end of July. There are few bridges on the east side of the Park. Some bridges and five cable cars are in place on the lower end of Hamill Creek and Fry Creek. (Bring gloves to pull yourself across on the cable cars.)”

## 98 MEACHEN CREEK FS ROAD

Road > 0km > 0-8km many new logging roads. Stay to main road.

Road > 8.2 km Left fork uphill.

102 MAP CHANGE route to Upper Hour Glass Lake. Redraw the line to the Upper Hour Glass Lake to the south side of the creek.

## 104 #24 Haystack Lake and Upper Haystack Lake

Trail > 3.1 km > ... look around in the forest and hike at the base of a white rockslide, where the trail becomes occasionally used and confusing from MGRS 11U NQ, N81765-E34766 to approximately N81665-E34477. Hike up onto a large grassy avalanche slope with good views of Haystack Lake and Haystack Mountain and the trail disappears. Gaining elevation slightly, hike across the avalanche slope and find flagging tape leading to the continuation of the trail in the forest.

## 105 PERRY CREEK FS ROAD

17 km > Historic Steamshovel remnants only, see page 25 for more on this relic.

28.5 km > ... road quickly deteriorates and may not be passable when wet. Alders now crowd onto the road surface, 2010 and the road may soon be overgrown.

*10* and *146* and *148* and *284*

### **#35 Mount Fisher (Fisher Peak)**

Could you change at least the title of the hike to Fisher Peak, as it is the common name and often the only name that people know for it. Yes the mountain is called Mount Fisher, but even the forest service calls the trail Fisher Peak. You don't have to change all the references, just in the hike title even in brackets so as not to change the index etc. or add a line in the index for also Fisher Peak. The trail is very popular and I would like people to find it in the Table of Contents and in the Index.

### *162*      WILD HORSE FS RD

Change distances from 5.5 km to 4.6 km and change 6.5 km to 5.8 km. Add new road at 6.4 km. Shorten text by two lines to make room. Here is the shortened version continued from ...parking spot by the creek). Begin climbing the road on a tight curve with steep creek bank on the right and fence on the left. Watch for oncoming vehicles. High clearance and barely one lane. Road > 4.6 Take right fork uphill at switchback.  
5.8 km ... Fisherville ... (before 6 km sign)  
Add new road too below..  
6.4 km Continue straight (11 km sign) ATV loading area.

*194*      MAP CHANGE Top of the World Park , change solid line to dotted line from SugarLoaf Mtn north to Coyote Creek. It is a route not a trail.

### *214*    **#57 Ghost rider on Mount Hosmer**

GPS correction for the parking lot on Hartley Lake Road N95894-E41363 MGRS 11U PQ

### *245*    **#69 Forum Lake**

Change rating from easy to moderate.  
1.5km ... Add ... Trail steepens significantly up through the thick forest.

### *255*    **#73 Columbia Lake by Canal Flats, East Side**

Add new road  
1.3 km Take left fork

### *256*    **#74 Diana Lake**

Map > 82K/16 Spillimacheen (NAD83 MGRS 11U NS)  
Road > 0 km > GPS correction for the turnoff highway #95 onto Kindersley Pinnacle FSRd. N22697-E57022  
Road > 7.1 km > Take left fork, road switchbacks. N24942-E63341.