



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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Bridge closure on the Galena Trail

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is advising the public of a bridge closure on the section of the Galena Trail between Three Forks and Denver Siding, on the boardwalk portion of the trail. The closure is effective immediately. The RDCK thanks users for respecting posted signage and staying off the boardwalk portion of the trail until further notice.

The closure will have the following effects:

- This section of Galena Trail can still be used by walkers and riders as an out-and-back.
- The lower trail from Denver Siding to Rosebery is fully open and trail users are encouraged to use this section, as well as the numerous other trails in New Denver and surrounding area.
- It is common for walkers and riders to shuttle up to the Three Forks trailhead from New Denver and then hike or ride down the Galena trail back to New Denver siding trailhead. This will be affected by the closure.
- Many riders use Galena as a gateway trail from New Denver siding to the unsanctioned Idaho Peak trails. This will be affected by the partial closure.
- The Three Forks trailhead is also used to access the unsanctioned Idaho Peaks trails, as well as for access to the K&S Trail to Sandon and Payne Bluffs. This access will *not* be affected by the partial closure.

A marked-up map of the location of the closure can be found on the RDCK website:

<https://rdck.ca/assets/Services/Parks/Documents/2019-03-22%20GAT%20Boardwalk%20Trail%20Closure.pdf>

Information on alternate loops and trail combinations using the section of Galena Trail between Three Forks and the cable car at Alamo siding are available on trail information sites such as Trailforks.com or from local business locations in New Denver. These trails are not part of the Galena Trail and are used at your own risk.

The boardwalk portion of the Galena Trail is being closed due to structural concerns. A grant application has been submitted under the *Community, Culture and Recreation Stream* of the *Investing in Canada*

Infrastructure Program to repair this boardwalk as well as address some other issues. The RDCK is waiting to hear if the application has been successful. If successful, work will commence as soon as possible to make the necessary repairs to the boardwalk.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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The attached map indicates the boardwalk portion of the Galena Trail that will be closed.

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