



## Ha Ling Trail Realignment Project

### 1. Where is Ha Ling Peak?

Ha Ling Peak is located in Bow Valley Wildland Park overlooking the Town of Canmore to the south. Ha Ling Peak can be accessed via the Spray Lakes Roads (Hwy 742) from Canmore or Peter Lougheed Provincial Park. Ha Ling Peak appeals to hikers and climbers by providing a number of routes on the south and north sides of the peak. The Project involves the main hiking trail leaving from the Goat Creek trailhead parking area ascending approximately 740m over 3 km to the summit. This route is the main hiking route as well as the common descent route for climbers who have ascended the north side.

### 2. Why is the Alberta Parks realigning the Ha Ling Peak hiking trail?

Alberta Parks will realign the Ha Link Peak hiking trail during the spring and summer of 2018 to reduce environmental degradation including erosion caused by excessive use.

### 3. What are the details of trail realignment project?

As part of the Project, Alberta Parks plans to:

- Realign the sections of the existing hiking trail.
- Clear trees required for the new trail alignment.
- Blast rocky terrain to enable desired trail grades.
- Remove vegetation and soil as required to construct a sustainable tread.
- Reclaim sections of existing trail that are not required for the new trail alignment.

The Ha Ling Project Map shows the new trail alignment.

### 4. Why will there be full mountain closures?

To facilitate construction, Alberta Parks will have **occasional** full mountain closures. Aspects of construction such as rock blasting and tree removal will require closures to ensure the safety of hikers and climbers. Alberta Parks will update construction and closure advisories as necessary to notify trail users at <https://www.albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/advisories-public-safety/advisories/>.

In addition, the trail report for the Canmore and Area is available at <https://www.albertaparks.ca/parks/kananaskis/kananaskis-country/advisories-public-safety/trail-reports/canmore-and-area/>.

Alberta Parks will enforce closures under the *Provincial Parks Act*.

5. When will Alberta Parks implement closures for trail construction?

Alberta Parks is scheduling the Project for the spring and summer of 2018. To align with the migratory bird window, Alberta Parks plans to remove trees on the lower trail section prior to April 15. Trail construction will begin in July and continue throughout the rest of the summer to fall 2018 completion.

Alberta Parks will begin with closures in early April for tree removal and **occasionally** schedule closures during the main trail construction from July to October.

6. Can I still climb or scramble routes on the north side of Ha Ling Peak even if I do not intend to descend the hiking trail?

Alberta Parks will not permit access to hiking and climbing routes on Ha Ling Peak during the full mountain closures.

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Alberta Parks will enforce the closure under the *Provincial Parks Act*.

7. Can I bushwhack around the trail construction to access Ha Ling Peak or Miners Peak?

Alberta Parks will be implementing full mountain closures that include all hiking and climbing routes and the summit of Ha Ling Peak. The closure will not include Miner's Peak.

8. Will climbing and scrambling routes on East End of Rundle or Grassi Lakes be affected by the closures or blasting activity?

Alberta Parks will be implementing full mountain closures that include all hiking and climbing routes and the summit of Ha Ling Peak. The closure will not include East End of Rundle, Grassi Lakes or Goat Creek.