

## Bonnevier and Heather Trail 40 or 53 km

This route climbs Bonnevier, heads out Heather to Kicking Horse Camp or Nicomen Lake and returns on Heather to parking lot on Blackwall Peak.

### Drop One Car on Blackwall Peak

- Take road across from Manning Park Lodge, drive up toward Blackwall Peak about 17 km.
- Find **trail at upper parking lot** at post for Heather Trail.
- Carpool down mountain, turn left at Hwy 3 at bottom, go past Esso gas station, watch for FSR shown on right as Pasayten.



**Go to opposite side of Hwy 3.**

On Eastgate FSR (unmarked), turn left and drive a few metres. Park there.

### Bonnevier Trail to Heather Trail

- Start up FSR.
- Pass by 1 km marker on tree.
- Keep **straight** (↔) at a fork that has a right turn onto a rocky road.
- At V-fork, keep **straight**. (↔)
- At road with **WARNING** sign indicating that the road is deactivated (Weyerhaeuser), take **LEFT** fork (↔)
- Go up hill. Stay on same road (pass by fork going down on a joining road). (↔)
- Pass by other joining roads (keep on same road).
- Trailhead: at 3.8 km**, watch for wooden sign for Bonnevier, turn **LEFT** onto trail. (↔)



- Trail immediately veers right and then crosses creek.
- Near the top, views. Switchbacks start.
- At next fork, keep **RIGHT** (signpost for Hwy 3 and Eastgate).
- BC Parks sign on tree, 12 km.
- Reach BC Parks 11 km marker.
- Shale crest.
- Start downhill on single track.

- Reach BC Parks 10 km and 9 km markers.
- After 8 km marker, switchbacks head down.
- Start uphill on switchbacks.
- Reach BC Parks 5 km marker.
- After BC Parks 2 km marker, in meadow, watch for LEFT uphill trail (can miss it).** (↔) Reach open meadows.



- Reach intersection of Heather Trail post.



- Aid station here.
- Turn **RIGHT** onto Heather Trail. (↔)

### Heather Trail

- Head straight (west) along Heather toward mountains.
- Reach post for First Brother, go straight to stay on Heather Trail.
- \*Come to intersection of Kicking Horse Camp.** Continue toward Nicomen Lake.
- Rocky switchback descends toward Nicomen Lake.

### Nicomen Lake

- Reach Nicomen Lake Camp (post indicates lake 1 km to your right). Go right. (↔)
- Reach campsite/hut at Nicomen Lake (aid station is at this hut).

### For 40 Only

- \*Turn around at Kicking Horse Camp.**

### Return

- Come back along Heather Trail.
  - At the post for Bonnevier Trail, go straight (not left onto Bonnevier).
  - Go through Buckhorn Camp.
  - Follow signs to return to parking lot.
- Sign back in on the sheet to indicate you returned.

Heather 604-313-7621, 115 Thistle Road across from Esso in Eastgate.

