

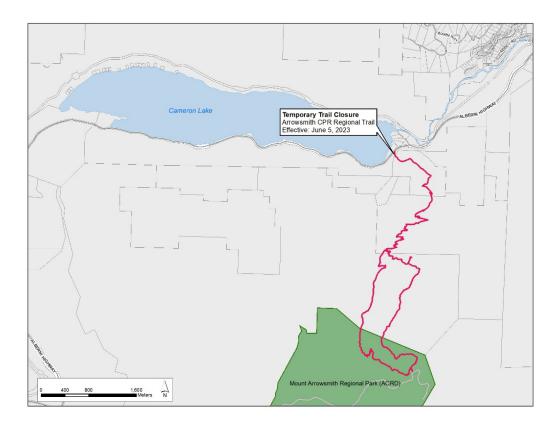
NEWS RELEASE

June 5, 2023

CPR Regional Trail Closure

B.C. Wildfire Service has reported a wildfire within the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) at the Cameron Lake Bluffs, in Electoral Area F. As a precaution, the RDN has closed the CPR Regional Trail due to the wildfire. For your safety, please do not use this trail until such time as the closure has been lifted and obey all signage near the park and trail.

The Cameron Bluffs Fire (V70600) is 20 hectares in size. As of June 5, the wildfire status is listed as out of control. BC Wildfire Service crews worked on direct attack objectives overnight. The fire is in steep terrain, two helicopters are bucketing (dropping water on) inaccessible areas. Drivers should be advised that fire operations are underway west of Highway 4 near Cameron Lake. At this time no structures or critical infrastructure at risk and traffic is not interrupted on Highway 4.



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Wildfire safety reminders:

- It is likely smoke will be visible in surrounding areas. If it is smokey in your area, it is best to keep indoors and close your windows when possible.
- Avoid all areas near the wildfire, obey signage and give fire crews the space to work.
- The operation of any aircraft not associated with fire suppression activities (including drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)) near a wildfire is illegal. It also poses a serious threat to the safety of firefighting personnel.
- If you detect a wildfire, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 from your cellphone. You can also report a wildfire via the free BC Wildfire Service mobile app.

To learn more about the RDN emergency program, how to be prepared and to receive emergency alerts directly from the RDN signup for Voyent Alert visit: rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program

For further information on wildfires, residents can check the <u>BC Wildfire Map</u> or follow BC Wildfire Service on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. For updates on fire weather and smoke across Canada visit <u>firesmoke.ca/</u>.

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