

# Daily Glacier Access Update

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## Franz Josef Glacier valley

Franz Josef Glacier Access Road: **OPEN**

Viewpoint: **750m from the terminal face**

Walking time: **1 hour 30 minutes return**

Track conditions in the valley today: **Good but caution due to heavy machinery operating**

## Fox Glacier valley

Fox Glacier Access Road: **OPEN**

Viewpoint: **450m from the terminal face**

Walking time: **1 hour 20 minutes return**

Track conditions in the valley today: **Good**

South Side Road: **OPEN**

**These hazards are always present in the glacier valleys:**

**Flooding**  
Rain can cause streams to rise rapidly with little warning.  
Sudden flooding can drown you or strand you in the riverbed. Stay on the track.

**River surge**  
Ice dams may suddenly release large amounts of water.  
Sudden river surge can drown you. Do not go beyond the barrier.

**Ice fall**  
Ice blocks larger than a campervan fall from the glacier daily.  
Ice fall can seriously injure or kill you. Do not go beyond the barrier.

**Rock fall**  
Rocks fall from the glacier and valley walls daily.  
Even small rocks can seriously injure or kill you. Stay on the track.

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