

# Daily Glacier Access Update

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**Update #1**  
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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**

## Fox Glacier valley

Fox Glacier Access Road: **OPEN**

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

Walking time: **1 hour return**

Track conditions in the valley today: **Good but caution required due to rough and uneven riverbed travel**

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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