

Daily Glacier Access Update

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Update #1
Issued at 0945

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: **Caution due to rough and uneven riverbed travel. Wet feet likely.**

Fox Glacier valley

Fox Glacier Access Road: **CLOSED**

Viewpoint: **N/A**

Walking time: **N/A**

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

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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