

Glacier Access Update

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Franz Josef Glacier Valley

Franz Josef Glacier Access Road: **Open, but caution required due to ice**

Viewpoint: **2000m from the terminal face**

Walking Time: **30 minutes return**

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

Fox Glacier South Side Walk

Viewpoint: **CLOSED**

Walking time: **N/A**

Track conditions today: **CLOSED**

Note: Heed all warning signs and never cross barriers.

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.