

Daily Glacier Access Update

Thursday, August 05, 2021

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Franz Josef Glacier Valley

Franz Josef Glacier Access Road: **Open**

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

Walking Time: **30 minutes return**

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

Fox Glacier South Side

Fox Glacier South Side Walk: **Open**

Viewpoint: **2600m from the terminal face**

Walking time: **2 hours return**

Track conditions today: **Good**

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.