



## BULLETIN Trail & Waterway Initiative

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# The Anstey Highland Routes



▲ Ascending the ridgeline above 3rd Creek



▲ South from the meadows toward Second Peak

**About the proposed route:** The proposed Anstey Highland Route explores over 100 kilometres of alpine in the Anstey Range paralleling the east Anstey Arm of Shuswap Lake between Sicamous and Seymour Arm.

The proposed south end would begin in the town of Sicamous, cross the Eagle River and climb North East toward the Cambie Knoll then up to South Queest Mountain. The route continues through the meadows to North Queest before descending via the west ridgeline to the saddle crossing near kilometre 18 of the Craigellachie Anstey River Forest Service Road. This portion of the route will require conversation with the Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club, Federated Cooperative, and other interests. The region below North Queest is considered a strong hut location candidate, particularly within the non-motorized designated recreation zone of Gorge Creek where backcountry skiing has become popular.

The proposed route continues north of the Craigellachie Anstey River FSRoad climbing steeply through forested hillside into the meadows of Skyline Ridge. From here, the proposed route continues north connecting three ridge lines between first, second, third peaks, and the Anstey Glacier to Sleeping Man Mountain Meadows. Viable connections around each peak need to be completed and verified. However, each section has significant merit as a hiking destination with access points to both the Anstey and Perry River roads. Each ridge section is considered ideal for hut locations, with a commercial catski lodge already located near the 3rd Creek ridge.

**Wildlife Issues:** This region falls within the Seymour Grizzly, Mountain Goat and Caribou Management Zones. Further impact and environmental planning will be required. Discussion with tenure holders will be required, including existing trapping lines.



▲ Shuswap fiords west from Third Peak saddle



▲ Evening looking NE to the Gold Range

**Trailhead Access:** Southerly access begins at Sicamous. Northerly access via Seymour Arm. Multiple access options via Anstey FSRoad and Perry River FSRoad.

**Route Length:** 112 kilometres

**Trip Options:** Shorter day and multiday options throughout the route.

**Potential Huts:** 7-10

