

# Lake Louise: Input Required before March 9

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*Lost in the Froth: photo by Mike Hopkins*

The Alpine Club of Canada (ACC) needs community support for their parking. **Fill out the form** at the bottom of [this page](https://alpineclubofcanada.ca/planning-for-the-future/) (<https://alpineclubofcanada.ca/planning-for-the-future/>).

The ACC has proposed a land use change to create sizeable parking lots which climbers will be able to use for accessing Echo Canyon and Bataan. Right now, parking is restricted to a few spots at the Bataan pull-off (whispers of this being closed thanks to efforts from the mine and horse people) and the along one side of Indian Flats Road - not enough for almost 500 climbs, plus hiker access to Grotto Mountain.

One of the big questions is why would the ACC allow climbers to park in their new lots? Allegedly, the ACC is looking to become more central in the climbing community, one of the ways to do this is to attract an après climbing crowd. If approved, this parking will be a huge win for climbers and the ACC.

**Suggested points to include in your form below.**

We encourage you to use your own words and contribute your own ideas.

- You are a climber and are supportive of ACC's efforts to promote access.
- Current parking is restricted and unsustainable; on busy days vehicles are frequently parked illegally and choke Indian Flats Road.
- Any argument against the land use change for ecological impact or aesthetics should be ignored as there is a massive active mine that has exponentially greater impact.



*Fresh Prince: photo by Mike Hopkins*