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## BRRR IN THE BOW

on Thursday (Jan. 30).

Chaalot Weitenberg, left, and Tayla Chapman from Australia burst into laughter as they enjoy the extreme coldness of the icy water at the frozen Bow River in Banff National Park

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## Controlled lockdown zone mapped out for G7 Summit in Kananaskis Country

CATHY ELLIS

**KANANASKIS COUNTRY** – An extensive lockdown zone has been established for the G7 Summit in Kananaskis Country in June, closing off several picnic areas and popular trails, in order to beef up security for world leaders.

Measures are being put in place to make sure residents and businesses aren't too disrupted, including temporary permits for access to homes and workplaces, staffed checkpoints to make it easier to come and go, and provisions for emergency services and essential deliveries.

"Access to this zone will be restricted to authorized personnel, residents, and businesses," states

a notice from the Integrated Safety and Security Group (ISSG) released Tuesday (Feb. 4).

"The public is asked to try their best to stay away from these high security points. Specific details on access points and credentials will be shared closer to the event."

ISSG, led by the RCMP and including the Calgary Police Service, the Alberta Sheriffs Branch, Alberta Conservation officers and the Canadian Armed Forces, is coordinating security for the June 15-17 event, which hosts policymakers and world leaders, including US President Donald Trump.

There are also several closures in place as a result of the controlled access zone, including Mount Lorette Ponds, Beaver Ponds and Galatea day-use

areas from June 6-20; Troll Falls day-use area from March 10 to July 31, Kovach Pond day use areas May 21 to June 30.

The Kananaskis Village common areas, Kananaskis Outfitters and Skyridge Glamping will be closed from June 10-18 and the Nakiska Ski Area will be closed from April 22 to July 30.

"These dates are subject to change as planning progresses. We will provide updates if any adjustments are made," states ISSG's notice. "We know some trails will be impacted. We are currently working to identify all affected trails and will share additional information once ready."

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