

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT WEATHER CONDITIONS (TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION) DURING THE CONFERENCE AND FIELD TRIPS

The Organizing Committee of the IUFRO Division 8 Conference 2026 would like to share the following information regarding expected weather conditions during the conference period in Coyhaique, Chilean Patagonia.

Thanks to the information generated by Piero Mardones, Meteorologist at the Eco-Climatic Laboratory of CIEP (<https://ciep.cl/inicio/tag/ecoclimatico/>), we prepared the following report.

The following information is based on ensemble simulations and should be interpreted as probabilistic guidance, not as a precise weather forecast. Weather conditions in Patagonia can change quickly, so participants should check updated forecasts closer to the conference dates.

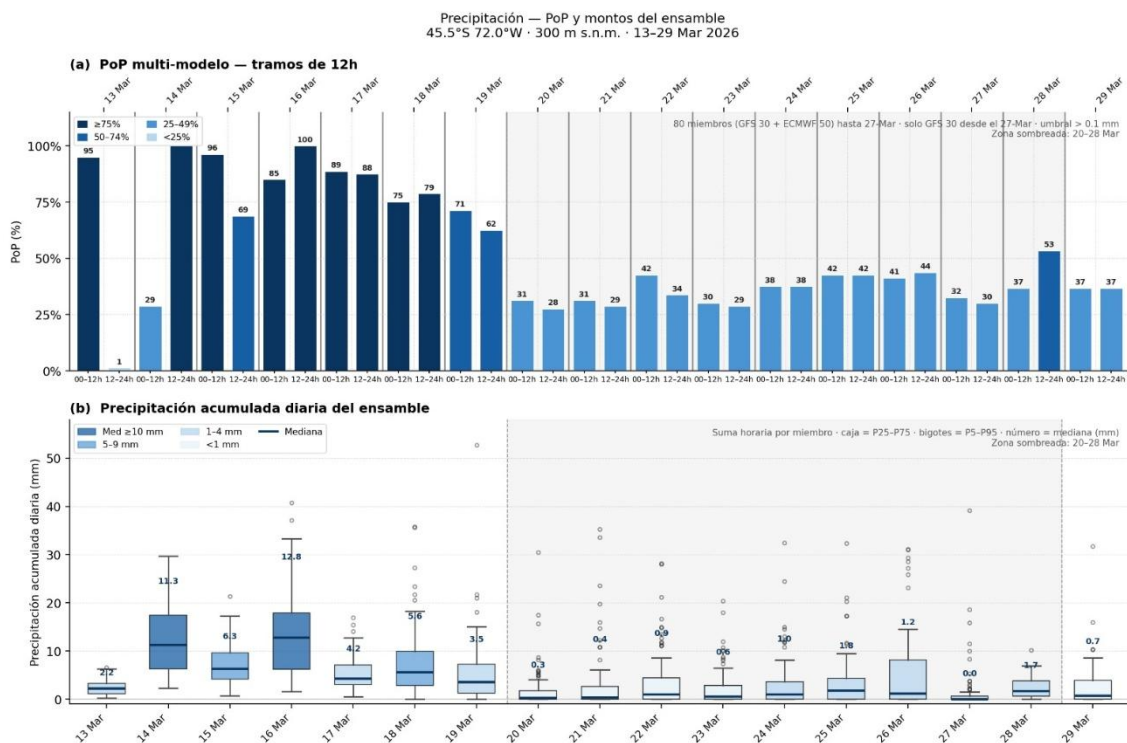


Figure 1. Probabilistic precipitation outlook (ensemble simulations). The bars show the probability of rainfall based on multiple model simulations. Overall, the probability of precipitation appears lower around 20–23 March, with a slight increase between 24–26 March. In most scenarios, expected rainfall amounts are light (generally below 10 mm per day).

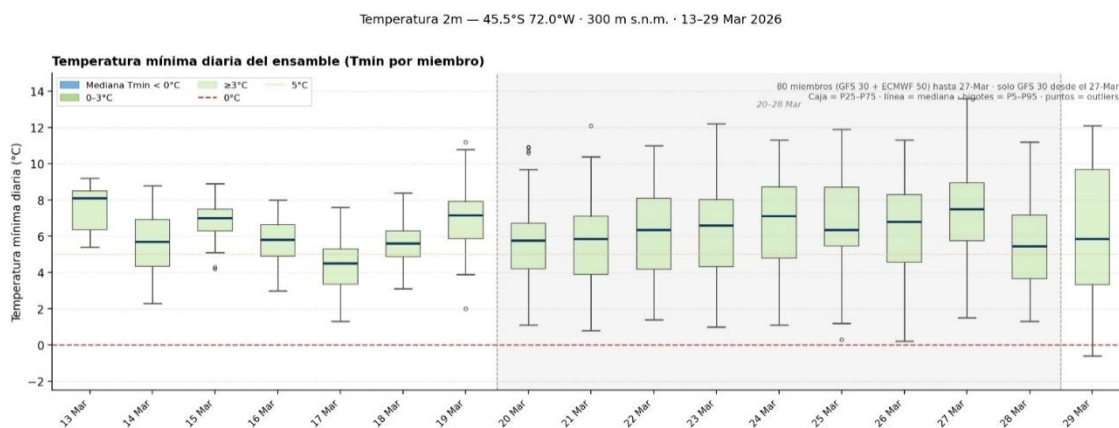


Figure 2. Ensemble projection of minimum temperatures. Most simulations suggest daily minimum temperatures between 4 °C and 8 °C during the conference period, indicating cool mornings and evenings typical of early autumn in Patagonia.

Clothing recommendations

Weather conditions in Patagonia can change quickly during the day. Participants are advised to bring appropriate clothing for both the conference venue and outdoor activities, e.g., layered clothing (cool mornings and milder afternoons).

FOR FIELD TRIPS

The field trips included in the conference program have been designed after several site visits and collaborative planning between the organizing committee and the institutions responsible for the field locations. These institutions include CONAF, INFOR, Fundación Reforestemos, CIEP, CMPC, the Ministry of National Assets (Bienes Nacionales), and private landowners, who have kindly facilitated access to their properties.

The field trips will be led by local professionals, scientists, and authorities from the Aysén Region. They will present real-world examples of forest ecosystems with and without management across different areas of the region. Some field trips include multiple scheduled stops within the same itinerary. **All field trips include transportation, authorized access to the sites visited, and a standard packed lunch.**

The field trips will take place on March 26, 2026, departing between 08:30 and 09:00 from the city center of Coyhaique and returning at approximately 17:00. Field Trip 4 will depart after 09:00, once the 4×4 vehicles arrive. Please carefully review the following recommendations:

- Layered clothing suitable for outdoor conditions.
- A waterproof jacket in case of rain.
- A hat or buff for Patagonian weather conditions.
- Comfortable trekking or hiking shoes.
- Trekking poles are generally recommended due to the slopes.
- A warm layer (fleece or sweater); preferably wear thermal and waterproof pants.
- If you tend to feel cold, keep in mind that temperatures inside the forest can be lower. Consider bringing gloves and base layers.
- Gaiters are recommended to prevent grass seeds or plant material from entering socks.
- A small backpack and a reusable water bottle.
- Sunscreen is recommended.
- Please take your waste with you (including fruit peels).
- Smoking and alcohol consumption are prohibited.
- **Hantavirus prevention: walk only on marked trails and avoid dense vegetation.**

ADDITIONAL AND SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR EACH FIELD TRIP IS PROVIDED BELOW

Field Trip 1 – Native plant production and silviculture for restoration

- Trekking level: low to moderate. Multiple stops with short walks near each station.
- Connectivity: little to no mobile or internet signal expected in some areas.
- Facilities: restroom available at one intermediate stop.
- Transport: bus

Field Trip 2 – Silvopastoral systems and carbon balance

- Trekking level: low. Short walks near each stop. The only difficulty is climbing a small ladder to cross a fence.
- Facilities: restroom available at one stop.
- Connectivity: little to no mobile or internet signal expected in some areas.
- Transport: bus

Field Trip 3 – Punta del Monte Ranch (Coyhaique Alto)

- Trekking level: moderate to high. Walks across natural mountain terrain with slopes.
- Recommendations: bring water and sunscreen. Trekking poles recommended due to slopes.
- Access note: if someone cannot walk part of the route, 4×4 vehicles may assist in approaching some points, but access is not always guaranteed.
- Facilities: no restroom facilities available.
- Connectivity: no mobile phone signal expected.
- Transport: bus.

Field Trip 4. Forest management planning on state-owned lands and protection of riparian ecosystems

- Trekking level: low to moderate. Most of the visit will be conducted by vehicle, with short walks at some stops.
- Terrain: natural mountain terrain. If a fallen tree blocks the road, participants may need to walk a short section.
- Weather: In autumn, snow may occur in higher areas and the ground may become muddy.
- Access note: if weather conditions allow, the group will drive to higher mountain areas. If snow or difficult terrain limits access, the visit will proceed only as far as conditions safely permit.
- Vehicle arrangement: participants will share 4×4 vehicles.
- Facilities: no restroom facilities available.
- Connectivity: no mobile phone signal or internet coverage expected.
- Transport: 4×4 vehicles.

Field Trip 5 – CMPC El Cóndor Park

- Trekking level: low to high. The park has different trails; some are easy, while others include steeper slopes when ascending the hill.
- Activity type: free exploration walk
- Important: no restroom facilities available.
- Transport: bus.