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Jasper National Park

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WELCOME TO JASPER NATIONAL PARK, THE GENTLE GIANT OF THE ROCKIES. Jasper astonishes. It’s the largest of the Rocky Mountain parks, yet easy trails, breathtaking drives and a laid-back mountain town tame its wild heart.

From Aboriginals and early fur traders to railway workers laying ties for two transcontinental routes, millions have explored these valleys and mountain passes. Park establishment dates back to 1907 with the creation of the Jasper Park Forest Reserve. Today, 97 percent of the park’s 11,000 square kilometres remain protected as wilderness.

Joining Banff, Yoho and Kootenay national parks and three adjacent provincial parks, Jasper is part of the magnificent Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks UNESCO World Heritage Site. Jasper is noted for vast wilderness and outstanding natural beauty in areas like Maligne Lake and the Columbia Icefield (along the Icefields Parkway).

Take a day or two, part of a day, or a lifetime to explore this park. (We’re not joking about a lifetime—just ask some of the long-term locals who “came for a summer.”) Venture beyond the beaten path—there is always much more to see. For more information, drop by our Information Centre or visit pc.gc.ca.

Thank you for choosing to visit majestic Jasper National Park. We hope your visit to this special, protected park is relaxing, rejuvenating and inspiring.

Staff of Jasper National Park, Parks Canada
Suggested Itineraries

TWO DAYS OF JASPER MOUNTAIN MAGIC

DAY 1

EXPLORE MALIGNE VALLEY
Make time for not-to-be missed stops along the Maligne Lake Road. Each corner of this 48-km road offers up new views of rivers and sharply peaked mountains. The road ends at Maligne Lake, where a whole new adventure begins.

PEER INTO MALIGNE CANYON.
In Summer, this spectacular limestone gorge is best viewed from the short hiking trail above. 11.5 km from Jasper

STROLL THE SHORES OF MEDICINE LAKE.
Walk along the shore and learn more about this most peculiar, disappearing lake. 27 km from Jasper

PICNIC ALONG THE WAY.
Stock up in town and enjoy wilderness dining at its best! There are several picnic areas en route.

MARVEL AT MALIGNE LAKE.
Walk along the lake shore or hike up into the Bald (10 km round trip) or Opal hills (8 km round trip). Paddle, fish or take the Maligne Lake cruise to capture one of the most iconic photos of Jasper at Spirit Island.

DAY 2

SOAK IN THE SCENERY ALONG MIETTE ROAD
Immerse yourself in the hottest hot springs in the Rockies after exploring and hiking the surrounding mountains. The turn-off for Miette Road is just 30 minutes east of town.

KEEP YOUR CAMERA HANDY.
Wildlife may surprise you along the 17-km drive to the hot springs, or in the parking lot!

SEE A MASSIVE WALL OF LIMESTONE.
Take in the scenery from Ashlar Ridge Viewpoint, just 8.5 km from the highway turn-off.

VISIT THE SOURCE OF THE HOT SPRINGS.
Stroll the path to the ruins of the original pool and dip your hand in the source of the hot springs.

HIKE UP TO BREATHTAKING PANORAMAS.
Do the moderately challenging Sulphur Skyline hike up to the alpine (8 km round trip). You will be rewarded with an incredible panoramic view of surrounding mountain peaks and valleys.

SOAK.
Top off your day with a marvellous soak in Miette Hot Springs.
NEW! FAMILY CANOE CAMP AT HIDDEN COVE
Tucked away along the shores of the iconic Maligne Lake, Jasper’s newest campground will appeal to families looking for a gentle “backcountry” paddling adventure. The Family Canoe Camp at Hidden Cove was created with beginner canoeists and kayakers in mind. Aspiring paddlers follow a short, 4-km route along the shoreline, entirely in protected waters. With only four cozy tent pads and a covered cooking shelter, it’s perfect for family groups with children or seniors. **Reservations are accepted one month in advance – book early!**

**CAMPGROUND AND SERVICES**

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**NEW! FAMILY CANOE CAMP AT HIDDEN COVE**

Highlighted campsites may be reserved: 1-877-RESERVE (737-3783) OR reservation.pc.gc.ca

**MOUNTAIN SAFETY**

Unpredictable mountain weather can change road and trail conditions instantly and wildlife can be anywhere, any time. These simple precautions will help ensure you have a safe and enjoyable visit.

- Check road conditions prior to heading out: call 511 or visit alberta511.ca.
- Obey speed limits and watch for wildlife on the roadside.
- Keep a ‘Bare’ campsite. Visit pc.gc.ca/bare-campsite.
- Make noise on the trails to let wildlife know you are coming.
- Visit pc.gc.ca/.jasperbackcountry to research and plan overnight trips, including potential trail restrictions and closures, avalanche conditions and mandatory backcountry permits.
- Let someone know your plans. Cell phones often do not work in the wilderness.

**PARK REGULATIONS**

Following park regulations while enjoying your national parks will help protect you, the land and our wildlife:

- **Keep pets on a leash and under control at all times.** Please collect and properly discard feces left behind by your pet.
- **Take only photographs.** It is illegal to pick flowers, mushrooms, cut down trees, branches, remove cultural artifacts or otherwise cause damage to natural objects or living things.
- **Be considerate of your neighbours.** Liquor consumption is prohibited in public places, day-use areas and during set periods in campgrounds. Respect quiet hours and liquor bans in campgrounds.
- **Stay out of closed areas.** Area closures or activity restrictions are implemented when visitors are at risk or when wildlife requires additional protection. Signs indicate the areas impacted. Check pc.gc.ca/jaspertrails for up-to-date trail reports.
- **Be careful with fire.** Fires are permitted only in designated areas with fireboxes or firepits. Extinguish fires completely. Do not use deadwood, bark or branches for fuel. Report wildfires immediately.
- **Buy fishing permits.** Anglers require a national park fishing permit, available at Parks Canada visitor centres. Provincial licenses are not valid.
- **Going boating?** Check with Parks Canada Visitor Centre staff before you plan your trip. Gas motors are not allowed, electric motors are allowed on a few lakes.
- **Motorized off-road travel is not permitted.**

**PLANNING TO CAMP IN ANOTHER PARK? BOOK ONLINE OR CALL AHEAD FOR INFO AND RESERVATIONS.**

The mountain parks offer extraordinary camping experiences, ranging from full-service RV sites to rustic settings. Many campsites can be reserved and most fill up quickly. Call ahead or go online for recommendations and availability of campsites.

1-877-RESERVE (737-3783) OR RESERVATION.PC.GC.CA

**CANADA NATIONAL PARKS ACT**

Park wardens are responsible for enforcing park regulations. To report national park violations, call: 24 hours, 7 days per week. Visit pc.gc.ca/mtnregulations.

1-888-927-3367 (Banff, Yoho, Kootenay and Waterton Lakes)
1-877-852-3100 (Jasper and Mount Revelstoke and Glacier)

Violators will be charged, may be forced to appear in court and pay fines of up to $25 000.
DISCOVER JASPER’S STORIES
Parks Canada interpreters are storytellers and guides who want to share their knowledge and love of Jasper National Park. From campfires and outdoor theatres to roadside pull-outs, look for our friendly staff and their stashes of cool things (animal hides, skulls, horns and antlers)!

FAMILY FOCUS
All interpretive programs are family friendly, but some are especially made for parents and kids to enjoy together. At the Heritage Firehall in town on Patricia Street, across from the Information Centre, join us in making cultural crafts, music or discoveries about nature. Fees apply for some programs.

Check out the schedule of activities at pc.gc.ca/jasper-interpretation or pick up a brochure at park facilities.

WILDLIFE VIEWING TIPS
Your best chance of observing wild animals is by giving them space to feed, rest and keep their young safe.

• Stay three bus lengths (30 m) away from most animals and ten bus lengths (100 m) from bears. Getting too close can be stressful for animals and dangerous for people.
• Keep children nearby and in sight at all times.
• NEVER feed wildlife.
• Keep your pet on leash at all times.
• You are in bear country! Watch for fresh scat or large diggings. Sing, yell or talk loudly as you hike.
• Carry bear spray and know how to use it. Visit: pc.gc.ca/bears-and-people or ask for the Keep the Wild in Wildlife brochure.

ON THE ROAD TO 2017
Canada turns 150 in 2017! On the road to this momentous celebration, Parks Canada’s treasured natural and historic places will host special programs and events to commemorate the milestones that contributed to the Canada of today, strong and free. Experience what inspired Canada! pc.gc.ca

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT JASPER NATIONAL PARK?
Visit facebook.com/JasperNP or twitter.com/JasperNP
These and more detailed brochures are available online, or for pick-up at a Parks Canada Visitor Centre.

DOWNLOAD OR PICK UP THESE HELPFUL BROCHURES:
These brochures are also available online: pc.gc.ca/jasper

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARKS?

BANFF
Banff Visitor Centre: 403-762-1550
Lake Louise Visitor Centre: 403-522-3833
pc.gc.ca/banff
Banff Lake Louise Tourism: 403-762-8421
banfflakeelouise.com

JASPER
Jasper Information Centre: 780-852-6176
pc.gc.ca/jasper
Tourism Jasper: 780-852-6236
jasper.travel

KOOTENAY
Kootenay Visitor Centre: 250-347-9505
pc.gc.ca/kootenay
Tourism Radium: 1-888-347-9331
radiumhotsprings.com

Yoho
Yoho Visitor Centre: 250-343-6783
pc.gc.ca/yoho
Accommodations and attractions in Field field.ca
Tourism Golden: 1-800-622-4653
tourismgolden.com

MOUNT REVELSTOKE AND GLACIER
Rogers Pass Discovery Centre: 250-837-7500
pc.gc.ca/glacier + pc.gc.ca/revelstoke
Tourism Revelstoke: 1-888-487-1493
seerevelstoke.com

WATERTON LAKES
Waterton Lakes Visitor Centre: 403-859-5133
pc.gc.ca/waterton
Waterton Chamber of Commerce
mywaterton.ca

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Mountain Learning
At Whistlers Campground explore the playground path, or take in one of the Xplorer Programs in the early evening.

Kids age 6-11, ask for your copy of the Xplorer kids activity booklet. They’re filled with fun activities for you to do while visiting.

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FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911
(Police, Fire and Ambulance)

Cell phone coverage is not reliable in all areas of the mountain parks.

Please slow down, for your safety and ours.

Distances are shown in kilometres. To convert distances to miles, multiply by 0.62.