Climbing Tangle Hill, circa 1935. The mountain road from Jasper to Banff opened in 1940.

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Superintendent's message
A decade of challenges

Jasper is entering the 1990s with important changes in management staff. A new superintendent, assistant superintendent, townsite manager and personnel manager will be working hard to help meet the many challenges of the new decade.

More than five decades ago, the hard work of laborers created the Icefields Parkway. And it was hard work: in the 1930s we didn't have the sophisticated equipment we see today. Horses and human muscle made this dream possible.

Today, the parkway is one of the most traveled scenic routes in the world. In recent years, Canadians have been pushing to see another dream come true: environmental protection. The federal government will be expected to maintain their commitment to resource protection mandate.

A decade of challenges: the 1990s will bring us challenges from the greenhouse effect, ozone depletion and the acidification of our lakes and streams. Although Jasper is very large, we are still partly a greater whole, we can't comprise one "self-sufficient" ecosystem. The cooperation of outside agencies, visitors and all Canadians is necessary. We are here to fulfill our resource protection mandate.

Immediate problems we must face include the deaths of many wild animals in our collision with vehicles, and the loss of still more to poachers. You can help by reporting any illegal activities you see. Our thinking and our way of doing things—"business as usual"—be difficult to maintain the park as a large, well-protected natural area. We may have to change our way of thinking and our way of doing things—"

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It may sound like my religion. Fair enough! So it is. I choose to be one of Nature's caretakers. I learn to love and appreciate the mountains and all that is in them. The mountains and the rivers are not merely something to observe from the back of an RV, come then. Most roads stay open, room rates drop and wilderness comes clearly into focus. Pick up a guide to Jasper's "other seasons" at park information centres.

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You wanted to know...

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The Canadian flag, shown here at the top of Mt. Athabasca (3,460 m), is 25 years old in 1990.

Jasper is part of a World Heritage Site; it's the largest national park in the Rocky Mountains; it has the highest mountain in Alberta (Mt. Columbia); it's the site of one of the world's most accessible glaciers (Athabasca); it has the longest underground drainage system known in Canada (Maligne).

More than two million people visited Jasper last year. After 83 years of national park status, Jasper is still 98% Rocky Mountain wilderness.

When do things slow down?

Jasper regains its tranquil pace after mid-September. If you're here to see wildlife, not the back of an RV, come then. Most roads stay open, room rates drop and wilderness comes clearly into focus. Pick up a guide to Jasper's "other seasons" at park information centres.

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Orange flags at roadside this summer will mark spots where 690 large animals were killed in vehicle collisions in Jasper National Park during the last decade.

This sobering display will be part of the Mountain Parks Wildlife Memorial. Between 1985 and 1989, organized primarily by the Provincial Parks, the Mountain Parks Wildlife Memorial Project was organized to focus attention on highway wildlife mortality.

In Jasper alone last year, 109 deer, elk, sheep and other large animals were struck and killed, mostly by motorists who were speeding.

Some animals were killed instantly. Others, legs broken or hanging from the grill, were left to die slowly in the wilderness.

Animals at the top of Mt. Athabasca (3,490 m), which has the longest unconfined drainage system known in Canada (Maligne).
The story of the Icefields Parkway

Illustrated by Thomas Boldt

Before we built the Banff-Jasper Highway, only a few people followed the winding pack trail north from Lake Louise...

The road began as a Depression relief project, employing hundreds of men. Almost everybody thought it was a good idea—but what a task it was!

Out-of-work clerks, teachers and general roustabouts were happy just to join work camps and swing a pick or push a shovel for $5 a month. Heck, the grub was good. Those years were some of the best I remember.

Toward the end of the '30s, the government bought heavier equipment to finish the job. The road opened in the summer of 1940 even though the Second World War put a damper on celebrations.

It's the Icefields Parkway's 50th anniversary

Window on the wilderness

The Icefields Parkway is no ordinary road. It leads through lush montane valleys studded with trembling aspen and alive with elk. It makes past hold outcrops of ancient seabed rock, where big horn sheep and mountain goats clamber.

There is something elemental about the 230 km of pavement between Jasper and Lake Louise—something very appealing to the human spirit.

As you travel the parkway, you are tickling the spine of a continent. Beyond furiously rushing rivers and serenely sparkling lakes rises the Great Divide, its mountains cloaked year-round in snow and ice.

The Rockies are monuments to change—a metamorphosis from tropical sea floor to glacier-clad peaks, wrought slowly but as surely as the hundreds of thousands of holiday vehicles that roll along today.

Through dense primeval forests, muskeg, burnt and fallen timber and along rough and steeply sloping hillside, a constant flow of travel will demand a broad well-ballasted motor road,* forecast Alpine Club of Canada founder A.O. Wheeler in 1911. "This wonder trail will be world renowned."

In its first half-century of motor travel, the "wonder trail" has indeed fulfilled Wheeler's vision. To people who live in cities and work indoors, breathing reconditioned air and drinking compromised water, the parkway today is a tonic in demand.

Should Canadians continue their support of the park service's mandate, perhaps 50 years from now we will still be able to gaze with wonder from the Icefields Parkway—a window upon wilderness.

A few peeks at a national heritage

- The largest icefield along the parkway is the Columbia Icefield, spanning 325 km². Its meltwater feeds three oceans.
- The highest mountain seen from the parkway is the Snow Dome, an ice-capped peak that rises to 3,520 m.
- Mt. Mitchell, a peak just north of the Columbia Icefield, honors J.C. Mitchell, the chief engineer of the Banff-Jasper Highway project.
- In summer, gas along the parkway is available at Sunwapta Falls, the Columbia Icefield and Saskatchewan River Crossing. In winter, when parkway traffic declines to a tenth of summer's volume, service stations close but the road stays open.

The parkway is a window on the high and wild country of the Canadian Rockies.
**Montane habitat**

Elk thrive in lush lower valleys along the parkway. When snowfall covers grass in winter, they gnaw on the bark of the trembling aspen. Look for the telltale black scars. Black bears, deer, beaver and coyotes share the montane.

**Come back for caribou**

Threatened mountain caribou roam the Sunwapta Valley of Jasper National Park during the fall, winter and spring. Sensitive and skittish, they're a little smaller than elk with lighter neckbands. Come back in the quiet season to see them!

**Moose marshes**

Watch for moose, bigger and darker than elk, in roadside thickets and marshes. At up to 500 kg, moose are the largest free-ranging animals in Banff National Park. Oh slowly! You want a close look—but not that close.

**Prairie headwaters**

The North Saskatchewan and most rivers along the parkway begin at an icefield and flow toward the prairies, supplying water to farms and cities. These rivers transport glacier-ground sand, silt and rocks to lower land, ever so gradually scarring the Rockies.

**The Big Hill**

The Big Hill drops half a kilometre in a series of gently sloping curves and some of the highest mountains in the Rockies. Composed of fractured, bent sandstones more than 550 million years old, they rose when continental plates collided about 120 million years ago.

**Grizzly country**

In the Bow Summit area, the grizzly bear munches buffalo berries, hedyasarum roots, grasses and carrion—usually from carcasses of goats and sheep that fall victim to avalanches. Grizzlies are the quintessential symbol of wilderness. Keep your distance. If you see a bear on the road, please stay in your vehicle!

**Bighorn range**

In the Columbia Icefield area, the parkway is merely a wide mountain ledge to bighorn sheep. You can tell how old the males are: a full curl horn means about eight years. Some are 11 or 12. Snap a photo, but don't feed them and drive with caution!

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Welcome to ... Jasper National Park

We are among the last generations with an opportunity to preserve intact examples of our nation's threatened natural resources and surviving traces of past centuries of human endeavor.

Minister of the Environment
Of blooms, blossoms and little red berries

When do leaves unfurl? When do the flowers bloom? When do berries ripen? When do leaves unfurl? When do the flowers bloom? When do berries ripen?

The growing season in Jasper National Park is brief but vital. Here are some viewing hints:

• First bloomers: catkins, or pussy willows, from the willow. They’re out before March, some years.
• The pasque flower or prairie crocus, a welcome sight with its pale purple petals, appears generally in April, right behind the snowmelt.
• New leaves: trembling aspens and bald poplar leaf in mid-May.
• Shrubs: many bloom with white flowers in June.
• Western wood lily: this showy orange flower blooms in early July.
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1. You'll find a caribou on the back of two coins: the 1990 Jasper souvenir dollar and the Canadian.
2. Mountain caribou feed mainly on grass or shrubs but on . which are plentiful in old-growth forests.
3. Unlike elk, deer and moose, both male and female caribou grow.
4. To travel through deep snow, caribou use their large, crescent-shaped feet the same way we use snowshoes.
5. In Alberta, mountain caribou are found as far south as ... National Park but are more common farther north.
6. There are now less than 2,000 caribou in Alberta; they are classified.
7. kill caribou, elk and other large animals, but a greater threat to the survival of the caribou is the removal of old-growth forests.
8. If you see a around the neck of a caribou, you should tell a park warden or call the park service.
9. Enlarge the family! Your business, school or group can support the Greater Jasper Eco-system Caribou Research Project by... Did you know ...

... that Beaver, deer, elk and other animals eat the bark of aspen trees? You can see how high they reach by checking the black scars around the trunk.

... that controlled burns make new homes for woodpeckers, ants, elk and other animals? Within months of a fire, the charred landscape is full of life.

... that wolves help keep elk herds from overexpanding, overgrazing and then starving? We don’t shoot or poison wolves in Jasper; they have a natural role to play.

... that sheep, goats and other animals eat salt? They visit mineral licks or roadways for replenishment following harsh winters, molting or pregnancy.

Please keep your food securely stored and your wits about you—wildlife can surprise!
Fishing
Anglers must obtain a national parks fishing permit ($8 for 7 days or $10 annually) at information centres or sporting goods stores in the park.

The daily catch and possession limit is five, of which no more than two may be trout. The use of fish or any fish parts for bait is prohibited.

Please pay close attention to the summary of recently amended fishing regulations, available with your permit.

Sport fishing in Jasper is managed with the aim of protecting aquatic ecosystems and sustaining native fish populations. The practice of catch-and-release is encouraged.

Boating
Rowboats, canoes, and kayaks are allowed on all water bodies in the park except Cabin Lake, which supplies townsite drinking water. Gas motors are permitted only on Pyramid Lake, while electric motors without onboard generators may be used on any road-accessible lake except Cabin.

Water
Jasper’s mountain watersheds provide water not only for park visitors, residents and dozens of species of fish, insects and invertebrates, but for hundreds of thousands of people across the Canadian prairies, and many of us enjoy swimming in some of the lakes. Please don’t rinse soap, shampoo or detergent in the lakes and streams. Similarly, avoid depositing any wastes, human or otherwise, into water.

A word of caution: parasites carried by humans and some domestic and wild animals can get into lakes, streams and rivers and may contaminate water supplies.

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Vacation-time recycling

Here are some ballpark conversions on average, expect it almost every second day. The metric system is used throughout this guide. Please don’t rinse soap, shampoo or detergent in the lakes and streams. Similarly, avoid depositing any wastes, human or otherwise, into water.

How to do it right!

Park services

Information — hours

Townsite services

Jasper Park Visitors Centre
622 Connaught Drive
Open: May 16-June 10, 9 am-6 pm
May 22-June 14, 11:30 am-7 pm
May 25-June 7, 9 am-5 pm
June 13-Sept 3, 8 am-8 pm
June 15-Sept 2, 8:30 am-10:30 pm
Sept 3, 8:30 am-6 pm
Sept 4-30, 9 am-5 pm
Dec 6-mid-May 9 am-5 pm
Mid-May 18 2:30 pm-9 pm
May 25-June 7 9 am-5 pm
June 13-Sept 3 8 am-8 pm
June 15-Sept 2 8:30 am-10:30 pm
Sept 3 8:30 am-6 pm
9 am-5 pm

Columbia Icefield

Open:

May 25-June 7 9 am-5 pm
June 13-Sept 3 8 am-8 pm
June 15-Sept 2 8:30 am-10:30 pm
Sept 3, 8:30 am-6 pm

Vacation-time recycling

How are we doing?

Please take a few moments to tell us how we can provide better service to you.

Return this form to the Townsite Information Centre or the Icefield Centre, and get 10% off the purchase of any Parks and People publication. You may also call us (852-6161), leave the form at any park kiosk, or visit us to The Superintendent, Jasper National Park, Box 10, Jasper, Alberta, T0E 1E0. Thank you and happy holidays!
Thank you!

Come bird with us!

Pick up this beautifully illustrated book, complete with its wide range of maps, and take a walk through the bird habitats of Jasper National Park.

Clip this coupon (don't forget to fill out the coupon for Jasper information!) to receive a 10% discount on Birding-Jasper National Park, our new release Memories of a Mountain Man, or any other book published by Parks and People.

While you're there, make sure to check our extensive selection of natural and cultural heritage books, maps, notes, pins, t-shirts and posters.

Parks and People has two locations to serve you:

Townsite Information Centre
500 Connaught Drive
Jasper, Alberta

Jasper National Park

10% OFF

Parks and People is a non-profit cooperative venture of the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society and the Canadian Parks Service presenting heritage education.
### Summer interpretive events

From June 25 to Sept. 2, attend these free programs on the natural highlights and human history of Jasper National Park!

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### Guided hikes

Bring good footwear, a camera and a snack, and join a park interpreter for a firsthand look at some of Jasper's scenery, wildlife and history.

### Outdoor theatre programs

Slides and movies, "prop talks" and skits—each evening a different program helps you discover Jasper. Bus and car parking near the theatres. Note Whistlers time change Aug 6.

### Lawn programs

Talks on park wildlife, displays of horns and antlers, a chance to speak with a park interpreter—every day is different on the Townsite Information Centre lawn.