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National Park

Camping in the **Banff Area**

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Two Jack Main Campground

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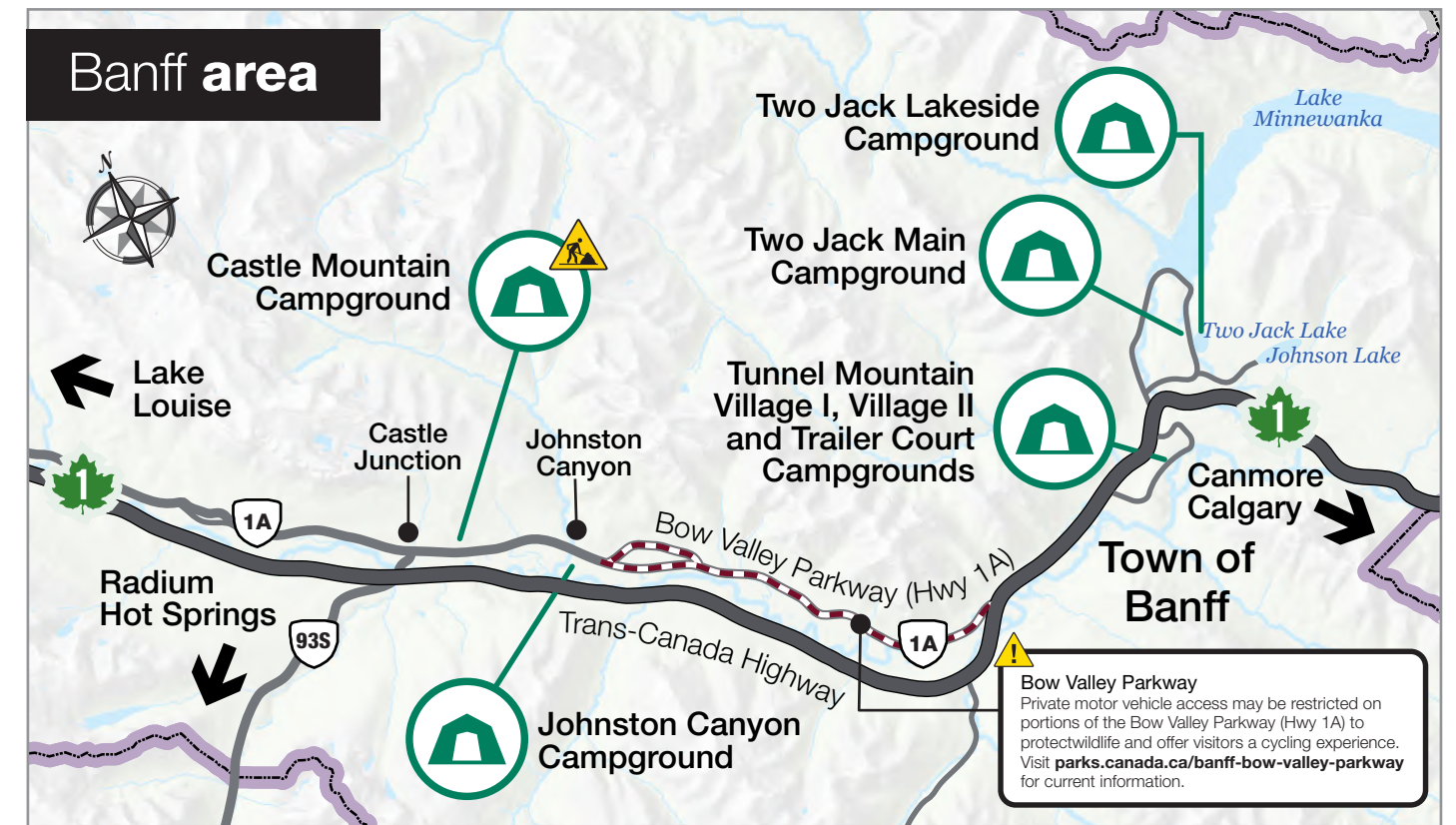


Tunnel Mountain Trailer Court



While in the park ...

For information on things to do during your visit, view these guides online at parks.canada.ca/banff-brochures or pick up copies at a Parks Canada visitor centre.



Campsite reservations

Reservations are highly recommended for Banff area campgrounds. During the summer months, campgrounds are often fully booked. Reserve your site at reservation.pc.gc.ca or dial toll free **1-877-737-3783 (1-877-RESERVE)**.

Dates of operation

Dates of operation vary from campground to campground and are available at parks.canada.ca/banffcamping and on page 4 of this guide. Summer camping begins in early May, with all campgrounds open by late June. Demand is heaviest from June through September.

Your pass to camping

Campers must acquire the following permits to camp in Banff National Park:

- **National park entry pass** – available at the Banff East Gate, a Parks Canada visitor centre, or at campground kiosks. Also available online at banfflakelouise.com
- **Camping permit** – available online (reservation.pc.gc.ca), over the phone (**1-877-RESERVE**) or at the campground kiosk. Upon arrival, check-in at the campground kiosk.
- **Fire permit** – if you would like to have a fire, permits are available for a fee at the time of reservation or at the campground kiosk. Visit parks.canada.ca/banff-fire for wildfire and fire ban information.

More camping opportunities

Parks Canada operates 14 frontcountry campgrounds in Banff National Park, with 2 462 sites available during the summer season. In addition to the seven campgrounds in this guide, the Lake Louise area offers additional options for camping, including campgrounds in close proximity to the community of Lake Louise and along the scenic Icefields Parkway. Visit parks.canada.ca/banff-camping for more information.

Backcountry camping

For backcountry camping, visit parks.canada.ca/banff-backcountry for more information and to book a site. Numerous hike-in campgrounds are available throughout Banff National Park. All require a backcountry permit and a national park entry pass.

Winter camping

Looking for a new experience? Tunnel Mountain Village II is open year-round for camping. Bring an RV, or pack a tent, and enjoy the park under a layer of fresh snow. The neighbouring campground, Tunnel Mountain Trailer Court, is a winter activity hub for cross-country skiing, fat-biking, snowshoeing and winter walking. Throughout the park, favourite summer trails become a wonderland of snow-covered pines and white-capped mountains waiting to be explored.

Visit parks.canada.ca/banff-winter or the Banff Visitor Centre for more information on winter activities.



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| Campgrounds | Open dates | Full hook-up | Electrical | Sani dump | Flush toilets | Showers | Firepit | Cooking shelter | Drinking water | Equipped campsites | oTENTik | Reservable | Interpretive programs | Accessible | Sites |
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| Tunnel Mtn. Trailer Court | May 11 - Oct. 2 | 🚰 | ⚡ | 🚽 | 🚽 | 🚿 | | | 🚰 | | | ✓ | 🎭 | ♿ | 322 |
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| Two Jack Lakeside | May 11 - Oct. 2 oTENTiks May 11 - Oct. 2 | | | 🚽 | 🚽 | 🚿 | 🔥 | 🏠 | 🚰 | | 🏠 | ✓ | | | 74 |
| Johnston Canyon | May 25 - Sep. 25 | | | 🚽 | 🚽 | 🚿 | 🔥 | 🏠 | 🚰 | | | ✓ | 🎭 | ♿ | 132 |
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⚠️ Campground closed for construction.
Visit parks.canada.ca/banffcamping for the latest information and opening dates.

132 sites

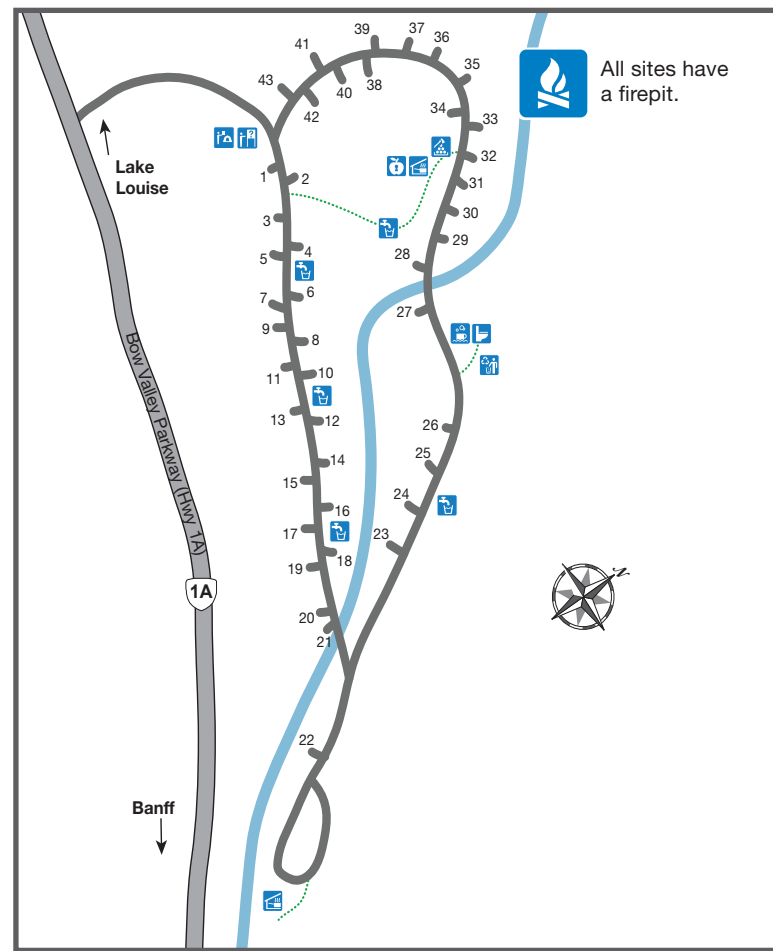
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Only 25 km from the town of Banff, this campground is a good option for a more rustic and authentic camping experience. Sites are available for tents and small RVs up to 27 feet (8.2 metres). Its central location, along the Bow Valley Parkway (Hwy 1A), provides access to the popular Johnston Canyon Trail. Roam Public Transit is available to the town of Banff during summer.

Evening theatre programs

Join park interpreters as they share stories and interesting facts about Banff National Park's natural and cultural heritage. All programs are for adults and kids alike! These programs are included in your national park entry fee. Where: **Bear's Den Theatre** at Johnston Canyon Campground (indoor theatre)
Visit the campground kiosk or parks.canada.ca/banff-interpretation for more information.

Castle Mountain Campground

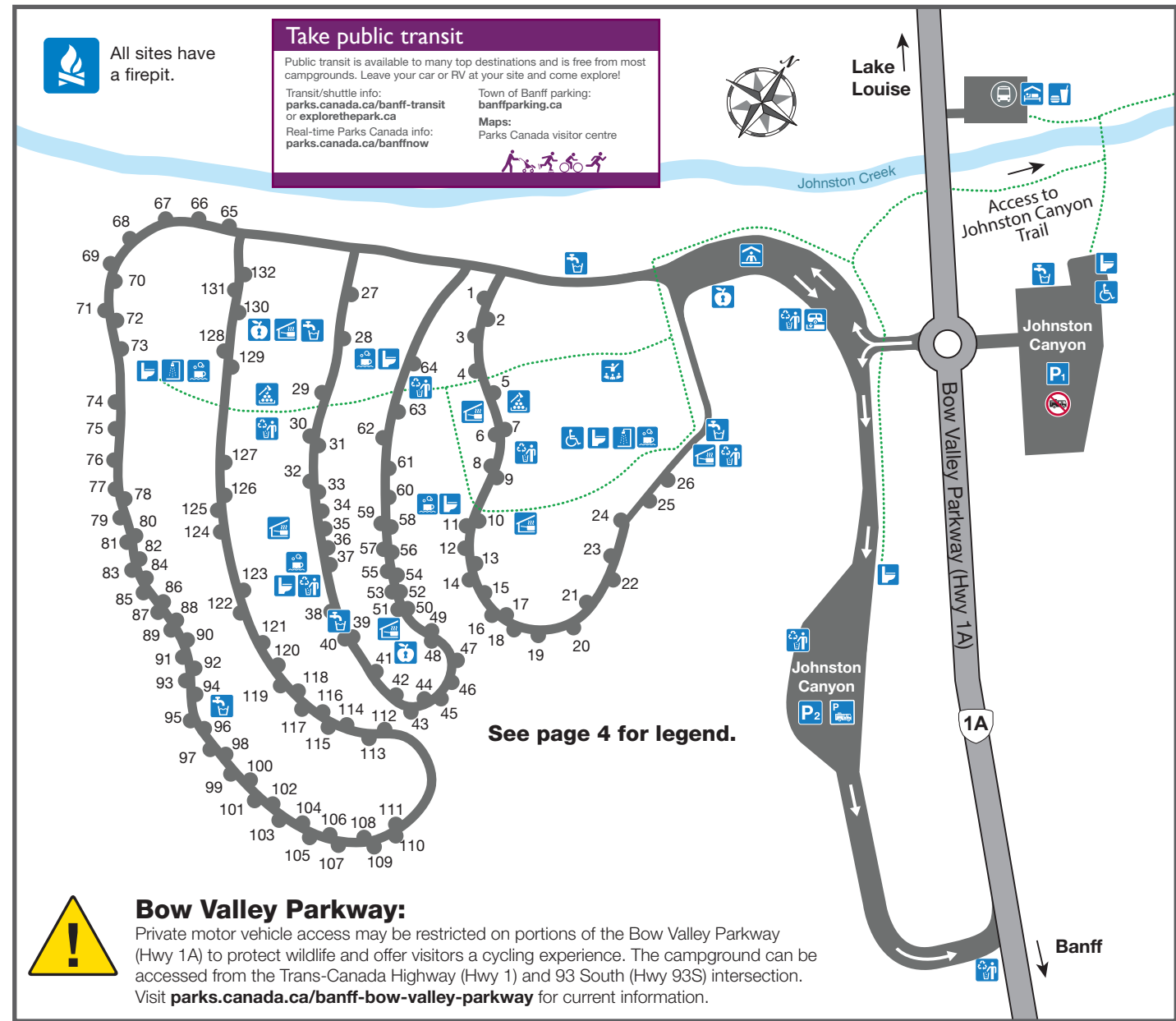


43 sites



This campground is small and intimate. It offers rustic, no-service camping in a beautiful wooded area along the Bow Valley Parkway (Hwy 1A). Just 32 km from the town of Banff, the campground is suitable for tents or small RVs up to 24 feet (7.3 metres). It is close to nearby attractions, such as Silverton Falls and Johnston Canyon. Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis only. Self-register as you enter Castle Mountain Campground. Pay by leaving your credit card information or bring exact cash.

- Kiosk
- Self registration
- Notice board
- Tents
- RVs
- Trailers
- Parking
- Toilet
- Showers
- Cooking shelter
- Drinking water
- Dish washing station
- Food locker
- Recycling/Waste disposal
- Firewood
- Trailer dumping
- Accessible
- Theatre
- Accommodation
- Snack Bar
- Roam Public Transit stop
- No RVs
- Trail



Human food kills wildlife.



Do not litter.

Two Jack Lakeside Campground

This is one of Banff's most popular campgrounds. Located 10 km from the town of Banff and close to Lake Minnewanka, this rustic, no-service campground is beautifully situated on the shore of Two Jack Lake. It is perfect for tents or small RVs up to 27 feet (8.2 metres) and offers some lakefront sites, 10 oTENTik sites, mountain views and access to the lake for non-motorized recreation.

74 sites



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All sites have a firepit.

Take public transit

Public transit is available to many top destinations and is free from most campgrounds. Leave your car or RV at your site and come explore!

Transit/shuttle info:
parks.canada.ca/banff-transit or explorethepark.ca

Real-time Parks Canada info:
parks.canada.ca/banffnow

Town of Banff parking:
banffparking.ca

Maps:
Parks Canada visitor centre

You can prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are non-native plants, animals, and diseases that threaten Two Jack Lake and other freshwater ecosystems. Banff National Park is taking extra steps to protect park waters from harmful AIS, including invasive mussels and whirling disease.

It is mandatory that you CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY your watercraft and water-related gear before entering lakes and rivers. Visit parks.canada.ca/Banff-Clean-Drain-Dry for more information on permits and AIS.

See page 7 for legend.

Two Jack Main Campground

This campground offers a more secluded and authentic camping experience. Located just minutes from Lake Minnewanka and nearby attractions, and 10 km from the town of Banff, this rustic, no-service campground has scenic sites available for tents or RVs up to 24 feet (7.3 metres), as well as Equipped Campsites.

380 sites



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Equipped camping

Do you want to avoid the hassle of organizing and packing everything for your camping trip? No problem! Parks Canada offers Equipped Campsites at Two Jack Main Campground where tent and camping essentials are provided on site. All you need to bring is a sense of adventure and your personal items including sleeping bag, cookware, dishes and food.

Visit parks.canada.ca/banff-equipped for more information.

Campground loops with red numbers have firepits.

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| Kiosk | oTENTik | Cooking shelter | Recycling |
| Tents | Equipped campsites | Food locker | Firewood |
| RVs | Toilet | Waste disposal | Trailer dumping |
| Trailers | Dish washing station | Recycling/Waste disposal | Roam Public Transit stop |
| Trail | Drinking water | | |

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Do not leave food unattended.



Put garbage in its proper place.

Tunnel Mountain Village II Campground

Located just 2.5 km from the town of Banff, this campground is perfect for people wanting power without full hook-ups, and/or needing space for larger units. Some sites can accommodate RVs that are 40+ feet (12+ metres). It is close to local attractions, offers three-season camping in 21 oTENTiks and year-round camping for tents and RVs. From the campground, you can enjoy mountain views, a year-round bus service to town and access to hiking and biking trails.

Evening theatre programs

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Where: **Wolf's Den Theatre** at Tunnel Mountain Village II Campground (indoor theatre)
Visit the campground kiosk or parks.canada.ca/banff-interpretation for more information.

209 sites



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322 sites



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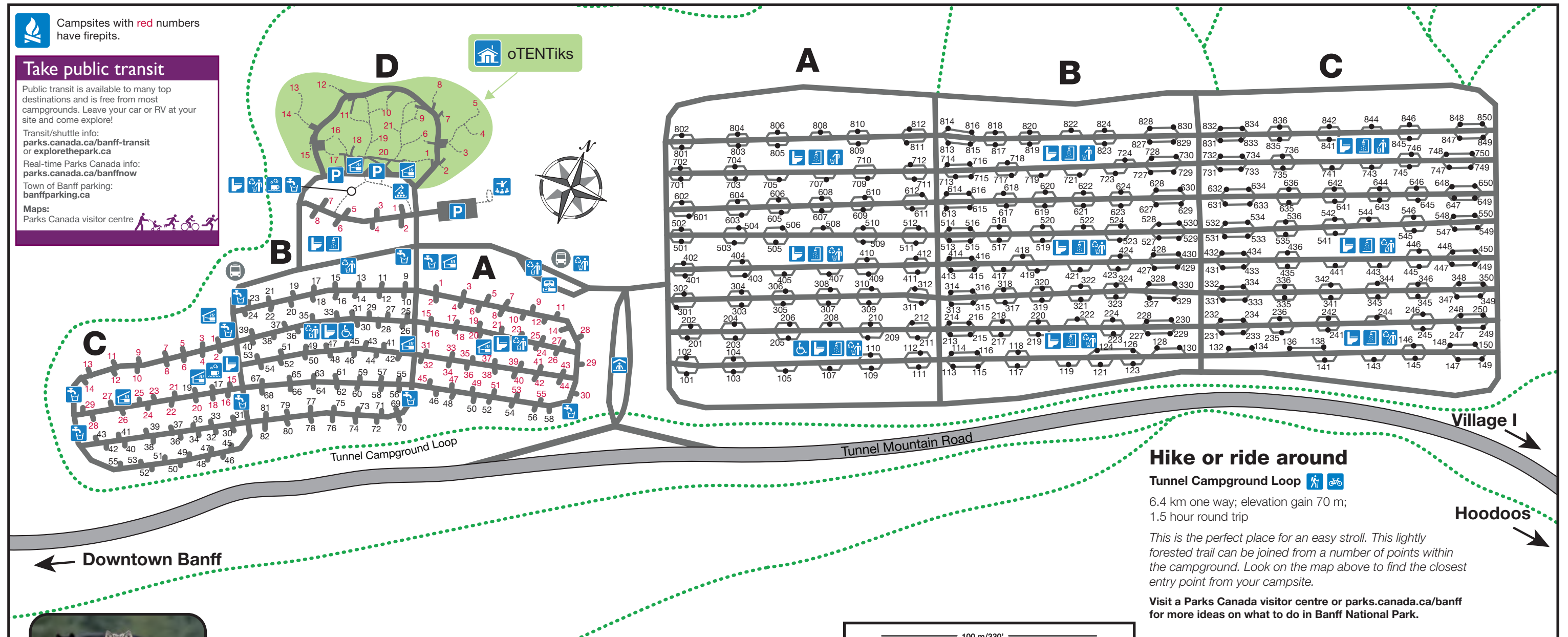
Tunnel Mountain Trailer Court Campground

This campground, located 2.5 km from the town of Banff, is for trailers and larger units. Some sites can accommodate RVs that are 50+ feet (15+ metres). The sites have full three-way hook-ups and are either single or shared sites. Enjoy mountain views, access to biking and hiking trails and a bus service to town.

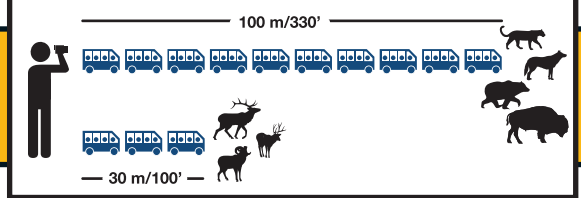
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- Dish washing station
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- Drinking water
- Firewood
- Trailer dumping
- Parking
- Theatre
- Accessible
- Roam Public Transit stop
- Trail

Looking for something fun to do during the evenings?

Come to an evening theatre program at the **Wolf's Den Theatre** in Tunnel Mountain Village II Campground. See page 8 for details.



Give us space.



Do not approach wildlife.

Tunnel Mountain Village | Campground

Located 4.5 km from the town of Banff, this campground offers a more traditional camping experience with mountain views, firepits for cooking, and access to hiking and biking trails. This campground has options to suit many camping preferences and has a limited number of large campsites.

Evening theatre programs

Where: **Raven's Nest Theatre** at Tunnel Mountain Village | Campground (outdoor theatre)

Visit the campground kiosk or parks.canada.ca/banff-interpretation for more information.

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| Kiosk | Trailers | Food locker | Firewood | Theatre |
| Tents | Toilet | Dish washing station | Trailer dumping | Accessible |
| RVs | Showers | Recycling/Waste disposal | Parking | Drinking water |
| Trail | Roam Public Transit stop | | | |

618 sites



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Take public transit

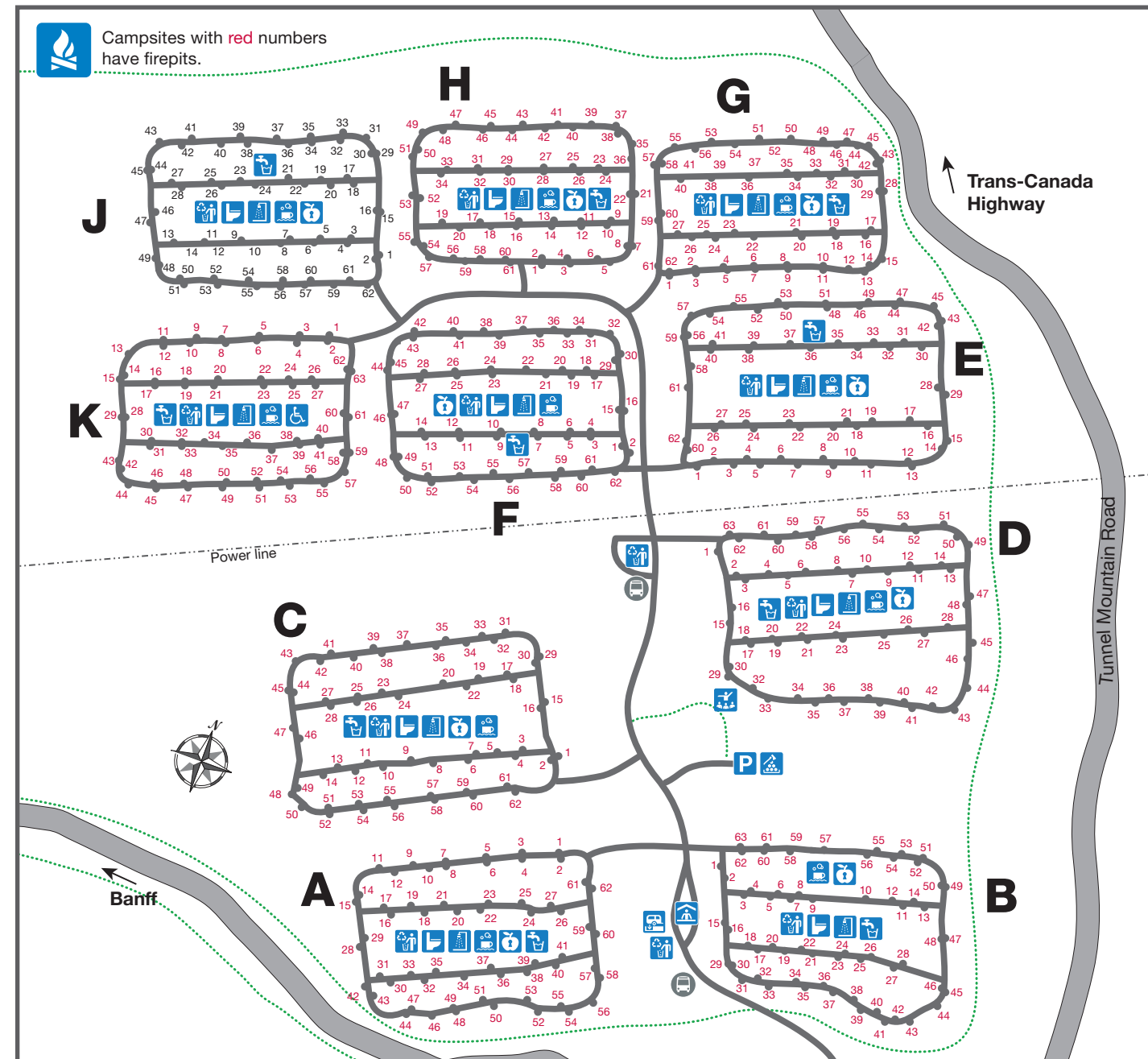
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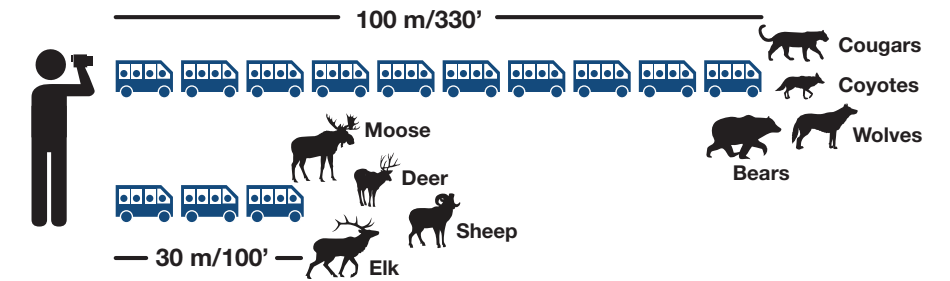
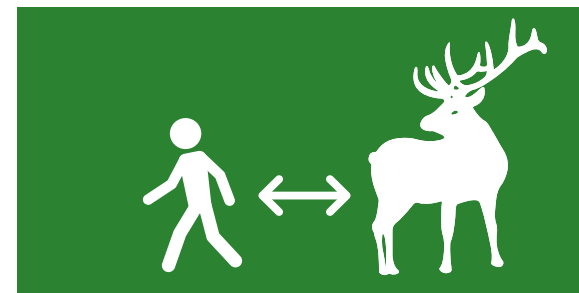
Your actions matter!

When you leave Banff National Park... leave it wild.

The chance to view wildlife in their natural environment is one of the most exciting things about visiting the mountain national parks. Help protect this special place by learning the **#WildlifeRules**.

Safely view wildlife

Whether you are exploring by foot, bike or vehicle, when you see wildlife, give them space:



Remember small animals like rodents and birds need space too! If you make them move, you are too close. Please report bear, cougar, wolf and coyote to Banff Dispatch: 403-762-1470.

Obey speed limits

While highway fencing and wildlife crossings have reduced wildlife-vehicle collisions in Banff National Park, wildlife deaths on the road still occur. If you see wildlife while driving, **STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE**.



- Slow down.
- Use your hazard lights to alert others.
- Only pull over where it is safe to do so.
- Observe, take photographs, and move on.
- If a traffic jam develops, move on. It is unsafe for people and wildlife.

Respect area closures

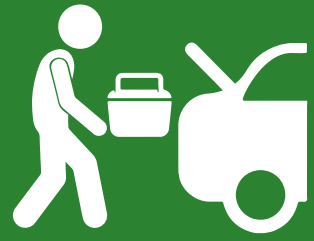


Together, we can make space for wildlife when they need it most.

Obeying area closures and restrictions is the law. Area closures and restrictions in Banff National Park protect ecologically sensitive areas, important habitat for sensitive species or species at risk, and are at locations where the potential for conflict between humans and wildlife is high. If you come upon a closure, change your plans.

Visit parks.canada.ca/banff-bulletins for a list of closures, warnings and restrictions.

Never feed wildlife



Wildlife can quickly find any food, scented items, or garbage that is left unattended. When they eat these unnatural foods, wildlife learn to approach people for an easy meal. This can result in aggressive behaviour that puts both people and wildlife at risk of being hurt or killed.

Always keep your campsite and picnic area clean.

When you are done cooking or eating at your picnic table, all food, scented items and garbage **MUST** be properly stored. A clean campsite or picnic area does not have anything that will attract wildlife. Never leave these items unattended or in a tent or tent trailer for any amount of time:

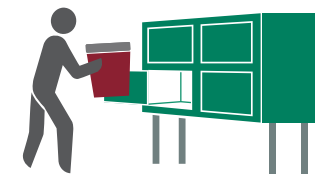
- Coolers – full or empty
- Food – wrapped, unwrapped or in containers
- Garbage/wrappers
- Dishes/pots/cutlery – clean or dirty
- Beverage containers – full or empty
- Pet food/bowls – full or empty
- Bottles/cans – open or unopened
- Scented products – such as shampoo, toothpaste, candles, citronella, dish soap, sunscreen, lip balm, dish towels
- Barbecues, stoves – clean or dirty
- Any other items used for food preparation or that have a smell or scent



*ALL food-related and scented items **MUST** be stored away in a hard-sided vehicle,*



a hard-sided trailer or RV,



or in a campground food storage locker.

Dump dish water down outdoor sinks or at the sani-dump in campgrounds.



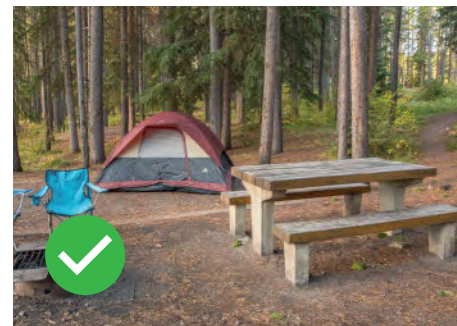
Parks Canada staff may enter open and plainly visible areas of an unattended campsite to remove and secure plainly visible wildlife attractants. Keep your campsite clean to reduce the risks to your personal safety and to wildlife.



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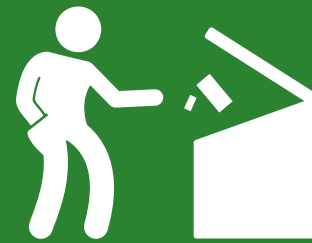


*Cooler, stove and dishes (dirty or clean) **MUST** be stored away.*



Non-scented items may be left outside.

Dispose of all garbage



Ensure all garbage, recycling, and food waste (even organic waste, like banana peels and apple cores) are disposed of in a wildlife-proof garbage bin, never on the ground, in a fire pit or in the bed of your truck.

If you see garbage left outside in the town of Banff, call 403-762-1218 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week). For garbage left outside at other locations in Banff National Park, call Banff Dispatch, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at 403-762-1470.

Keep dogs on leash



Dogs cause stress for wildlife as they may be seen as a threat. Off-leash dogs can trigger aggressive behaviour from wildlife such as grizzly bears and elk. Be a responsible dog owner. In Banff National Park, it is your responsibility to:

- Ensure your dog is on a leash and under physical control at all times. It is the law.
- Pick up and dispose of your pet's waste in a wildlife-proof garbage bin.
- Know which trails allow dogs: parks.canada.ca/banfftrails
- Consider leaving your dog at home if you plan to camp, hike or go into the backcountry.



Do not leave pet food out even at night. Store food dishes – empty or full.

Keep your children safe

Bears, cougars, wolves and coyotes may be curious about children and can attack them:

- Keep children in immediate sight and within close reach at all times.
- Children should avoid playing in or near areas with tall grass or dense bushes.
- Never allow children to pet, feed or pose with wildlife.

It is illegal to feed, entice or disturb any wildlife in a national park. Violators will be charged, be required to appear in court, and could pay fines up to \$25 000.

General

In addition to keeping a clean campsite, a number of regulations are in effect to ensure campers have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Campgrounds and campsite sizes have been designed to reduce our impact on the ecosystem. Exceeding the maximum occupancy of a campsite places stress on campgrounds and the natural environment.

- A maximum of six people (including children) are permitted on each site.
- **Check out or re-register by** 11 a.m.
- **Maximum stay** – 14 nights.
- Camping is only permitted in a designated campground and site.
- Vehicles and tents must be within your designated site and on the gravel pad, not on vegetation.
- Tarps should be secured using poles and not cause any damage to trees.

Respect your neighbours

People love to camp because of the opportunity it provides to escape the noise of the city and enter the peace and quiet of nature. Even quiet conversations can carry through a forested area. Excessive noise is not permitted at any time. Any disturbance should be reported immediately to campground staff.

Quiet hours – In effect from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily. During quiet hours, music, campfires, alcohol and cannabis are prohibited.

Alcohol and cannabis – Open alcohol and cannabis are not permitted between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. daily. **During summer long weekends, a complete ban on the possession of alcohol and cannabis is in effect at all campgrounds.** See page 15.

Generator use – Only permitted between the hours of 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. daily.

Visitors – Only site occupants are permitted on a campsite after 11 p.m.

Campfires

Having a campfire is one of the most enjoyable things to do when camping. In order to keep your campfire safe for you and for the environment, adhere to the following regulations:

Permit – Each registered party wanting to have a campfire must purchase a fire permit. Permits are available when reserving your site, at the campground or at self-registration kiosks.

Fire size – Fires must be contained within the metal fire ring provided. It is illegal to have a fire outside of a designated ring. Rock rings are prohibited but portable gas burning firepits are allowed. To reduce the negative impact of campfires on the environment, keep your fires to a reasonable size—stack the firewood no higher than the top of the ring.

Wood – Only burn wood obtained from the campground woodlot. Take what you need, leave what you don't burn. **Do not burn food or garbage** or collect deadfall from the surrounding forest for burning. Use an axe to make your own kindling from the firewood provided.

Times – Campfires are permitted from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Fires must be attended at all times, and completely extinguished before leaving the area. Refer to the *Alcohol, Cannabis and Fire Bans* section on page 15 for more information.

Visit parks.canada.ca/banff-fire for wildfire and fire ban information.

Fishing

A national park fishing permit is required. Permits are available at Parks Canada visitor centres, the Lake Minnewanka boat dock or various retail outlets in the area. Pick up a copy of the *Fishing Regulations Summary* or visit parks.canada.ca/banff-fishing to learn about special rules related to fishing in a national park.

Failure to comply

Parks Canada staff are here to help and may enter your site to remind you of these regulations. Campers who fail to comply with keeping a clean site and other regulations may have their camping permit revoked without a refund. Campers may be charged under the *Canada National Parks Act* and/or other national parks of Canada regulations, be required to appear in court, and could pay fines up to \$25 000. The permit holder is responsible for ensuring their campsite is maintained in a satisfactory condition.

You can ensure you are a good neighbour and contribute to a good camping experience for all, by respecting and adhering to the following guidelines:

Washing dishes – Use outdoor sinks or a personal basin for washing dishes. Do not use the sinks inside the bathrooms. Dump dish water down outdoor sinks or at the sani-dump in campgrounds. Leave sinks in a better state than you found them. Do not dump in bushes or on the ground.

Washing laundry – Please use your own tub and dump water down the outdoor sink or sani-dump. Do not use the sinks inside the bathrooms. Laundry facilities are available in the town of Banff.

Recycling – Bottles and cans (refundable containers) can be recycled in each campground.

Children – To ensure the safety of your children, please supervise them at all times. Children may become lost in the campground or may unknowingly trespass on a neighbouring campsite.

Driving – Respect the posted speed limits and remain alert while driving in the campground. Trees may obstruct your view and pedestrians, especially children, may suddenly dart out onto the road. Watch for stumps close to the road and campsites that might be hidden in the grass.

Accessing facilities – Please use roadways and pathways to access campground facilities (picnic shelters, bathrooms, etc.) and your own campsite. Cutting through a neighbouring campsite will disturb other campers and may cause damage to the fragile vegetation.

Alcohol, cannabis and fire bans

From May to September, a number of policies are in place to ensure visitors get a good night's sleep. An alcohol and cannabis consumption ban and a fire ban are in effect daily at campgrounds during quiet hours from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. During summer long weekends, a complete ban on the possession of alcohol and cannabis is in effect at all campgrounds. In periods of elevated fire danger, the fire ban may be expanded to all areas of the national park, 24 hours a day.

Please note: there is a difference between a ban on the consumption of alcohol/cannabis and a ban on possession.

Ban on consumption: alcohol and cannabis are permitted at registered campsites but may not be open or consumed during quiet hours.

Ban on possession: alcohol and cannabis are not permitted at any time.



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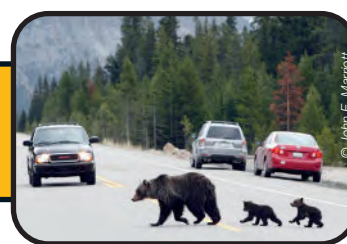
Park wardens

Park wardens are the primary peace officers in national park campgrounds. They are responsible for protecting Banff National Park and ensuring you have a safe and enjoyable experience. Campers are legally required to comply with requests by park wardens. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Visit parks.canada.ca/banffregulations for more information on park regulations.



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Slow down, my cubs live here.



Obey speed limits.

Respect Your Neighbours and Wildlife



Quiet hours
11 p.m. – 7 a.m.



Generator use
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No campfires
11 p.m. – 7 a.m.



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Do not litter. Keep a clean campsite at all times.



Do not feed any wildlife.



Do not approach wildlife. Give them space.



Pets must be on a leash and under physical control at all times.

**Violators will be charged, be required to appear in court,
and could pay fines up to \$25 000.**

How to reach us

Parks Canada visitor centres in the Banff area

Banff Visitor Centre: 224 Banff Avenue

Banff Visitor Centre – Train Station: 327 Railway Avenue

403-762-1550 / parks.canada.ca/banff

Visit parks.canada.ca/banff-hours for current hours.

Report all bear, cougar, wolf and coyote sightings to Parks Canada staff immediately or call Banff Dispatch, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at **403-762-1470**.

To report campground noise after-hours complaints or other *Canada National Parks Act* offences, call **1-888-WARDENS (1-888-927-3367)**, toll-free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In case of EMERGENCY, call 911 or satellite phone: 403-762-4506.
Cell phones are not reliable throughout the national park.