



Getting Around

Mount Revelstoke & Glacier National Parks

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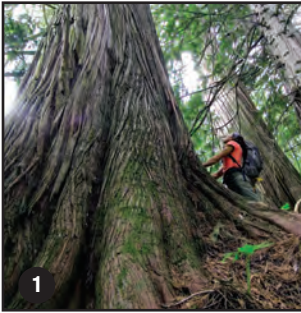
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OUR STORY

Take a cool stroll through a lush rainforest on a hot summer day, or gaze at a brilliant sunset from atop a 2,000-metre mountain peak. Stand at the point of no return, where champions once launched themselves down a world-famous ski jump, and imagine the thrill of flight. Climb the only mountain in Canada's national parks that you can summit just a short walk from your car – all at **Mount Revelstoke National Park**.

With exceptional alpine scenery and deep valleys filled with ancient forests, **Glacier National Park** is a year-round paradise. Scale its heights following trails pioneered by legendary Swiss mountain guides, take a gentle stroll amid moss-draped old-growth cedars or hike through alpine meadows strewn with lichen-covered boulders. After a day's exploring, sink into an armchair before a roaring fire at the Discovery Centre and steep yourself in the history of Roger Pass, the final link in the railway that brought Canada together as a nation.

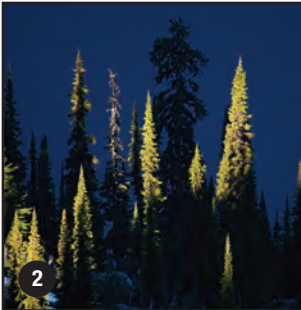


THE GREEN ROOM

MOUNT REVELSTOKE NATIONAL PARK SHOWCASES WESTERN CANADA'S DRAMATIC MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPES, FROM DENSE RAINFORESTS TO CRAGGY PEAKS.

1 GIANTS

In the valley, marvel at enormous skunk cabbages standing taller than a ten-year-old and massive red cedars that were mere saplings when Columbus set sail for the New World.



2 SPIRES

As you leave the Trans-Canada Highway and begin to wind your way up the Meadows in the Sky Parkway, the amazing forest giants give way to the tall spires of subalpine spruce and fir.

3 FLOW

Along the way, try out our new childrens' creative bikepark or ride the Soren Sorensen mountain bike trails. A little farther up the mountain, feel the butterflies in your stomach as you try on Nels' Knickers, on top of what was once Canada's longest ski jump.



4 COLOUR

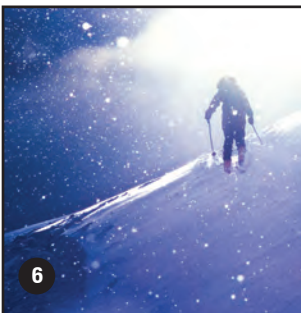
Atop the Meadows in the Sky Parkway, drink in the explosion of colour as fields of mountain wildflowers extend in all directions. Stay awhile for stunning sunsets.

SKYSCRAPERS

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK PROTECTS THE WILDERNESS HEART OF SOUTHEASTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA'S SELKIRK AND PURCELL MOUNTAINS, THE HIGHEST RANGES IN THE COLUMBIA SYSTEM.

5 ADVENTURE

Glacier is known for its firsts. It was here that two British mountaineers introduced mountain climbing purely for recreational purposes to North America in 1888. Today's mountaineers and hikers can still follow the ground-breaking paths laid down by legendary Swiss guides more than a century ago.



6 POWDER

Receiving up to 10 metres of fresh snow every winter, the park's deep-powder attracts backcountry skiers from around the globe.

7 RAINFOREST

Contrast that with the summer months, when the giant trees of the world's only inland cedar rainforest shade cool hiking trails on hot days.



8 HISTORY

At the centre of the park is Rogers Pass National Historic Site, the original trans-continental railway line and now home to kilometres of rail-to-trail hiking opportunities and the award-winning Rogers Pass Discovery Centre.



A DAY IN MOUNT REVELSTOKE

RAINFOREST, SNOWFOREST, NO FOREST - Mount Revelstoke National Park is a vertical world, from the giant cedars deep in the valleys, to the kaleidoscopic colour of the high country wildflower meadows, and the peaks and glaciers that tower above it all.

Take a winding drive up the Meadows in the Sky Parkway and stand on your first mountain summit, just a few minutes walk from your car. The top of the mountain offers panoramic views and glowing sunsets. Stretch your legs at the summit with a stroll through history. The Koo Koo Sint Trail celebrates the expeditions of explorer David Thompson, while the First Footsteps Trail takes visitors on a 750-metre loop through subalpine meadows enhanced with original First Nations artwork.

Stand at the point of no return, where ski jumpers took one last breathe before leaping for World Championship gold. Experience the thrill of flying without wings by trying on Nels' Knickers for size. Today, this historic area is also home to a unique children's bike adventure park, and nearby single-track trails are tailor-made for more experienced riders. At day's end, a cold drink in one of Revelstoke's cafes is just a short downhill ride away.

On the Giant Cedars Boardwalk, try to hold hands around a tree that was a sapling when the Mona Lisa was painted. At Skunk Cabbage Boardwalk, round up the kids for a walk through a strange and beautiful wetland with wild cabbage plants - that really do smell like skunk!



A WEEKEND IN GLACIER

WITH MORE THAN 400 GLACIERS and thousands of active avalanche paths, snow is serious business in Glacier National Park. The towering peaks that soar over Rogers Pass provide some of the finest deep powder ski-touring anywhere. Those same peaks were the setting for North America's first sport mountaineering more than a century ago.

Start your visit at the Rogers Pass Discovery Centre, where a towering stone fireplace and friendly staff members carry on a tradition of Columbia Mountains hospitality that began in 1886. Connect with the park's gentler side in summer when quiet campgrounds, interpretive trails and campfire talks await you. Family-friendly hikes like Meeting of the Waters and the lower Asulkan Valley Trail follow rushing glacier-fed rivers through valleys of tall timber.

Experience B.C.'s famous old-growth forests with a leisurely stroll around Hemlock Grove Boardwalk, a barrier-free trail that passes beneath a soaring canopy of trees. Lace up your hiking boots or hop on your mountain bike for a trip through a land of giants. The huge cedars and hemlocks of the Beaver Valley were seedlings when Jacques Cartier claimed Canada for France in the 16th century.

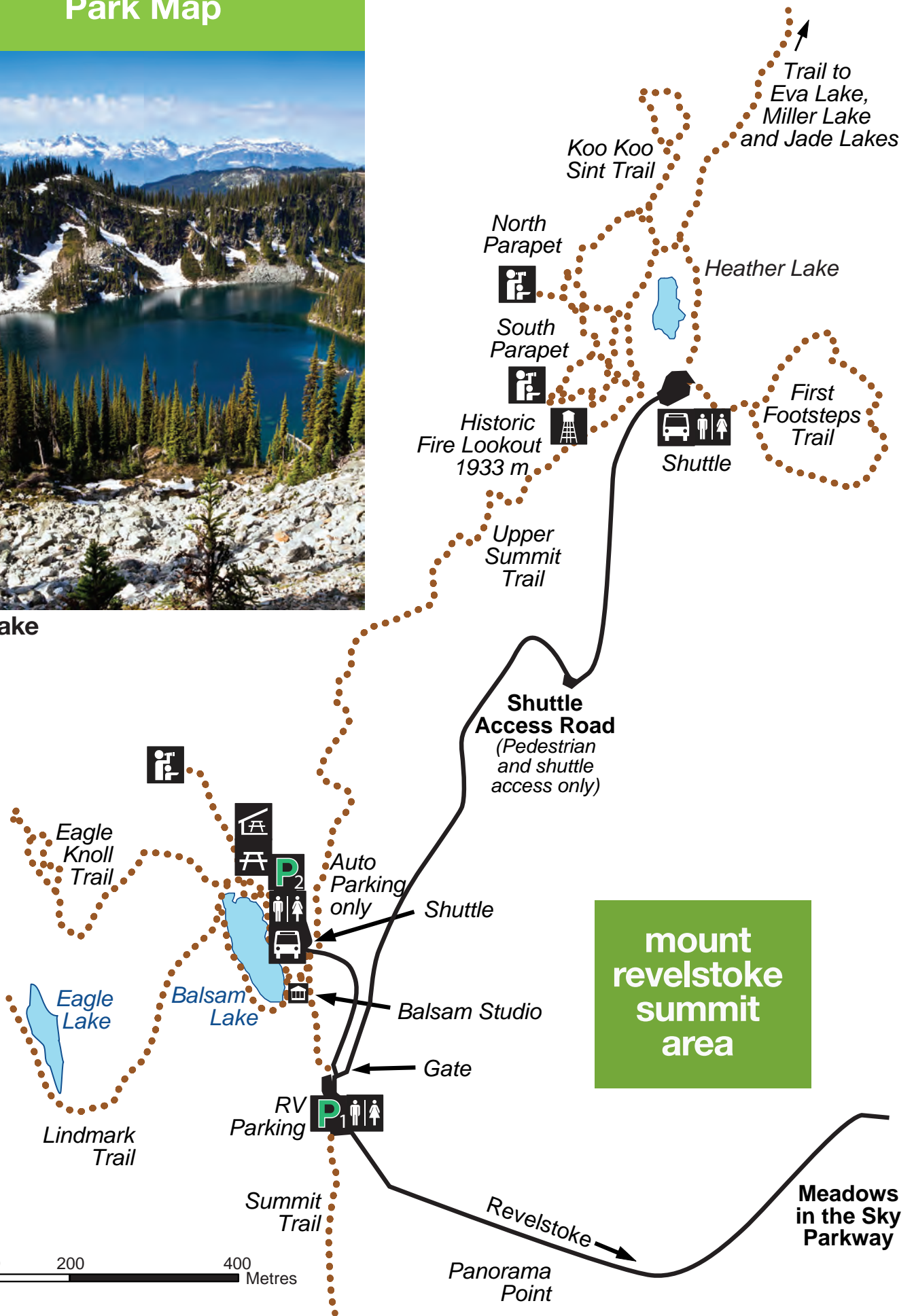
If you prefer just a taste of mountain trekking, the Rockgarden Trail will take you along a boardwalk, up rock staircases and through hillsides strewn with moss and lichen-covered boulders. The top of the trail offers a sweeping one-of-a-kind view of the Selkirk Mountain wilderness.

History was made here too. Rogers Pass, at the heart of Glacier National Park was the key to overcoming the final obstacle facing the completion of a trans-continental railway - the Selkirk Mountains. The Last Spike on the railway line was hammered in not far west of the park. The long-abandoned rails over Rogers Pass have now become historic trails, including the newly-reopened Abandoned Rails Trail.

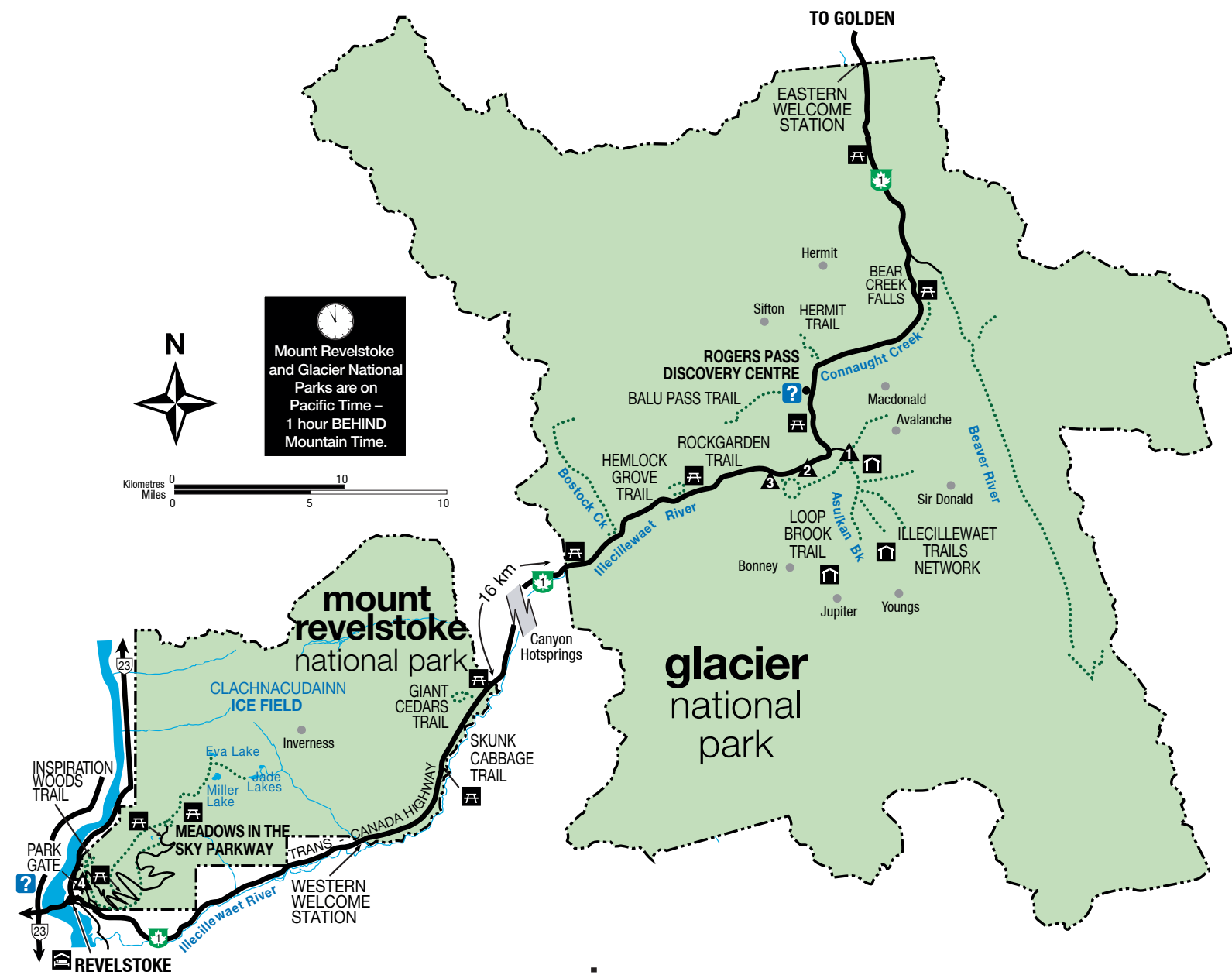
Park Map



Miller Lake



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camping



CAMPGROUND & SERVICES	OPEN DATES	FEES
1 Illecillewaet*	Late June - Late September	\$21.97
2 Loop Brook*		
3 Mount Sir Donald	Closed until further notice	\$16.05
4 Snowforest	July 1 - Early September	\$28.00

Dates are approximate. Please confirm at Information Centres prior to heading out. Arrive early. Non-reservable sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Daily fire permits cost \$8.80 extra. Camping permitted in designated campgrounds only. *Interpretive Programs offered. Prices subject to change.

Snowforest Campground

Experience Mount Revelstoke National Park's new frontcountry campground. Snowforest Campground features 62 campsites, ranging from walk-in tenting areas to sites suitable for Class A motorhomes, as well as three MicrOcube units. Snowforest is the perfect base camp for exploring Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks, as well as the surrounding area.

LOOKING FOR THE VERY BEST WE HAVE TO OFFER?

Flying Without Wings * Mount Revelstoke (two hours).....

That's the theme of the Nels Nelsen Historic Area in Mount Revelstoke. It's a great place for families to get out and enjoy the park in absolutely unique ways. The Nels Nelsen Ski Jump is the only place in Canada where World Records in ski-jumping have ever been set. This is also home to Canada's first children's interpretive bike park and creative playscape. There are junior skills trails for the youngest of kids and great singletrack for teens. At the end of the day, it's just a quick downhill ride to the outdoor cafes in town.

Celebrate the Summit * Mount Revelstoke (half-day).....

The Meadows in the Sky Parkway climbs almost 2000 metres to the summit of Mount Revelstoke. 21 km of trails are available from the summit, with opportunities for a short stroll, a trail run, a day hike or a backpacking adventure. Annual special events at the summit include star-gazing nights, yoga workshops, Art in the Park, and the Eva Lake Trail Run. The parkway even hosts an annual mountain climb race for the hardest of road cyclists.

The Amazing Trees Tour * Mount Revelstoke and Glacier (a full day).....

It's a collection of mellow, family-friendly walks through the giant rainforest and snowforest trees of the Columbia Mountains. It includes interpretive boardwalks like Giant Cedars, Hemlock Grove and Skunk Cabbage, and easy hikes on the Inspiration Woods, Rockgarden, Bear Creek Falls and Meeting of the Waters trails. The Amazing Trees Tour is a great place to experience the world's only inland cedar rainforest, where the sights, sounds and smells haven't changed since the end of the last ice age.

The High Country Experience * Glacier (a day or two).....

Most of Glacier's 100 kilometres of trail were built more than a century ago by the legendary Swiss mountain guides, as access routes to the park's classic climbs. A mountain biking trail in the Beaver Valley flows through a rainforest of ancient western red cedars and hemlocks. And, there's a spectacular 14 km trail run in the Asulkan Valley.

Major Rogers' Route * Glacier (a day or two).....

Rogers Pass is one of the few places in Canada where you can camp in a national historic site. Staff bring the ghosts of the Pass to life around the group campfire at Illecillewaet and Loop Brook campgrounds. 12 km of abandoned rail line and snowsheds have been converted to hiking and walking trails in the park, and another trail winds through the stone ruins of Glacier House, Western Canada's first mountain resort hotel. Picnic areas and scenic viewpoints offer a place to linger longer in the lush, green forest.

MOUNTAIN SAFETY

Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks are wilderness environments in one of the most rugged landscapes in the country. Unpredictable weather can change from one minute to the next and from place to place. Summer and winter, many natural hazards exist, including avalanches, glacial crevasses, high rivers and falling trees. The risk of personal injury can be minimized by taking reasonable precautions. Caution and self-reliance are essential, along with a knowledge of natural hazards, experience in avoiding them and the equipment and ability to deal with hazards. Pick wilderness trips that reflect your skills and knowledge. Ask park staff if you are unsure. You can check trail conditions, avalanche conditions, important safety messages and the status of winter restricted areas on the parks' websites (pc.gc.ca/glacier and pc.gc.ca/revelstoke) and driving conditions on drivebc.ca

PARK REGULATIONS

Our mountain national parks have cozy campgrounds and comfy towns, but most of our parks remain protected as wilderness.

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

Keep a "Bare Campsite". Store all food and food-related items in a hard-sided vehicle/ trailer/motor home or in the campground food storage lockers when not in use, overnight and when you leave your campsite for any length of time.

Never leave ANY of these items unattended: coolers, dishes, pots, bottles and cans, pet food and bowls, garbage and food preparation items.

Keep pets on a leash. Unrestrained pets can harass wildlife, provoke wildlife attacks, and endanger or disturb other visitors. Please collect and properly dispose of your pet's waste.

Take only photographs. It is illegal to pick flowers, cut down trees, or remove or otherwise cause damage to natural objects or living things (like mushrooms). The same is true for cultural artifacts. Leave whatever you find where you find it, for others to enjoy.

Be considerate of your neighbours. Liquor consumption is prohibited in public places, like picnic areas. Respect quiet hours and the rights of others to enjoy the park in peace and quiet.

Stay out of closed areas. Area closures or activity restrictions are put in place when the public is at risk, or when wildlife requires additional protection. Signs will indicate when areas are closed. Violators will be charged and may be forced to appear in court.

Be careful with fire. Fires are permitted only in designated areas. Keep fires well contained in fireboxes. Completely extinguish your fire. Do not collect deadwood, bark or branches for fuel. Report any wildfires immediately to park staff.

Buy fishing permits. Anglers require a national park fishing permit, available at most visitor centres. Provincial licenses are not valid. All streams and rivers in Mount Revelstoke and Glacier are closed to fishing.

Motorized off-road travel is not permitted in the parks in summer or winter.



Mountain Stories





WILDLIFE VIEWING TIPS

Visit: parks.canada.ca/bears-and-people

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

- Stay three bus lengths away. Getting too close can be stressful for animals and dangerous for people.
- Keep children nearby and in sight at all times.
- **NEVER feed wildlife.**
- 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.

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 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
banfflakelouise.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 Hot Springs: 1-888-347-9331
tourismradium.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

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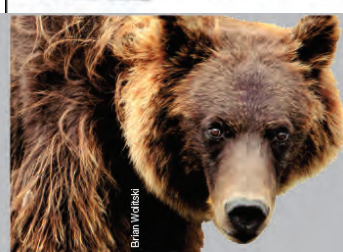
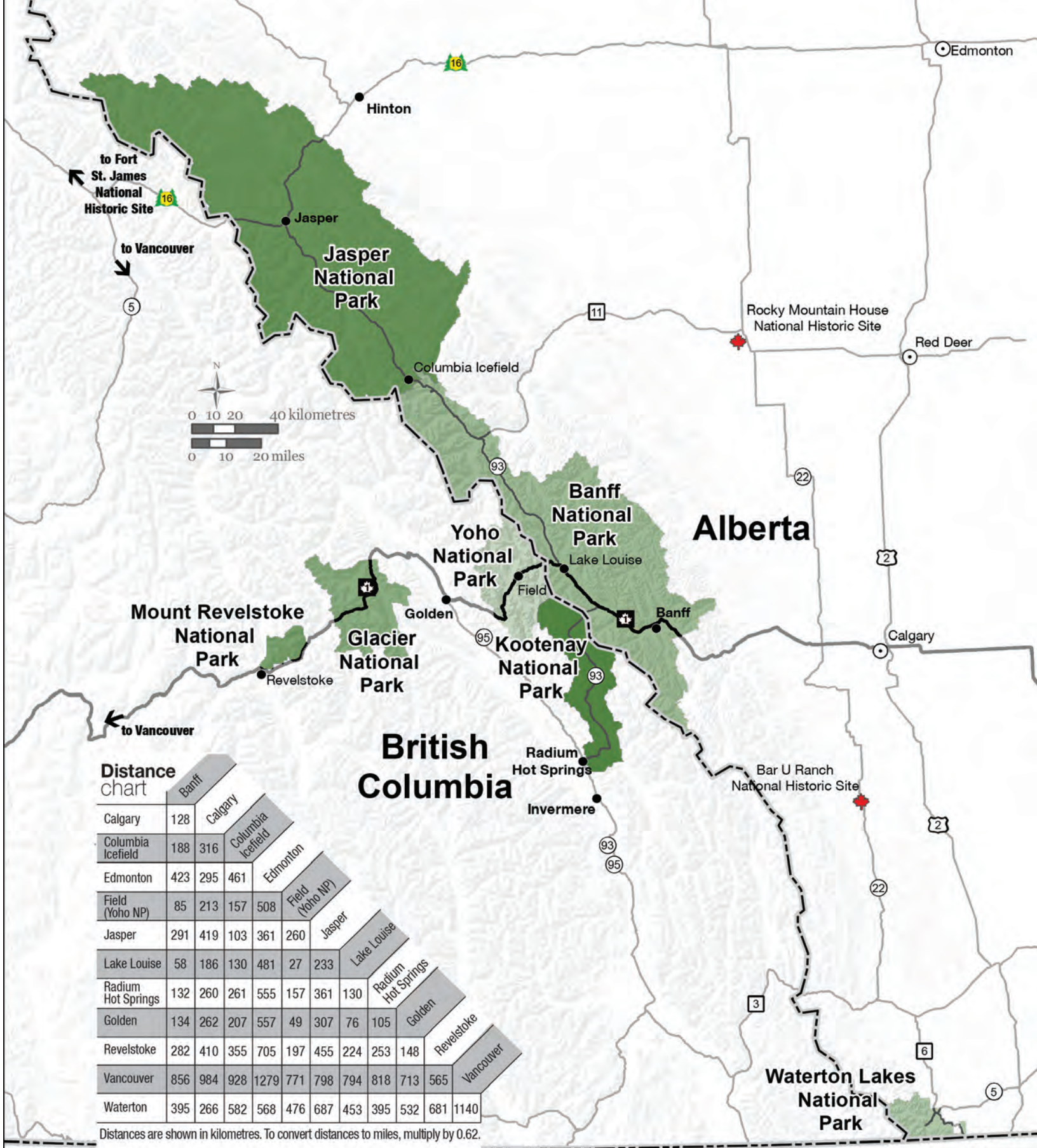
Rogers Pass Discovery Centre: 250-837-7500
pc.gc.ca/glacier • pc.gc.ca/revelstoke

Tourism Revelstoke: 1-800-487-1493
seerevelstoke.com

WATERTON LAKES

Waterton Lakes Visitor Centre: 403-859-5133
pc.gc.ca/waterton

Waterton Chamber of Commerce
mywaterton.ca



Please slow down, for your safety and ours.



FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL Jasper Dispatch 1-877-852-3100
 Cell phone coverage is not reliable in all areas of the mountain parks.