

SUMMER 2018



Jasper
National Park

Visitor Guide



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Jasper National Park Dark Sky Preserve

On March 26, 2011, the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) officially designated Jasper National Park as a Dark Sky Preserve. This means that our park has made a special commitment to protect and preserve the night sky and to reduce or eliminate light pollution in all forms. With an estimated 85% of Canadians not able to see more than a few stars due to light pollution in their urban

environments, Jasper National Park's commitment to protecting darkness is becoming increasingly more important for our personal health and the life cycles of our nocturnal animals.

Join us from **October 12 to 21, 2018** for the annual **Jasper Dark Sky Festival** and experience the night sky in a way you never have before.

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Welcome to Jasper National Park

We respectfully acknowledge that Jasper National Park is located in Treaty 6 and 8 as well as the traditional territories of the Beaver, Cree, Ojibway, Shuswap, Stoney and Metis Nations. We mention this to honour and thank these territories for their contribution to building our park, province and nation.

Spanning over 11,000 square kilometres, Jasper is the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. Known for its vast wilderness, majestic peaks, abundant wildlife and outstanding natural beauty, visitors from all over Canada and around the world travel here to experience this very special place.

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.

From Indigenous Peoples and early fur traders to railway workers laying ties for two transcontinental routes, millions of people have explored these valleys and mountain passes. Experience Jasper National Park's history first-hand, discover one or all of our five spectacular regions and participate in Parks Canada led programs and events.

If you have any questions during your stay, our friendly Parks Canada staff are here to help! We hope your visit to Jasper National Park is rejuvenating and full of adventure.

Directory

PARKS CANADA
JASPER INFORMATION CENTRE
500 Connaught Drive
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SOCIAL MEDIA
  **JasperNP**

JASPER TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT
parkscanada.ca/jaspertrails

TOURISM JASPER
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FRIENDS OF JASPER NATIONAL PARK
Maps and guide books:
780-852-4341 • friendsofjasper.com

PARKS CANADA RESERVATIONS
1-877-737-3783
parkscanada.ca/reservation

GENERAL
Jasper weather: 780-852-3185
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Road conditions: 511
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EMERGENCY
Dial 911
Cell phones are not always reliable.
780-852-3100 (satellite)

Protecting Wildlife

Human Food and Garbage Kills Wildlife.

NEVER LEAVE FOOD UNATTENDED.

Wildlife that eat human food or garbage become aggressive with people. This puts both people and wildlife at risk of being hurt or killed.



Wildlife quickly find any food, scented items or garbage that is left unattended. Once a taste for human food and garbage has developed they become aggressive in their search for more.

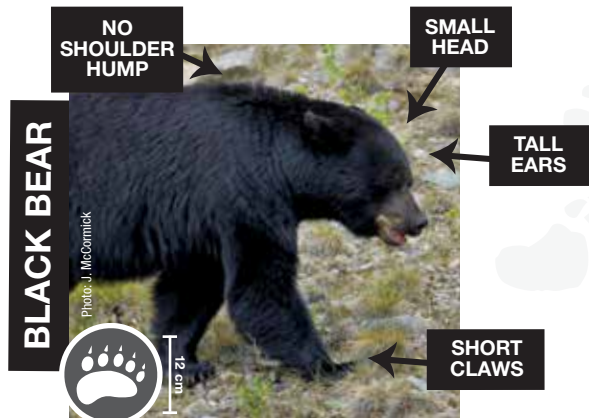
This places you and others in danger. If your food or garbage is not properly stored, these wild animals will enter your picnic area or campsite in search for these items.



KEEP PETS ON A LEASH

- Pets must be kept on a leash at all times.
- Pets attract wildlife and may be attacked if they are left unattended.
- **Do not leave pet food out.** If you walk away, store food dishes – empty or full. Always store food dishes at night.

Wildlife Identification

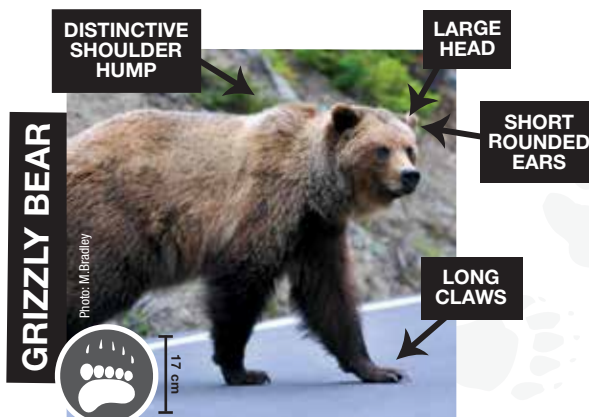


Characteristics

Built like a large German Shepherd, with longer legs. Colour can vary from white to black.

Where to find

Mainly valley bottoms.



Characteristics

Medium-sized dog; thick, bushy tail, greyish-brown in colour.

Where to find

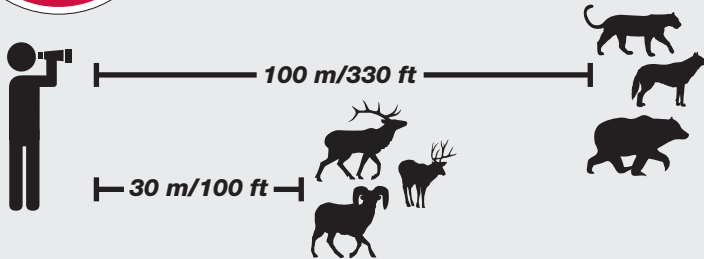
Valley bottoms. Well-adapted to humans.

Give Wildlife Space.



DO NOT APPROACH OR ENTICE WILDLIFE.

Following, crowding or startling wildlife can lead to aggressive encounters, which can put you and others in danger. When viewing wildlife:



- Stay at least 100 metres away from bears, coyotes, wolves and cougars.
- Stay at least 30 metres away from elk, bighorn sheep, moose and deer.

If you see wildlife on the road **always slow down.**

If you do stop (*not recommended for the safety of wildlife*):

- Pull over where it is safe to do so.
- Use your hazard lights to alert others.
- **Stay in your vehicle.**
- Quickly observe, take a photo and move on.
- Move on if a traffic jam develops. It is unsafe for people and wildlife.



Elk



11.5 cm

Characteristics

Brown body, darker neck and large tan rump patch. Backwards slanting antlers.

Where to find

Valley bottoms and open areas. Commonly seen around townsites.



Bighorn Sheep



9 cm

Characteristics

White rump and light brown fur and horns. Males: thick curled horns. Females: short narrow horns.

Where to find

Near steep rocky terrain.



Moose



13 cm

Characteristics

Long legs, shoulder hump, built like a horse with a large head, shovel-like antlers.

Where to find

Wet and marshy areas.



Mountain Goat



8 cm

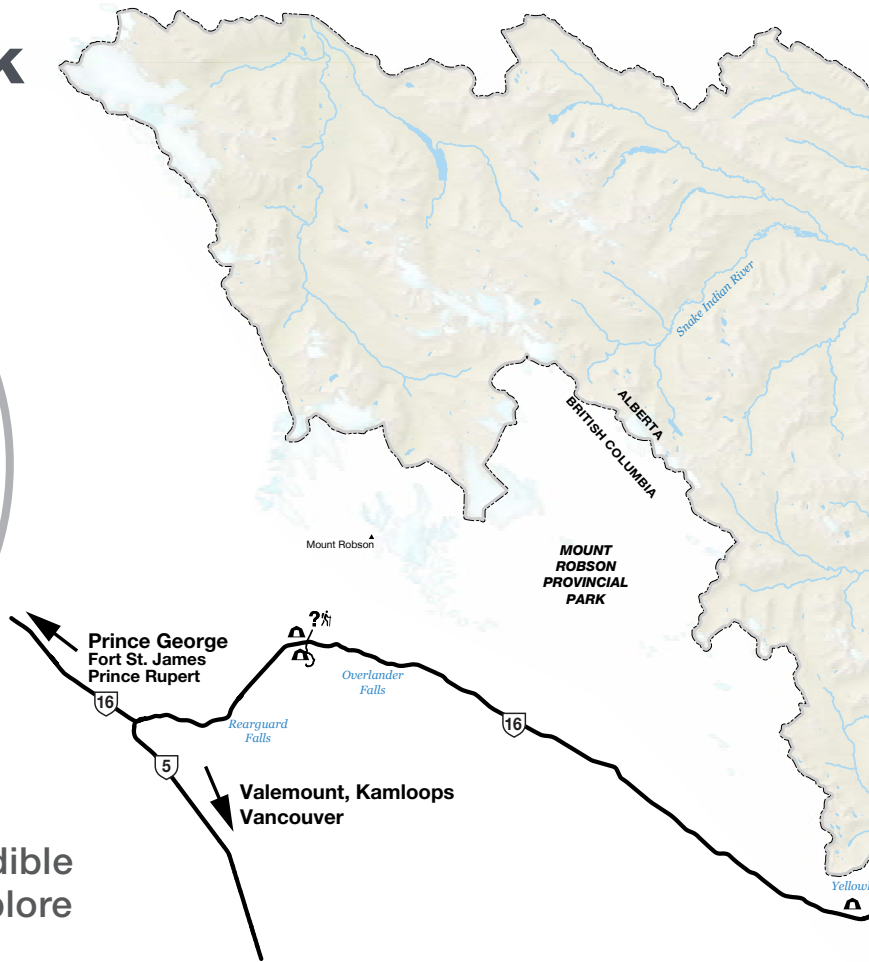
Characteristics

Narrow black horns, beard, long white hair.

Where to find

Near steep rocky terrain.

Jasper National Park



The best way to explore this incredible landscape is to take a day and explore each of its **top 5 regions**.

1. AROUND TOWN

You don't have to go far beyond the Jasper townsite to enjoy park wilderness. Drive, bike or hike up to Pyramid Lake and explore the many trails. Visit the Valley of the Five Lakes and see the unique beauty of each individual lake.

2. MALIGNE VALLEY

One of the most stunning areas in Jasper National Park is Maligne Lake. Take a scenic drive through this beautiful valley. Visit Maligne Canyon, look for wildlife along the shores of Medicine Lake, take a lakeside stroll, gear up for a challenging hike or go for a paddle on Maligne Lake.

3. EDITH CAVELL AND 93A

This summer the Mount Edith Cavell parking lot and a portion of Highway 93A will be under construction to receive much-needed improvements. For public safety, the Mount Edith Cavell Road will not reopen until August. **Please visit page 20 for more information.**

4. JASPER EAST AND MIETTE HOT SPRINGS

Soak in the hottest hot springs in the Canadian Rockies and take a short walk to the source of the springs.

5. ICEFIELDS PARKWAY AND AREA

Winding 232 kilometres through the heart of Jasper and Banff national parks, the Icefields Parkway has been called one of the most scenic drives in the world. Glaciers, waterfalls, picnic spots and hikes are found along this magnificent parkway!

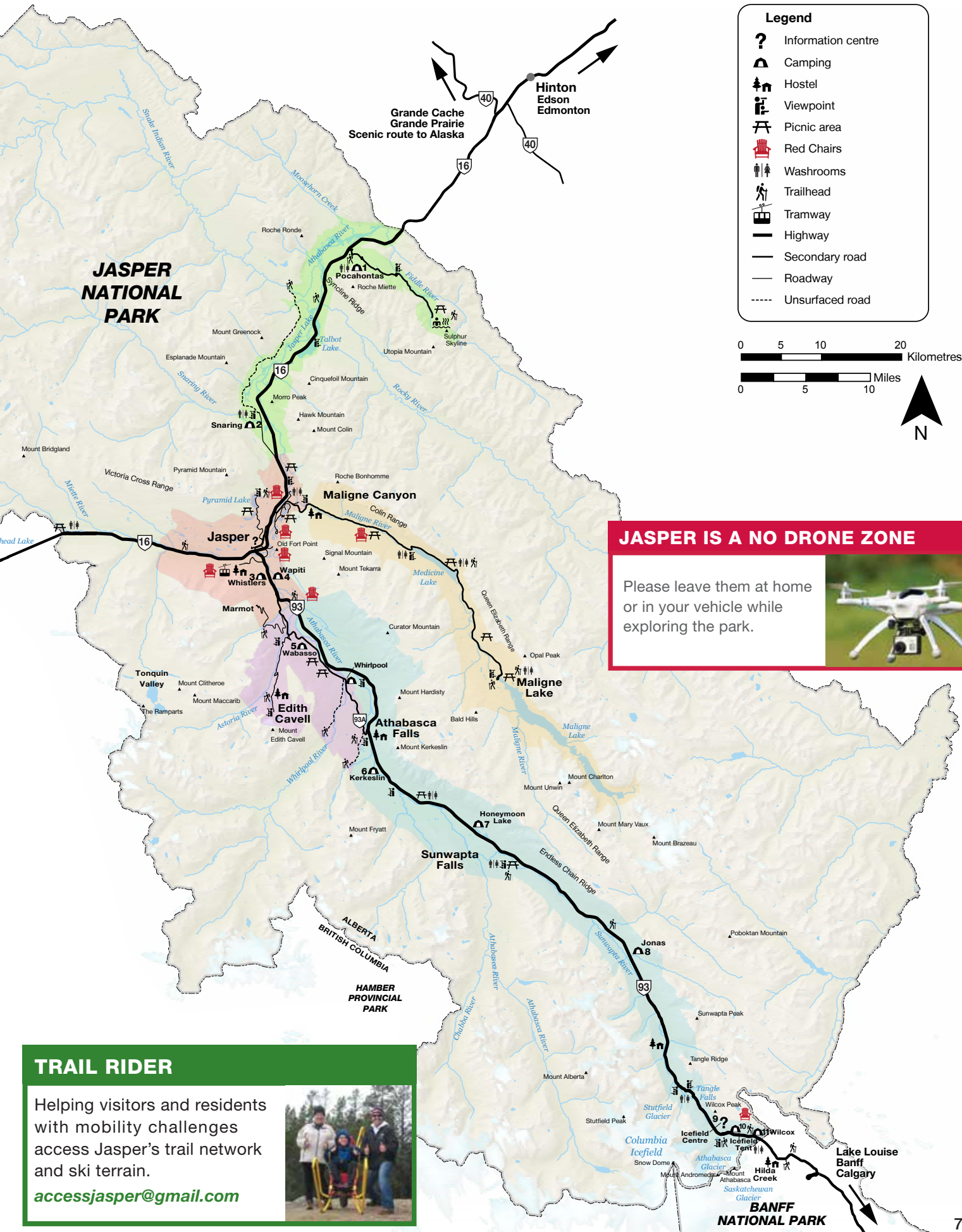


JASPER NATIONAL PARK RED CHAIRS

Discover all six sets of red chairs in the following regions:

- **Around Town**
- **Maligne Valley**
- **Icefields Parkway and Area**

Scope out these picture perfect locations at: parksCanada.ca/jasperredchair
#sharethechair





Around Town



Bighorn Trail

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

| PICNIC | | Description |
|---|--|--|
| A Sixth Bridge of Maligne Canyon | | Along the banks of the rushing Maligne River, you'll find sites with double picnic tables for larger groups. P₈ |
| B Pyramid Island | | A popular destination for its panoramic views, this area offers picnic tables and a small picnic shelter. |
| BEACHES | | Description |
| C Lake Annette | | The largest of Jasper's beaches offering picnic sites, a playground, cook shelters, change rooms and a 2.4 km wheelchair-friendly trail. P₁₈ |
| D Lake Edith | | Adjacent to Lake Annette, this quieter area offers picnic sites and views of Roche Bonhomme. P₁₈ |
| E Pyramid Beach | | On the bench lands above town, this less-visited area has secluded picnic sites and stunning views. |

| HIKING | | Distance | Description |
|---|---------------|--|-------------|
| 11 Jasper Discovery Trail | 8.3 km loop | Interpretive trail around town with multiple access points. Parts of the trail are moderate. | |
| 12 Wapiti Trail | 9.4 km return | This trail accesses Whistlers and Wapiti campgrounds. | |
| 4d Lake Annette Trail | 2.4 km return | A newly paved and wheelchair-friendly waterfront trail around beautiful Lake Annette. | |
| 1 1a Old Fort Point Loop | 3.8 km return | A steep trail with excellent town and valley views. | |
| 9 9a 9b Valley of the Five Lakes | 4.5 km loop | Explore five unique and spectacular lakes. | |

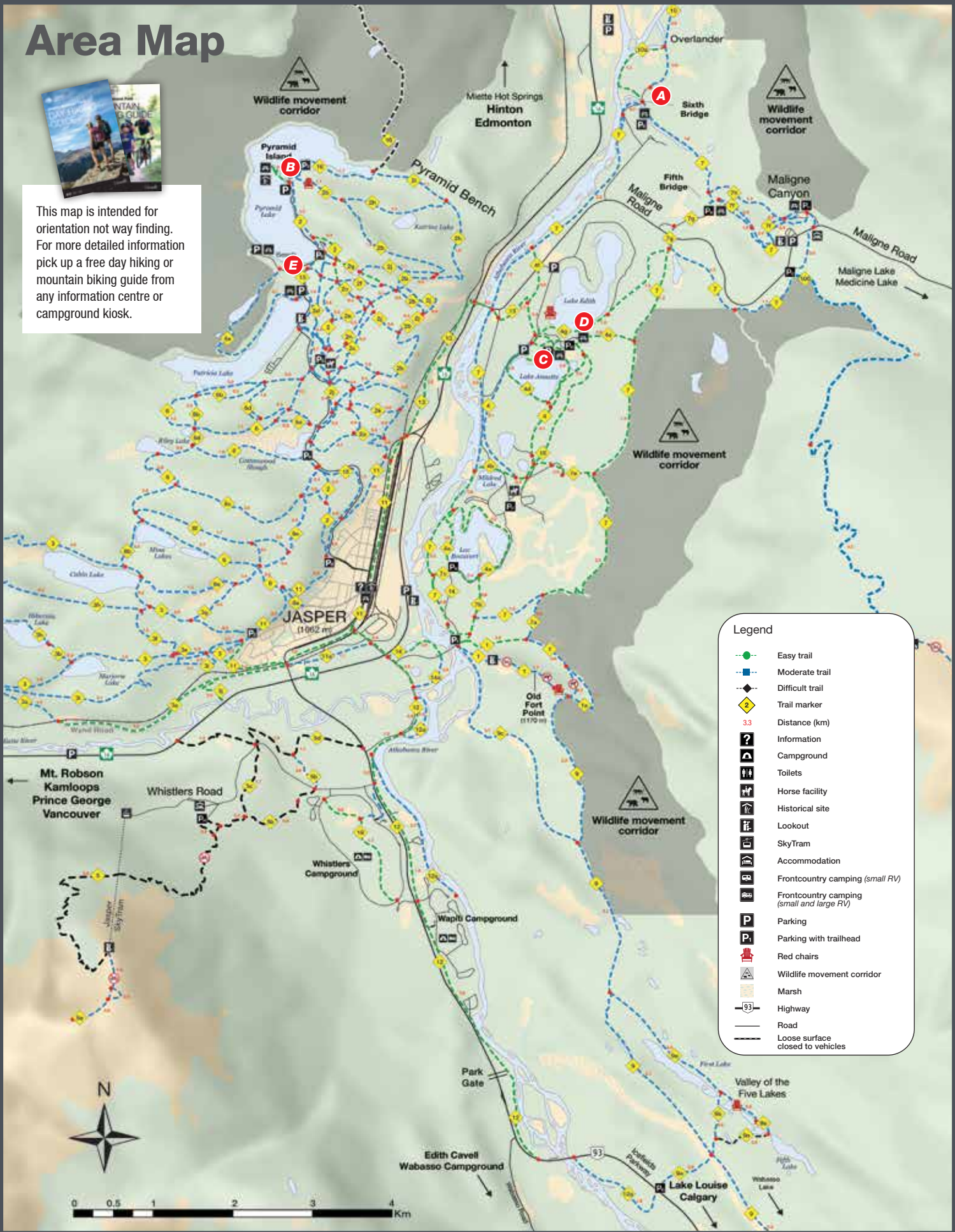
| MOUNTAIN BIKING | | Distance | Description |
|------------------------------|----------------|--|-------------|
| 13 Bighorn Trail | 4.6 km one way | An easy trail connecting the town to Lake Annette and Lake Edith. | |
| 14 Red Squirrel Trail | 2.4 km one way | A flat trail linking the town to Old Fort Point and Jasper Park Lodge. | |

Easy Moderate

Area Map



This map is intended for orientation not way finding. For more detailed information pick up a free day hiking or mountain biking guide from any information centre or campground kiosk.



Legend

- Easy trail
- Moderate trail
- ◆— Difficult trail
- ◆ Trail marker
- 3.3 Distance (km)
- ? Information
- P Campground
- ♿ Toilets
- 🐎 Horse facility
- 🏠 Historical site
- 🔍 Lookout
- 🚠 SkyTram
- 🏠 Accommodation
- 🏠 Frontcountry camping (small RV)
- 🏠 Frontcountry camping (small and large RV)
- P Parking
- P Parking with trailhead
- ♿ Red chairs
- 🐾 Wildlife movement corridor
- Marsh
- Highway
- Road
- Loose surface closed to vehicles

Jasper Townsite



A Jasper Visitor Information Centre

Located in the heart of Jasper, the Jasper Visitor Information Centre National Historic Site is your one-stop shop for gathering information on trails, interpretive programs, activities, suggested itineraries, restaurants, hotels and local services.

Hours of Operation

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| April 1 – May 16 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| May 17 – June 13 | 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| June 14 – September 26 | 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| September 27 – October 11 | 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| October 12 – March 31 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |

B Jasper Yellowhead Museum

Travel back in time at the Jasper Yellowhead Museum. Learn about Jasper National Park’s cultural history with exhibits on the fur trade, the railway, early exploration and tourism.

Other Amenities

Visit the **C** Jasper Activity Centre for a game of squash or head to the **D** Fitness and Aquatic Centre for the swimming pool, hot tub, steam room, bouldering wall and fitness centre.

Like to read books or look at beautiful, local artwork? Well you’re in for a treat – visit the new **E** Jasper Library and Cultural Centre on Robson Street.



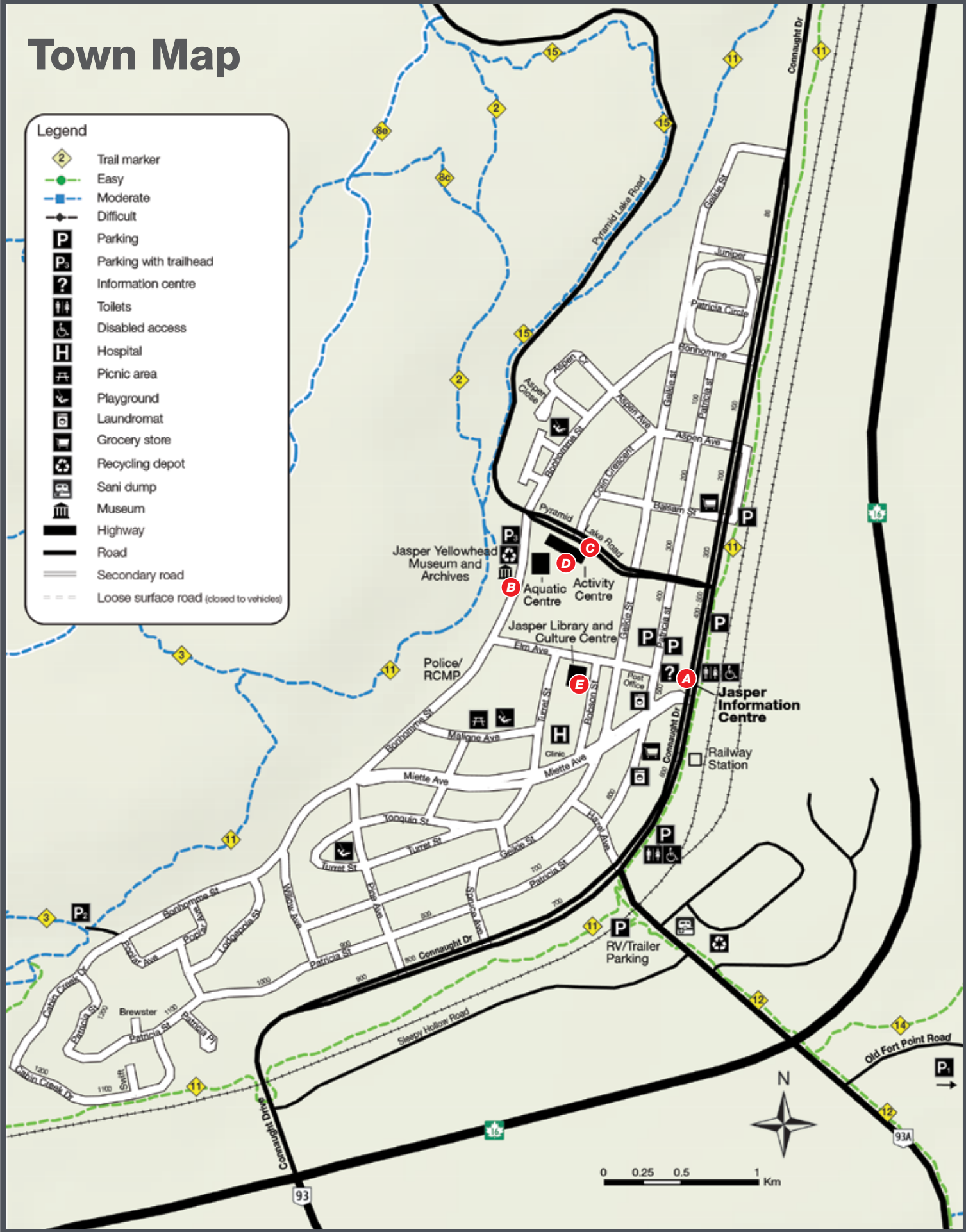
A Friends of Jasper National Park

The Friends of Jasper National Park is a non-profit organization offering high-quality experiences and opportunities for visitors and locals to connect with the park. Volunteer with the “Friends” and get closer to nature on a local trail, on top of a mountain or at a community event. Shop for unique Canadian-made gifts, maps, jewelry and Jasper National Park souvenirs—all proceeds support the park. For more adventure, inquire about weekly programming and guided hikes. To learn more visit: friendsofjasper.com

Town Map

Legend

-  Trail marker
-  Easy
-  Moderate
-  Difficult
-  Parking
-  Parking with trailhead
-  Information centre
-  Toilets
-  Disabled access
-  Hospital
-  Picnic area
-  Playground
-  Laundromat
-  Grocery store
-  Recycling depot
-  Sani dump
-  Museum
-  Highway
-  Road
-  Loose surface road (closed to vehicles)





Maligne Valley



Maligne Lake

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

| HIGHLIGHTS | Getting there | Description |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| A Maligne Overlook | 10.9 km from Jasper (15 minute drive) Maligne Road | During the ice ages two glaciers met here. Today, it offers a panoramic view of the Athabasca Valley and surrounding peaks. |
| B Maligne Canyon | 11.2 km from Jasper (15 minute drive) Maligne Road | This deep gorge is a magical place to explore. Marvel at the waterfalls, fossils, potholes and plant life along the interpretive trail. For the best experience visit in the early morning or evening. |
| C Maligne Lake | 48 km from Jasper (60 minute drive) Maligne Road | Take in the dramatic scenery with a lakeside stroll, paddle on the glacial-fed lake or enjoy a variety of hikes. Wheelchair-accessible parking is located behind the chalet and the main parking lot. |

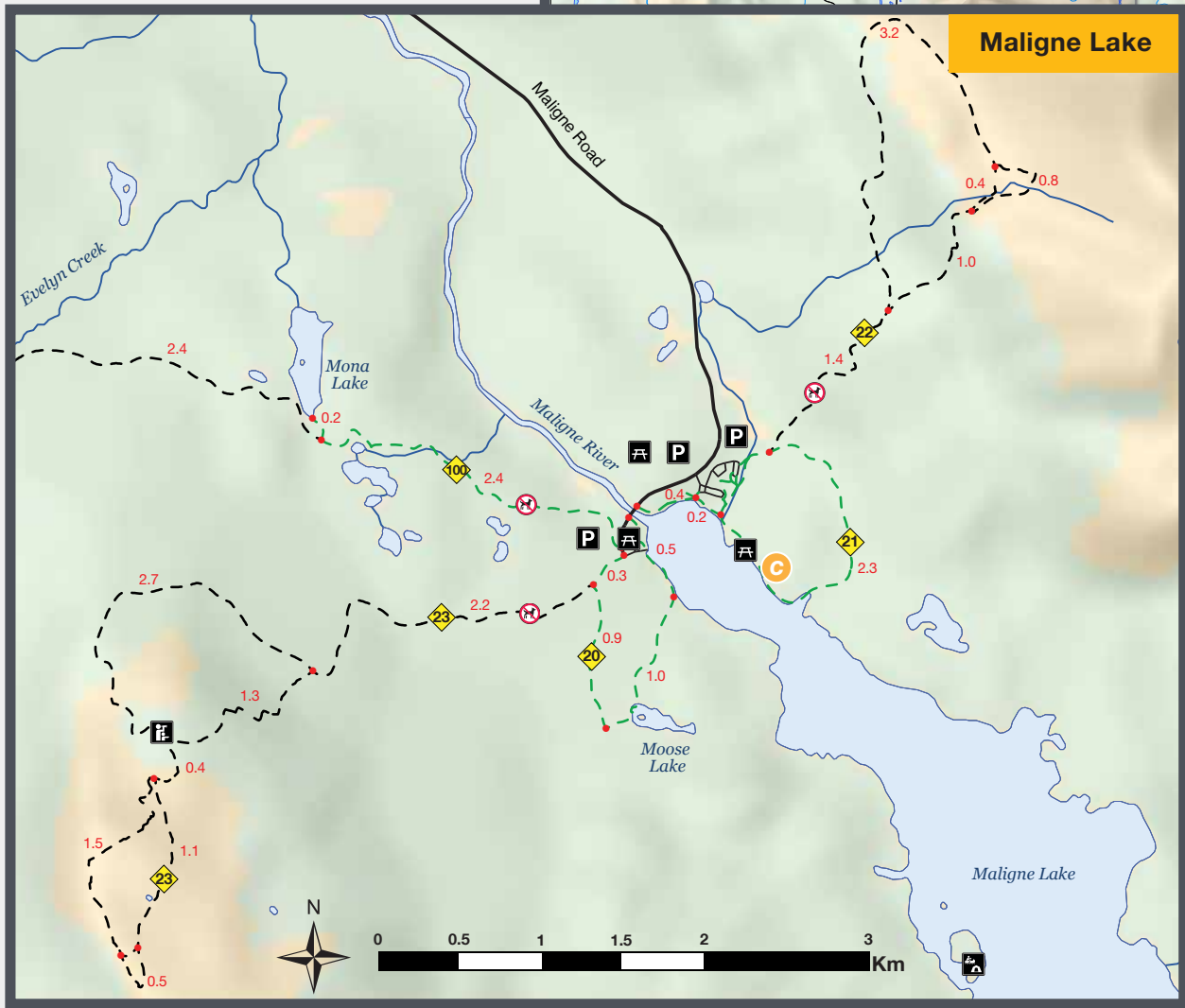
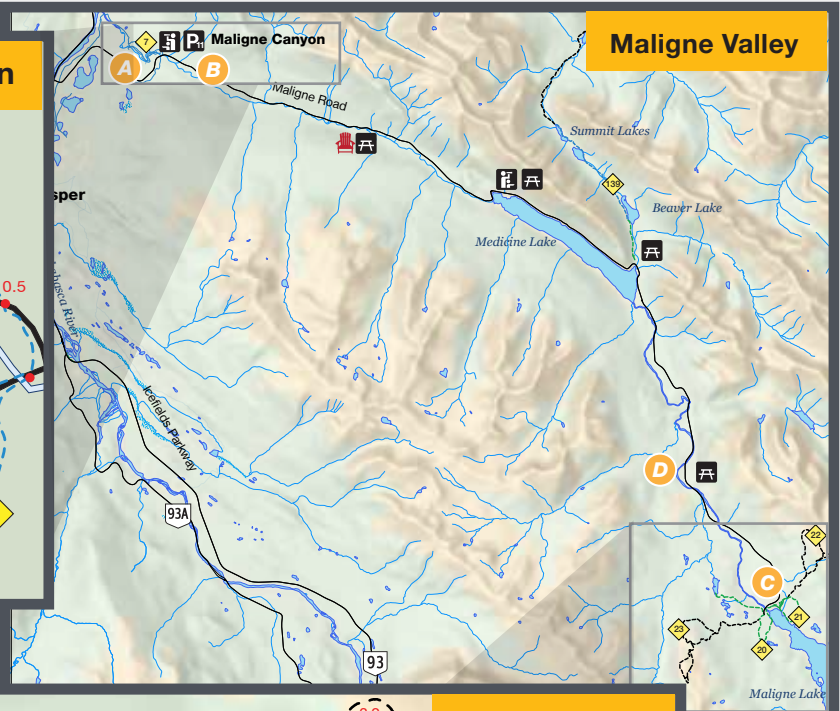
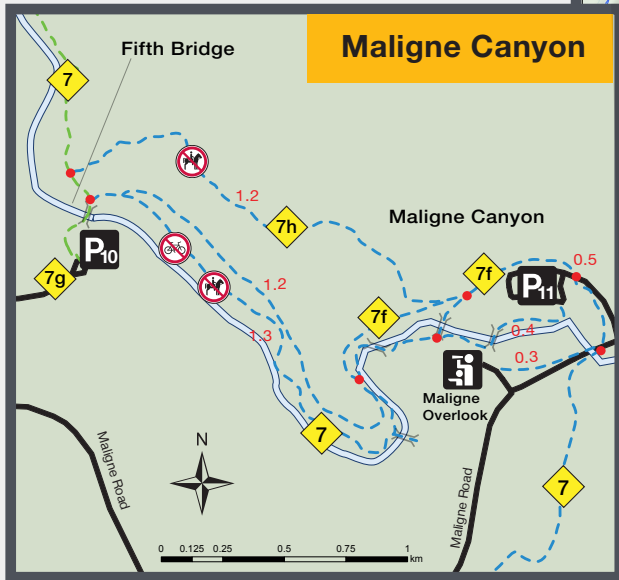
| PICNIC | Description |
|----------------------------|---|
| D Bruce's Site | Picnic tables with fire grates dot an open meadow beside the Maligne River, 7 km before Maligne Lake. This site is wheelchair friendly. |
| C Maligne Lakeshore | You'll find lakeshore picnic tables approximately 250 m along the Mary Schäffer Loop. |

| HIKING | Distance | Description |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 7 Maligne Canyon Trail | 4.4 km return | Walk the section of interpretive trail between footbridge #1 and #4 to explore the most dramatic part of this deep gorge. For your safety, stay on the designated trail. |
| 21 Mary Schäffer Loop | 3.2 km loop | This easy trail features a lake viewpoint with interpretive panels. |
| 20 Moose Lake Loop | 2.7 km loop | A tranquil lake in the forest is a great spot to look for moose. |

Easy Moderate



Human food and garbage kills wildlife.



Do not litter.












Jasper East and Miette Hot Springs



Sulphur Skyline

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

| HIGHLIGHTS | Getting there | Description |
|--|---|---|
| A Jasper House National Historic Site | 32 km from Jasper (40 minute drive) Highway 16 | Viewpoint overlooking the site of a trading post established in 1829. |
| B Pocahontas Mine Historic Area | 43 km from Jasper (50 minute drive) Miette Road | This area is the location of an old coal mining site. |
| C Miette Hot Springs | 61 km from Jasper (60 minute drive) Miette Road | Miette Hot Springs has a shaded picnic area and options for hikes. |

| HIKING  | Distance | Description |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
|   Pocahontas Mine Trail | Lower loop 800 m Upper loop 1.7 km |   Explore the site of a 1900s coal mine. Lower loop is wheelchair friendly. |
|  Source of the Springs | 1.2 km return |  Stroll through the remains of the old aqua court and touch the source of the Miette Hot Springs. |
|  Sulphur Skyline | 8.8 km return |  This steep trail ends with views of Utopia Mountain, Fiddle Valley and Ashlar Ridge. |

 Easy  Moderate  Difficult

MIETTE HOT SPRINGS

Miette Hot Springs features the hottest mineral springs in the Canadian Rockies. Water flows from the mountain at 54°C (129°F) and is cooled to a comfortable 40°C (104°F).

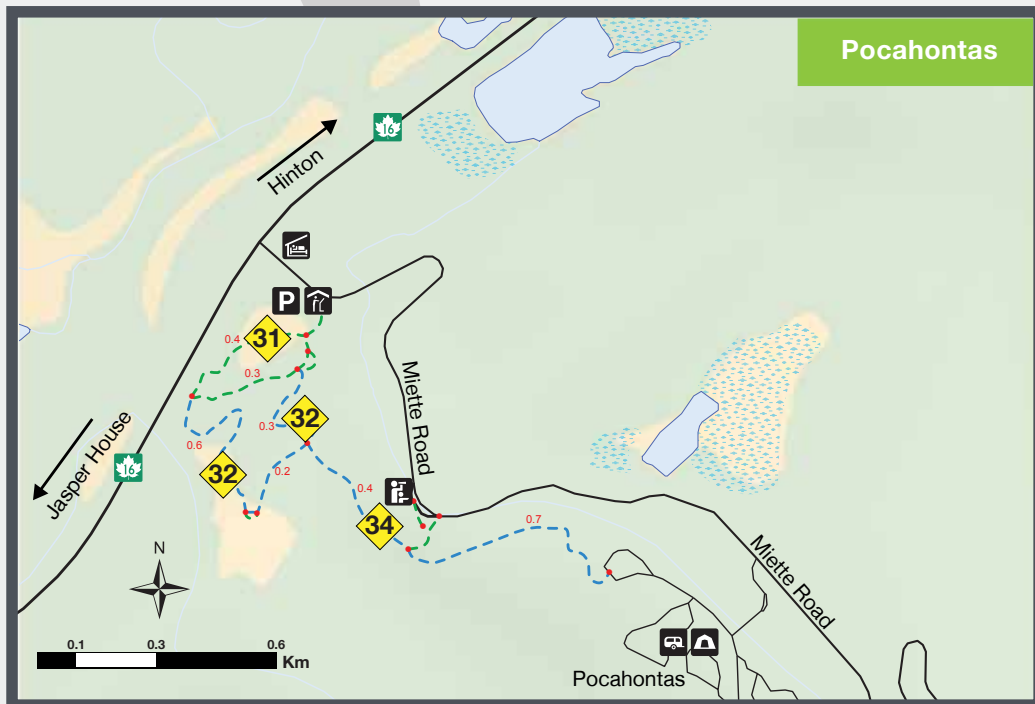
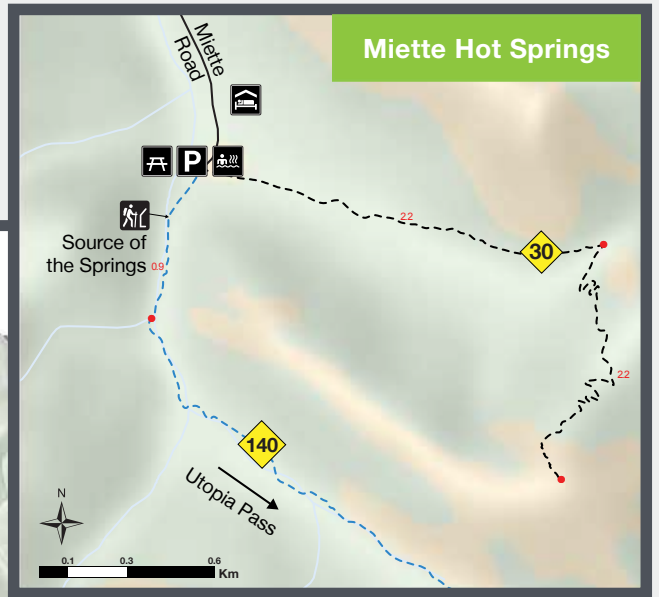


| Soak Fee | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Adult (18-64) | \$6.05 |
| Youth (3-17) | \$5.15 |
| Child (under 3) | Free |
| Senior (65+) | \$5.15 |
| Family (2 adults and 2 youth) | \$18.35 |

| Hours of Operation | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| May 4 – June 14 | 10:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| June 15 – September 3 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. |
| September 4 - October 8 | 10:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. |

*Swimsuits, towels and locker rentals are available.

Area Maps















Icefields Parkway and Area

Wilcox Pass

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

| HIGHLIGHTS | Distance | Description |
|---|--|---|
| Athabasca Falls | 30 km south of Jasper (30 minute drive) Highway 93 | One of the most powerful falls in the Canadian Rockies, the Athabasca River pours over a layer of quartzite forming an impressive canyon. |
| Sunwapta Falls | 55 km south of Jasper (50 minute drive) Highway 93 | A short walk takes visitors to a footbridge to view this torrent of plunging water. Want to see more? Descend to the less-frequented lower falls. |
| Columbia Icefield and Athabasca Glacier | 103 km south of Jasper (90 minute drive) Highway 93 | Hike to the Toe of the Athabasca Glacier or simply soak up the views from the deck of the Icefield Centre. Wheelchair-accessible parking is on the south side of the building (with hotel parking). |
| Bow Summit and Peyto Lake viewpoint | 190 km south of Jasper (150 minute drive) Highway 93 | A short uphill walk from the parking area leads to a view of the glacial-fed, turquoise Peyto Lake. Named after local guide and early Banff park warden, Bill Peyto. |
| Crowfoot Glacier and Bow Lake viewpoint | 197 km south of Jasper (150 minute drive) Highway 93 | When this glacier was named a century ago, it looked like a three-toed crowfoot. Since then, one toe has melted and the middle toe is slowly disappearing. |
| PICNIC 🍴 | | |
| Mount Christie 🦽 | 41 km south of Jasper (40 min) Highway 93 | A hidden gem with breathtaking views of the Athabasca River and the rugged peaks beyond. |



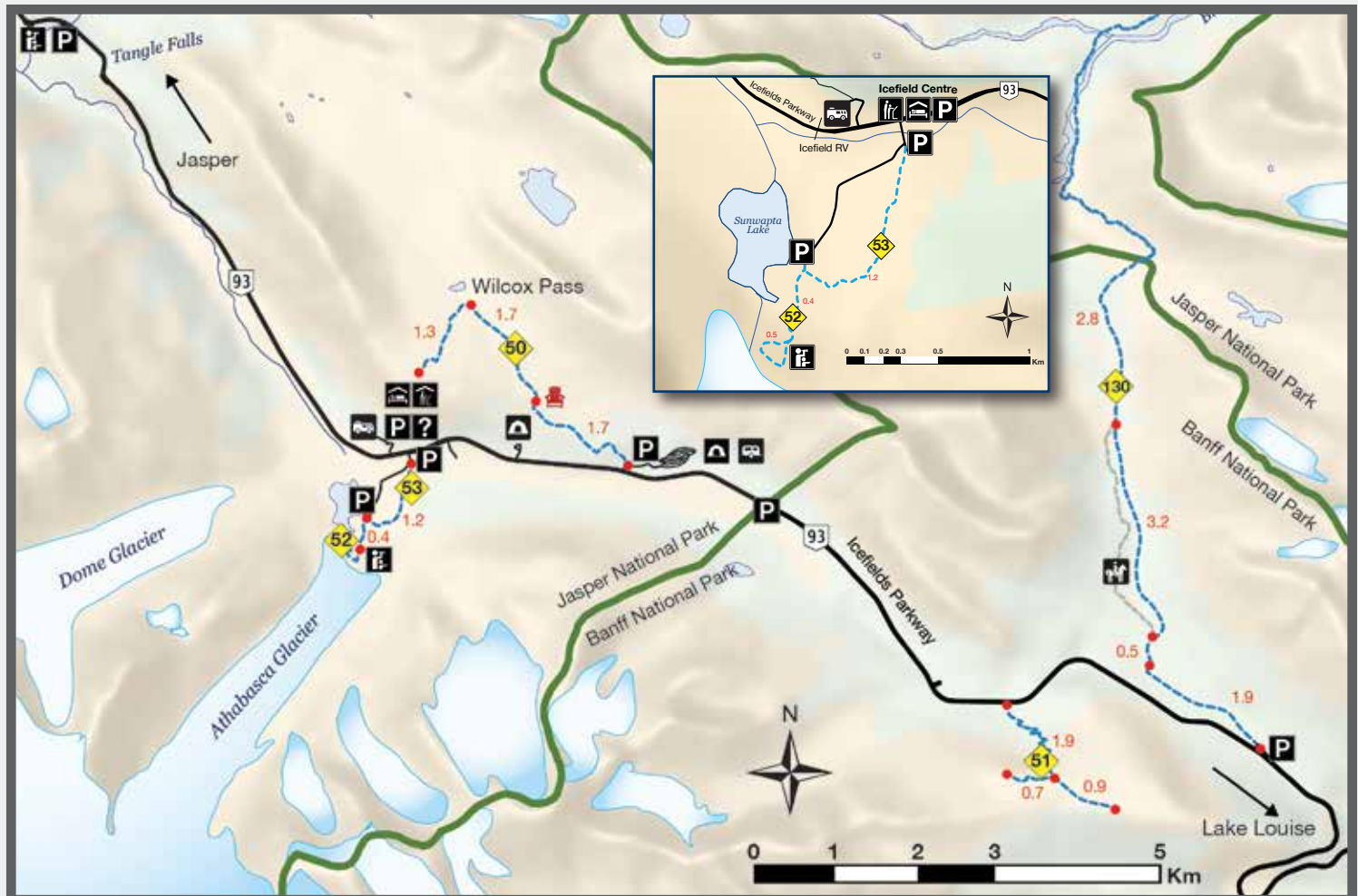
| HIKING  | Distance | Description |
|--|---|---|
|  Lower Sunwapta Falls | 2.6 km return |  From the main falls, a short descent leads to a series of three less-visited waterfalls and open mountain views. |
|  Toe of the Athabasca Glacier | 1.8 km return |  A steady climb along a recently glaciated surface to a unique view of the Toe of the Athabasca Glacier. |
|  Wilcox Pass | Red chairs 3.4 km return Wilcox Pass 6.8 km return |  A quick ascent above treeline to a vast meadow and incomparable panoramic views.  |
|  Parker Ridge | 5.4 km return |  The dramatic views of the Saskatchewan Glacier are worth hiking the switchbacks. Avoid shortcuts. |

 Moderate

Icefield Information Centre Hours of Operation

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| May 4 – May 16 | 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. |
| May 17 – September 30 | 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |

Area Map



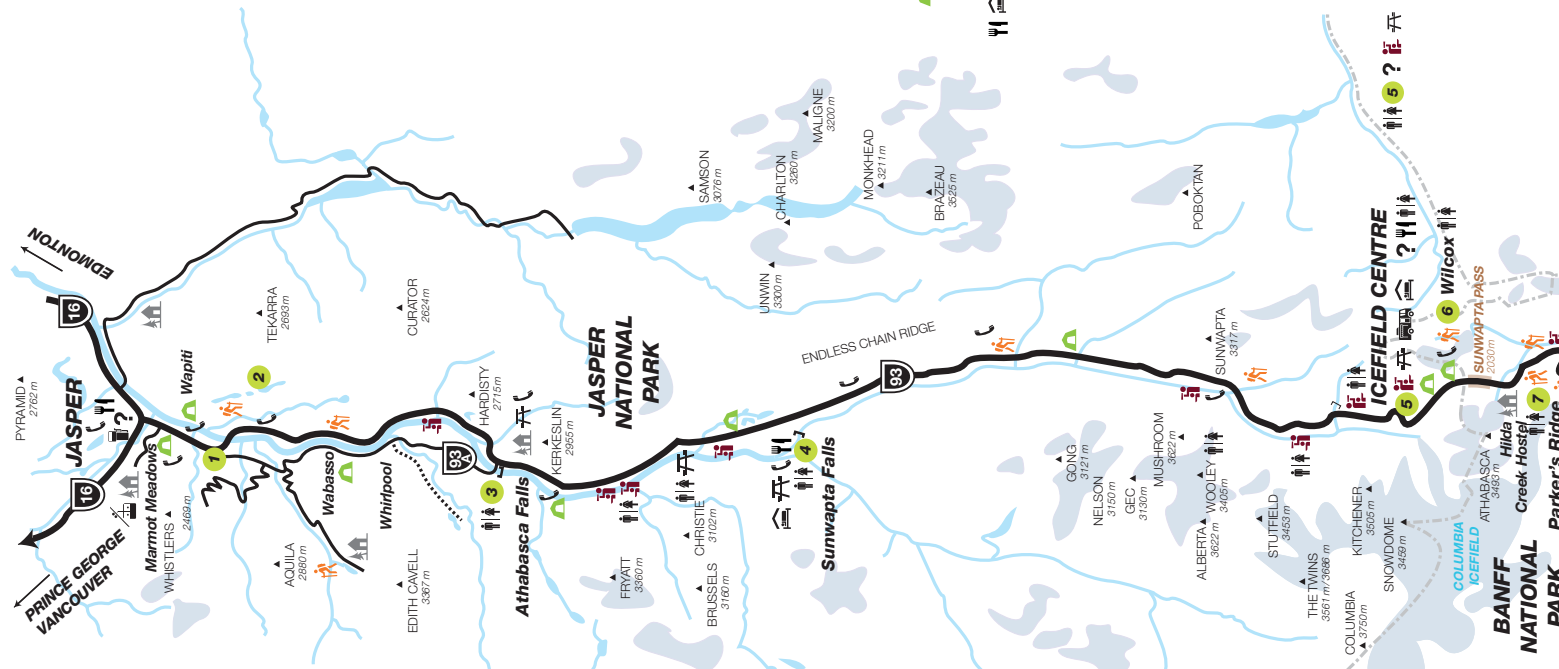
The Icefields Parkway Driving Guide

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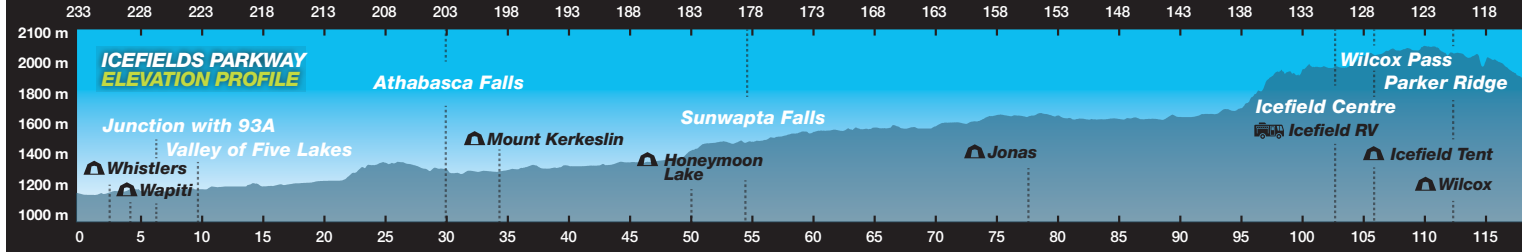
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KM FROM JASPER

- H ? P I C RCMP **JASPER TOWNSITE**
- Whistlers (May to Oct.)
- Jasper International Hostel
- Jasper Skytram (April to Oct.)
- Wapiti (Summer and Winter)
- 1** Junction with Highway 93A
Access to: Cavell Road (mid-June to early Sept)
rejoins Parkway at Athabasca Falls
- 2** Valley of the Five Lakes
Wabasso Lake
- Athabasca Pass Lookout
- 3** Athabasca Falls
Junction with Hwy 93A
- Athabasca Falls Hostel
- 4** Kerkleslin (mid-June to early Sept.)
Goats and Glaciers
- Mount Christie
- 5** Honeymoon Lake (mid-June to early Sept.)
- 4** Sunwapta Falls Resort (mid-May to mid-Oct.)
Poboktan Creek
- Jonas (mid-May to early Sept.)
- Mushroom and Diadem Peaks
- 6** Beauty Creek Hostel
Beauty Creek
- Stutfield Glacier
- Tangle Falls. **Watch for sheep!**
- ICEFIELD CENTRE** (mid-April to mid-Oct.)
Parks Canada information (May-Sept.)
Icefield RV
Icefield Tent (mid-May to mid-Sept.)
- Wilcox Pass
Wilcox (early June to Sept.)



KM FROM LAKE LOUISE



KM FROM JASPER



Give us space.



Edith Cavell



© Astoria Bridge, Caroline Roy



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Cavell Road

Closed April 1 to August 2018

Construction on the Edith Cavell day use area and parking lot will continue throughout the spring and summer of 2018. Cavell Road will remain closed to motorists, bikers and hikers until August 2018 or as site readiness permits.

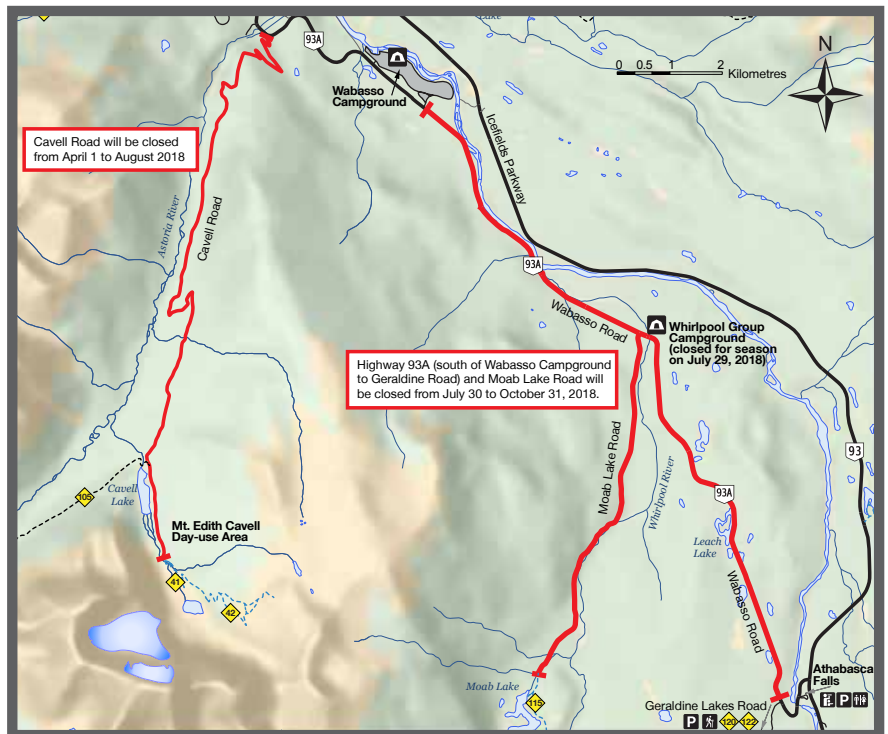
Highway 93A (south of Wabasso Campground to Geraldine Road)

Closed July 30 to October 31, 2018

Highway 93A (Wabasso Road) will undergo significant improvements in 2018, including brushing to improve sightlines, additional guardrails and paving. **Wabasso Campground will remain open during construction and will be accessible from the north.** The section of 93A from just south of Wabasso Campground to Geraldine Road will be closed to motorists, bikers, and hikers from July 30 to October 31, 2018.

For more information visit: parkscanada.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ab/jasper/visit/cavell-93a.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



— Closed

Federal Infrastructure Investments



Jasper National Park Infrastructure Update

When visiting or driving through Jasper National Park, you may encounter one or more construction zones or reduced services while we complete important infrastructure work. Plan ahead to avoid inconvenience.

To see if road construction may impact your trip please check Alberta road conditions at 511alberta.ca, dial **511** (inside Alberta only) or call **1-855-391-9743**. For British Columbia road conditions visit driveBC.ca or call **1-800-550-4997**.

The safety of the public and staff remains Parks Canada's top priority. Please respect traffic control personnel and obey all posted road signs and reduced speed zones.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve Jasper National Park's roads, highways and special places. These improvements will ensure the quality and reliability of visitor infrastructure and continue to allow Canadians to connect with nature.

Lake Annette

This beautiful destination now features a wider paved trail for easier travel as well as a new dock for watersports. What are you waiting for—get out on the water from the new dock or take in stunning views of the mountains as you walk around this crystal clear lake.



Lake Annette, Rogier Gruys

Campgrounds

In 2019, Whistlers Campground will be closed for reconstruction to meet the needs of today's traveller.

When the campground reopens, visitors will be greeted with a new registration centre, 17 new combined washroom and shower facilities, improved campsites, and newly paved roads. Underground services, including water, sewer and electrical are also being replaced, and many of the existing electrical campsites will be upgraded to 50 amp service.

| CAMPGROUND AND SERVICES | Full Hook-up | Electrical | Sani Dump | Flush Toilets | Pit Toilets | Showers | Firepit | Cooking Shelter | Drinking Water | oTENTik | Interpretive Programs | Disabled Access | OPEN DATES | FEES | # OF SITES |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Reservable Campgrounds | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whistlers | | | | | | | | | | | | | May 2 – Oct. 8 | \$27.40-\$38.20 | 781 |
| Wapiti (summer) | | | | | | | | | | | | | May 2 – Oct. 8 | \$27.40-\$32.30 | 364 |
| Wabasso | | | | | | | | | | | | | May 16 – Sept. 17 | \$21.50-\$27.40 | 231 |
| Pocahontas | | | | | | | | | | | | | May 16 – Sept. 3 | \$21.50 | 140 |
| Self Registration Campgrounds | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Icefield Centre (RV) | | | | | | | | | | | | | April 11 – Oct. 29 | \$15.70 | 100 |
| Snaring | | | | | | | | | | | | | May 16 – Sept. 24 | \$15.70 | 62 |
| Wilcox | | | | | | | | | | | | | May 16 – Sept. 17 | \$15.70 | 46 |
| Kerkeslin | | | | | | | | | | | | | June 13 – Sept. 3 | \$15.70 | 42 |
| Honeymoon Lake | | | | | | | | | | | | | May 16 – Sept. 17 | \$15.70 | 35 |
| Jonas | | | | | | | | | | | | | May 16 – Sept. 3 | \$15.70 | 25 |
| Icefield (tents only) | | | | | | | | | | | | | May 16 – Oct. 8 | \$15.70 | 33 |
| Wapiti (winter) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Oct. 8 – May 1, 2019 | \$27.40-\$32.30 | 93 |

Book online or call for info and reservations.

Jasper National Park offers extraordinary camping experiences, ranging from full-service RV sites to rustic settings. Reservable campgrounds fill up quickly. Call ahead or go online for recommendations and availability of campsites.

1-877-RESERVE (737-3783) OR PARKSCANADA.CA/RESERVATION

Self-Registration Campgrounds

Self-registration campgrounds offer a setting that is more rustic, without some of the amenities of a reservable campground. Campsites in these campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To increase your chance of securing a spot, arrive early in the day and come mid-week. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m. and payment must be made with cash or credit card at the site.

Debit cards are NOT accepted.

Interpretive Activities in the Park

Discover Jasper's Stories!

Parks Canada interpreters are storytellers and guides who love to share their passion and knowledge of the park. Join us for programs and activities all summer long to have family fun and learn about the park's natural and cultural history.



Whistlers Campground

Whistlers Outdoor Theatre

welcomes visitors back to Jasper's most popular interpretive venue. In July and August, watch for Xplorer Programs at 7:00 p.m., followed by theatre shows at 9:00 p.m. Programs range from the drama of Claw and Order to the excitement of a Metis Jig and the fascinating facts of our Research Update.

Visit parksCanada.ca/jasper-interpretation for a complete program schedule.

***PLEASE NOTE:** some activities require advanced registration.



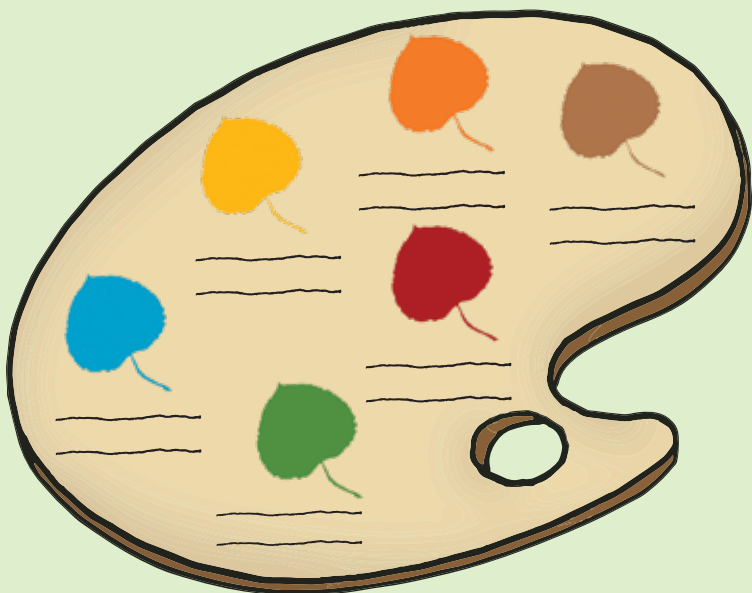
Wildlife Guardians

Through interpretation and traffic management, our Wildlife Guardian teams help visitors connect with Jasper's most intriguing animals while practicing safe wildlife viewing.

GO INVESTIGATE

COLOUR QUEST

RED, YELLOW, GREEN, ORANGE, BROWN and **BLUE**. Go on a colour quest in the park and match the colour chips below with something you find in nature.



Parks Canada Activity Booklets



Xplorer booklets (kids ages 6 - 11) and **Club Parka booklets** (kids under 6) help families discover the park and do activities together. Pick up the free booklets at an information centre, campground kiosk or interpretive program.

Spotlight on Science and Species at Risk



Caribou

Rangifer tarandus

A member of the deer family, they are well-adapted to cold, harsh winters and life in the alpine.

Threatened by

Changes to predator populations, human disturbance, habitat loss due to fire and small populations.



Olive-sided Flycatcher

Contopus cooperi

This migrating bird sings a loud three-note whistle of “Quick, Three Cheers!” and tends to perch on top of tall trees while foraging for insects.

Threatened by

Habitat loss, declining insect prey and historic fire suppression by humans.



Little Brown Bat

Myotis lucifugus

A small insect-eating bat that often roosts in buildings and can be seen foraging at dusk.

Endangered by

White-nose Syndrome, an introduced fungus that grows on the muzzle of hibernating bats, and is causing a rapid population decline across North America.



Haller's Apple Moss

Bartramia halleriana

Haller's apple moss is found on shady cliff ledges and rocky mountain slopes.

Endangered by

Fire, human disturbance and small population size. Jasper is home to one of only nine known locations for the rare moss in all of Canada.



Northern Long-Eared Bat

Myotis septentrionalis

Similar to the brown bat, it has longer ears, a longer tail and bigger wings.

Endangered by

White-nose Syndrome.



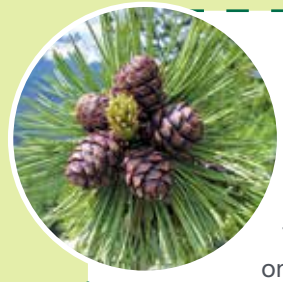
Common Nighthawk

Chordeiles minor

A diving nighthawk that makes a distinct booming sound like a truck roaring by, caused by air rushing through its feathers.

Threatened by

Habitat loss, declining insect prey and fire suppression by humans.



Whitebark Pine

Pinus albicaulis

Whitebark pine is a five-needled pine tree that grows at treeline.

The tree is dependent on a bird—the Clark's nutcracker—to cache its seeds and help it reproduce.

Threatened by

White pine blister rust (an introduced fungus), mountain pine beetle, fire and fire suppression, and climate change.



Meet Conservation Biologist Brenda Shepherd

“I knew in high school that I wanted to study biology. That led me to university, where I took courses in ecology and wildlife biology, and then completed a Master of Science. After working summers studying lichen, song birds and ducks—I was hooked!”

Brenda Shepherd has worked in Jasper for many years and is the lead biologist for the Whitebark pine restoration project in Jasper. This is a project that sees staff and students harvesting Whitebark pine seeds that are resistant to White pine blister rust, cultivating the seeds, and re-planting them in the park.

Protecting our Park



Mountain Pine Beetle

An insect native to Jasper National Park, mountain pine beetles tunnel into mature pine trees and disrupt the flow of nutrients within the tree. The red trees in the Athabasca Valley are evidence of its spread, which is linked to climate change and past fire suppression management practices.

Mountain pine beetle infestation has steadily risen since 2013. To date, about half of Jasper's pine forests have been impacted. Restoring fire to the landscape through prescribed or planned fires is a natural way to reduce mountain pine beetle habitat and restore healthy forests.

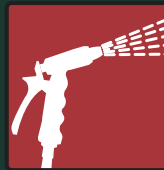
Whirling Disease

Whirling Disease is caused by a parasite affecting salmonid fish. This disease causes nerve and cartilage damage, which may cause infected fish to whirl around in circles.

This disease could significantly impact fish populations in Jasper National Park such as Athabasca rainbow trout and pygmy whitefish.

Help protect our waters by making sure you "Clean, Drain and Dry" your boat and fishing gear when you leave a lake or river, and never transport fish between water bodies.

Visit aep.alberta.ca/fish-wildlife/wildlife-diseases/whirling-disease for more information.



CLEAN by rinsing off all mud and debris from anything that has been in contact with water each time you exit a water body.



DRAIN all watercraft and related equipment (bail buckets, ballasts, coolers, boats). Remove drain plugs from motorboats.



DRY all watercraft and related gear completely after cleaning and before entering another water body.



Learn More / How Can You Help?

- Stay on designated paths to avoid disturbing sensitive plants and animals.
- Participate in park interpretive programs and activities to learn more about the special species living in the park.
- Be part of scientific monitoring – report your sightings to the visitor centre.
- Leave what you find and take what you bring. Pack out all garbage and leave natural objects like antlers, rocks and wildflowers undisturbed.

Fort St. James National Historic Site



Fort St. James Trading Post

Visit: parkscanada.ca/fortstjames to learn more or to book your stay.
Open May 19 – September 3, 2018 • 250-996-7191 • stjames@pc.gc.ca
535 km from Jasper on Highway 16 W (6 hour drive)

Fort St. James National Historic Site

If your visit to Jasper National Park has you heading west along Highway 16 and through Prince George, British Columbia, Fort St. James National Historic Site is a wonderful place to bring your family!

Travel back in time to 1896 and experience Canada's largest collection of wooden buildings that have been faithfully restored to the fur trade era. A former Hudson's Bay Company post, this site is situated on the picturesque southern shores of Stuart Lake, BC.

How to get the most out of your visit:

- Live and learn the life of fur traders and indigenous people who bartered here
- Take the "Escape the Fort" Challenge
- Feed the livestock in a fenced pasture
- Watch the "world class" chicken races
- Try the legendary rack of ribs at the Commemoration Café
- Spend the night in the Murray House and explore 19th century history after hours
- Watch the magical sunset over Stuart Lake
- Bring your tent and camp out under the stars
- Take a picture in the famous Parks Canada red chairs



Park Regulations



NO CAMPFIRES OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED, METAL FIREPITS.



NO CAMPING UNLESS IN A DESIGNATED CAMPSITE WITH PERMIT.



NO ALCOHOL IN DAY-USE AREAS.



DO NOT FEED OR APPROACH WILDLIFE.



DO NOT COLLECT NATURAL OBJECTS.



DO NOT ENTER CLOSED AREAS.



DO NOT DRIVE OFF-ROAD IN THE PARK.



DO NOT SPEED IN THE PARK.

For a complete list of regulations, visit: parkscanada.ca/mtnregulations



PARK WARDENS:

Laws protect you and the park. It is your responsibility to be aware of the laws. Park wardens are federal peace officers responsible for the protection of Jasper National Park and maintaining public peace. Breaking the law in a national park can result in eviction, tickets, or in more serious instances, arrest, court appearances and heavy fines.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you see a violation report it to a Parks Canada staff member with as much detail as possible. Your information contributes to the protection of this special place and will remain confidential.



Human food
and garbage
kills wildlife.

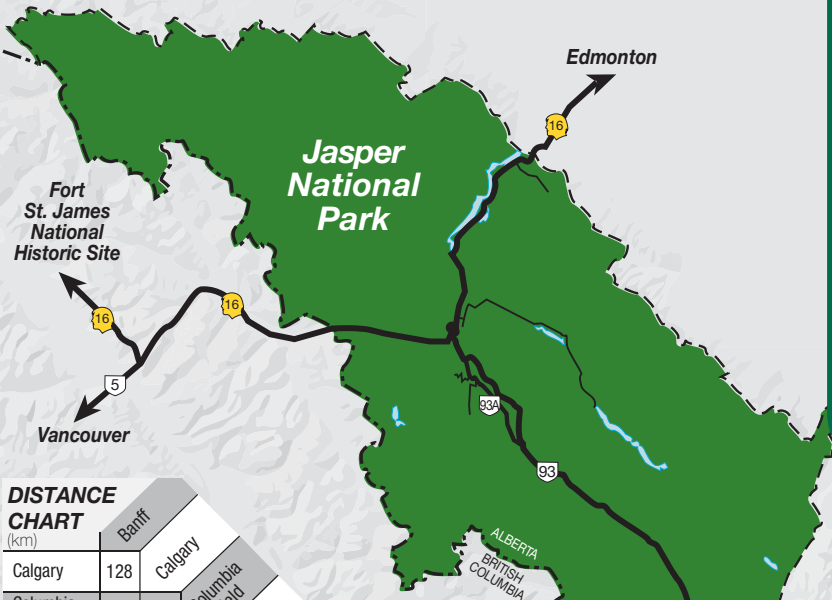


Do not litter.

Supporting Our Parks

Your park entry fee contributes directly to your experiences within Jasper National Park and supports publications/brochures, rescue services, the maintenance of the Icefields Parkway and the cleaning and maintenance of day-use facilities. Pick up your day pass or annual pass at any gate, information centre or staffed campgrounds.

NEW in 2018: All youth 17 and under receive free entry into all national parks and national historic sites.



DISTANCE CHART
(km)

| | Banff | Calgary | Columbia Icefield | Edmonton | Field (Yoho NP) | Jasper | Lake Louise | Radium Hot Springs | Golden | Revelstoke | Vancouver | Waterton |
|--------------------|-------|---------|-------------------|----------|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------------------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Calgary | 128 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Columbia Icefield | 188 | 316 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Edmonton | 423 | 295 | 461 | | | | | | | | | |
| Field (Yoho NP) | 85 | 213 | 157 | 508 | | | | | | | | |
| Jasper | 291 | 419 | 103 | 361 | 260 | | | | | | | |
| Lake Louise | 58 | 186 | 130 | 481 | 27 | 233 | | | | | | |
| Radium Hot Springs | 132 | 260 | 261 | 555 | 157 | 361 | 130 | | | | | |
| Golden | 134 | 262 | 207 | 557 | 57 | 307 | 85 | 105 | | | | |
| Revelstoke | 282 | 410 | 355 | 705 | 197 | 455 | 224 | 253 | 148 | | | |
| Vancouver | 856 | 984 | 928 | 1279 | 771 | 798 | 794 | 818 | 713 | 565 | | |
| Waterton | 395 | 266 | 582 | 568 | 476 | 687 | 453 | 395 | 532 | 681 | 1140 | |

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

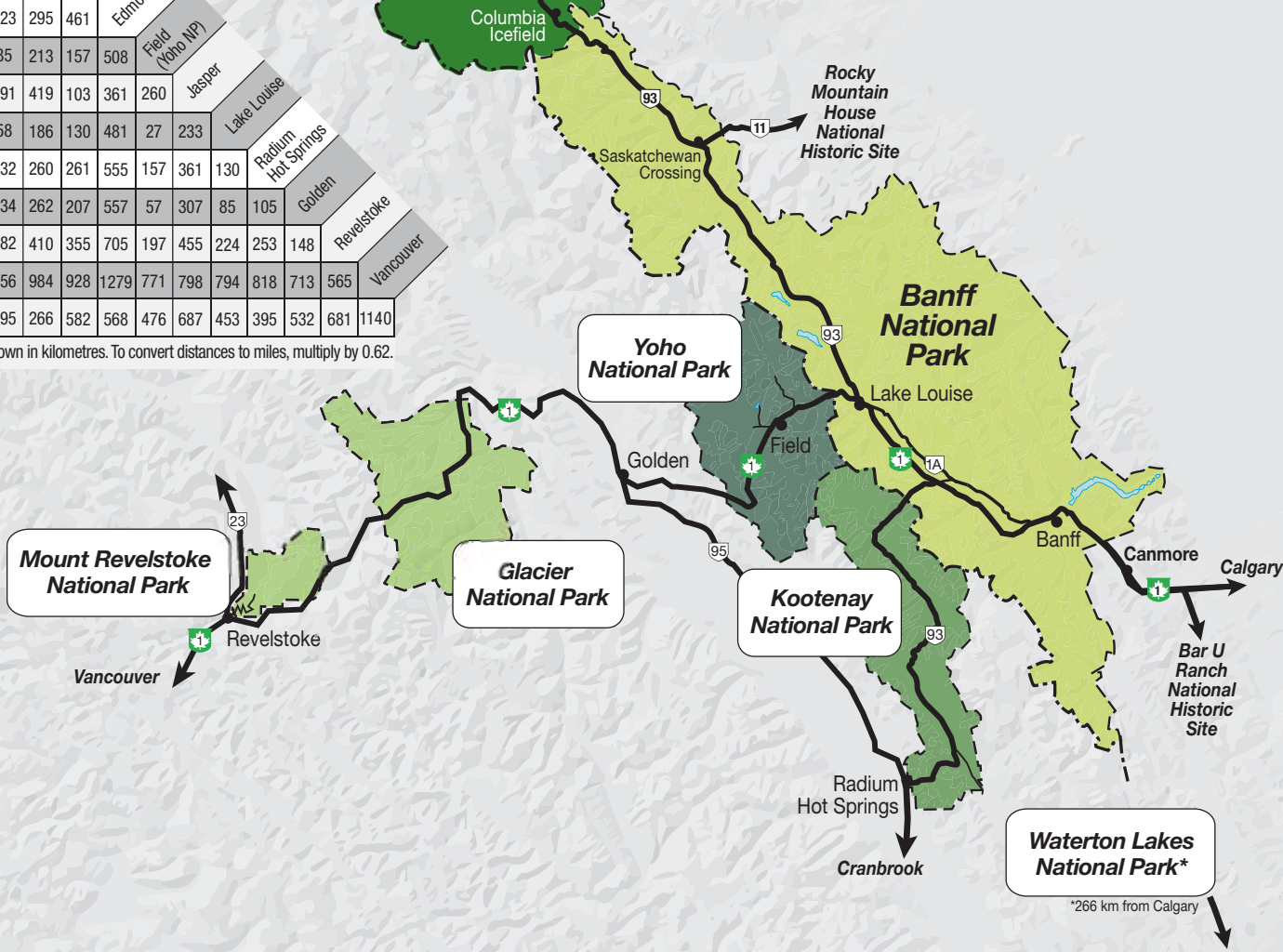


Photo: B. Wolitski

Please slow down, for your safety and ours.



FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911
(Police, fire and ambulance)

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