



Jasper
National Park

Visitor Guide



If you see wildlife on the road while driving, STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE.

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jasper-alberta.com/covid

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Welcome

Jasper is the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. The park is over 11,000 square kilometres. Explore all five travel regions in Jasper National Park. Hike, bike, paddle, or simply breathe in the scenery. The choice is yours.

We respectfully acknowledge that Jasper National Park is in Treaty Six and Eight territories as well as the traditional territories of the Beaver, Cree, Ojibway, Shuswap, Stoney and Métis Nations. We mention this to honor and be thankful for their contributions to building our park, province and nation.

Parks Canada wishes you a warm welcome. Enjoy your visit!



Photo: Drew McDonald



Photo: Nicole Covey

Explore the ways less travelled

With millions of visitors every year, our roads and day use areas are often crowded. We see most of our visitors on weekends. Parking lots at Maligne Canyon, Edith Cavell, and most lakes accessible by road are full between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Why not switch things up? There are plenty of wide open spaces to seek in Jasper National Park. Or change the time of your plans. Escape crowds with an early morning paddle on a quiet lake, or an evening BBQ to catch the sunset.

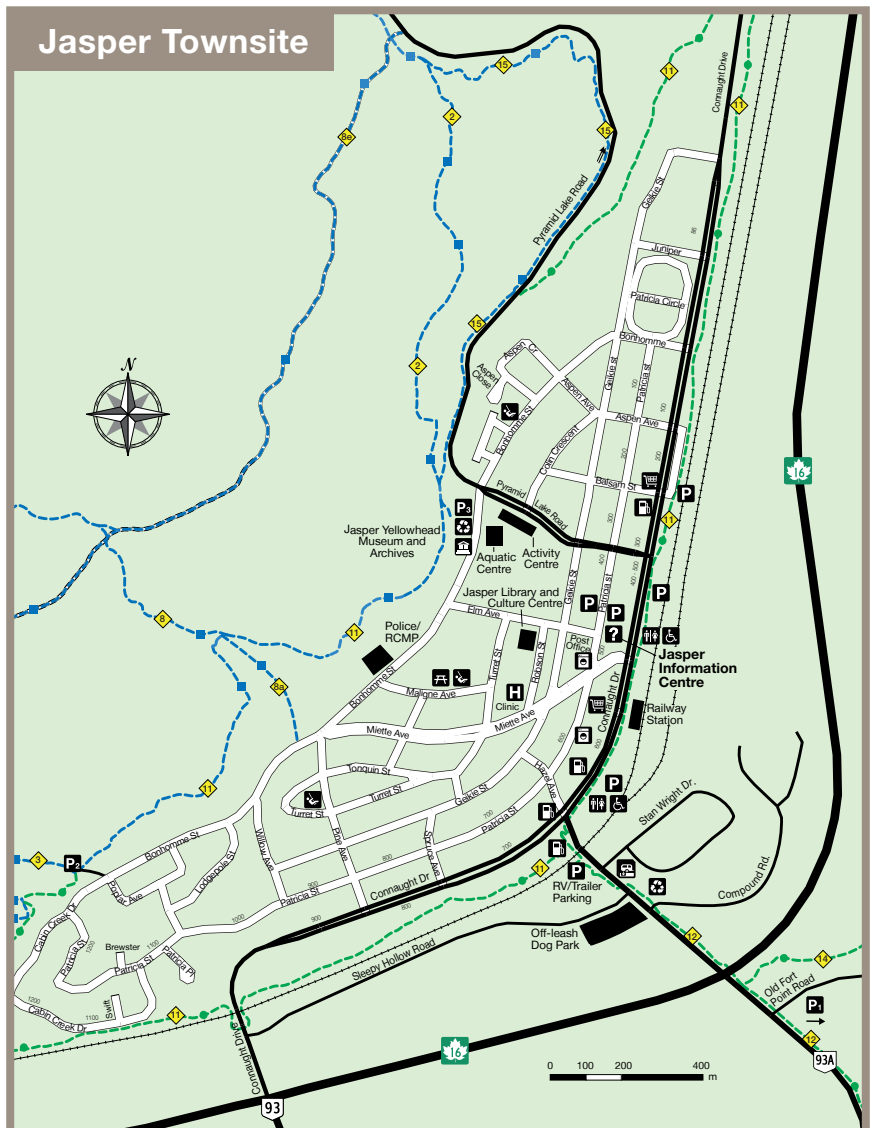
Better yet, avoid traffic and full parking lots all together. Pack a lunch and use pedal power. Make a day of it. Jasper National Park's bike trails connect many popular areas. It's a win-win for your health and the health of the park!

Many small efforts together make a big difference. Clean up after your group. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Use the waste bins provided. Parks Canada staff clean more than 100 outhouses daily. A clean one should never be far when you need it.

**Be part of the change.
Help us keep Jasper beautiful.**

Report unclean facilities or messes to pc.jasperinfo.pc@canada.ca or 780-852-6176

Download trail biking and day hiking brochures for alternative routes to your favourite places here: parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-brochures



Safety is your responsibility



Photo: Adam Greenberg



Live to take another picture
Follow all warning and closure signs

Know before you go:

- Check the trail conditions report at parks.canada.gc.ca/jaspertrails
- Check the weather report at weather.gc.ca
- Check the avalanche hazard report and mountain parks safety at parks.mountainsafety.ca

Keep in mind mountain weather changes often and without warning. Conditions may change from low risk to life threatening risk in the blink of an eye.



Hazardous tree safety

Heads-up! Standing trees may fall to the ground at any time. Use extra caution when it is windy on trails and in campgrounds.



Water safety

Be prepared. Do not go out alone.

Always wear a life jacket or (PFD). Jasper waters are cold. Hypothermia is a concern if your boat capsizes. Paddle close to shore. Winds create large waves in minutes.



Share the roads



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.
- Do not stop in driving lanes. It is illegal.
- Do not feed wildlife. It is illegal.
- If a traffic jam develops move on immediately.

Help us protect these wild animals. Safety is your responsibility. Be safe and keep wild animals safe.

Over 2.5 million visitors drive Jasper roads every year.

Mountain roads and wild places are new experiences for many visitors. **Safe driving is key to an enjoyable holiday.**

You may see wildlife by the road and throughout the park. Wild animals feed and travel near roads. This does not mean the animals are tame.

Unsafe wildlife encounters in the park have more than doubled in the last ten years. The number of unsafe wildlife traffic jams has increased by 92% in this same period. These incidents often result in injury, harm, or death for wild animals and humans.



Water Sports and Invasive Species



Photo: James McCormick

Lake and Beach rules:

- Gas motors are not permitted on any water in Jasper National Park.
- Electric boat motors are only allowed on Pyramid, Patricia, Maligne, Medicine and Talbot lakes.
- No smoking and no liquor permitted on beaches.
- At lakes Annette, Edith and Pyramid dogs are only allowed in signed areas.



Photo: Olivia Robinson

Note: There are few parking stalls at lakes Annette, Edith and Pyramid. The stalls fill quickly between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Vehicle parking length is 8 metres (26 feet) maximum.

Help prevent the spread of invasive species:

Invasive species transfer from one body of water to another on you, your clothing, gear, and watercraft.

Before entering and upon leaving water bodies:



- **Clean** all watercraft, gear and equipment that has been in the body of water. Remove all mud and debris.



- **Drain** all watercraft, gear and equipment that has been in the water.



- **Dry** every item completely before you enter another water body

More information about fishing and water activities: parkscanada.gc.ca/jasperwateractivities



Photo: White Leaf Photographs

INVASIVE SPECIES

1 - 2 cm



Quagga Mussels



Whirling Disease



Didymo

Photos: BC Ministry of Environment, NWMA New Zealand

Fort St. James National Historic Site



Visit: parkscanada.gc.ca/fortstjames to learn more or to book your stay.
Open mid May – early September • 250-996-7191 • fortstjames@canada.ca
535 km from Jasper on Highway 16 West (6 hour drive)

Fort St. James National Historic Site

Fur trade fun for families! Head west on Highway 16 to Fort St. James National Historic Site. Visit the southern shores of picturesque Stuart Lake. Travel back in time to 1896. Explore Canada's largest collection of wooden fur trade buildings.

Fun choices for you:

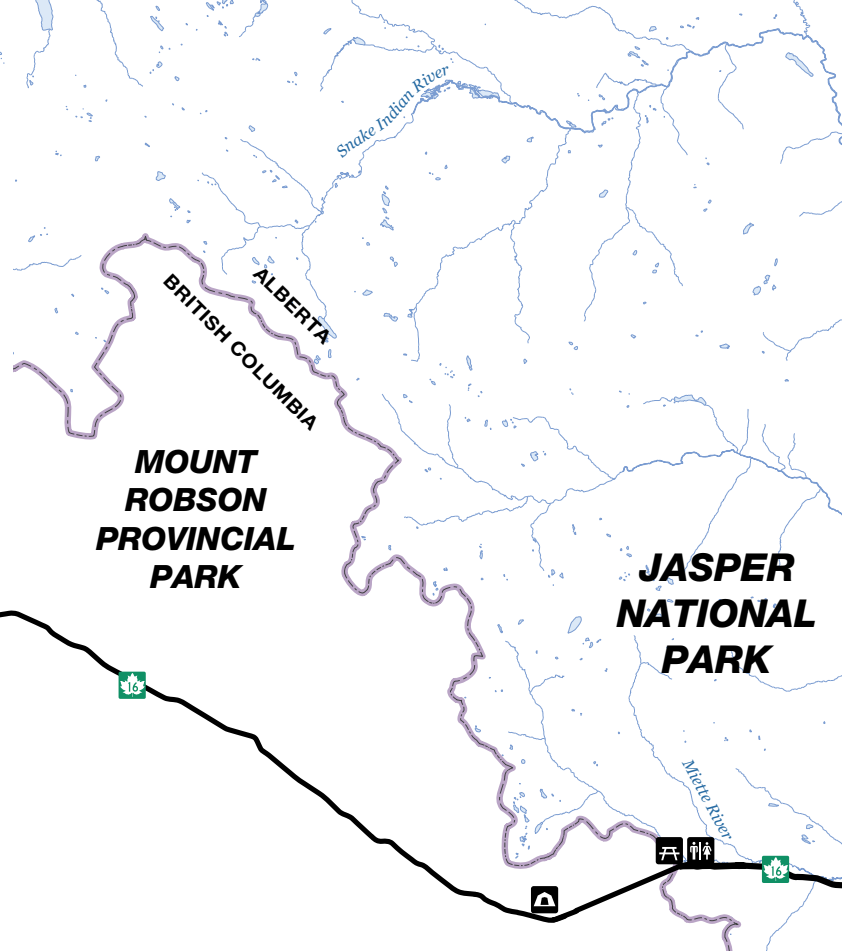
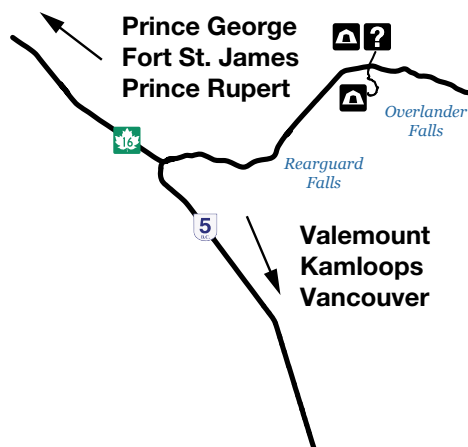
- Barter like a fur trader.
- Experience the ways of Indigenous people in the fur trade.
- Take the "Escape the Fort" Challenge.
- Feed livestock in a fenced pasture.
- Watch "world class" chicken races.
- Try a legendary rack of ribs at the Café.
- Spend the night in the Murray House. Sleep in 19th century bliss.
- Watch sunset magic over Stuart Lake.
- Bring a tent. Camp under the stars.
- Snap a Red Chair moment.



parkscanada.gc.ca/fortstjames   FortStJamesNHS



Visit a Parks Canada Information Centre, campground, or gate kiosk for more detailed maps. Day hiking and mountain biking brochures are free. Additional maps for purchase from a choice of stores in town. Use topographic maps for back country trip planning.



Jasper National Park | FIVE AREAS TO EXPLORE

Use these areas to guide your visit. Keep in mind there are long travel distances between areas. You can spend a full day in any of the five park areas. The choice is yours!

Around Town (p. 10)

Enjoy the wilderness at your door. Hundreds of kilometres of trails, beaches, picnic sites, and beautiful vistas — just minutes from town. Walk or bike about, fill your day with activities and let your vehicle rest.

Maligne Valley (p. 12)

Plan to spend a full day in this area. Maligne Road is 44 kilometres of winding, narrow pavement through stunning scenery. Pack a picnic or reserve at a restaurant. Experience Maligne Canyon and Medicine Lake along the way. Rent a canoe, take a boat cruise, or hike at Maligne Lake.

Jasper East And Miette Hot Springs (p. 14)

Soak in the hottest hot springs in the Canadian Rockies. Take a short walk to the source of the springs. Whatever you choose, watch for wild animals along the way.

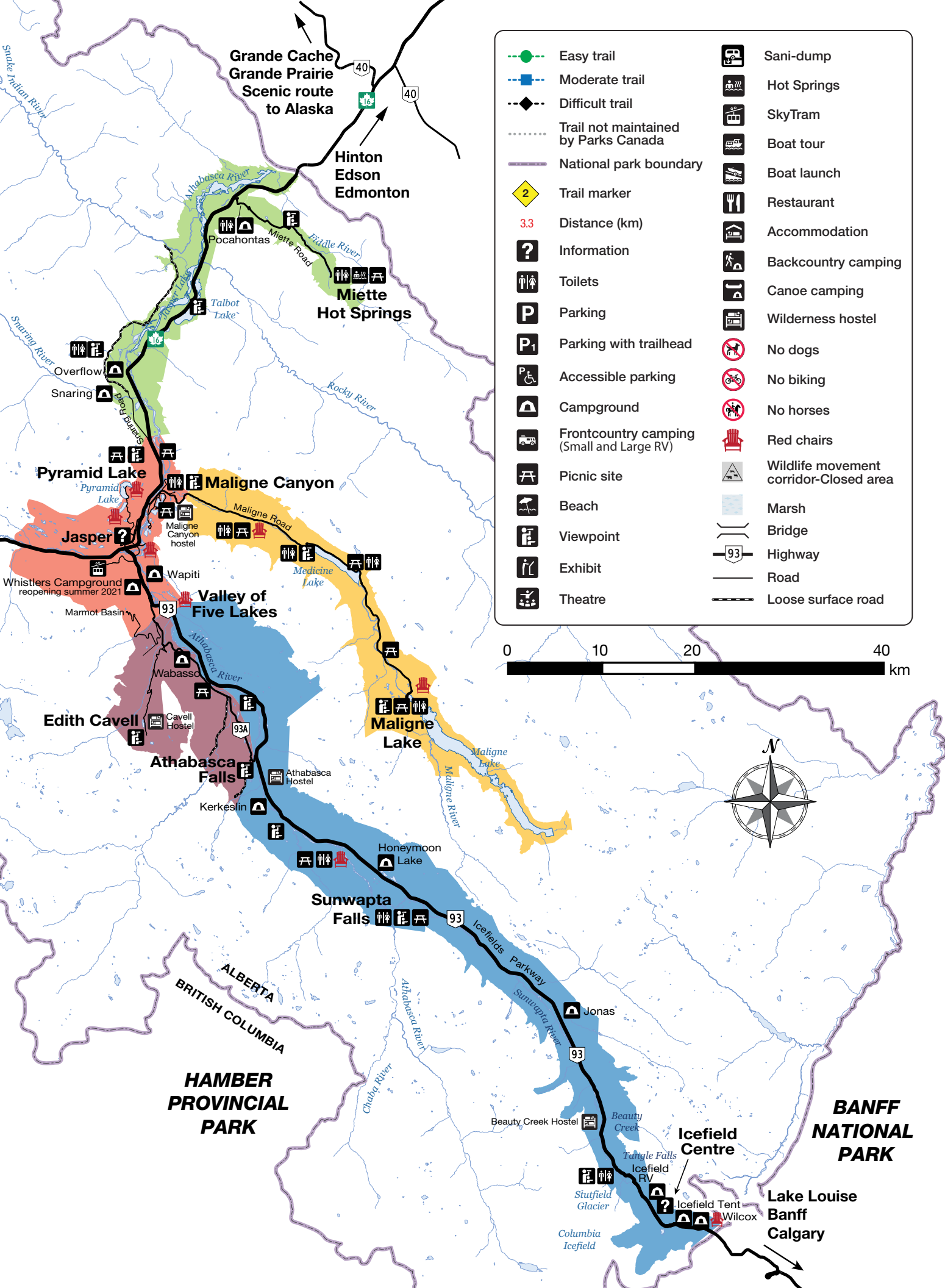
Mount Edith Cavell (p.16)

Feeling adventurous? Drive the narrow, mountain road to Mount Edith Cavell Day Use Area. Hike the Path of the Glacier trail or venture higher into Cavell Meadows.

Drivers Note: The tight switchbacks are not suitable for trailers and large motorhomes.

Icefields Parkway (HWY 93) (p. 17)

The Icefields Parkway is one of the most scenic drives in the world. It blazes through the heart of Jasper and Banff national parks. Plan a day to fully experience all 232 kilometres. Glaciers, waterfalls, picnic spots, and hikes can be enjoyed along this magnificent parkway.



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| | Easy trail | | Sani-dump |
| | Moderate trail | | Hot Springs |
| | Difficult trail | | SkyTram |
| | Trail not maintained by Parks Canada | | Boat tour |
| | National park boundary | | Boat launch |
| | Trail marker | | Restaurant |
| | Distance (km) | | Accommodation |
| | Information | | Backcountry camping |
| | Toilets | | Canoe camping |
| | Parking | | Wilderness hostel |
| | Parking with trailhead | | No dogs |
| | Accessible parking | | No biking |
| | Campground | | No horses |
| | Frontcountry camping (Small and Large RV) | | Red chairs |
| | Picnic site | | Wildlife movement corridor-Closed area |
| | Beach | | Marsh |
| | Viewpoint | | Bridge |
| | Exhibit | | Highway |
| | Theatre | | Road |
| | | | Loose surface road |



Around Town

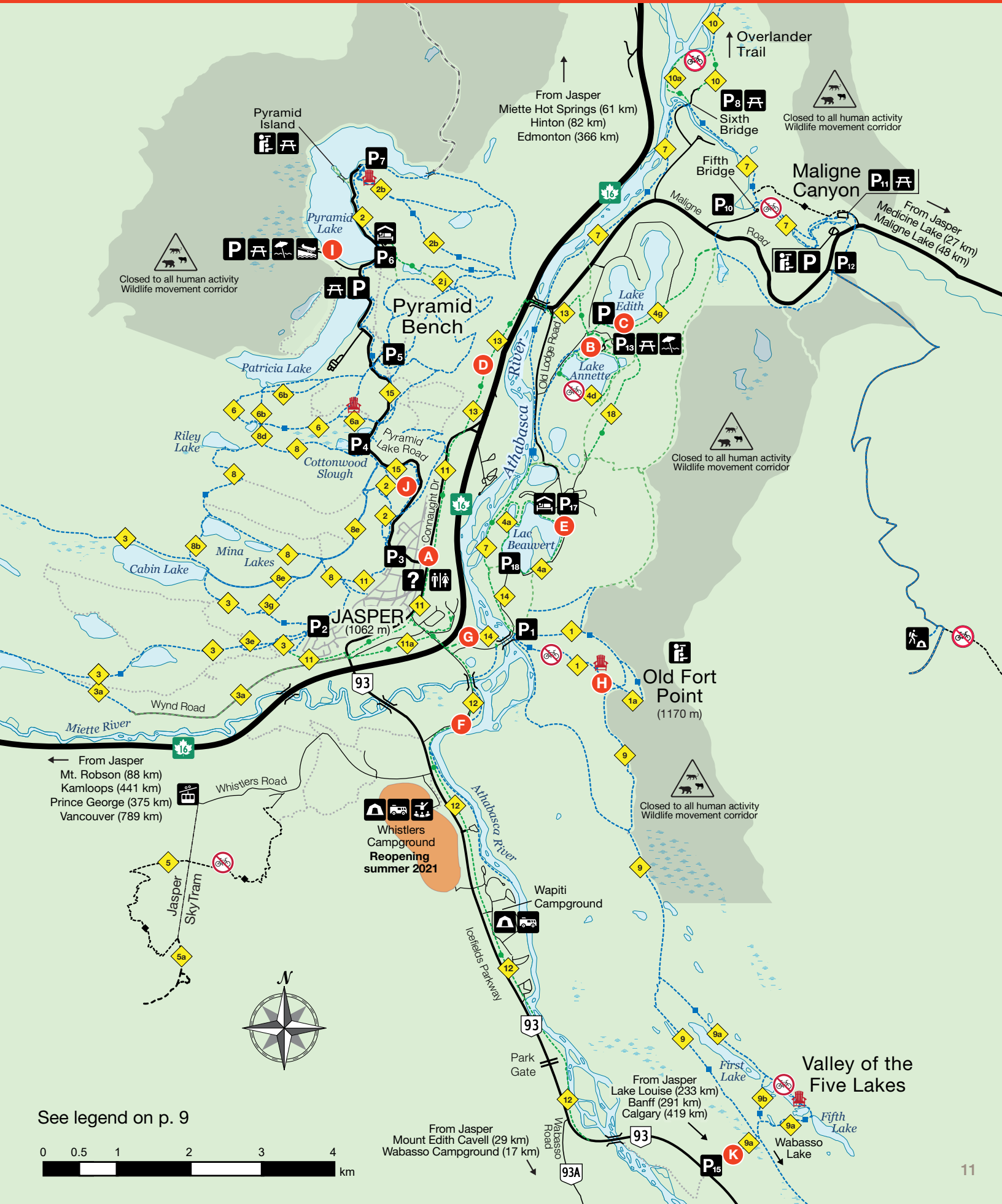


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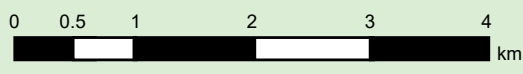
Highlights	Distance	Description	Primary Use
A Jasper Discovery Trail	8.3 km loop	Interpretive trail around town with multiple access points. Parts of the trail are moderately difficult.	
B Lake Annette & Trail	7.6 km from Jasper 2.4 km loop	Jasper's largest beach. Family friendly. Playground. Picnic sites. Cook shelters. Change rooms. Paved waterfront trail. Stroller and wheelchair friendly. P₃	
C Lake Edith	7.3 km from Jasper	Smaller beach near to Lake Annette. Picnic sites. Views of Roche Bonhomme.	
D Bighorn Trail	4.6 km one way	Easy trail from town to Lakes Annette and Edith.	
E Lac Beauvert Trail	3.5 km loop	Flat loop around Lac Beauvert. Begins at Jasper Park Lodge. P₇	
F Wapiti Trail	4.6 km one way	Connects Wapiti Campground to Jasper Town. Follows Highway 93 and Athabasca River.	
G Red Squirrel Trail	2.4 km one way	Trail from town to Old Fort Point and Jasper Park Lodge.	
H Old Fort Point Trail	3.8 km loop	Steep trail with excellent town and valley views.	
I Pyramid Lake	6.0 km from Jasper	Family friendly beach. Paddle a canoe. Picnic sites at beach and Pyramid Island. Stunning views all around.	
J Pyramid Trail	5.4 km one way	Trail follows the road from town to Pyramid Lake. Forest path with road crossings. Steady uphill climb.	
K Valley of the Five Lakes Trail	4.6 km loop	Explore five colourful mountain lakes in one hike. P₁₅	

Easy Moderate

Think Green! Ride your bike to explore the area Around Town.
parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-biking



See legend on p. 9



Maligne Valley

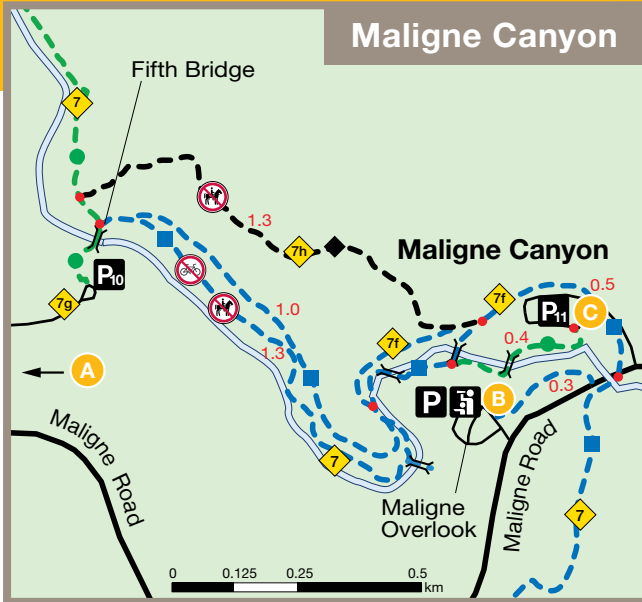


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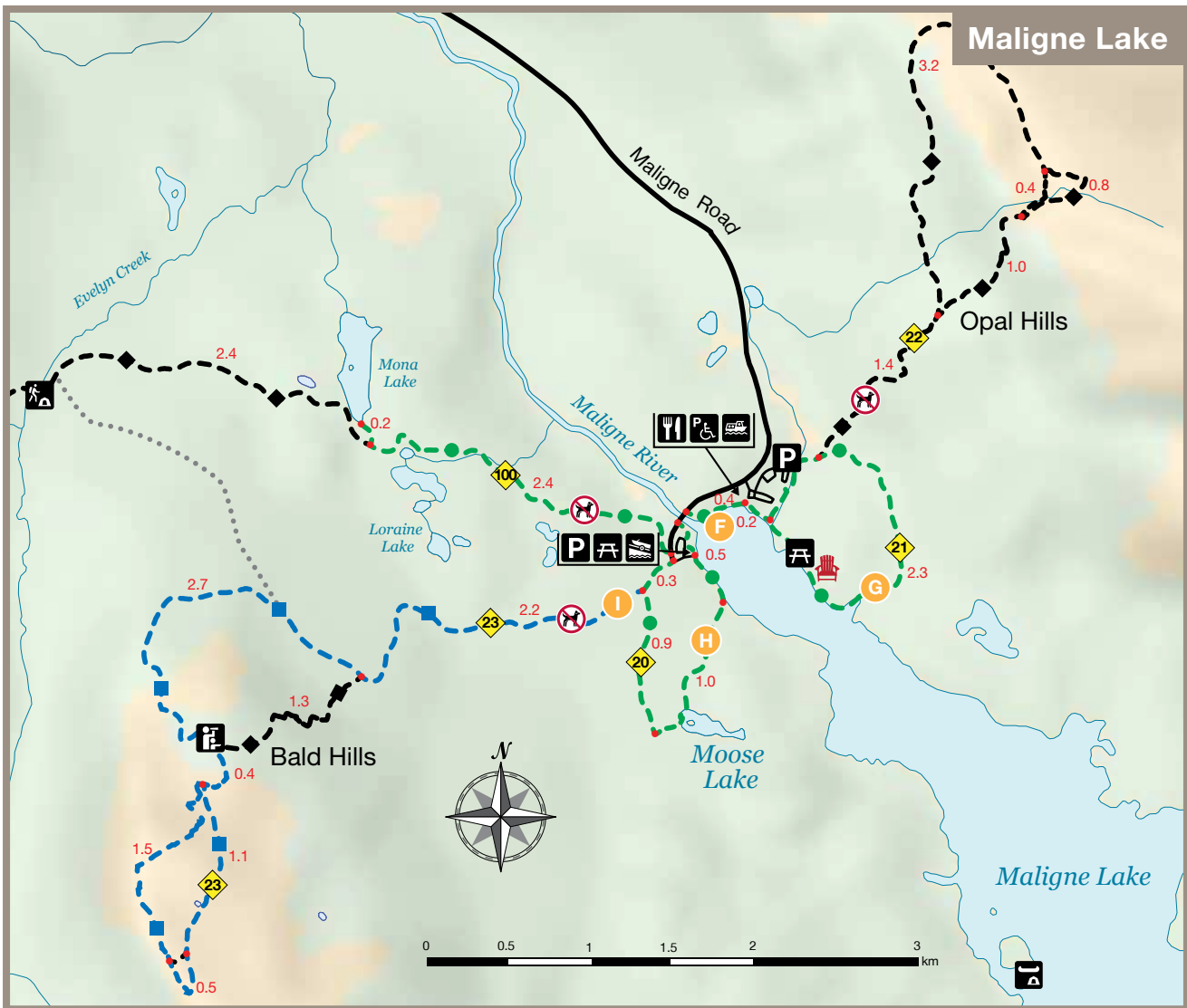
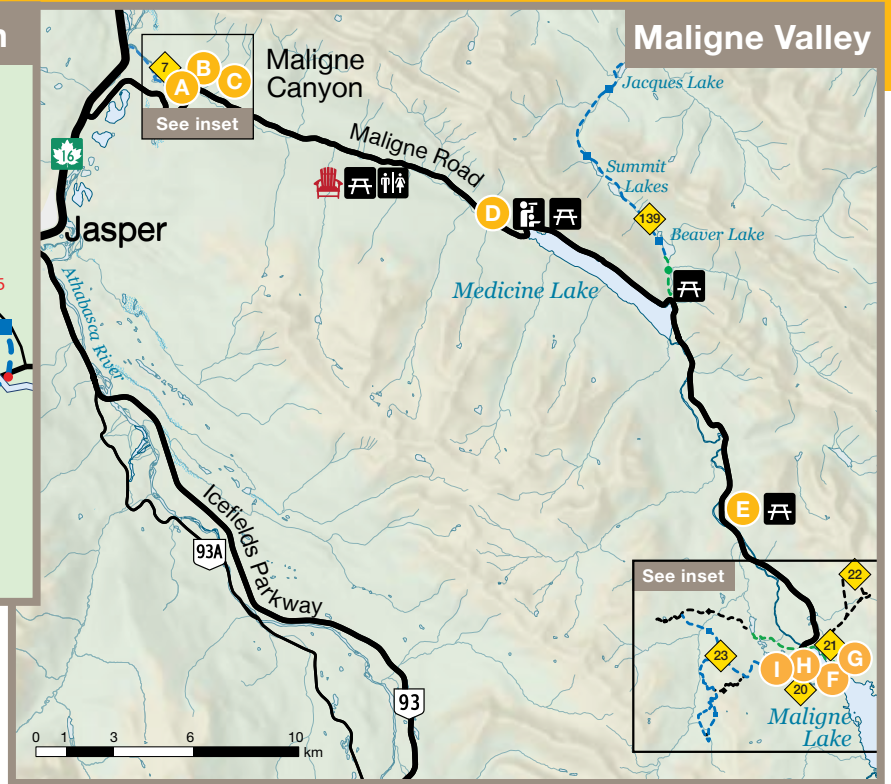
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A Sixth Bridge Day Use	8.4 km from Jasper	Picnic along the rushing Maligne River. Sites have double tables for large groups.	
B Maligne Overlook	10.9 km from Jasper	Sweeping views of the Athabasca Valley and mountain peaks.	
C Maligne Canyon Day Use	11.2 km from Jasper	A must-see for geology lovers. Waterfalls, potholes, and fossils. Visit early morning or evening to avoid crowds. P P₁	
C Maligne Canyon Trail	4.4 km return	Explore this deep, dramatic gorge. Walk the interpretive trail between footbridge #1 and #4. Stay on the trail. Be safe. P P₁	
D Medicine Lake	27 km from Jasper	Superb example of karst geology. Striking changes in water levels. Nesting eagles.	
E Bruce's Picnic Site	42 km from Jasper	Wheelchair and stroller friendly site beside Maligne River. Fewer crowds than at the lake.	
F Maligne Lake	48 km from Jasper	Sublime panoramic views. The postcard photo! Take a boat cruise. Paddle a canoe. Stroll the lake shore. P Maligne Lake	
G Mary Schäffer Trail	2.9 km loop	Easy interpretive forest stroll to viewpoint. Lake side views. P Maligne Lake	
H Moose Lake Trail	2.7 km loop	Forest trail to a tranquil lake. Called Moose Lake trail for a reason. P Bald Hills	
I Bald Hills Trail	9 km return	Steady uphill trail into an alpine meadow. Spectacular views of Maligne Lake. The reward is worth the work. P Bald Hills	

Easy Moderate Difficult

For information on seasonal winter closures for caribou visit: parksCanada.gc.ca/caribou-winter-access















See legend on p. 9



Jasper East and Miette Hot Springs



Photo: Ben Morin

Highlights	Distance	Description	Primary Use
A ● Jasper House National Historic Site	32 km from Jasper	Short path to interpretive viewpoint. Overlooks former site of a fur trade post.	 
B  ● Lower Pocahontas Mine Trail	900 m loop	A forsaken mine site for the history buff.	 
C  ■ Upper Pocahontas Mine Trail	1.7 km loop	Grand valley view. Steep climb and descent.	
D  ● Source of the Springs Trail	1.2 km return	Touch the source of the Miette Hot Springs. Stroll through the old ruins.	 
E  ◆ Sulphur Skyline	8.8 km return	Steep trail with stunning views of Utopia Mountain, Fiddle Valley, and Ashlar Ridge.	

● Easy ■ Moderate ◆ Difficult

Miette Road is narrow and winding.

Trailers and large motorhomes not permitted past Pocahontas campground.
Max. length 7 meters (25 feet). Trailer drop-off in Lower Pocahontas Mine Trail Parking lot.

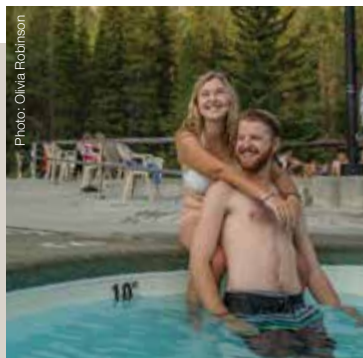
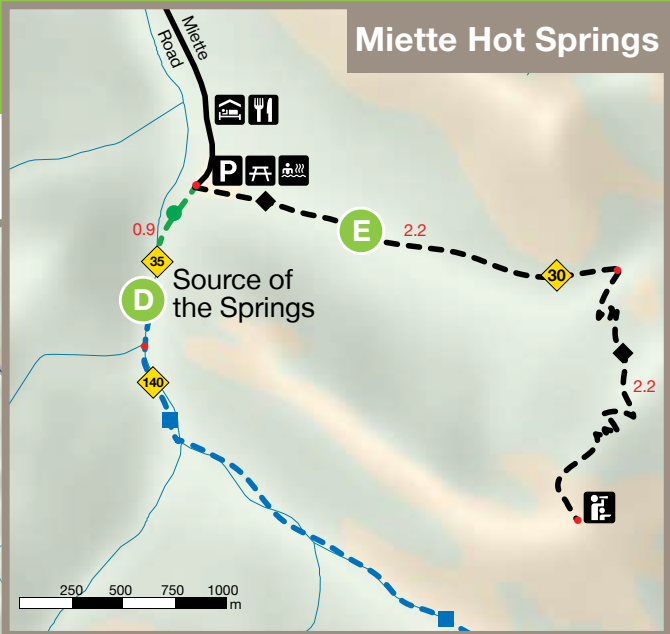
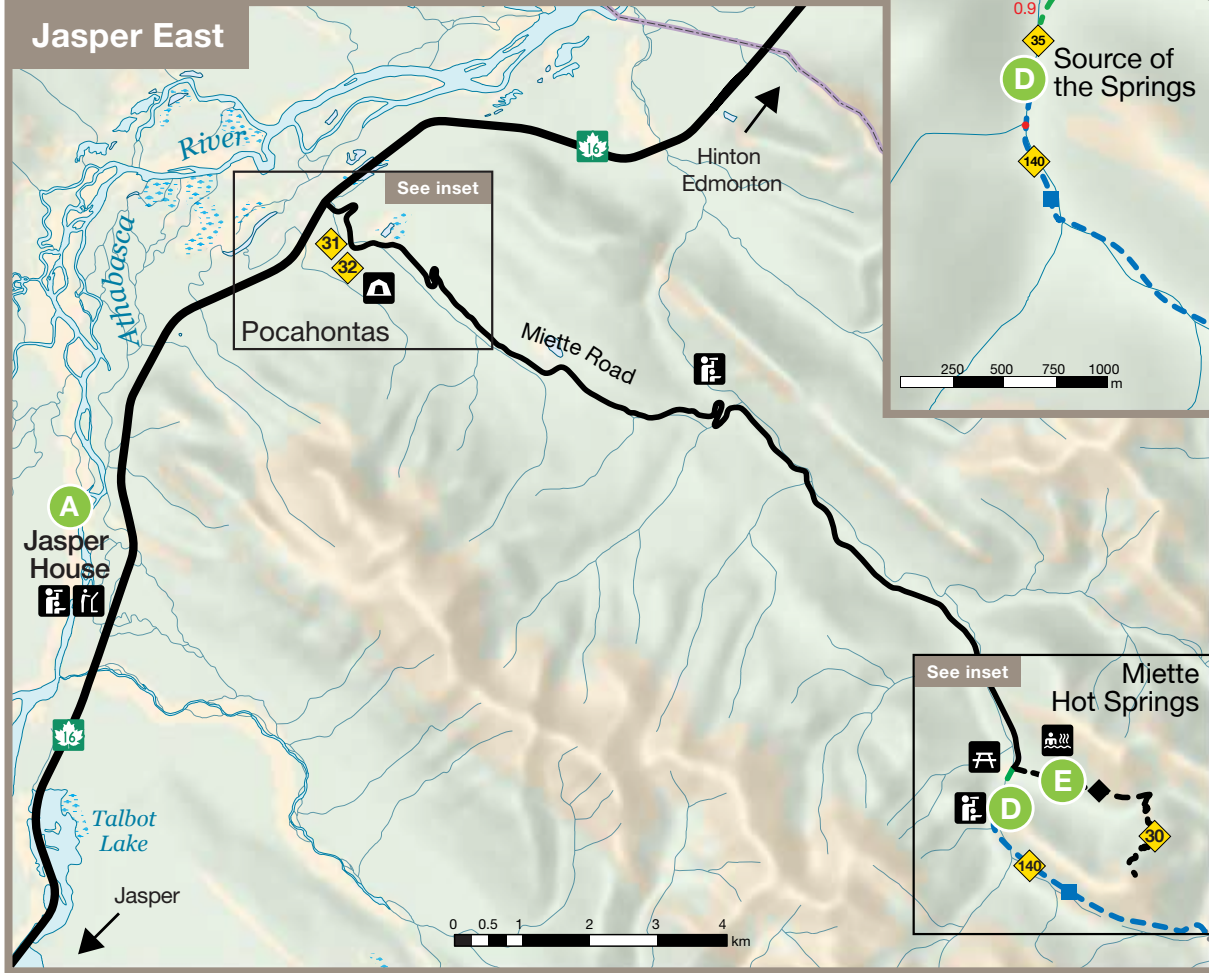


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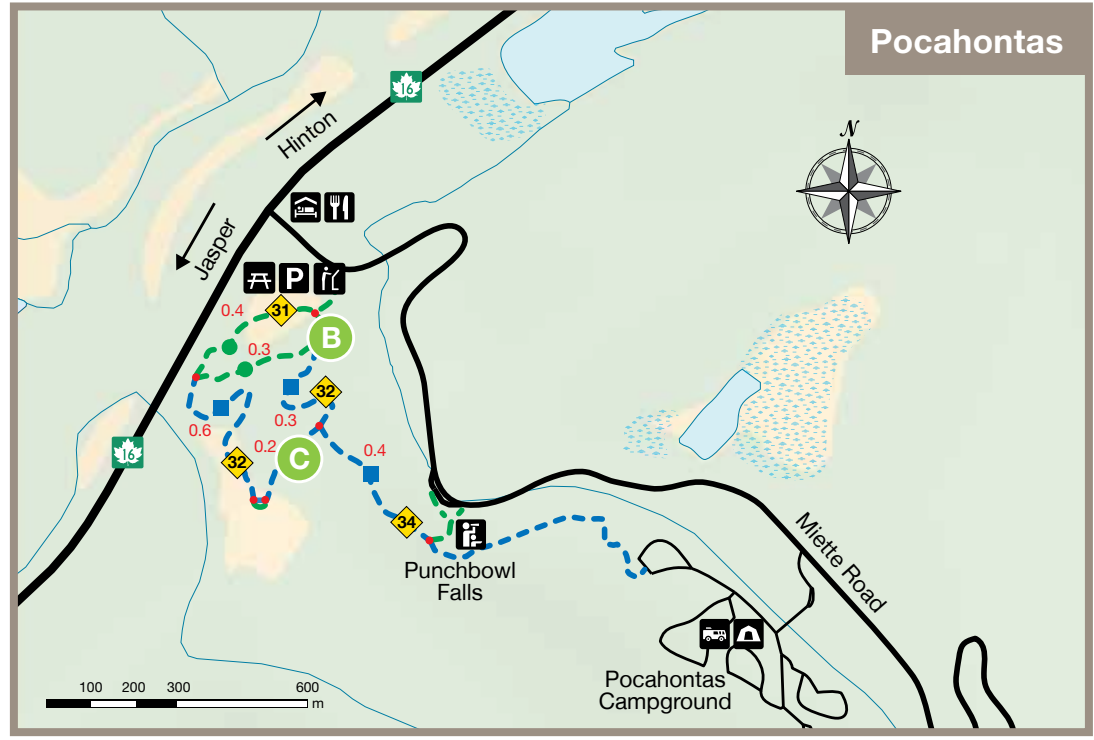
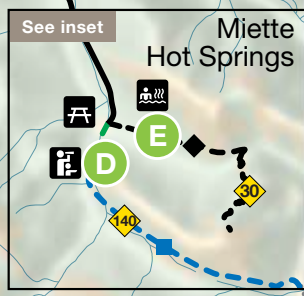
Miette Hot Springs

Miette Hots Springs are a 1 hour (61 km) drive from Jasper. These are the hottest mineral springs in the Canadian Rockies. Water flows from the mountain at 54°C (129°F). We cool the water to a comfortable 40°C (104°F) as it enters our pools.

Open from early May – mid October. Check website for hours of operation, fees and rental availabilities: parkscanada.gc.ca/hotsprings











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Mount Edith Cavell



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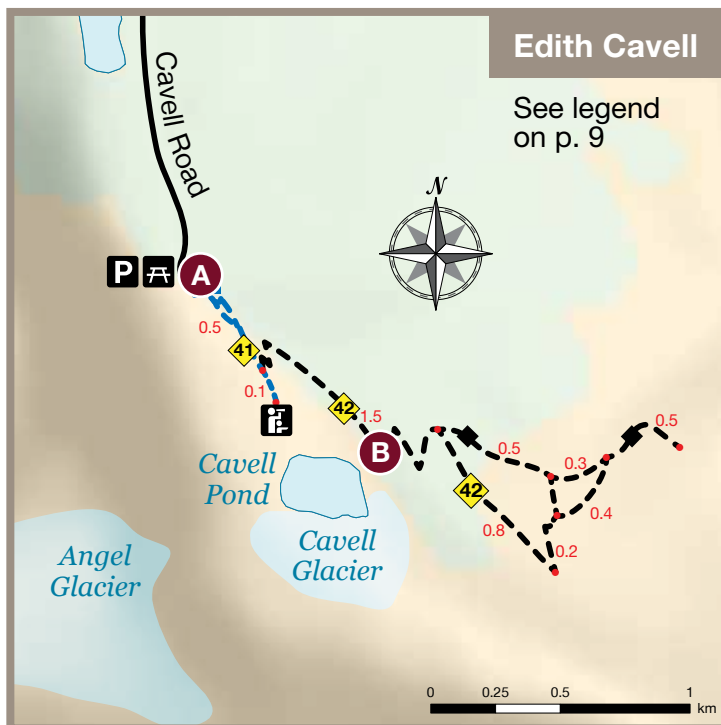
Highlights	Distance	Description	Primary Use
A   Path of the Glacier Trail	1.2 km return	Short paved trail. Steady uphill climb. Stunning views of Mount Edith Cavell and Angel Glacier.	 
B   Cavell Meadows Trail	8 km return	Opens mid-July when snow melts. High alpine meadow. Grand views. Stay on trail and tread lightly. The wildflowers are fragile.	 

 Moderate  Difficult

Cavell Road is narrow and winding.

Trailers and large motorhomes not permitted. Maximum length of vehicles: 7.5 metres (25 feet). Trailer drop off in the parking lot at the start of Cavell Road on 93A. Visit before 10:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. to avoid crowds.

Cavell Road is closed to vehicles mid October – mid June.
For more information visit: parks.canada.gc.ca/jasper-roads



Safety Tips

- High altitude may cause headaches and affect breathing.
- Know your physical limits.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Stay away from the cliffs and Cavell pond.
- Watch for falling boulders, snow and ice.
- Respect all posted signs.
- Do not feed the marmots. It is illegal to feed wildlife.

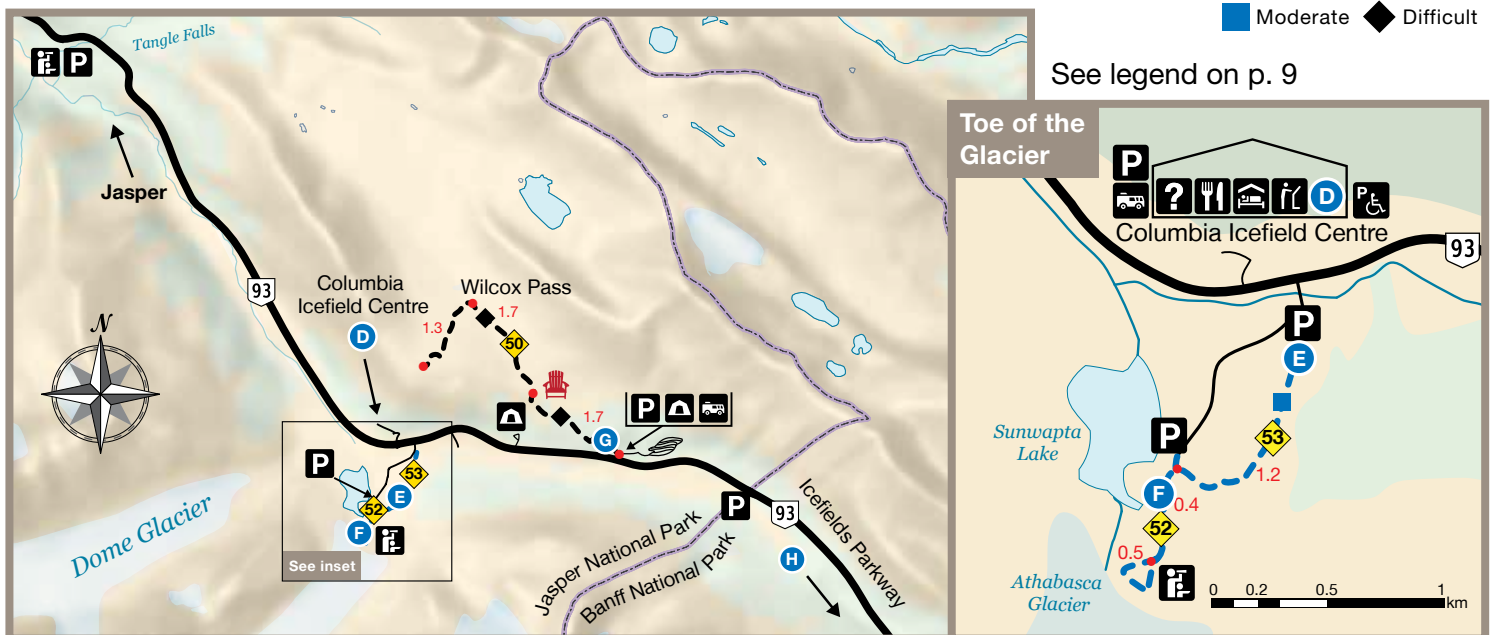
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Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93)



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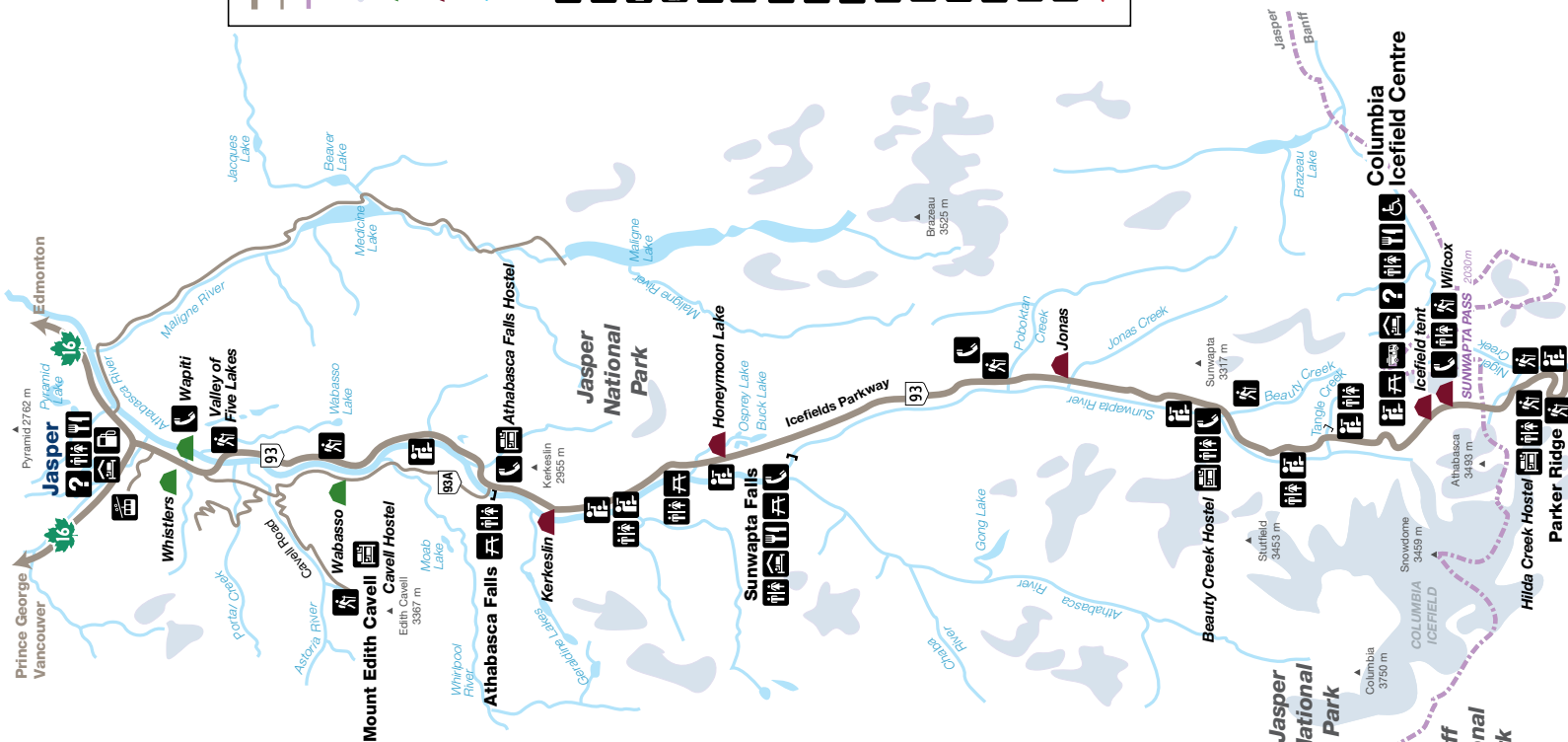
Highlights	Distance	Description	Primary Use
A Athabasca Falls	30 km from Jasper	Visit early morning or late evening to avoid peak crowds. Do not go beyond railings.	
B Sunwapta Falls	56 km from Jasper	Stunning views at upper and lower falls. Do not go beyond railings.	
C Lower Sunwapta Falls Trail	2.8 km return	Less travelled. Three more lovely waterfalls.	
D Glacier Gallery	103 km from Jasper	Located in the Icefields Centre. Exhibit on glaciers and climate change. Movie theatre. Free admission.	
E Forefield Trail	3.6 km return	Flat and rocky trail. Crosses moraine and glacial debris.	
F Toe of the Athabasca Glacier Trail	1.4 km return	A steady climb. See how glaciers move over time.	
G Wilcox Pass Trail	Red chairs 3.4 km return Wilcox Pass 6.8 km return	Mountain trail at high elevation. Quick access to alpine meadows and breathtaking views.	
H Parker Ridge Trail	5.6 km return	Striking views of the Saskatchewan Glacier. Stay on the trail. Short cuts damage the alpine ecosystem.	



Icefields Parkway Driving Guide



	Major highway
	Minor highway
	Park boundary
	Mountain peak
	Glacier/Icefield
	Campground, reservation required
	First-come, first-serve campground
	Campground has a mix of reservable sites and first-come, first-serve sites
	Viewpoint
	Trailhead
	RV camping
	RV max 7.5 m / 25 ft
	Picnic site
	Wilderness hostel
	Information Centre
	Food
	Lodging
	Fuel
	Telephone
	Sky tram
	Toilets
	Police
	Hospital
	Red chair



Jasper Townsite

Whistlers – opening summer 2021

Jasper Skytram (April to Oct.)

Wapiti

Junction with Wabasso Road (HWY 93A)

Access to Cavell Road, Cavell Hostel and Wabasso Campground

Wabasso

Valley of the Five Lakes

Wabasso Lake

Athabasca Pass Lookout

Athabasca Falls

Junction with Hwy 93A

Athabasca Falls Hostel

Kerkeslin

Goats and Glaciers

Mount Christie

Honeymoon Lake

Sunwapta Falls

Sunwapta Falls Resort (mid-May to mid-Oct.)

Poboktan Creek

Jonas

Mushroom and Diadem Peaks

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

Wilcox Pass

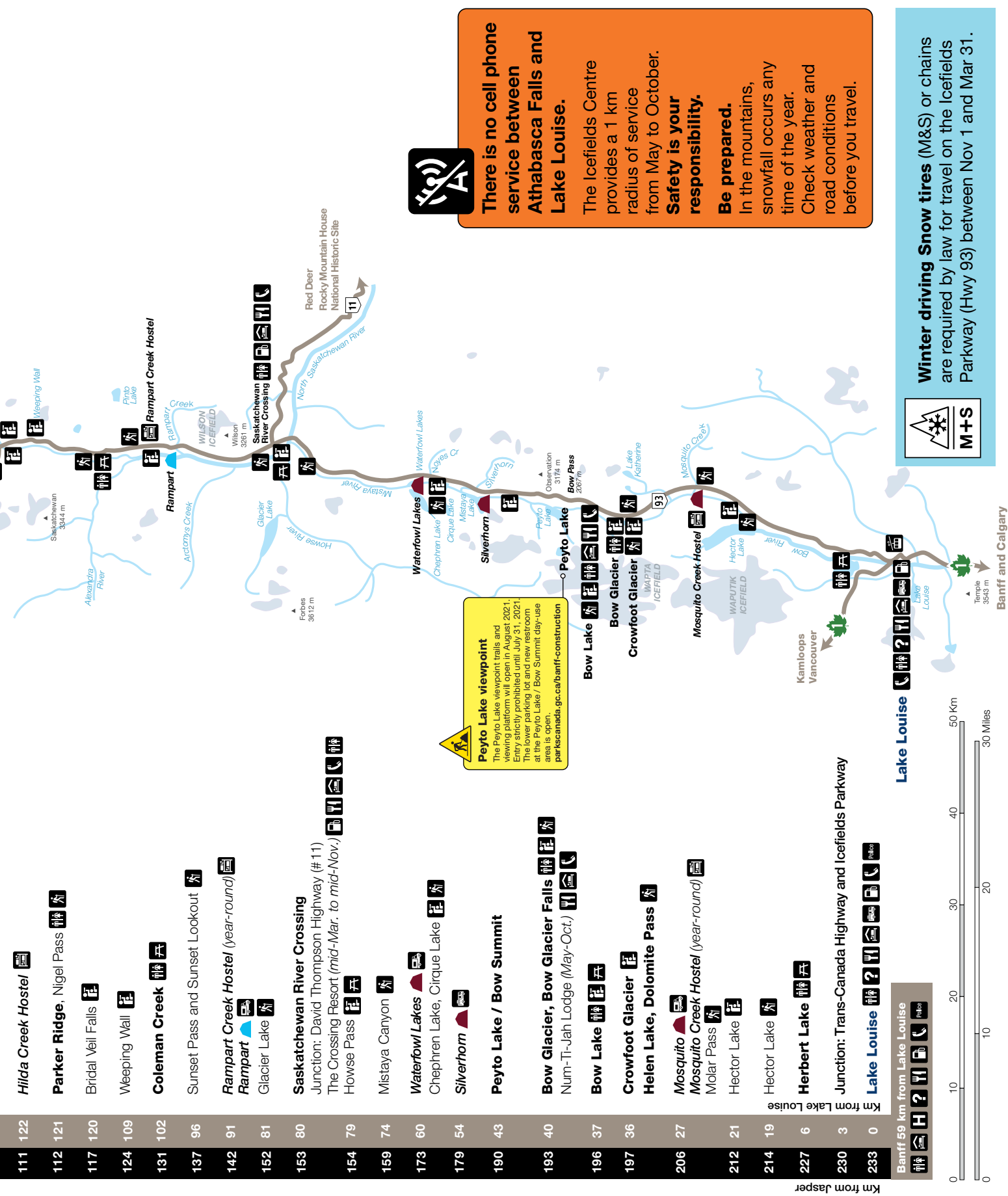
Wilcox

SUNWAPTA PASS (Banff and Jasper boundary)

Km from Lake Louise

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4	229
6	227
9	224
14	219
25	208
30	203
32	201
34	199
37	196
41	192
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54	179
72	161
77	156
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96	137
103	130
104	129
106	127
108	125

Km from Jasper



111 122 Hilda Creek Hostel

112 121 Parker Ridge, Nigel Pass

117 120 Bridal Veil Falls

124 109 Weeping Wall

131 102 Coleman Creek

137 96 Sunset Pass and Sunset Lookout

142 91 Rampart Creek Hostel (year-round)

152 81 Glacier Lake

153 80 Saskatchewan River Crossing
Junction: David Thompson Highway (#11)
The Crossing Resort (mid-Mar. to mid-Nov.)

154 79 Howse Pass

159 74 Mistaya Canyon

173 60 Waterfowl Lakes

179 54 Silverhorn

190 43 Peyto Lake / Bow Summit

193 40 Bow Glacier, Bow Glacier Falls
Num-Ti-Jah Lodge (May-Oct.)

196 37 Bow Lake

197 36 Crowfoot Glacier

Helen Lake, Dolomite Pass

206 27 Mosquito

Mosquito Creek Hostel (year-round)

212 21 Molar Pass

214 19 Hector Lake

227 6 Herbert Lake

230 3 Junction: Trans-Canada Highway and Icefields Parkway

233 0 Lake Louise

Banff 59 km from Lake Louise

0 10 20 30 40 50 Km

0 10 20 30 Miles

Km from Jasper

Km from Lake Louise

Banff and Calgary



There is no cell phone service between Athabasca Falls and Lake Louise.

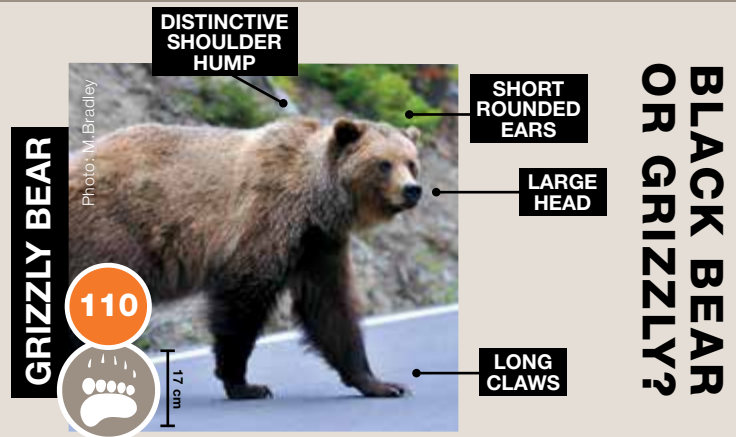
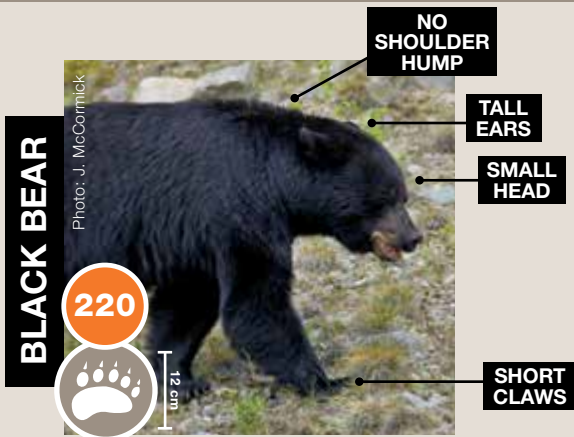
The Icefields Centre provides a 1 km radius of service from May to October. **Safety is your responsibility.**

Be prepared. In the mountains, snowfall occurs any time of the year. Check weather and road conditions before you travel.

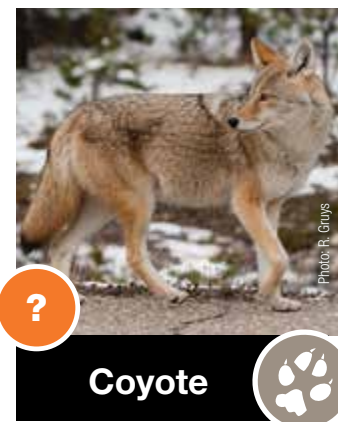


Winter driving Snow tires (M+S) or chains are required by law for travel on the Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93) between Nov 1 and Mar 31.

Wildlife Identification & Populations



Note: Black bears and Grizzly bears come in a variety of colours.



Characteristics

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

Habitat

Valley bottoms.



Characteristics

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

Habitat

Mainly valley bottoms.

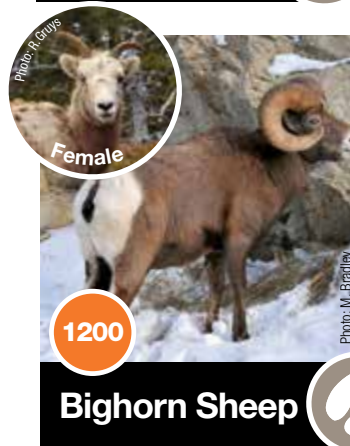


Characteristics

Brown body, darker neck and large tan rump patch. Antlers slant back.

Habitat

Valley bottoms and open areas.

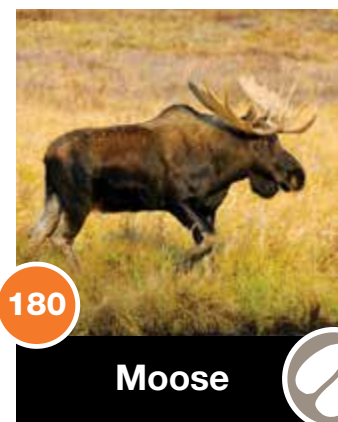


Characteristics

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

Habitat

Near steep rocky terrain.

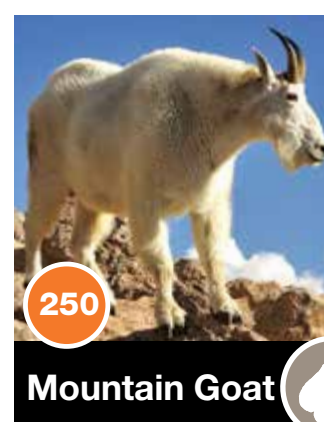


Characteristics

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

Habitat

Wet and marshy areas.



Characteristics

Narrow black horns (male and female), beard, long white hair.

Habitat

Near steep rocky terrain.



Caribou

Rangifer tarandus
Caribou are members of the deer family. Caribou are adapted to cold, harsh winters. They live in the alpine.

Threatened by

Natural predators, human disturbance, habitat loss, and small population sizes.



Olive-sided Flycatcher

Contopus cooperi
This migrating bird sings a loud three-note whistle. “Quick, Three Cheers!”. The flycatcher perches on top of tall trees.

Threatened by

Habitat loss, fewer insects, and fire suppression.

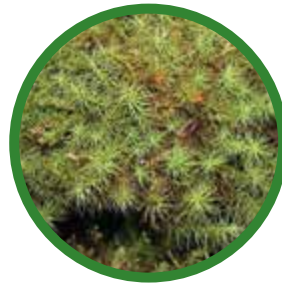


Little Brown Bat

Myotis lucifugus
This small bat often roosts in buildings. Watch it hunt for insects at dusk.

Endangered by

White-nose Syndrome fungus. This fungus grows on the nose of hibernating bats. White-nose Syndrome is spreading across North America.



Haller's Apple Moss

Bartramia halleriana
Haller's Apple Moss lives on shady cliff ledges and rocky mountain slopes. The moss is rare. It grows in only nine places across Canada (that we know of).

Endangered by

Fire, human disturbance, and small population size.



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
This nighthawk makes a booming sound when it dives. Air rushes through the nighthawk's feathers. It sounds like a truck roaring by.

Threatened by

Habitat loss, fewer insects, and fire suppression.

Want to learn more?

For information about Species at Risk, visit: parkscanada.gc.ca/species-at-risk



Whitebark Pine

Pinus albicaulis
Whitebark pine grows at tree line. Its needles are in bunches of five. This tree is a food source for many animals. It is the main food source for the Clark's nutcracker bird. The nutcracker caches the seeds. This helps the pine reproduce.

Threatened by

White pine blister rust, mountain pine beetle, fire suppression, and climate change.



Watch for Wildlife Guardians on the road. They work to keep you and wild animals safe.

Human food and garbage kill wildlife



These are law:

- Do not feed wildlife.
- Do not litter.
- Never leave food or garbage unattended.



Secure your food and scented items in food lockers or the trunk of your vehicle.



Unsafe wildlife encounters have more than doubled in recent years. Too often visitors leave food and garbage accessible to animals. This changes the behaviour of wild animals. Wild animals lose their fear of humans. This does not mean they are tame. Wild animals may attack at any time.



Wild animals suffer from eating human food. Human food is not a natural diet for wild animals. It often causes aggression. Even small animals can open coolers and tear into tents. Every year, park employees must kill aggressive animals to keep humans safe.



Keep the wild in wildlife. Do not leave food and garbage unattended.

Photos: Ryan Bray

Park Regulations

Photos: White Leaf Photographs



Photo: Paul Ziska

It is your responsibility to know and follow park regulations. For a complete list of regulations, visit: parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-regulations



NO CAMPFIRES OUTSIDE OF METAL FIREPITS.

This helps prevent wildfires. It keeps the site clean for the next visitor to enjoy.



NO CAMPING UNLESS IN A DESIGNATED PARK CAMPSITE WITH PERMIT.

No camping at roadside pullouts, trailheads, and day-use areas.



DO NOT FEED OR APPROACH WILDLIFE.

All wildlife is potentially dangerous. Park animals are wild even if they appear tame.



DO NOT COLLECT NATURAL OBJECTS.

Natural objects are sources of food and shelter for wild animals and plants.



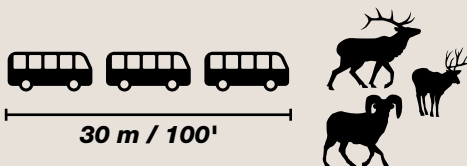
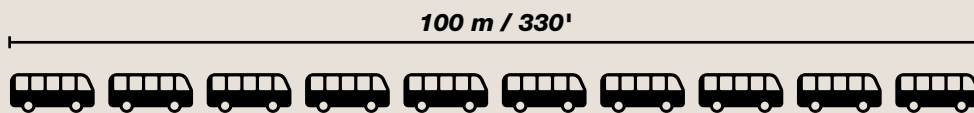
NO DRONES.

Jasper is a no drone zone. Report all drone use sightings to Jasper Dispatch 780-852-6155.



KEEP DOGS ON A LEASH.

This is for your safety, the safety of your pet, and the safety of other visitors.



Give wildlife space

Winter in Jasper

Enjoy the magic of winter in the mountains. Ski, snowshoe, walk, bike, skate or just relax with a hot cocoa by a fire!

Choose your own fun. Find your peace of mind. Soak in the winter wonderland that is Jasper National Park.



Check our website for a full list of winter trails:
parksCanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails

Winter activities

New to winter sports? Book a local guide to get you started. Or rent gear and try one of these suggestions:

Winter walking:

Take in the fresh air. Lace up your warmest winter walking boots. Use ice cleats for extra grip on winter trails.

Around town: Trail 15, Pyramid Bench, Lake Annette, Lac Beauvert, Valley of the Five Lakes

Maligne Valley: Maligne Canyon, Mary Schäffer Loop

Icefields Parkway: Athabasca Falls, Sunwapta Falls

Snowshoeing:

Strap on your snowshoes and explore snow covered forest trails.

Around town: Edge of the Bench, Pyramid Bench

Maligne Valley: Medicine Lake, Moose Lake Loop

Icefields Parkway: Athabasca River Loop, Lower Sunwapta Falls, Wilcox trail (to Red Chairs only)

Skating:

Glide across a frozen mirror of natural ice.

Around Town: Pyramid Lake (Pyramid Lake Resort), Mildred Lake (Jasper Park Lodge)

Fat biking (snow biking):

Who says biking is a summer sport? Cruise the trails near town on your fat bike.

Around Town: Trail 15, Woodpecker Trail (18), Trail 7, Cabin Lake fire road

Cross-country skiing:

Stride along rivers, lakes and through woodland trails. Jasper sets trails for both classic and skate skiing.

Around Town: Pyramid Fire Road. Moderate to difficult. Long steep sections.

Whirlpool Cross-country ski hub:

Moab Lake Trail (Red Chairs), Leach Lake Trail (no dogs). Easy to moderate.

Note: Wabasso Road (93A) is closed to vehicles from Whirlpool to Athabasca Falls.

Maintenance on these trails is regular.

Weather impacts trail conditions.

Track setting may be on hold when:

- The temperature is too cold or too warm
- The snow pack is too thin, too wet, or too heavy for equipment.

Be Kind, Share the trails.

Do not walk, bike, or snowshoe on groomed ski tracks. Keep dogs on leash. Pick up after your dog.

REMEMBER: Safety is your responsibility.



Photos: Adam Greenberg



Winter poses additional concerns



You are in avalanche country

Travel in avalanche country involves risk. Safety is your responsibility.

Know and understand the risk. Even small slopes can avalanche. Make good, informed choices. Seek training or a guide when planning to enter avalanche zones. Read more about avalanche safety: parksmountainsafety.ca



Ice safety

Waterfall, canyon, and river ice (moving water)

- Travel on ice over moving water is not safe.
- Below the ice, the water is cold, often deep and fast-moving.
- Ice can give way at any time. No matter how thick it appears to be.
- Respect safety signs and fenced areas.

Note: Only enter Maligne canyon in winter with a certified guide.

Pond and lake ice (still water)

Parks Canada does not monitor ice thickness. It is up to you to assess the thickness of the ice. The Red Cross recommends an ice thickness of at least 15 centimetres for safe skating on lakes and ponds.

Remember: Ice over moving water is unstable!



Winter Closures

As of November 1, some backcountry areas are closed to protect caribou habitat.

For more information, visit: parkscanada.gc.ca/caribou-winter-access

Some roads in Jasper are subject to seasonal road closures. For the most up to date information when planning winter travel, consult AB511 (511.alberta.ca) or our website: parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-roads

Campgrounds











































































































Campgrounds fill quickly. Book ahead of time.


For fees, information, and to reserve your campsite go online or call ahead.


1-877-RESERVE (737-3783) or parksCanada.gc.ca/reservation


Self registration campgrounds are first come, first serve. These campgrounds are rustic.

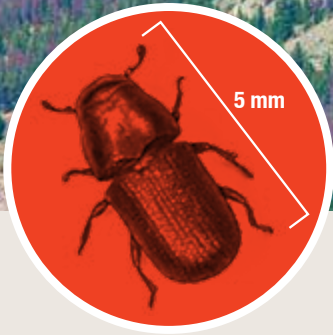
Campsites fill quickly. Arrive early. Pay with cash or credit card only.

See legends and locations on page 9, 18 or 19.				Full hook-up	Electrical	Sani-dump	Flush toilets	Pit toilets	Showers	Firepit	Cooking shelter	Drinking water	Accessible	Interpretive programs	oTENTik
	Campgrounds	Sites	Open Dates												
Jasper National Park	 Whistlers	781	Opening Summer 2021												
	 Wapiti	364	Early May – Late Oct.												
	 Wabasso	231	Mid May – Late Sept.												
	 Pocahontas	140	Mid May – Early Sept.												
	 Snaring	62	Mid May – Late Sept.												
	 Kerkeslin	42	Mid May – Mid Sept.												
	 Honeymoon Lake	35	Mid May – Mid Sept.												
	 Jonas	25	Early June – Early Sept.												
	 Icefield Centre (RV)	100	Mid May – Mid Sept.												
	 Icefield (tents only)	33	Early June – Mid Oct.												
	 Wilcox	46	Early June – Mid Sept.												
Banff National Park	 Rampart	50	Early June – Mid Oct.												
	 Waterfowl Lakes	116	Mid June – Early Sept.												
	 Silverhorn	45	Early June – Late Sept.												
	 Mosquito	32	Early June – Mid Oct.												
	 Lake Louise Trailer	189	Year Round												
	 Lake Louise Tent	206	Late May – Late Sept.												

 Reservation needed for all sites in the campground.

 Campground has first-come, first-serve sites only. Self-register at the campground. In summer months, arrive before mid-day for the best chance of getting a site.

 Campground has a mix of reservable sites and first-come, first-serve sites.

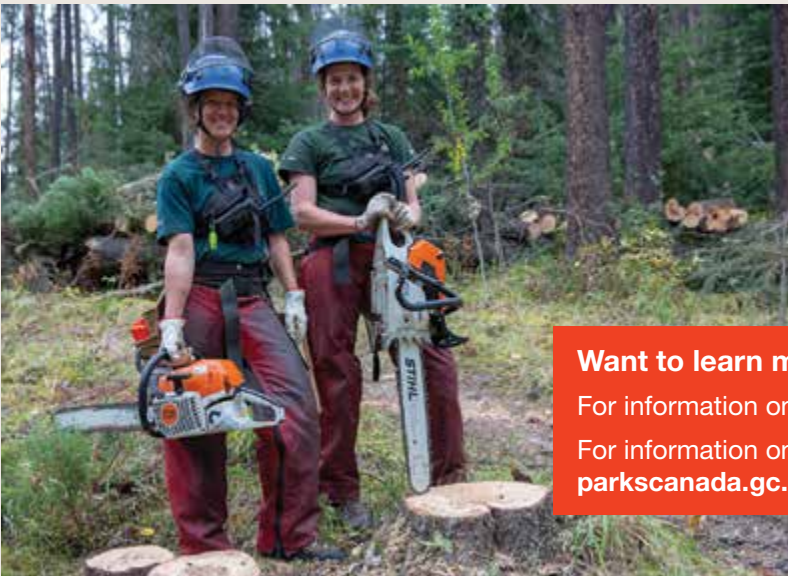


Why are the trees red?

The pine beetle is the cause. Native to North American Forests, pine beetles tunnel into mature pine trees to lay their eggs under the bark. They carry along fungi that turns tree tissue into food for the larvae. This disrupts the flow of nutrients within the tree and kills it. Needles slowly turn red about one year after a successful pine beetle attack.

Why are some trees missing from the landscape?

There are more dead trees in the park due to pine beetle attacks. The risk of wildfires rise as a result. Wildfire risk reduction projects limit the risk of wildfires. Removing hazard trees means less fuel for fires. This allows firefighters to do their work safely and effectively. Parks Canada is working to protect our community through these projects.



Want to learn more?

For information on the pine beetle visit: parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-beetle

For information on fire protection and restoration projects visit: parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-fire-projects

Directory

Parks Canada Jasper Information Centre

500 Connaught Drive
780-852-6176
parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper

Visit our website for Town Information Centre and Icefields Centre hours of operation

Social Media

  JasperNP

Trail conditions report

parksCanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails

Parks Canada Reservation Service

1-877-737-3783
parksCanada.gc.ca/reservation

Friends of Jasper National Park

Maps and guide books: 780-852-4341
friendsofjasper.com

Tourism Jasper

780-852-6236
jasper.travel

Jasper Weather

780-852-3185
weather.gc.ca

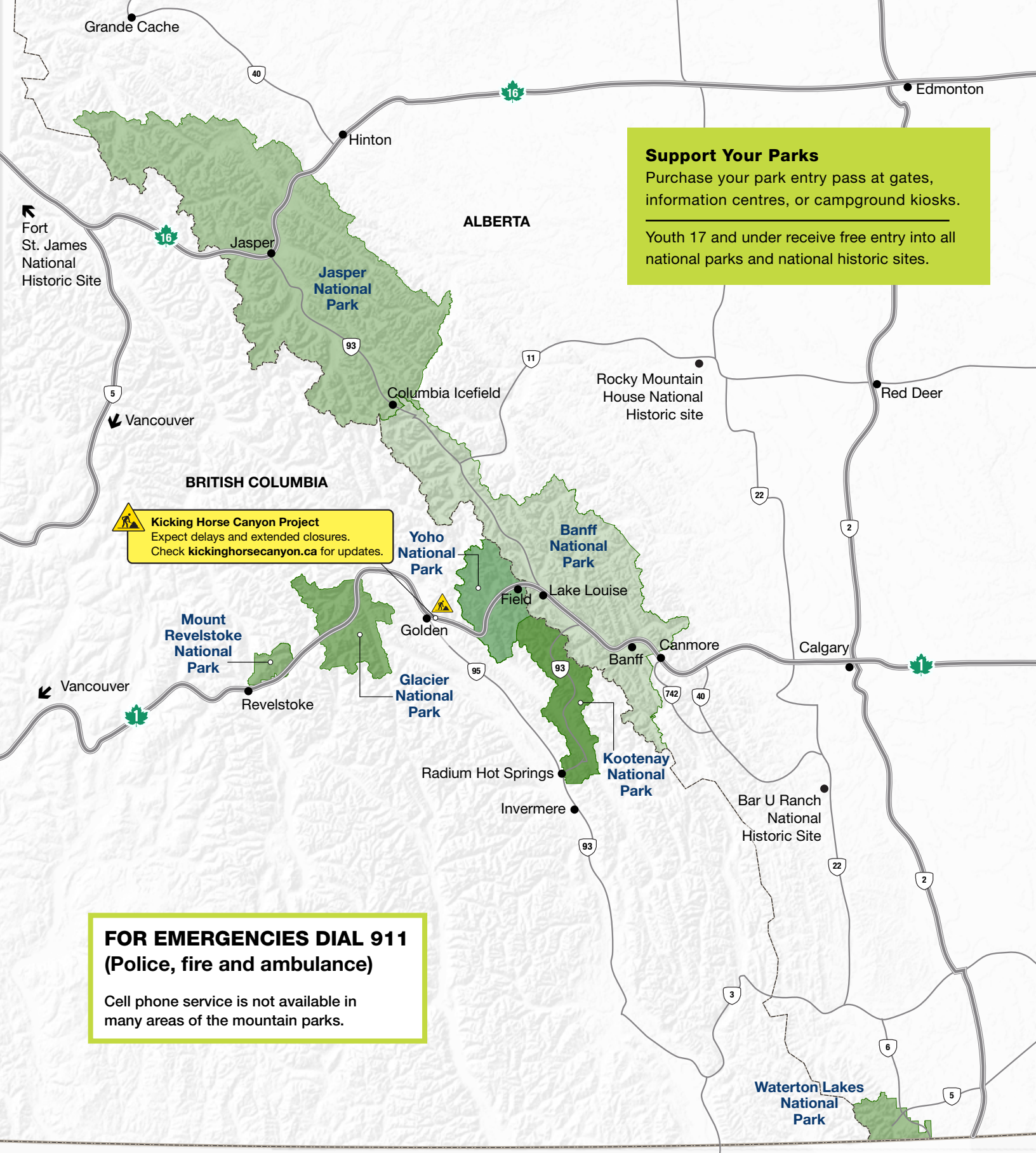
Road conditions

Dial 511
511.alberta.ca
drivebc.ca

Emergency

Dial 911

Cellphone service is not always reliable
780-852-3100 (satellite phone)



Support Your Parks

Purchase your park entry pass at gates, information centres, or campground kiosks.

Youth 17 and under receive free entry into all national parks and national historic sites.

Kicking Horse Canyon Project
Expect delays and extended closures.
Check kickinghorsecanyon.ca for updates.

FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911
(Police, fire and ambulance)
Cell phone service is not available in many areas of the mountain parks.



Human food and garbage **kill** wildlife.



Do not litter.

Photo: Christina Timmins