



Jasper  
National Park

# Visitor Guide

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

*Également offert en français*



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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 regions in Jasper National Park. Hike, bike, paddle, ski, or simply take in the scenery. The choice is yours.

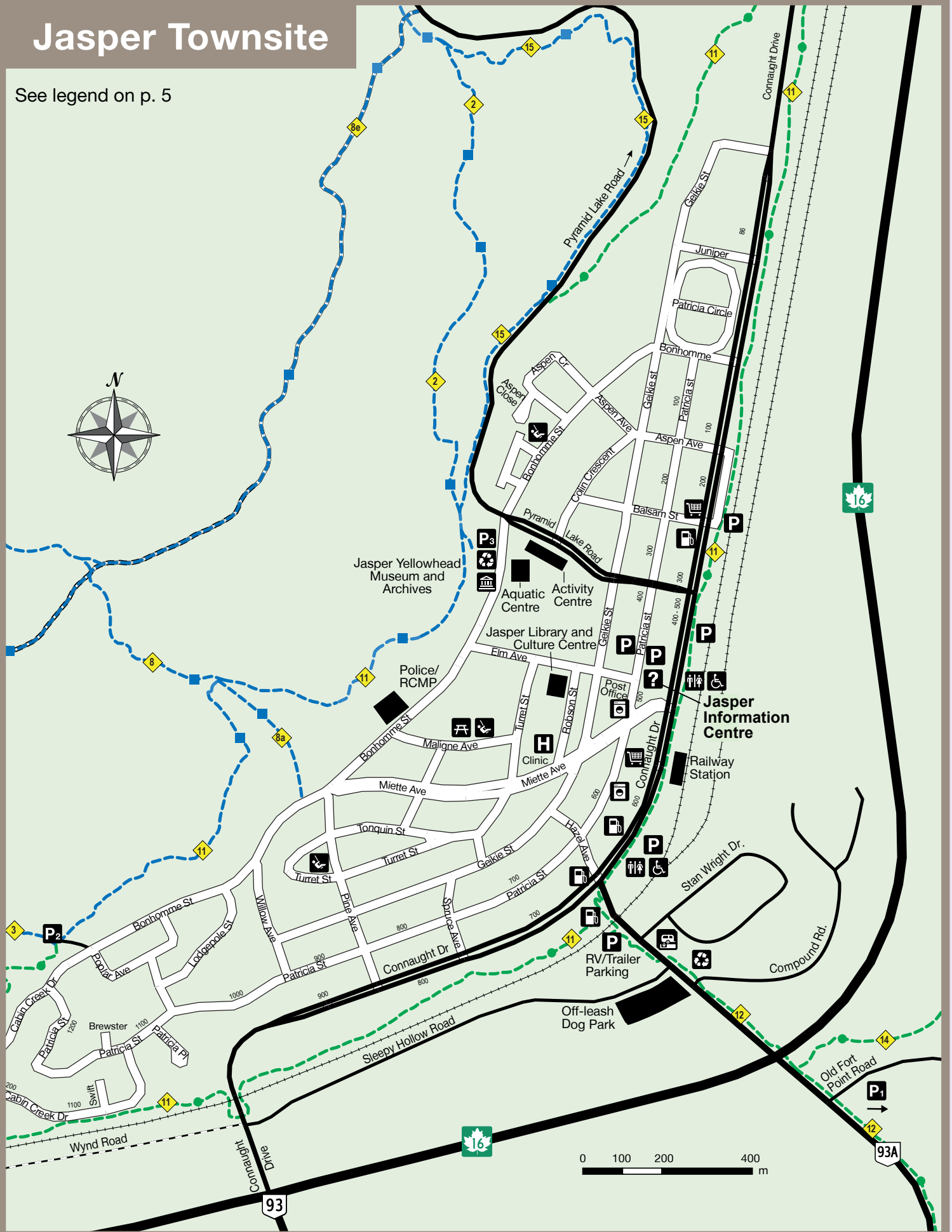
We respectfully acknowledge that Jasper National Park is located in Treaty 6 and 8 as well as the traditional lands of the Anishinabe, Aseniwuche Winewak, Dene-zaa, Nêhiyawak, Secwépemc, Stoney Nakoda, and Métis. We acknowledge the past, present, and future generations of these nations who continue to steward the land.

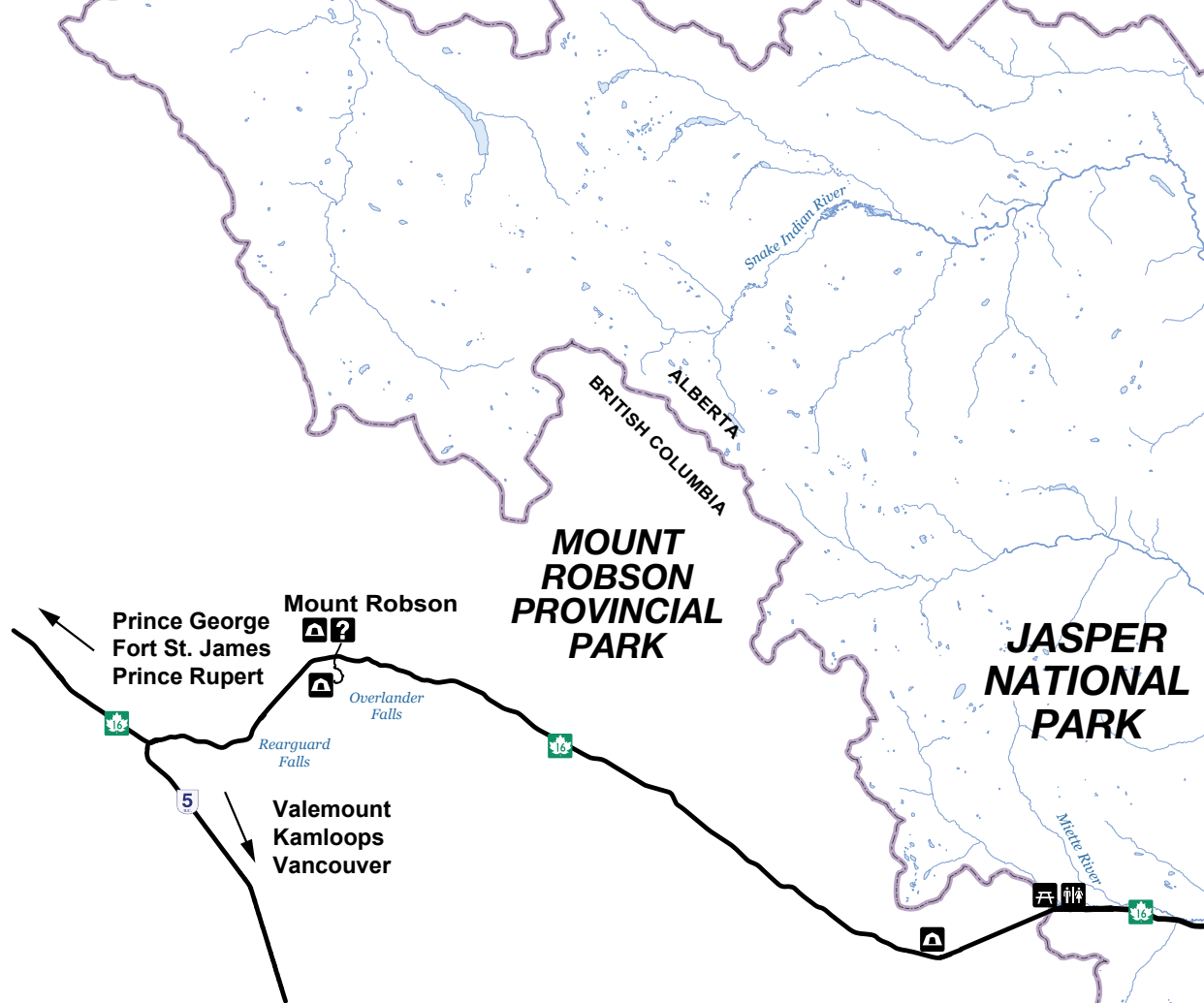


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# Jasper Townsite

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## 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. 6)

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. 8)

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. 10)

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.

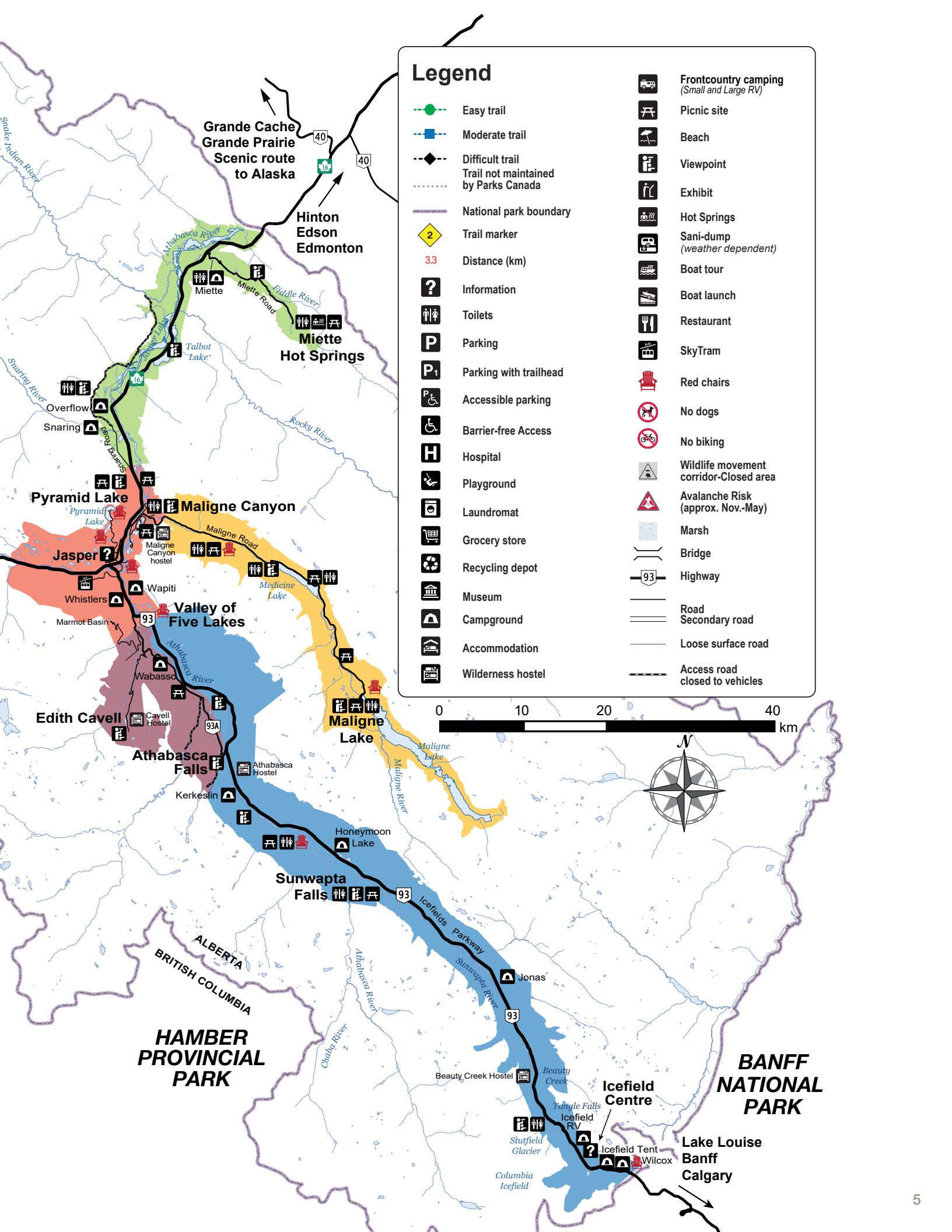
### Mount Edith Cavell (p.12)

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: 48 km. The tight switchbacks are not suitable for trailers and large motorhomes. Maximum size 25 feet.**

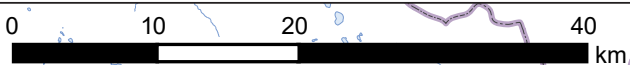
### Icefields Parkway (HWY 93) (p. 13)

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.



# Legend

- Easy trail
- Moderate trail
- ◆ Difficult trail
- ◆ Trail not maintained by Parks Canada
- National park boundary
- 2 Trail marker
- 3.3 Distance (km)
- ? Information
- ♿ Toilets
- P Parking
- P Parking with trailhead
- P Accessible parking
- ♿ Barrier-free Access
- H Hospital
- 🎡 Playground
- 🧺 Laundromat
- 🛒 Grocery store
- ♻️ Recycling depot
- 🏛️ Museum
- 🏠 Campground
- 🏠 Accommodation
- 🏠 Wilderness hostel
- 🚐 Frontcountry camping (Small and Large RV)
- 🍷 Picnic site
- 🏖️ Beach
- 👁️ Viewpoint
- 🖼️ Exhibit
- ♨️ Hot Springs
- 🗑️ Sani-dump (weather dependent)
- 🚤 Boat tour
- 🚤 Boat launch
- 🍴 Restaurant
- 🏠 SkyTram
- 🪑 Red chairs
- 🚫🐕 No dogs
- 🚫🚲 No biking
- 🚧 Wildlife movement corridor-Closed area
- ⚠️ Avalanche Risk (approx. Nov.-May)
- 🌿 Marsh
- 🌉 Bridge
- 93 Highway
- Road
- Secondary road
- Loose surface road
- Access road closed to vehicles



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# Around Town



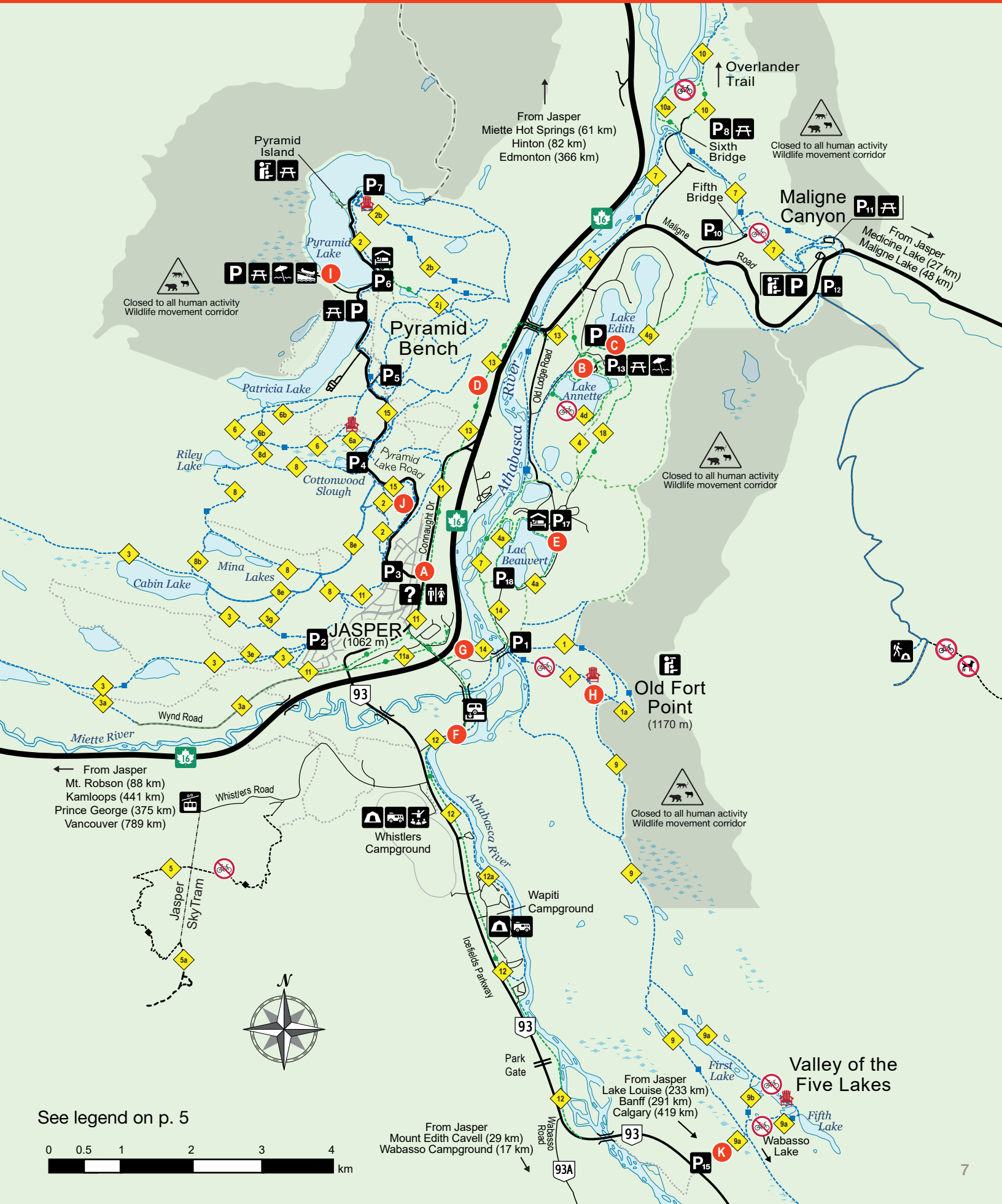
Photo: Tourism Jasper | Celina Frisson

Highlights	Distance	Description	Primary Use
<b>A</b> <b>Jasper Discovery Trail</b>	8.3 km loop	Interpretive trail around town with multiple access points. Parts of the trail are moderately difficult.	
<b>B</b> <b>Lake Annette &amp; Trail</b>	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. <b>P<sub>3</sub></b>	
<b>C</b> <b>Lake Edith</b>	7.3 km from Jasper	Smaller beach near Lake Annette. Picnic sites. Views of Roche Bonhomme.	
<b>D</b> <b>Bighorn Trail</b>	4.6 km one way	Easy trail from town to Lakes Annette and Edith.	
<b>E</b> <b>Lac Beauvert Trail</b>	3.5 km loop	Flat loop around Lac Beauvert. Begins at Jasper Park Lodge. <b>P<sub>7</sub></b>	
<b>F</b> <b>Wapiti Trail</b>	4.6 km one way	Connects Whistlers and Wapiti campgrounds to Jasper Town. Follows Highway 93 and Athabasca River.	
<b>G</b> <b>Red Squirrel Trail</b>	2.4 km one way	Trail from town to Old Fort Point and Jasper Park Lodge.	
<b>H</b> <b>Old Fort Point Trail</b>	3.8 km loop	Steep trail with excellent town and valley views.	
<b>I</b> <b>Pyramid Lake</b>	6.0 km from Jasper	Family friendly beach. Paddle a canoe. Picnic sites at beach and Pyramid Island. Stunning views all around.	
<b>J</b> <b>Pyramid Trail</b>	5.4 km one way	Trail follows the road from town to Pyramid Lake. Forest path with road crossings. Steady uphill climb.	
<b>K</b> <b>Valley of the Five Lakes Trail</b>	4.6 km loop	Explore five colourful mountain lakes in one hike. <b>P<sub>15</sub></b> (Bicycles are not permitted on portion of the trail from May 15 to September 15).	

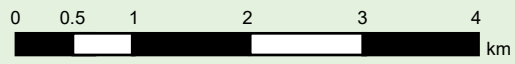
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You can find brochures and maps here:  
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# Maligne Valley



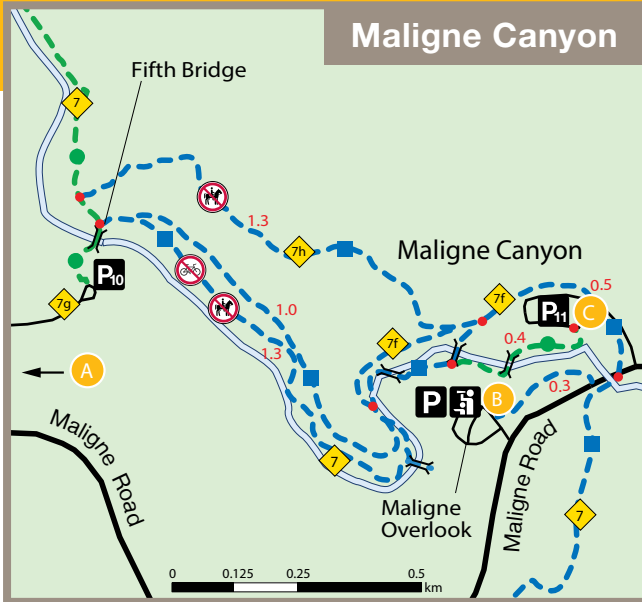
Photo: Ryan Bray

Highlights	Distance	Description	Primary Use
<b>A</b> Sixth Bridge Day Use	8.4 km from Jasper	Picnic along the rushing Maligne River. Sites have double tables for large groups.	
<b>B</b> Maligne Overlook	10.9 km from Jasper	Sweeping views of the Athabasca Valley and mountain peaks.	
<b>C</b> 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. <b>P<sub>1</sub></b>	
<b>C</b> 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. <b>P<sub>1</sub></b>	
<b>D</b> Medicine Lake	27 km from Jasper	Superb example of karst geology. Striking changes in water levels. Nesting eagles.	
<b>E</b> Bruce's Picnic Site	42 km from Jasper	Wheelchair and stroller friendly site beside Maligne River. Fewer crowds than at the lake.	
<b>F</b> Maligne Lake	48 km from Jasper	Sublime panoramic views. The postcard photo! Take a boat cruise. Paddle a canoe. Stroll the lake shore. <b>P</b> Maligne Lake	
<b>G</b> Mary Schäffer Trail	2.9 km loop	Easy interpretive forest stroll to viewpoint. Lake side views. <b>P</b> Maligne Lake	
<b>H</b> Moose Lake Trail	2.7 km loop	Forest trail to a tranquil lake. Moose Lake has its name for a reason. <b>P</b> Bald Hills	
<b>I</b> Bald Hills Trail	9 km return	Steady uphill trail into an alpine meadow. Spectacular views of Maligne Lake. The reward is worth the work. <b>P</b> Bald Hills	

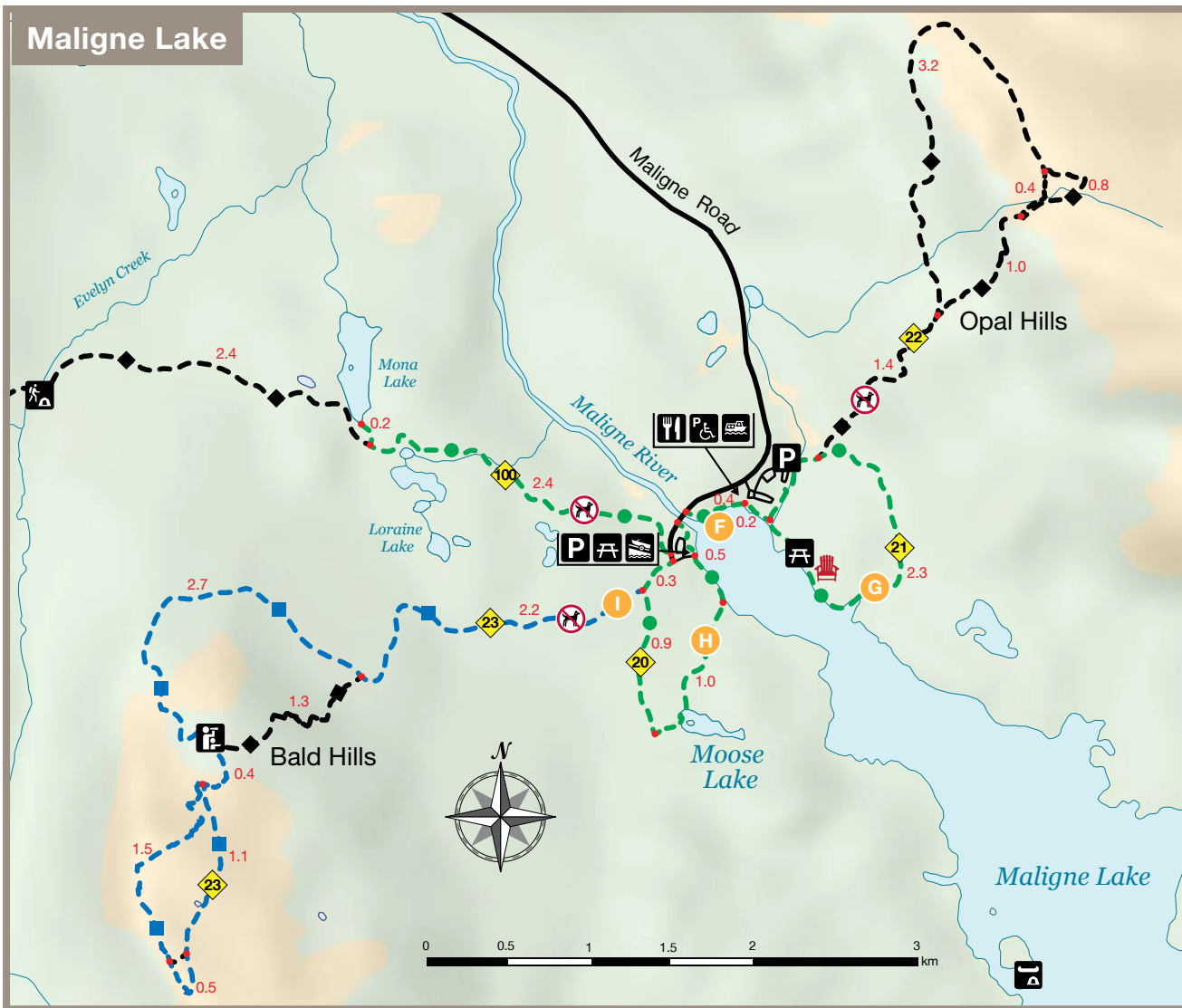
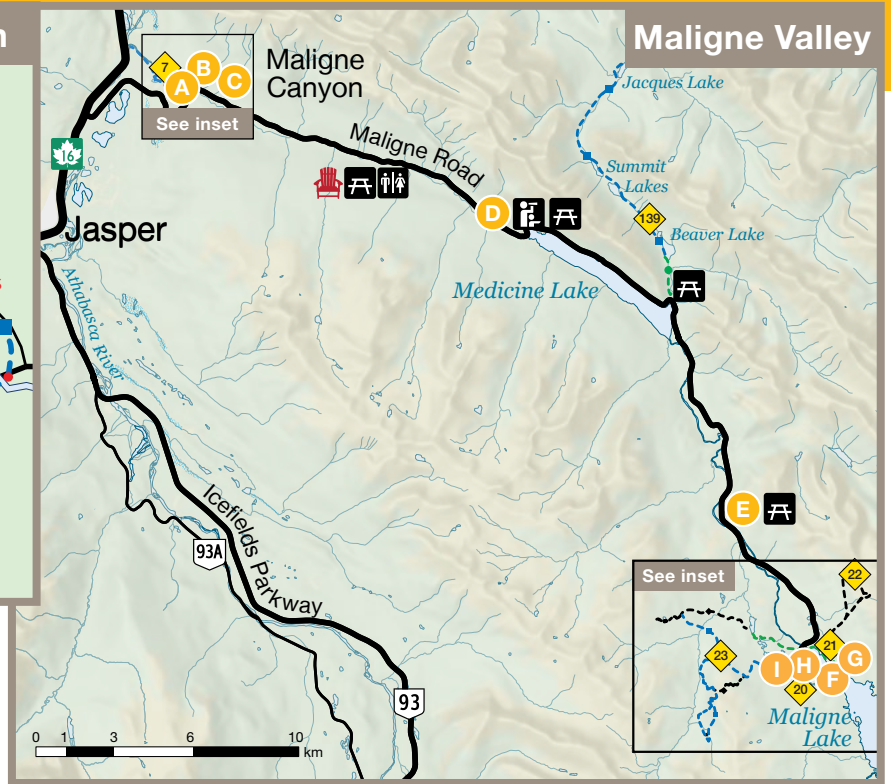
Easy Moderate Difficult

Check trail conditions, weather and road updates: [parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails)





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# Jasper East and Miette Hot Springs



Photo: Parks Canada | Caroline Roy

Highlights	Distance	Description	Primary Use
<b>A</b> ● Jasper House National Historic Site	32 km from Jasper	Short path to interpretive viewpoint. Overlooks former site of a fur trade post.	
<b>B</b> ◆ 31 ● Lower Mine Trail	900 m loop	A forsaken mine site for the history buff.	
<b>C</b> ◆ 32 ■ Upper Mine Trail	1.7 km loop	Grand valley view. Steep climb and descent.	
<b>D</b> ◆ 35 ● Source of the Springs Trail	1.2 km return	Touch the source of the Miette Hot Springs. Stroll through the old ruins.	
<b>E</b> ◆ 30 ◆ ▲ 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 Miette campground.  
Max. length 7.5 meters (25 feet). Trailer drop-off in Lower Miette Mine Trail Parking lot.

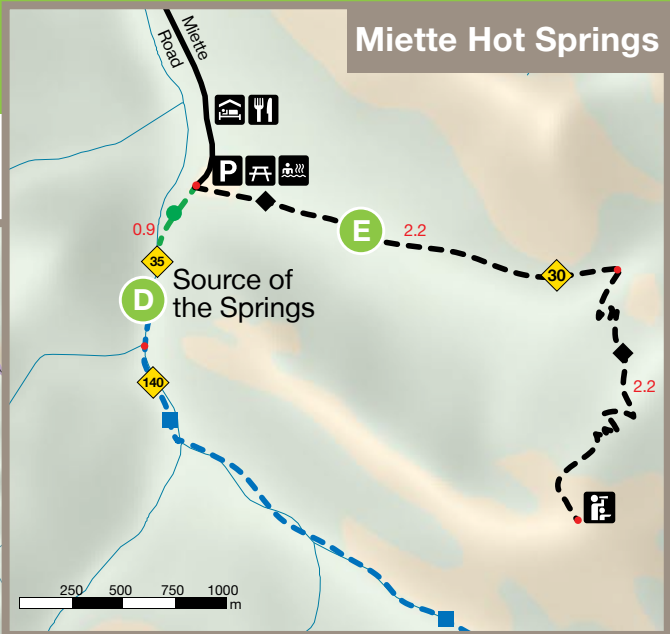
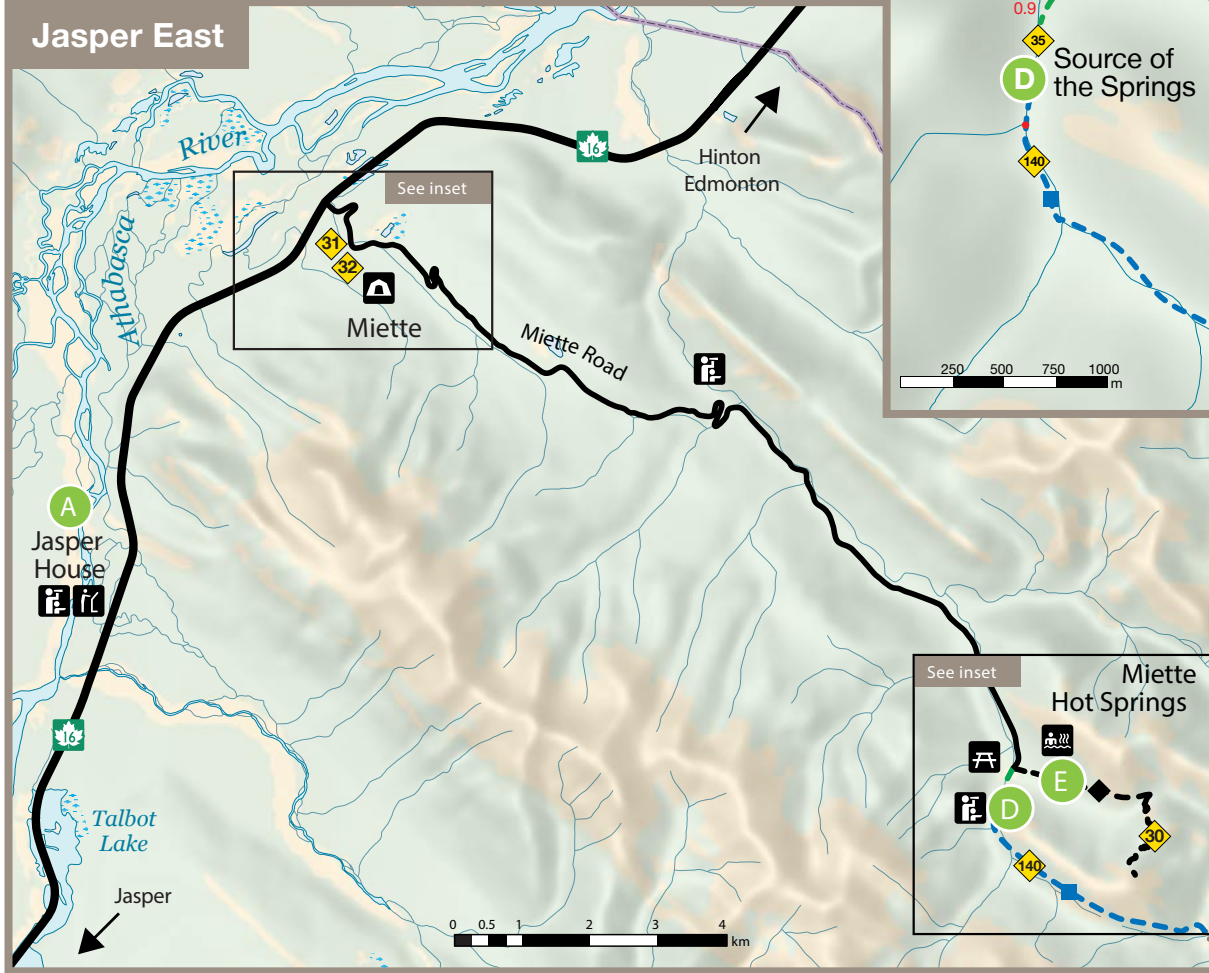


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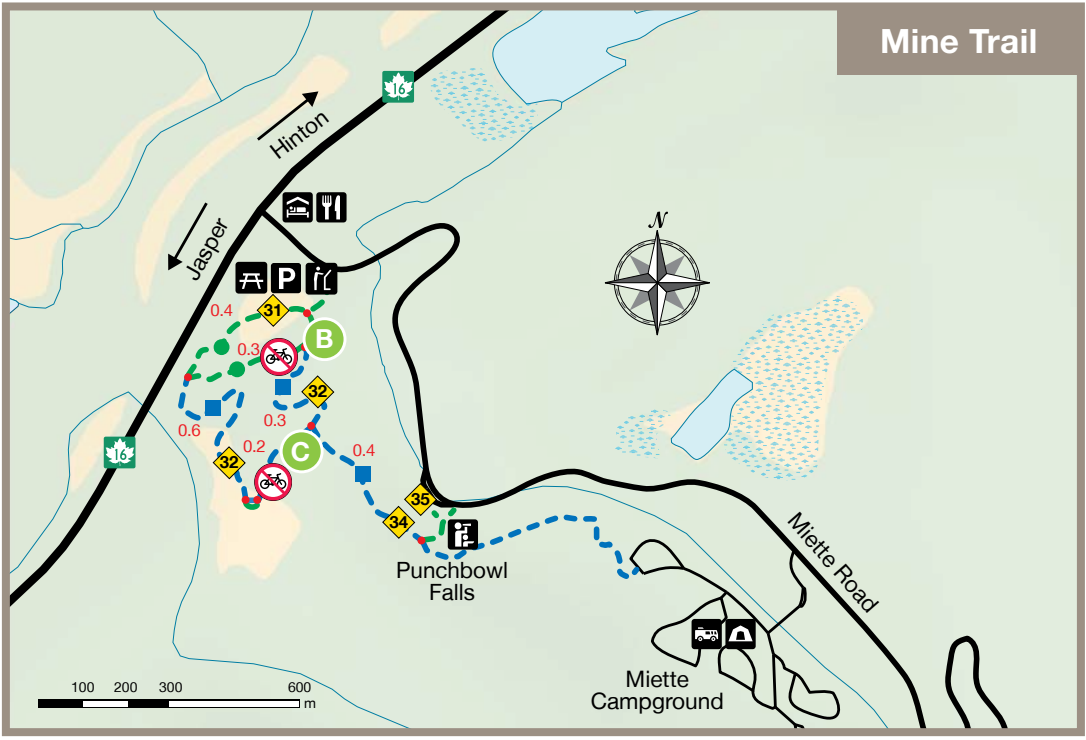
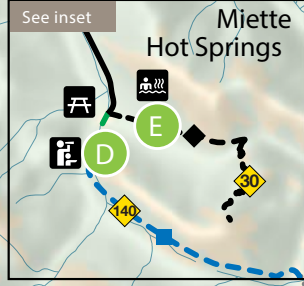
## Miette Hot Springs

Miette Hot 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 more information: [parkscanada.gc.ca/hotsprings](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/hotsprings)











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# Mount Edith Cavell



Photo: Ryan Bray

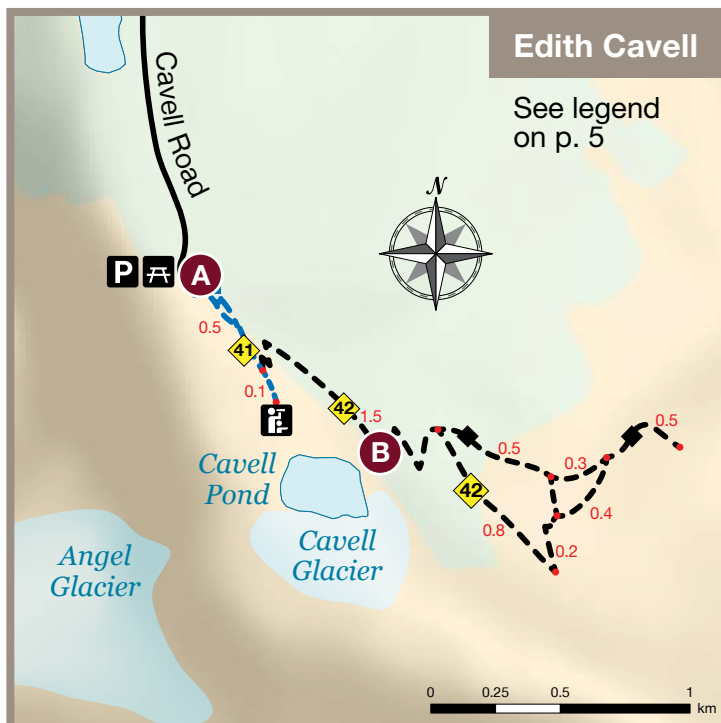
Highlights	Distance	Description	Primary Use
<b>A</b>   <b>Path of the Glacier Trail</b>	1.2 km return	Short paved trail. Steady uphill climb. Stunning views of Mount Edith Cavell and Angel Glacier.	 
<b>B</b>   <b>Cavell Meadows Trail</b>	6-8 km return	Opens mid-July when snow melts. High alpine meadow. 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 5:00 p.m. to avoid crowds.

Cavell Road is closed to vehicles mid October – mid June.  
For more information visit: [parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-roads](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-roads)



## **Safety Tips**

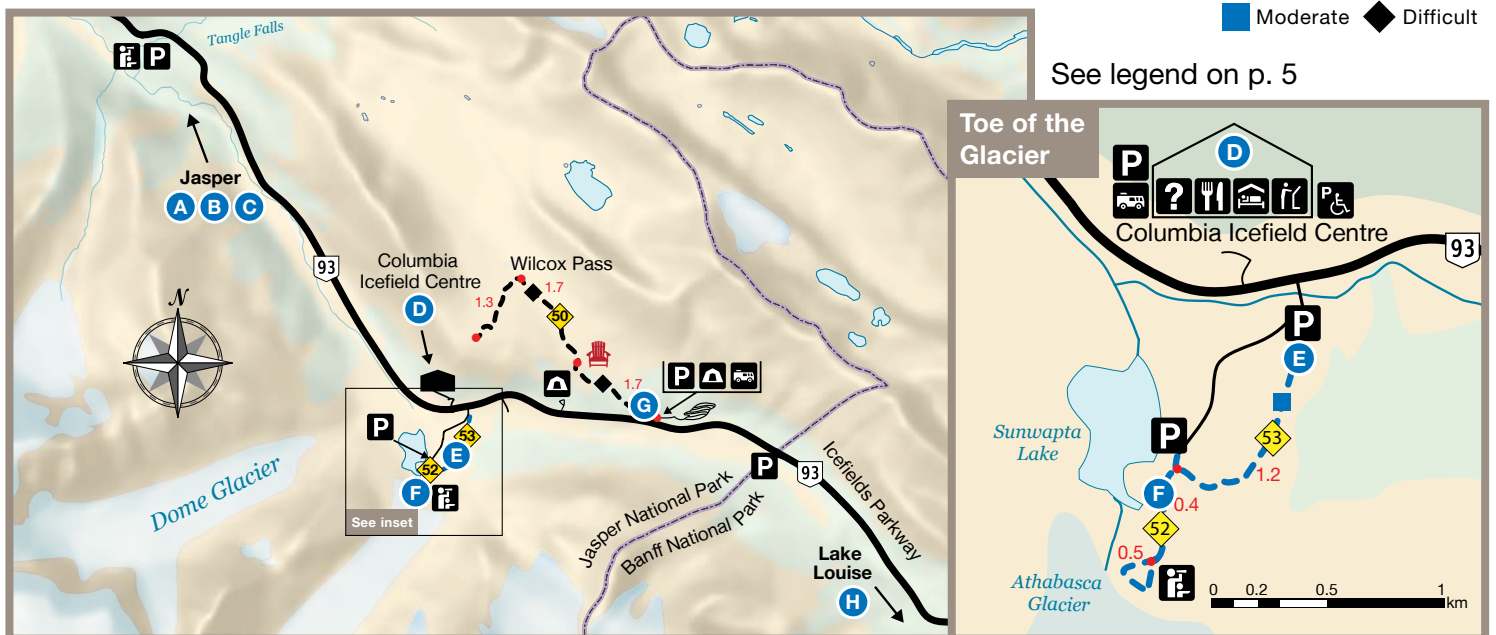
- High altitude may cause headaches and affect breathing.
- Know your physical limits.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Stay away from the cliffs and Cavell pond.
- Watch for falling boulders, snow and ice.
- Respect all posted signs.
- Do not feed the marmots. It is illegal to feed wildlife.

**Remember, safety is your responsibility.**

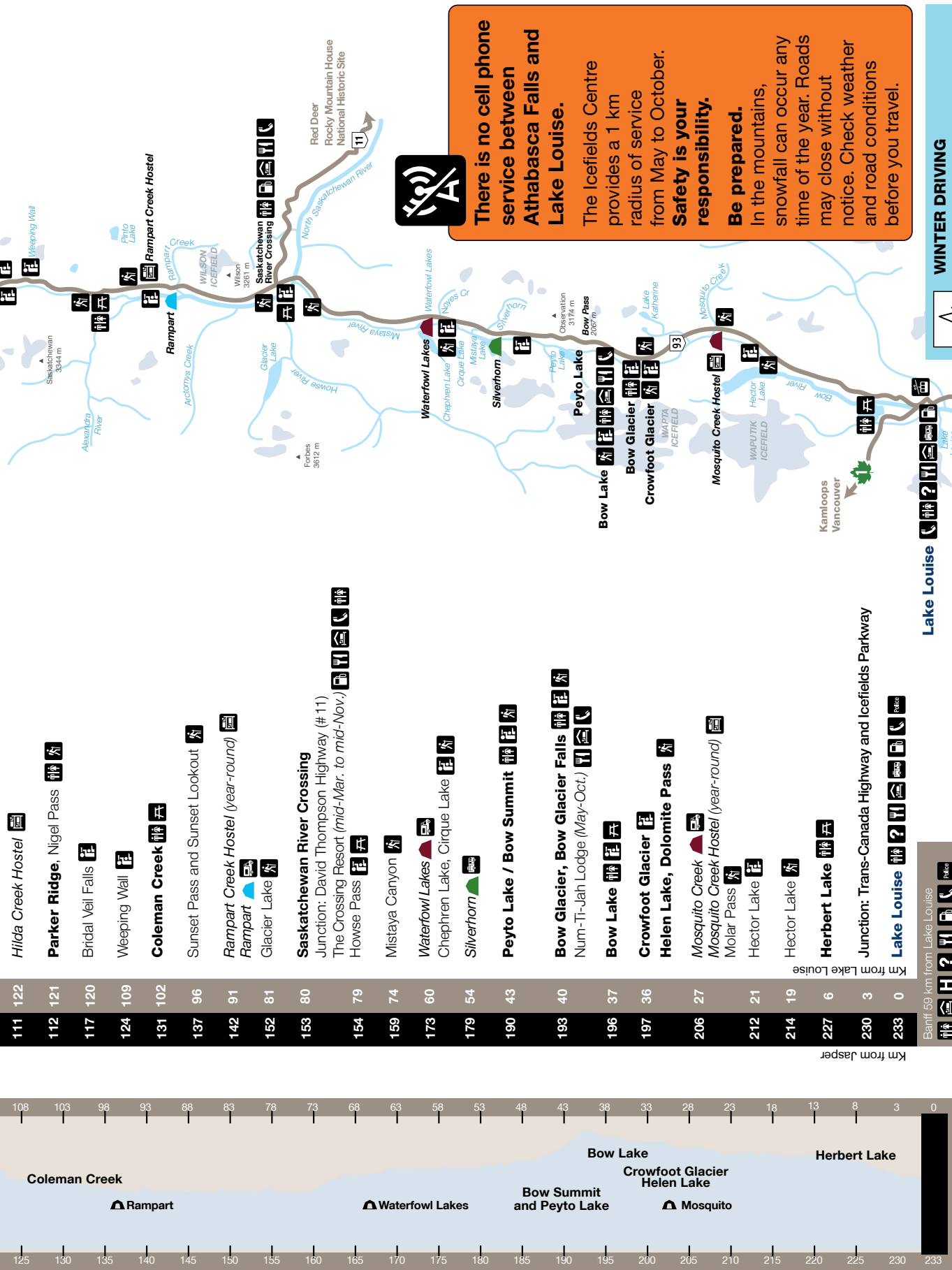
# Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93)



Highlights	Distance	Description	Primary Use
<b>A</b> Athabasca Falls	30 km from Jasper	Visit early morning or late evening to avoid peak crowds. <b>Do not go beyond railings.</b>	
<b>B</b> Sunwapta Falls	54 km from Jasper	Stunning views at upper and lower falls. <b>Do not go beyond railings.</b>	
<b>C</b> Lower Sunwapta Falls Trail	2.8 km return	Less travelled. Three more lovely waterfalls.	
<b>D</b> Glacier Gallery	103 km from Jasper	Located in the Columbia Icefield Centre. Parks Canada Information Services. Exhibit on glaciers and climate change. Free admission.	
<b>E</b> Forefield Trail	3.6 km return	Flat and rocky trail. Crosses moraine and glacial debris.	
<b>F</b> Toe of the Athabasca Glacier Trail	1.4 km return	A steady climb. See how glaciers move over time.	
<b>G</b> 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.	
<b>H</b> Parker Ridge Trail	5.6 km return	Striking views of the Saskatchewan Glacier. Stay on trail. Steady uphill, wind exposure.	







**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 can occur any time of the year. Roads may close without notice. 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.**

Dial 511 or check 511.alberta.ca for road report.



Km from Jasper

Banff 59 km from Lake Louise


Banff and Calgary

# Share the roads



Photo: Same van der Ploeg

## 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 wild animals.  
Safety is your responsibility.

## 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.

The number of unsafe wildlife traffic jams continues to increase.

These incidents often result in injury, harm, or death for wild animals and humans.

**Be safe and keep wild animals safe.**



Photo: Same van der Ploeg



Photo: Rogier Gruys



Photo: Lane Carter



# Avoid summer traffic jams

## Looking for quieter times?

- Escape crowds with an early morning or an evening visit.
- Enjoy less popular areas.
- Weekends are busiest.
- Parking lots at Maligne Canyon, Edith Cavell, and most lakes accessible by road are full between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

## Want to know more about avoiding crowds?

[parkscanada.pc.gc.ca/jasper-avoiding-crowds](https://parkscanada.pc.gc.ca/jasper-avoiding-crowds)



## Jasper is a biking town!

Explore popular lakes and day use areas around town by bike.

Ride your own or rent a bicycle.

A series of easy trails connect all the following places:

- Whistlers and Wapiti campgrounds
- Town of Jasper
- Maligne Canyon
- Old Fort Point
- Edith, Annette and Beauvert lakes.

For more information on biking trails, wildlife etiquette and bike rental options, visit:

[parkscanada.gc.ca/Jasper-biking](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/Jasper-biking)

# Water Sports + Safety



Photo: Nathalie Julien

## 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: To Uram Jasper



Photo: Matt Quiring

**Note:** There are few parking stalls at lakes Annette, Edith and Pyramid. The stalls fill quickly between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Vehicle parking length is 8 metres (26 feet) maximum.



Photo: Ryan Bray



## 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.
- Check weather forecast.
- Be aware that strong winds, stormy weather and tour boats create waves. Winds create large waves in minutes.

# Keep Park Waters Clean



Photo: Tourism Jasper | Mike Seehagel

## What are Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)?

- AIS are non-native plants, animals and diseases. (Often too small to see)
- AIS travel with you from one body of water to another.
- AIS stick to your clothing, gear, watercraft and pet.

## Why should you care about stopping AIS?

- AIS can make waters and beaches not fit for people to enjoy.
- AIS presence can result in closures and restrictions.
- AIS may destroy healthy water and aquatic life.
- AIS damage is often not reversible.

## Top 3 AIS threats to Jasper waters:



Trout infected by Whirling Disease



Quagga mussel



Zebra mussel

## CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY to prevent the spread of AIS

Make it a habit everywhere you go!



### CLEAN

Remove all mud, sand, plant or animal parts from all items **before leaving** the shore.



### DRAIN

Drain, **onto land**, all items that can hold water. Invert or tilt items. Open all compartments. Remove seats if necessary. Pull the drain plug if applicable.



### DRY

Dry all items completely **before entering** any river, pond, lake or stream.

Use inspection and decontamination station where available.

Photos: Parks Canada | Brian Van Tighem

Learn more about Clean, Drain, Dry and AIS prevention programs: [parksCanada.gc.ca/jasperwateractivities](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/jasperwateractivities)

# Safety is your responsibility



Photo : Matt Oulring



Photo : Adam Greenberg



Photo : Fritz Mueller



## Know before you go:

1. Visit the web for current reports on weather, roads, trails and avalanche conditions:
  - [Weather.gc.ca](http://Weather.gc.ca)
  - [511.alberta.ca](http://511.alberta.ca) and [parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-roads](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-roads)
  - [Parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails](http://Parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails)
  - [Parksmountainsafety.ca](http://Parksmountainsafety.ca)
2. Keep in mind mountain conditions change often and without warning.
3. Carry extra layers of clothing, extra food and water.
4. Bring an emergency road kit and emergency trail kit.
5. Respect speed zones, trail signs, warning signs, closures, and hazards.
6. Don't blindly follow what others do. Assess the safety risk for yourself.
7. Do not exceed your level of knowledge and skill.



## 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. Learn more about dead trees on p. 31.

For more safety information:  
[parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-visitor-safety](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-visitor-safety)

# When you see elk

Photo: Amar Athwal



## Understand the dangers

- Elk are wild. They are unpredictable animals, even if they appear tame.
- Elk may be aggressive any time of year, but more so during spring and fall.
- In Jasper, elk have caused more serious harm and injury to people than any other wildlife.
- Do not underestimate elk.

## Elk may warn you or may not. Warning signs:

- Teeth grinding
- Curled lips
- Flattened ears
- Appears agitated
- Antlers lowered towards you or beating bushes
- Kicking and charging

## Elk calving season | May and June



Photo: Christina Timmis

- Female elk separate from the herd to give birth.
- Females may have young hidden nearby.
- Protective moms will attack.

## Elk rutting season | September and October



Photo: Roam Creative

- Male elk aggressively protect their females during breeding season.

## Vehicles damaged by elk



Photo: Gareth Lemke



Photo: Parks Canada

# Human food and garbage kill wildlife

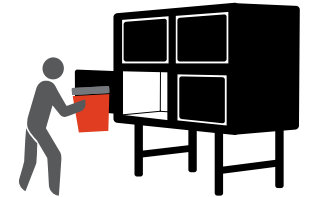


These are law:

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

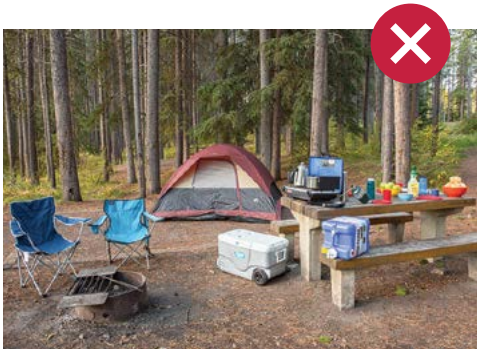


Secure your food and scented items in food lockers or the trunk of your vehicle.



## Walking away from your campsite?

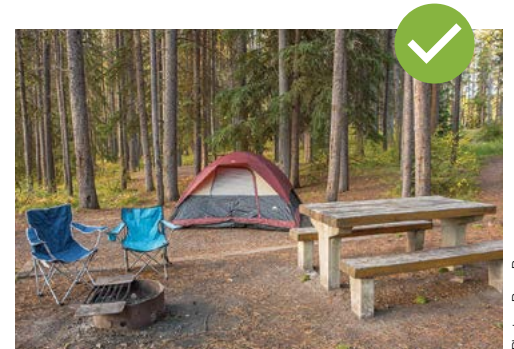
- Tidy up to protect wildlife.
- Wild animals see and smell human food and garbage.
- Animals can become aggressive or sick if they get into it.
- Every year, park employees must kill aggressive animals to keep humans safe.
- You can stop the killing.



**You MUST store away all food, food-related and scented items (clean, dirty or sealed).**



**Coolers, stove and containers also attract animals. Put them away in your vehicle or in food lockers.**



**Leave your site animal proof. Do not leave any food or garbage out without supervision.**

# Park Regulations



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



## **PUT GARBAGE IN THE WILDLIFE-PROOF BINS PROVIDED.**

Dispose garbage in the trash bins to keep wildlife safe and the park clean.



## **DO NOT COLLECT NATURAL OBJECTS.**

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



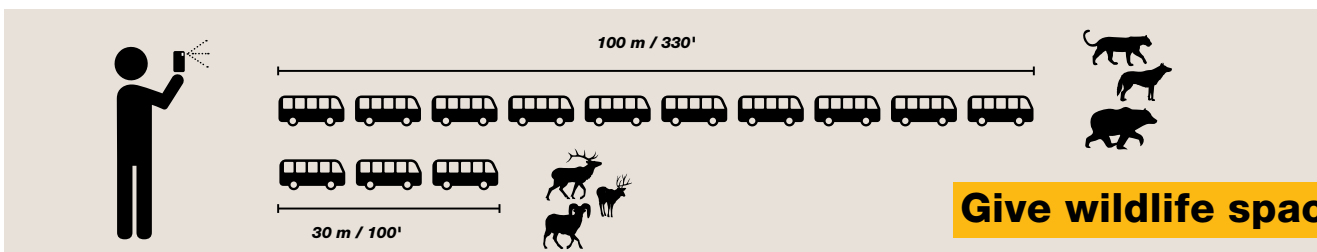
## **NO DRONES.**

Jasper National Park is a no drone zone.  
Report drone use to Jasper Dispatch 780-852-6155.

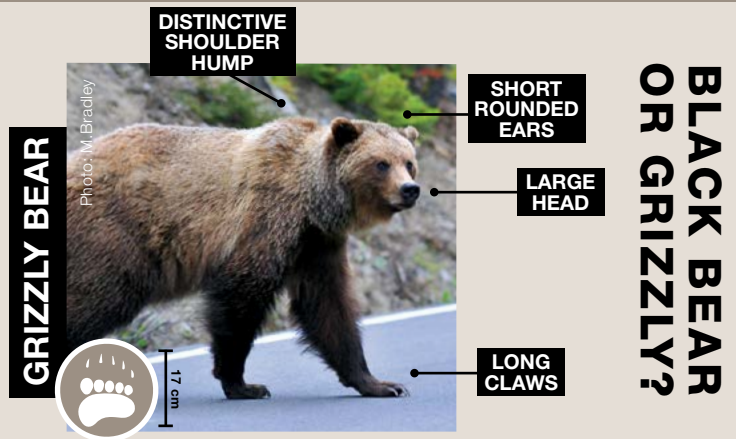


## **KEEP DOGS ON A LEASH.**

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



# Wildlife Identification



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



**Coyote**



**Wolf**



**Elk**



**Bighorn Sheep**



**Moose**



**Mountain Goat**



All wildlife photos were taken from a safe distance. A telephoto lens was used.



# Species at Risk

Jasper National Park works with many people across the country to protect plants and animals on the brink of extinction. Here are some.

The full list is found here:

[parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-species-at-risk](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-species-at-risk)



**Woodland Caribou**  
Threatened



**Black Swift**  
Endangered



**Haller's Apple Moss**  
Threatened



**Little Brown Myotis**  
Endangered



**Common Nighthawk**  
Threatened



**Whitebark Pine**  
Endangered



**Grizzly Bear**  
Special Concern



**Wolverine**  
Special Concern



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

# Jasper Indigenous Exhibit

Work is under way at Athabasca Park in the town of Jasper. Athabasca Park is the Information Centre grounds. We are building a new place to reflect and celebrate. More than twenty Indigenous partner communities are joined in this venture.

The concept features stories of forced removal and exclusion of Indigenous peoples from Jasper National Park. It also celebrates Indigenous connections to these traditional lands. It is a step toward healing and reflecting on our journey forward.

Each partner community is sharing its own story. Together, they planned the vision. The exhibit features Indigenous artwork and sculpture. These are placed among landscaped paths and places to sit.



Artist rendering of the Jasper Indigenous Exhibit



The north half of Athabasca Park is closed to construct the Jasper Indigenous Exhibit. For safety reasons, sidewalk closures may occur near the site.

**For regular updates about the exhibit please visit**

***[parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-indigenous-connections](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-indigenous-connections)***

# Fort St. James National Historic Site



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

Live through the fur trade era. Travel back in time to 1896. Explore Canada's largest collection of wooden fur trade buildings.

## So much to do:

- 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.
- Snap a Red Chair moment.
- Spend the night in the Murray House. Sleep in 19th century bliss.
- Try our legendary Home Stretch Café.
- Watch the sunset over Stuart Lake.

Fort St. James has been home to the Dakelh First Nations people since long before the arrival of Simon Fraser and the Hudson's Bay Company.

Nak'azdli Whut'en, Yekooche First Nations, Binche Whut'en, Tl'azt'en Nation, Middle River (Dit'zanli) and Takla Lake First Nations in the area comprise approximately 25% of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council.

Ts'uhoot'i' Nekeyoh ts'e whusainya.  
Welcome to our territory.

Where the Fort lies is the traditional fishing grounds of Nak'azdli Whut'en.



[parkscanada.gc.ca/fortstjames](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/fortstjames)   FortStJamesNHS

# 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](http://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 on maintained natural ice rinks.

**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.

#### Whirlpool cross-country ski hub:

Moab Lake Trail (red chairs), Leach Lake Trail.

*Easy to moderate.*

**Marmot Meadows cross-country ski hub:** Whistlers and Sparkle loops, Aspen Gardens and Re Run trails.

*Easy to difficult.*

**Pyramid Fire Road:** Long steep sections.

*Moderate to difficult.*

**Wabasso Campground:** Inner loops and outer loop.

*Easy*

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

**Ski trails are maintained from mid-December to mid-March as weather and snow conditions permit.**

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 ski tracks. Keep dogs on leash. Pick up after your dog.

**REMEMBER: Safety is your responsibility.**

## 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](http://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!



Photo: Parks Canada



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## 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](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/caribou-winter-access)

Some roads in Jasper are subject to unexpected and seasonal road closures.

To plan your winter travels, consult [parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper-roads](http://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](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/reservation)**

See legends and locations on page 5, 14 or 15.

	Campgrounds	Sites	Open Dates	Full hook-up	Electrical	Sani-dump	Flush toilets	Pit toilets	Showers	Firepit	Cooking shelter	Drinking water	Accessible	Interpretive programs	
Jasper National Park	 <b>Whistlers</b>	781	Early May – Mid Oct.												
	 <b>Wapiti</b>	364	Mid May – Late Oct.												
	 <b>Wabasso</b>	231	Mid May – Mid Sept.												
	 <b>Miette</b>	140	Late June – Early Sept.												
	 <b>Snaring</b>	62	Mid May – Mid Sept.												
	 <b>Kerkeslin</b>	42	Mid May – Early Sept.												
	 <b>Honeymoon Lake</b>	35	Mid May – Mid Sept.												
	 <b>Jonas</b>	25	Mid June – Early Sept.												
	 <b>Icefield Centre (RV)</b>	100	Mid May – Early Oct.												
	 <b>Icefield (tents only)</b>	33	Mid June – Early Oct.												
 <b>Wilcox</b>	46	Mid June – Mid Sept.													
Banff National Park	 <b>Rampart</b>	50	Early June – Late Sept.												
	 <b>Waterfowl Lakes</b>	116	Late June – Mid Sept.												
	 <b>Silverhorn</b>	45	Early June – Early Oct.												
	 <b>Mosquito Creek</b>	32	Mid June – Mid Oct.												
	 <b>Lake Louise Trailer</b>	189	Year Round												
	 <b>Lake Louise Tent</b>	206	Late May – Late Sept.												

 Reservation needed for all sites in the campground.

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

 Campgrounds are first come, first served. You must self-register at the campground. This means you have to be on site to know if there is availability. These campgrounds are rustic. Arrive before mid-day for the best chance to get a site. Pay with cash or credit card.

**Some facilities are accessible.**

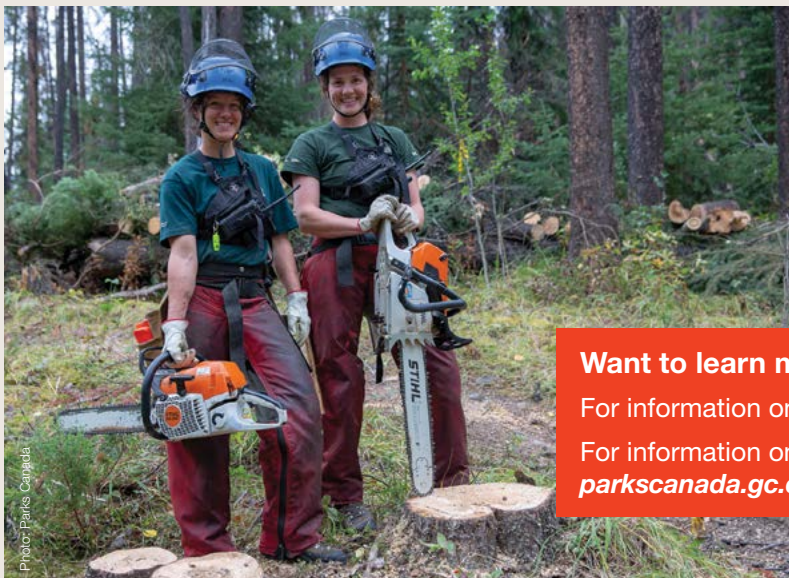


## Why are the trees dead?

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, then brown 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.



### Directory

#### Parks Canada Jasper Information Centre

500 Connaught Drive  
780-852-6176  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper)

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

#### Social Media



#### Trail conditions report

[parksCanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails)

#### Parks Canada Reservation Service

1-877-737-3783  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/reservation](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/reservation)

#### Friends of Jasper National Park

Maps and guide books: 780-852-4341  
[friendsofjasper.com](http://friendsofjasper.com)

#### Tourism Jasper

780-852-6236  
[jasper.travel](http://jasper.travel)

#### Weather

[weather.gc.ca](http://weather.gc.ca)

#### Road conditions

Dial 511  
[511.alberta.ca](http://511.alberta.ca)  
[drivebc.ca](http://drivebc.ca)

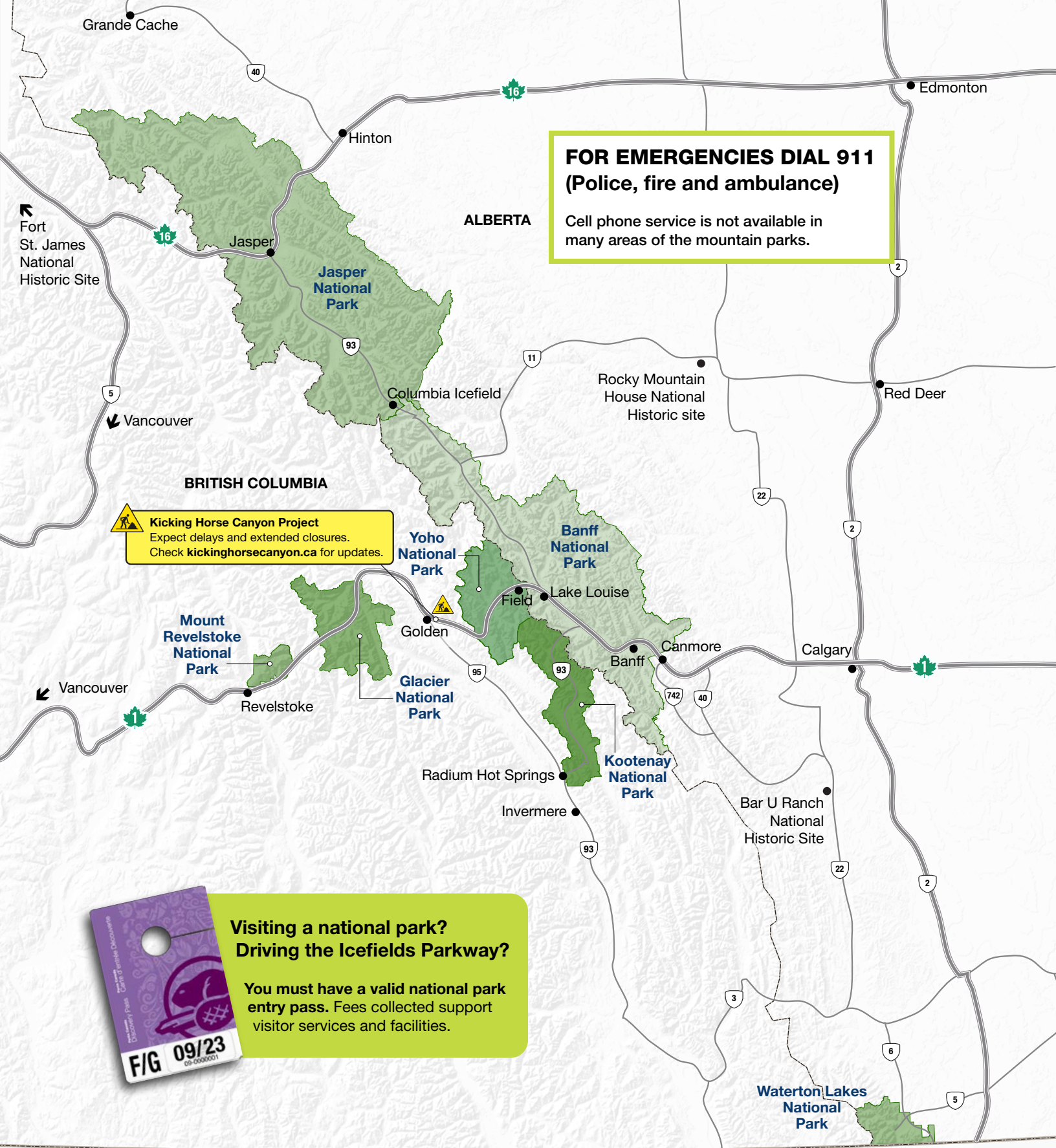
#### Emergency

**Dial 911**  
Cellphone service is not always reliable  
780-852-3100 (satellite phone)

### Want to learn more?

For information on the pine beetle visit: [parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-beetle](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-beetle)

For information on fire protection and restoration projects visit: [parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-fire-projects](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-fire-projects)



**FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**  
**(Police, fire and ambulance)**

Cell phone service is not available in many areas of the mountain parks.

**Kicking Horse Canyon Project**  
Expect delays and extended closures.  
Check [kickinghorsecanyon.ca](http://kickinghorsecanyon.ca) for updates.

**Visiting a national park?**  
**Driving the Icefields Parkway?**

You must have a valid national park entry pass. Fees collected support visitor services and facilities.



All wildlife photos in this brochure were taken from a safe distance. A telephoto lens was used.



Human food and garbage **kill** wildlife.



Do not litter.

Photo: Christina Timms