

## MAJESTIC VIEWS AND FANTASIC SINGLETRACK

Jasper has what might be the best trail system in Canada's National Parks. Ask any cyclist why they come back to Jasper, and you'll likely hear that it's because of the stunning vistas alongside the park's well-connected trails.

Jasper has something for everyone with a wonderful mix of easy trails connecting many destination day use areas and a variety of technical single track for those looking for more of a challenge.

Whatever you're looking for, Jasper's trails are the perfect way to experience nature while at the same time avoiding crowds. This guide provides a snapshot of Jasper's mountain biking trails. Whether you have an hour, or the day, there is something for everyone.



### EASY ROUTES



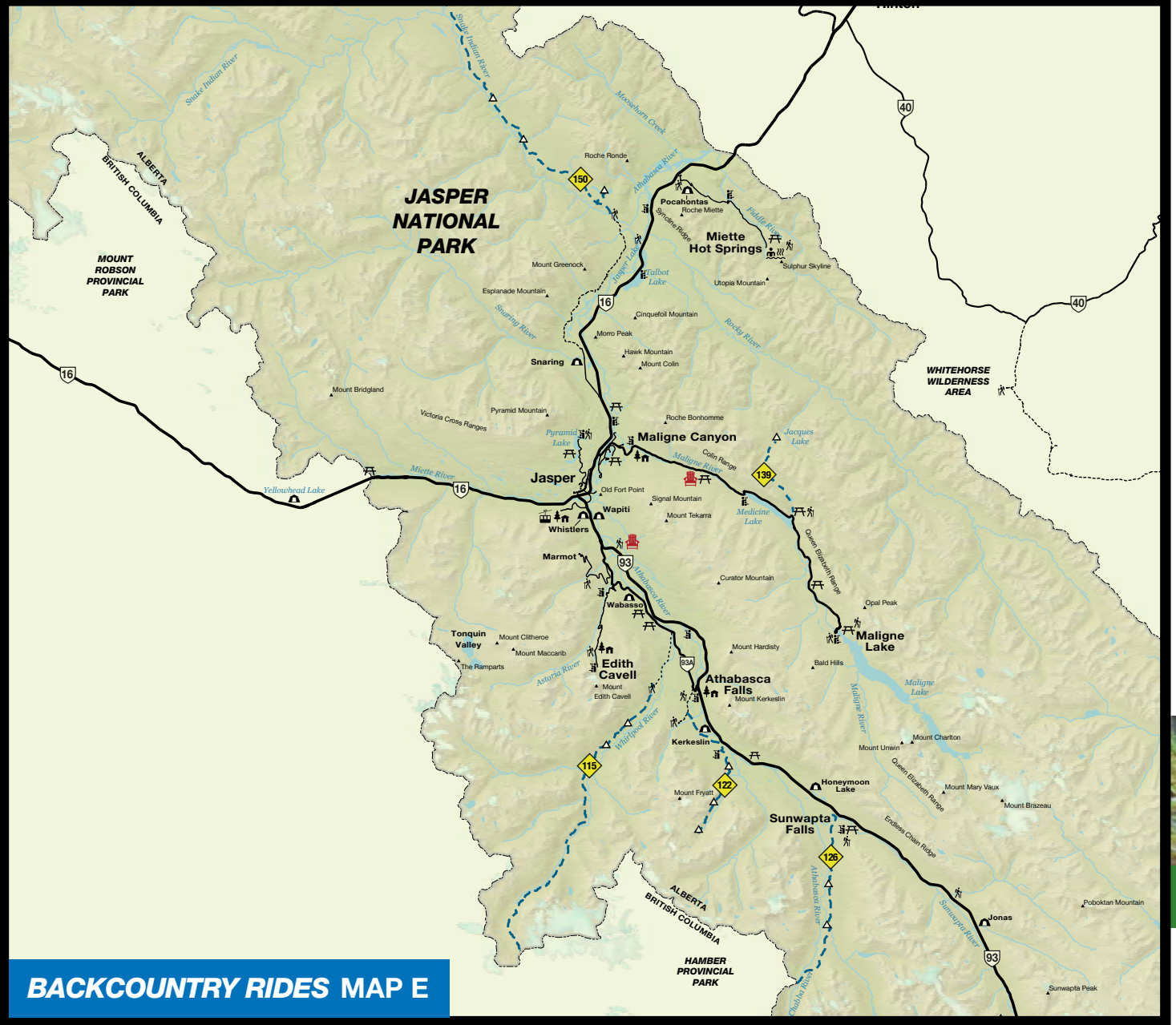
### INTERMEDIATE ROUTES



### DIFFICULT ROUTES



### WILDERNESS RIDES



### BACKCOUNTRY RIDES MAP E

### PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

**Remember, you are responsible for your own safety.**

- Always wear a helmet and safety gear. Know your equipment.
- Get advice at a Parks Canada information centre, including trail conditions, descriptions and weather.
- Pack adequate water, food, gear, maps, first aid. Carry bear spray and know how to use it.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you are expected back.
- Do not travel alone. Make noise!

**Rules of the Trail**  
Most trails in Jasper are multi-use. Please share them with other users and follow these rules developed by the International Mountain Bike Association.

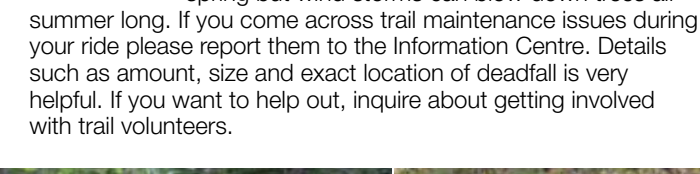
- 1. Ride designated trails.** Mountain biking is allowed only on trails designed for cycling. If a trail is not signed, you're not allowed to ride it.
- 2. Respect trail closures.** Trails can be temporarily or permanently closed for ecological or safety reasons.
- 3. Ride within your limits.** Inattention for even a moment could put yourself and others at risk.
- 4. Yield appropriately.** Let your fellow trail users know you're coming. Make each pass a safe and courteous one. Cyclists traveling downhill should yield to ones headed uphill.
- 5. Respect horses, they are easily startled.** Stop, dismount and allow horses to pass. Ask rider if uncertain.
- 6. Leave no trace.** Wet and muddy trails are more vulnerable to damage than dry ones. When the trail is soft, consider other riding options. This also means staying on existing trails and not creating new ones. Be sure to pack out at least as much as you pack in. Leave natural and cultural objects undisturbed for others to discover.

**Trail Signs**  
Official trails around the town of Jasper are marked with yellow diamonds. This extensive trail system is maintained by park staff.

**Wildland trails** are marked differently. You are welcome to use these trails, but they are not maintained or shown on park maps. If a trail is not signed, you're not allowed to ride it.

To decrease erosion, give wildlife the space they need and avoid becoming lost, please return to the signed trail system.

**Trail Maintenance**  
Trail maintenance crews clear the trails each spring but wind storms can blow down trees all summer long. If you come across trail maintenance issues during your ride please report them to the Information Centre. Details such as amount, size and exact location of deadfall is very helpful. If you want to help out, inquire about getting involved with trail volunteers.



### SAFETY

**Emergency**  
Call 911 or, if using a satellite phone, call the park dispatch office (780-852-3100). Cell phone reception is unreliable.

**Keep wildlife wild, and yourself safer**  
Cyclists are susceptible to sudden wildlife encounters. Travel in groups, slow down and make noise when out on the trail. Avoid trail use at dawn, dusk and at night. Be aware of bear habitat.

**MORE INFORMATION**  
**JASPER TOWNSHIP INFORMATION CENTRE:** 780-852-6176 • 500 Connaught Drive  
**WEBSITE:** [pc.gc.ca/jasper](http://pc.gc.ca/jasper)  
**JASPER TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT:** [pc.gc.ca/jaspertrails](http://pc.gc.ca/jaspertrails)  
**WEATHER:** [weather.gc.ca](http://weather.gc.ca)  
**TOURISM JASPER:** 780-852-6236 [www.jasper.travel](http://www.jasper.travel)  
**MAPS AND GUIDE BOOKS:** Friends of Jasper National Park 500 Connaught Drive • 780-852-4767 or [www.friendsofjasper.com](http://www.friendsofjasper.com)

**DONE WITH THIS BROCHURE?**  
Please return for re-use to a park facility or share it with others.

**HOW WAS YOUR TRIP?**  
Please send your comments to [jnp.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:jnp.info@pc.gc.ca) and report trail conditions to the Information Centre.

**Wapiti Trail** (MAPS A and B)  
*Distance: 4.7 km one way Elevation gain: minimal*

This relatively flat community-to-campground connector is a great place to spot wildlife along the Miette and Athabasca rivers.

**Bighorn Alley** (MAP A)  
*Distance: 4.3 km one way Elevation gain: minimal*

Named for the sheep attracted to the area, this is an easy route to Jasper's most popular beaches, Lake Edith and Lake Annette. Bighorn Alley is smooth, wide and family friendly. Watch for traffic when crossing the highway and for horse groups near Lake Annette.

**Athabasca River** (MAP A)  
*Distance: 3 km one way Elevation gain: minimal*

Trail 7 from Old Fort Point to Jasper Park Lodge  
Sandy, soft and popular with young bikers for the bumps and jumps that break up an otherwise flat, meandering path. Splendid, turquoise views of Lac Beauvert are shared with hikers. Look for the osprey nest on the power pole beside the Athabasca River. Note that this trail is a horse route and often closed in spring for elk calving.

**Red Squirrel** (MAP A)  
*Distance: 1 km one way Elevation gain: minimal*

A swift descent to Old Fort Point and the Jasper Park Lodge or a sustained uphill back to town. Be prepared to encounter other trail users on this wide, level trail. Enjoy river vistas and valley bottom views. Soft shoulders; take caution around corners.

**Jasper Discovery Trail** (MAPS A and B)  
*Distance: 2.5 km one way Elevation gain: minimal*

Town Section (paved)  
Traveling east-west along Jasper's historic rail corridor has never been so smooth! Wheelchair friendly and enjoyed by passers-through to stretch their limbs, this paved artery is primarily used by mountain bikers en-route to more rugged terrain. Take your time and learn about Jasper's railway history along the way. Watch for elk.

**Caledonia Lake** (MAPS A and C)  
*Distance: 4.2 km Elevation gain/loss: 97 m*

Thinned forest (for wildfire protection) surrounds rocky single track on this short but rewarding ride. Gradual elevation gains bring you up towards shimmering Caledonia Lake. Rooty, soggy sections temper what for the most part is fast, flowing and irresistibly fun. Make noise around bends; popular with bears and locals with their dogs.

**Back of 7** (MAP A)  
*Distance: 8.1 km one way Elevation gain: 133 m Elevation loss: 135 m*

Trail 7 from Old Fort Point to Trail 7g, across the Maligne Lake Road at 5<sup>th</sup> bridge turn-off  
Variable terrain—including broad, gravel sections; sandy switchbacks; and wide open, banked corners—means this ride never gets boring. Escape the heat in the cool aspen forests, and feel the burn while ascending behind the golf course. Rutted in patches, watch for loose rocks on descents. **Bear country; make noise.**

**Pyramid Trail** (MAP A)  
*Distance: 5.2 km one way Elevation gain: 118 m*

Beginning at bottom of Pyramid Lake Road  
Popular with trail users of all types, this busy linkage climbs steadily but rarely steeply en route to Patricia and Pyramid lakes. Use this connector as your gravel freeway to the Pyramid Bench trail system.  
**Note:** The trails near the riding stables are heavily used by horses; be prepared to stop and dismount.

**Moberlander Overlander** (MAP D)  
*Distance: 6.7 km one way Elevation gain: minimal*

From 6<sup>th</sup> Bridge to the Moberly Cabins  
This mostly flat section of the Overlander Trail follows the Athabasca River. Bumpy, grassy double track to start; further afield, the trail curls and dips over gravel beds and roof features. **Grizzly country!** Make noise before bursting through wolf willows to the historic Moberly meadows.

**Summit Lakes** (MAP E)  
*Distance: 9.6 km return Elevation gain: 220 m*

Ride along an old fire road to scenic Beaver Lake (2 km) or continue to Summit Lakes – quiet, serene and away from it all.

**Overlander** (MAP D)  
*Distance: 15 km one way Elevation gain: 420 m Elevation loss: 400 m*

Trail 10 from 6<sup>th</sup> Bridge to Mile 12 bridge on Hwy 16  
Offering the best of Jasper's trail system in one epic ride, the Overlander blends forested single track, rocky and ragged side-hills, scorching descents and trough-like climbs. Long views over swirling waterways are best enjoyed while stationary; technical sections command attention. Historic cabins make an ideal snack stop. Use caution: **this is grizzly country!**

**Valley of the Five Lakes Loop** (MAP A)  
*Distance: 17.6 km Elevation gain/loss: 250 m*

Beginning at Old Fort Point, this quintessential Jasper ride combines rolling, undulating terrain with several rocky, rooty sections. Popular with hikers for its dazzling views, bikers should be alert for congestion and steep hillsides near the lakes. To avoid the crowds, skip trail 9a, ride in the early evening in the shoulder seasons. Slow down and dismount for other users. Loop back on 9b.

**Valley of the Five to Wabasso** (MAP A)  
*Distance: 6.6 km one way Elevation gain: 75 m*

The trail from the Valley of the Five Lakes to Wabasso Lake has it all: flowing traverses, meandering single track, tacky limestone, gorgeous ridge lines, steep ascents/descents and twisty turns along the creek. Circumnavigating serene Wabasso Lake is one of the many highlights of this ride; a true Jasper gem. Watch for hikers around Valley of the Five Lakes during peak daylight hours.

**Good 'Ol Trail 7** (MAP A)  
*Distance: 19.3 km Elevation gain/loss: 400 m*

Trails 7 (behind Jasper Park Lodge) to 7h. From 6<sup>th</sup> bridge on Trail 7 to Bighorn (13)  
Stiff climbs, winding woodlands and an exhilarating downhill are what's in store along this scenic route. Allow time to stop and walk the scenic pedestrian trail at the edge of the canyon. Slow down to share the trail with hikers on the section from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> bridge and take the time to discover why some locals call this segment "the fairy trail".

**Mina-Riley Blitz** (MAP A)  
*Distance: 9.6 km Elevation gain: 272 m*

Cool forest, serene lakes and rough, rocky, technical sections are the highlights of this short but challenging ride. Rooty sections are slippery when wet, as are several bridges built to keep your tires out of the muck. Stay on trail 8 for a real root romp; 8c shoots you back out to the fire road.





Pedal from your doorstep and into the wild...

EASY

TO THE SHORES OF LAC BEAUVERT

3 KM ONE WAY (MAP A) From Hazel Avenue, cruise along the Wapiti Trail to the Red Squirrel Run (14) — no pedalling required down this easy slope into Old Fort Point (P1). Once across the Athabasca River, stay on the road, past the internment camp monument and to Lac Beauvert. Sit along the shores of one of Jasper's most picturesque lakes and take in the stunning view of the Colin Range. Bring a picnic! When it's time to pack up, return the way you came, or follow the road to Lake Annette (P13) connecting to Bighorn (13) into town.

MODERATE

THE TIME-CRUNCHED QUICKIE

4.8 KM LOOP (MAP A) Gear up at Church Hill (P3, Trail 2) and prep yourself for a 800-m climb to the top. Catch your breath and take in the best view of the Jasper townsite and surrounding mountain ranges. Continue along Trail 2 as it flows through to the Cottonwood Slough Parking Area (P4). Cross the road and bridge and hang a quick right on Trail 2a. The canopy opens and the views along the benchlands will take your breath away... if it isn't already gone. As you glide along some sweet single track, approach the final switchbacks with caution (and excitement). Before you know it, you're back in town!

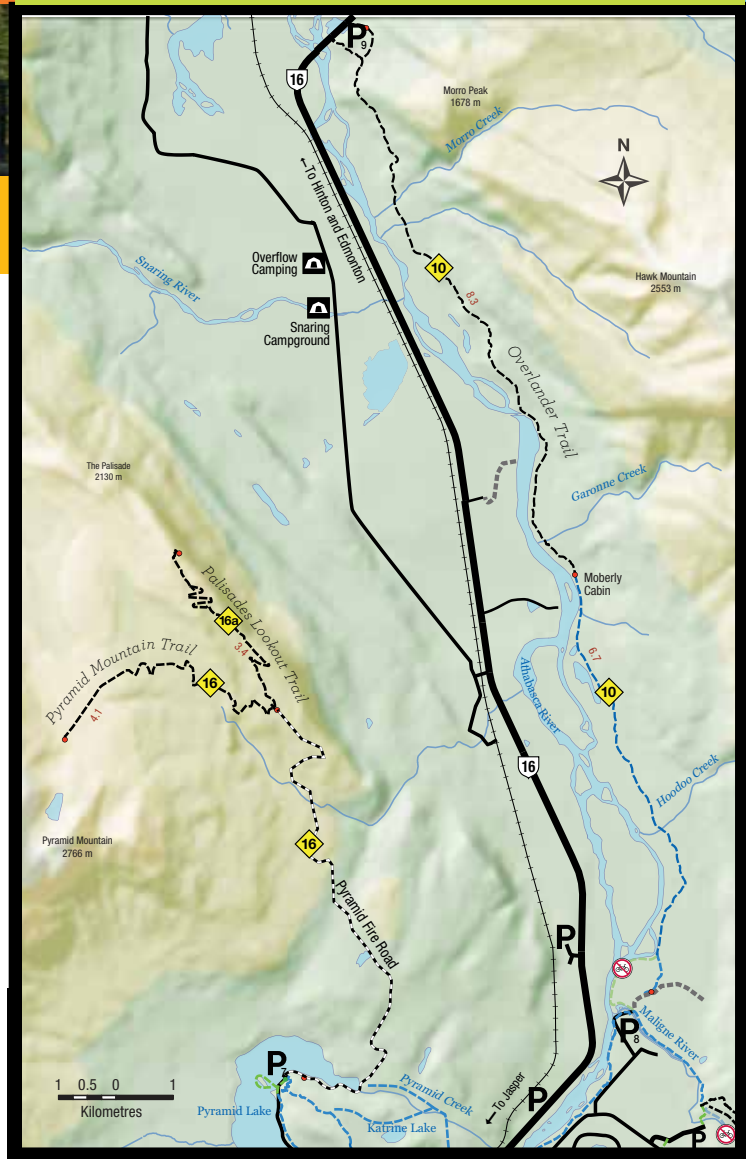
VIBRANT VALLEY VISTAS

8 KM LOOP (MAP A) From the trailhead at the west end of town (P2), Trail 3 immediately crosses Cabin Creek and climbs onto a low bluff with a view of the Athabasca Valley. From here, you have the option of two trails: one high and the other low, bringing you to Marjorie Lake (at 2.4 km). As you continue towards Caledonia Lake, where the wood lilies and wild roses bloom in early summer, this forest-enclosed single track steadily climbs. Take a quick left at Trail 3a and follow the winding downhill to the CN tracks. Once across, you'll take an easy cruise along the Wynd Road and back into town.

DIFFICULT

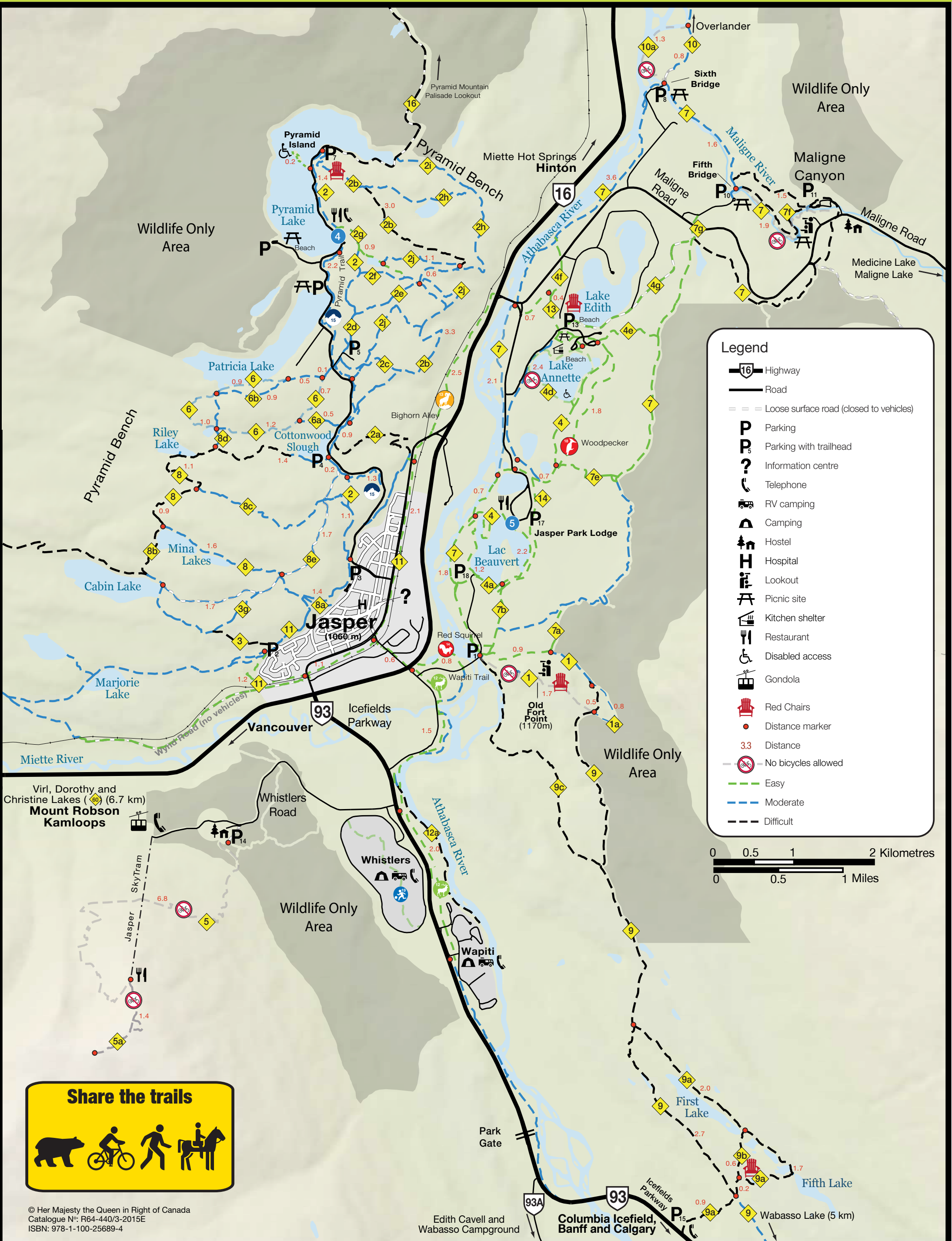
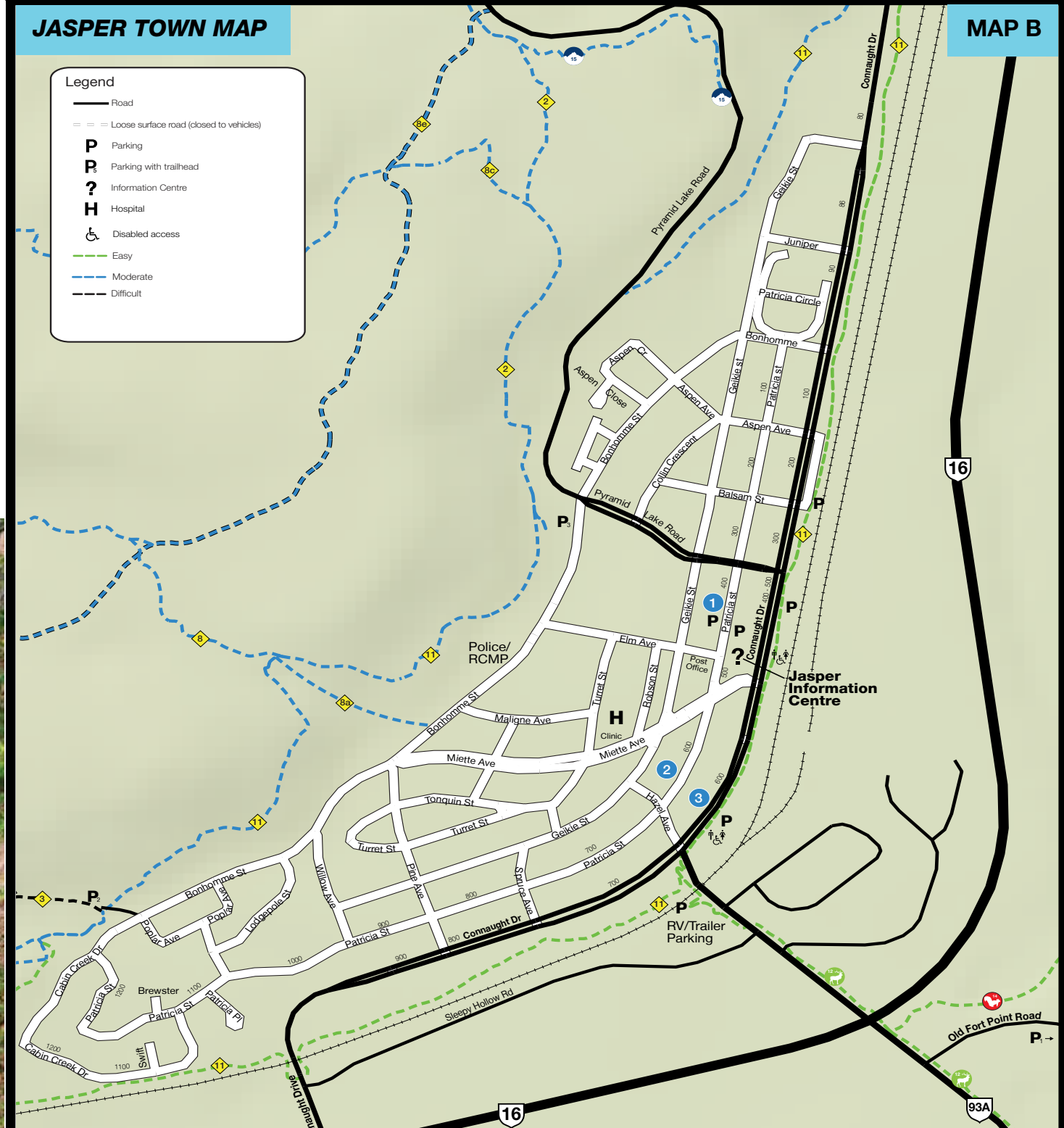
THE BIG SWEAT

32 KM RETURN (MAP A) Start this epic tour at Old Fort Point (P1). Hop on Trail 1 (not the face of the cliff, no bikes here) and follow Trail 9 where you flow all the way to the shores of Wabasso Lake. The trail is a mix of ups and downs, wide and single track, with technical root and rock sections. On your way home, change your route by adding Trail 9c. Watch for hikers during peak hours and wildlife during the cooler parts of the day.



- 1 Source for Sports 406 Patricia Street 780-852-3654
2 Freewheel Cycle 618 Patricia Street 780-852-3898
3 Vicious Cycle 630 Connaught Drive 780-852-1111
4 Pyramid Lake Resort 5 km North on Pyramid Lk Rd 780-852-4900
5 Jasper Park Lodge 1 Old Lodge Rd. 780-852-3301

SATURDAY NIGHT LAKE LOOP MAP C



Legend: Highway, Road, Loose surface road, Parking, Information centre, Telephone, RV camping, Camping, Hostel, Hospital, Lookout, Picnic site, Kitchen shelter, Restaurant, Disabled access, Gondola, Red Chairs, Distance marker, Distance, No bicycles allowed, Easy, Moderate, Difficult. Includes scale bars in kilometers and miles.

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