

The best way to discover mountain biking

in Jasper National Park is to check out

**Across the River features easy** trails that are perfect for first time mountain bikers. Located south of Jasper, across the

Athabasca River.



Each of these areas are reachable from town on the connector trails.



Trail Etiquette

What can you expect?

What is your responsibility?

encountering and passing other users.

trail, stop to the side and let the cyclist pass.

instructions on how to pass safely.

our two hubs.



**Share the trails** 

• Surprised trail users. Ride in control, anticipate users around

every corner, and be friendly and communicative.

• Mountain bikers yield to hikers, horses and uphill traffic.

What to do when you encounter other users

• Encountering hikers. Greet hikers early. Slow down when

• Encountering other cyclists. Announce your intention

• **Encountering horses.** Stop at least 10 m from the horse

approaching and be prepared to stop. Pass slowly. People can

when passing and pass on the left. If being passed on a narrow

and get off your bike. Greet the rider and the horse and let them

pass. If passing a horse, get off your bike and ask the rider for

• Be vocal, willing to adapt and communicative when





## **Across the River**

This area features easy trails that are perfect for those who are new to mountain biking. The trails are mostly wide and flat, so there is no need to worry about slipping on roots and rocks. The rides are ordered from least technical to most technical. The descriptions give the suggested direction to ride, but these trails can be ridden in either direction. Link the loops together for longer rides or explore the other trails not featured in these routes by using the trail directory.

Optimal riding season • May to October

### How to get there

## Bighorn Trail (13)

Distance: 4.4 km one way; climb: 32 m; descent: -65 m Distance: 2.8 km one way; climb: 5 m; descent: -5 m **Climb difficulty • Easy** 

Use this trail to access the trails across the river from town. Bighorn Trail is a smooth cycling experience on a wide trail. Watch for traffic when crossing the highway.

## Red Squirrel (14)

**Climbing difficulty • Easy** 

Use this trail to access the trails across the river from town. Trail 14 diverges from the Wapiti Trail (12) after you cross Highway 16. This wide downhill takes you to the edge of the Athabasca River and then to the Old Fort Point parking lot (P1). From there take the Lac Beauvert Road to finish off this ride.

## **Suggested Routes**

Lake Edith Shoreline Loop P<sub>3</sub> 4e 7 49

Distance: 4.4 km; climb: 36 m; descent: -36 m **Climb difficulty • Easy** 

Route • Start on trail 4e then left onto trail 7. Turn left onto trail 4g and follow the shore of Lake Edith to finish.

This flat, wide and non-technical loop is perfect for new mountain bikers and families.

## **Woodpecker and Trail 7 Loop**



Distance: 5.5 km; climb: 51 m; descent: -51 m Climb difficulty • Easy

Route • Start on trail 18, then turn left onto trail 7e. Turn left onto trail 7 for 2 km, then left onto trail 4e to finish.

This trail is non-technical but does have some sandy sections

## Trail 7 through Jasper Park Lodge Loop

Distance: 5.5 km; climb: 9 m; descent: -9 m Climbing difficulty • Easy

Route • Start on trail 7c, then turn right and follow trail 7 along the river. Turn right onto trail 4b and then right again at Old Lodge Road. Follow the road through Jasper Park Lodge before turning left onto trail 7b. At the Old Fort Point parking lot (P1), take trail 7 along the river and use trail 7c to finish.

This flat and easy loop takes you along the shores of the Athabasca River and back through Jasper Park Lodge.

For Advanced Riders

Climb difficulty • Hard

**Andretti's to 7h Loop** 

P<sub>13</sub> 4e 7 7h 7g 4f

Climb difficulty • Hard

**Teahouse to Andretti's Loop** 

Distance 9.2 km; climb: 244 m; descent: -244 m

Route • Take trail 7 up the canyon to start the climb, turning

onto 7f at the halfway point. At the top continue on trail 7 across

Maligne Lake Road and down into the valley. Take trail 7g and 7

You can access this trail from the Sixth Bridge parking lot (P8).

This stiff climb up Maligne Canyon is made even more difficult

due to smooth limestone and slick, exposed roots. At the top

Distance: 14.9 km; climb: 244 m; descent: -244 m

Route • Start at 4e and go left on trail 7. The climb begins

at the junction with trail 7g. Stay on trail 7 until you reach the

can bike back to Lake Edith/Annette on trail 7g, 7 and 4e, or

continue down the canyon to Sixth Bridge and come back on

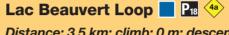
Andretti's climb is brutal and sustained but worth it for the fast

downhill of 7h over roots and smooth limestone.

Maligne Canyon parking lot. Take trail 7h down. From here you

there is a brief reprieve before a screaming downhill back into

at Fifth Bridge or trail 4g, 4f and 7 at Lake Edith/Annette to get



Distance: 3.5 km; climb: 0 m; descent: 0 m

Climb difficulty • Easy

This scenic trail around Lac Beauvert is wide with only a few steep sections and some areas with rocks and roots. This trail is used heavily by hikers so be courteous while riding.

## Fifth and Sixth Bridge Loop



Distance: 7.8 km; climb: 81 m; descent: -81 m Climb difficulty • Moderate

Route • Start on trail 4e and turn left onto trail 7. Take trail 7g across the road to the Fifth Bridge parking lot and walk across the bridge to follow trail 7 down the canyon and along the river. Turn left on trail 4f to finish. Trail 7 is often frequented by bears; be bear aware.

This ride crosses Maligne Lake Road and travels down the canyon from Fifth to Sixth Bridge. Most of the trail is flat and wide, but between the bridges there are exposed rocks and

## Moberly Homestead Pa 10

Overlander • Ps 10

**Valley of the 5 Lakes Loop** 

Jasper, or take trail 14 or 14a back to P1.

P<sub>1</sub> (1) (1a) (9) (9a) (12a) (12) (14) (14a)

Climb difficulty • Hard

Climb difficulty • Hard

to the end.



Distance: 6 km one way; climb: 37 m; descent: -37 m Climb difficulty • Easy

Route • Cross Sixth Bridge and turn left on trail 10 to Moberly Homestead before returning.

This trail—locally known as Moberlander—is part of the Overlander, a Jasper classic. You can access this trail from the Sixth Bridge parking lot (P8) or, if coming from town, connect onto trail 7 from Bighorn Trail (13) just after the Moberly Bridge. This relatively flat trail features some of Jasper's fastest singletracks.

Distance: 13.8 km one way, climb: 422 m; descent: -402 m

Route • Cross Sixth Bridge, turn left on trail 10 and follow

This trail includes all of Moberly Homestead and beyond. Once

Distance: 21.7 km, climb: 462 m; descent: -462 m

Route • From P1 take trail 1 and keep left at the next junction

to take trail 1a behind Old Fort Point. Turn left onto trail 9 and

highway. Cross the highway and take trail 12a and 12 back to

This quintessential Jasper ride combines rolling, undulating

This is a heavily used trail. Please respect other users.

terrain with several rocky, rooty sections and a few stiff climbs.

follow it south for 7 km. Turn right and follow trail 9a to the

past the homestead, the trail begins to roll up and down with steep

technical climbs and descents with more exposure the further you

go. The trail ends at Highway 16 under the shadow of Morrow Peak.

## **Pyramid Bench**

The Pyramid Bench is the go-to spot for locals and provides a network of trails for the intermediate rider. Trails are typically more technical with roots, rocks and some steep climbs and descents. The rides are ordered from least technical to most technical. The descriptions give the suggested direction to ride, but these trails can be ridden in either direction. Link the loops together for longer rides or explore the other trails not featured in these routes by using the trail directory.

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## How to get there

Church Climb P3 4

Distance: 1.6 km; climb: 75 m; descent: -24 m

Climb difficulty • Moderate

Route • From the Activity Centre parking lot (P3) take trail 2 and connect onto trail 15 to finish at the Cottonwood Slough parking lot (P4).

This is the most popular climb from town. The church climb isn't too steep but it certainly warms up your muscles before the real ride starts.

## Pyramid Trail Climb P<sub>3</sub>

Distance: 2.2 km; climb: 75 m; descent: -12 m Climbing difficulty • Moderate

Route • From the Activity Centre parking lot (P3) take trail 15 along the side of Pyramid Lake Road to finish at the Cottonwood Slough parking lot (P4).

This trail is less steep than trail 2 and still gets you onto the bench. The first part of the trail is a sidewalk along the road. which turns into the shoulder of the road. Ride the shoulder for a short section before the trail turns into the trees.

### Suggested Routes

### Cabin Lake Fire Road Loop P<sub>4</sub> 15 8e 3 3g 8



**Climbing difficulty • Moderate** Route • From P4 take trail 15 south and turn right onto the fire road (8e). At Cabin Lake follow the dam on trail 3 for 1 km and

turn left onto 3g to connect back to the fire road. Finish at P4. This road travels through the fire break that protects the town of Jasper from wildfire. This road is an easy pedal through wildflowers in the summer.

## Pyramid Trail P4 😘



Distance: 3.5 km; climb: 124 m; descent: -29 m

**Climbing difficulty • Moderate** 

Route • From P4 cross Pyramid Lake Road and follow trail 15 Finish at Pyramid Lake Resort.

This wide climb parallels Pyramid Road and provides access to the Upper Pyramid Bench and its myriad of trails. The upper Pyramid Bench sees heavy use by horses. Be ready to

## Katrine Lake Loop P<sub>7</sub> 2b 2b 2b 2j 29 2

Distance: 7.2 km; climb: 318 m; descent: -318 m Climbing difficulty • Moderate

Route • Take trail 2b and turn left onto 2h passing by Katrine Lake. Turn right to continue on 2h until the three-point juntion. Turn right onto 2b for 60 m and then turn left onto 2j. Turn right

This singletrack loop skirts around the edge of the Pyramid Bench, giving excellent views of the Athabasca Valley while avoiding the trails most heavily used by horses. Some areas are more technical with narrow trails and slick roots.

on 2g and then connect on trail 2 to finish at P7.

**Climbing difficulty • Moderate** 

Route • From P4 take trail 15 north. Cross Pyramid Lake Road at its junction with Patricia Lake Bungalows Road and follow the road to connect to trail 6b. Take trail 8d briefly before

The loop is wide with a gentle but sustained climb at first before becoming technical with rooty singletrack.

Climbing difficulty • Hard

## Mina-Riley Blitz $\bigcirc$ P<sub>3</sub> $\stackrel{2}{\circ}$ 80 $\stackrel{8}{\circ}$ 15 $\stackrel{15}{\circ}$

This trail combines portions of the Cottonwood Slough Loop and the Two Sloughs Loop for a longer ride that finishes fast down the Sawridge Switchbacks (2a).

## Distance: 6.4 km; climb: 138 m; descent: -138 m

right. Follow 8c and turn right onto trail 8 to finish back at P4. The trail towards Riley Lake is wide with a mellow climb but turns technical with several steep and rocky descents beyond the lake.

Distance: 11 km; climb: 277 m; descent: -277 m

left. Follow the fire road to its juntion with trail 8. Turn right and follow trail 8 back to P4. Cross Pyramid Lake Road and follow trail 15 for 200 m. Turn right onto 2a back to town.

(780-852-3100). Cell phone reception is unreliable

- Inattention for even a moment could put yourself or others at risk.
- risk of sudden, dangerous bear encounters.
- Be alert when sightlines are reduced.
- Carry bear spray; know how to use it.

encounters.

Trails can be temporarily or permanently closed for ecological or safety reasons.

• Travel in groups and make

noise to avoid surprise

### More Information

- pc.jasperinfo.pc@canada.ca • ICEFIELD CENTRE: 780-852-6288, open early-May to
- end of September
- parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails
- AVALANCHE INFORMATION: parkscanada.gc.ca/avalanche
- BEAR INFORMATION: parkscanada.gc.ca/bears-and-people
- PROGRAMS, MAPS AND GUIDE BOOKS: Friends of Jasper National Park at 780-852-4767 or www.friendsofjasper.com

## **HOW WAS YOUR TRIP?**

Please send your comments to pc.jasperinfo.pc@canada.ca and report trail conditions to the Information Centre.







Source for Sports

406 Patricia Street

Park Lodge 1 Old Lodge Rd. 780-852-3301

780-852-3654 Vicious Cycle

780-852-1111

Pyramid Lake Rd. 780-852-4900

5 km north on



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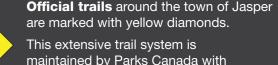
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Pyramid Lake Resort

the app you can download trail maps for offline use, look at photos and videos that other users have posted, and

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Trail Signage

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RIDERS

This extensive trail system is maintained by Parks Canada with the assistance of volunteers from the Jasper Trails Alliance (JTA).

## Plan Ahead and Prepare

Remember, you are responsible for your own

- Always wear a helmet and safety gear. Know your equipment. • Before heading out, check trail and weather conditions online
- or at an information centre (see below). • Travel with a friend or group. Choose a trail suitable for the
- least experienced member in your group. • Pack adequate food, water, clothing, first aid kit, bear spray
- and maps. Be prepared for emergencies and changes in weather. Tell somebody where you are going, when you will be back and who to call if you do not return. Stay on maintained trails

## • To prevent trail damage, stay on the trail and avoid shortcuts.

Leave what you find and take what you bring

- Pack out all garbage, including diapers and food waste. • Dispose of human waste at least 70 m from any water
- source. Bury solids 15 cm deep. Pack out toilet paper. • Natural objects like antlers, rocks, wildflowers, etc. are protected by law and must be left undisturbed.
- Water from lakes and streams • Parasites can occur in any water body in the park and may

### contaminate the water supply. Boil your drinking water or purify it with a water filter or iodine tablets. **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 Parks Canada at an information centre. Details such as the amount, size and exact location of deadfall are very helpful. If you want to help out, ask about getting involved

## Safety

## **Emergency**

Call 911 or, if using a satellite phone call the park dispatch office

### **Mountain Bike safety**

with trail volunteers.

- Ride within your limits.
- Always watch ahead for activity. Speed puts you at
- Respect trail closures.

- JASPER TOWNSITE INFORMATION CENTRE: 780-852-6176
- WEBSITE: parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper
- JASPER TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT:
- **WEATHER:** weather.gc.ca





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**Cottonwood Slough Loop** P<sub>4</sub> 15 6b 8d 8

turning left onto trail 8 to finish. You can start this loop from P4 or by taking the Church Climb.

Two Sloughs Loop  $\bigcirc$  P<sub>4</sub> 15 80 80 80 Distance: 5.7 km; climb: 200 m; descent: -200 m

Route • From P4 take trail 15 south and turn right at the junction to 8e. Follow the fire road to the junction at 8c and turn

Climbing difficulty • Hard Route • From P3 follow trail 2 to its junction with 8e and turn

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# Trail Directory

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Marker	Difficulty	Name	Distance (km)	Climb; Descent
11	0	Discovery Trail (along railway tracks)	4.5	43 m; -40 m
12	<u> </u>	Wapiti Trail	8.4	47 m; -43 m
13	0	Bighorn Trail	4.3	32 m; -65 m
14	<u> </u>	Red Squirrel Trail	2.8	5 m; -5 m
18	<u> </u>	Woodpecker Trail	2.1	8 m; -28 m
19	0	Playground Path (Whistlers Campgound)	1.9	14 m; -14 m
<b>2</b> g	0	Trail 2g	860 m	22 m; -6 m
4e	<u> </u>	Trail 4e	900 m	1 m; -21 m
<b>₹</b>	<u> </u>	Trail 7c	200 m	0 m; 0 m
<b>√7c</b>	<u> </u>	Trail 7e	900 m	11 m, 0 m
15		Pyramid Trail	4.5	155 m; -29 m
1 (1a)		Back Of Old Fort Point	2.6	84 m; -6 m
2		Church Trail	1.7	80 m; -24 m
<del>2a</del>		Sawridge Switchbacks	1.7	28 m; -90 m
<del>2h</del>		Trail 2h	2.9	122 m; -79 m
<del>2i</del>		Trail 2i	1	5 m; -33 m
<del>2j</del>		Trail 2j	4.6	116 m; -197 m
<del>2</del> n		Star Wars	1.6	22 m; -56 m
<mark>3a</mark>		Trail 3a	1.1	9 m; -108 m
<b>3</b> g <b>&gt;</b>		Trail 3g	800 m	8 m; 0 m
<u>4a</u>		Lac Beauvert Loop	3.4	0 m; 0 m
<del>6e</del>	■ 🕸	Hochimini	3.2	55 m, -52 m
<b>₹</b>		Trail 7 (along the river)	8.4	21 m; -1 m
<b>₹</b>		Trail 7 (behind Jasper Park Lodge)	10.5	282 m; -167 m
<b>₹</b>		Trail 7b	1	9 m; -9 m
<del>√7g</del> >		Trail 7g	1	21 m; -4 m
8	■ 🕸	Mina/Riley Lakes	6	193 m; -177 m
<u>8c</u>		Trail 8c	2.4	110 m; -26 m
<u>8e</u> >		Cabin Lake Fire Road	3.4	149 m; -33 m
12a		Five To Five	1.6	21 m; -3 m
<del>2b</del>	♦ 🛭	Three Humped Beast (from Pyramid Lake)	3	197 m; -89 m
3	$\Diamond \otimes$	Trail 3 (Saturday Night Lake Loop)	24.1	877 m; -877 m
<u>3</u> b	<b>♦</b>	Hibernia Lake	440 m	48 m; 0 m
<mark>3e</mark>	<b>♦</b>	Trail 3e	1	48 m; -9 m
31	♦ 🕸	Fire Escape (primarily downhill)	1.1	3 m; -84 m
3i>	<b>♦</b>	Ganges	3.6	94 m; -145 m
6d	♦ 🗇	Water Tower (primarily downhill)	1.4	5 m; -74 m
7/1	<b>♦</b>	Teahouse Climb (Maligne Canyon)	3.6	191 m; -53 m
7h	<b>♦</b>	Trail 7h (primarily downhill)	1.6	26 m; -127 m
8f	♦ 🛇 🌣	Razorback (primarily downhill from west)	2.8	46 m; -208 m
9	♦ 🏵	Trail 9 (Valley Of The Five Lakes)	7	172 m; -188 m
9	♦ 🏵	Trail 9 (Wabasso Lake)	9.1	161 m; -143 m
10	♦ 🏵	Overlander	14.8	422 m; -422 m
16	♦ 🏵	Pyramid Fire Road	11.6	891 m; -98 m
100	$\Diamond \otimes$	Signal Fire Road	8.2	844 m; -5 m







Moderate





Novice Freeride Features\*

Physically Difficult

Requires **Technical Skills** 

\*Includes berms, small jumps and optional drops.

## Trail Restoration on Pyramid Bench

Over the winter of 2018-2019, Jasper National Park removed trees from mountain pine beetle affected forest on Pyramid Bench to help protect the town of Jasper in the event of a wildfire.

Many trails within this project area have been in progress and may result in periodic closures

and conditions that are not accurately reflected in the trail report.

Please keep this in mind and be ready to change your plans and route if needed.

Please stay on official trails and help prevent the creation of new trails in opened areas that could impact wildlife and forest regeneration.

