

PROFILES



JASPER NATIONAL PARK VISITORS' GUIDE

1989

Jasper is a priceless treasure, a hedge against human ignorance and destructive impulses.

Parks like Jasper present opportunities for people to renew a fundamental connection with nature that we too often forget.

David Suzuki, Canadian scientist

Our environment

We're in this together!

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The Amethyst Lakes and The Ramparts, in Jasper's Tonquin Valley.

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The management word

On the trail to the 21st century

These days the mountain sunrise is looking a little crisper—for a new day has dawned upon Jasper.

To begin with, Jasper National Park has a new park management plan, which came into effect last fall.

The plan calls for protective land use zoning, coordination with agencies along the park's boundaries, definition of Jasper townsite's boundaries and better information about things to do in the park. This plan, with few changes, will lead Jasper into the 21st century.

Backing up the management plan is a revised National Parks Act. The new NPA, signed into law last fall, emphasizes conservation as a priority. Penalties for poaching are now stiffer; limits to development in our national parks are now enshrined. Jasper, a national park since 1907, will be governed with laws suited to today's pressures, problems and potentials.

Accompanying the new NPA is the first ever Canadian Environmental Protection Act, also proclaimed last year. CEPA provides the clout to nail polluters. It is designed not only to protect our habitat but to safeguard our health.

Canadians have a right to a clean environment everywhere. Overcoming damage done by toxic chemicals is not only a challenge, it's a necessity. We're in this together; parks, cities, industry and farms share the land, air and water.

In preparing the 1989 guide, we asked several prominent Canadians the question "What do parks like Jasper mean to Canadians?" We trust their replies will make interesting reading!

Their challenge to you: to take this special Rocky Mountain wilderness feeling home—and to try to apply it to your part of the world. Enjoy your visit to Jasper.

My pride in representing our country at the Olympics is a strong emotion that comes from deep within. The breathtaking, majestic wilderness of Jasper National Park fills me with the same pride in the beauty of our country and our people.

*Elizabeth Manley
Canadian figure skater*

Jasper's rough-cut leader packs it in

When his wife gave birth to their second child in Banff 35 years ago, young George Balding was an assistant park warden at Saskatchewan Crossing, 77 km north of the nearest open road.

Hearing the news, he rose with the first light, strapped on his skis and broke a solitary trail down the unplowed Banff-Jasper Highway to join his family.

In those days, roughing it was the joy of a park service posting.

If you'd told Balding then that one day he'd be the top man in the largest national park in the Rocky Mountains, grappling with zoning, jurisdiction and land rent issues, he might have thrown a pack box at you.

"Times have changed," says Balding, who steps down as Jasper's superintendent this year.

"Back then, the national parks were regarded simply as developed recreation areas, with nothing but wilderness around them. Now, we're the islands of wilderness in a sea of development.

"The decisions have become a little more

complex."

In a way, reflects Balding, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

"When I started, Parks had this two-pronged mandate: wilderness and recreation. We had to strike a balance. We still have to.

"The link is that recreational opportunities depend on the natural resource: the mountains, the forests, the clean-flowing rivers. To keep it as inviting to use as it was 35 years ago, we must conserve it."

It's human nature to take things for granted until they're in short supply, says Balding.

"Well, true wilderness is dwindling. Without it, where would tourism be? Will future generations even know what wilderness is?

"My wish for my great grandchildren is that they'll be able to say:

"Hey, we know what wilderness is all about. We still have it—some of it in the parks."

PROFILES who we are

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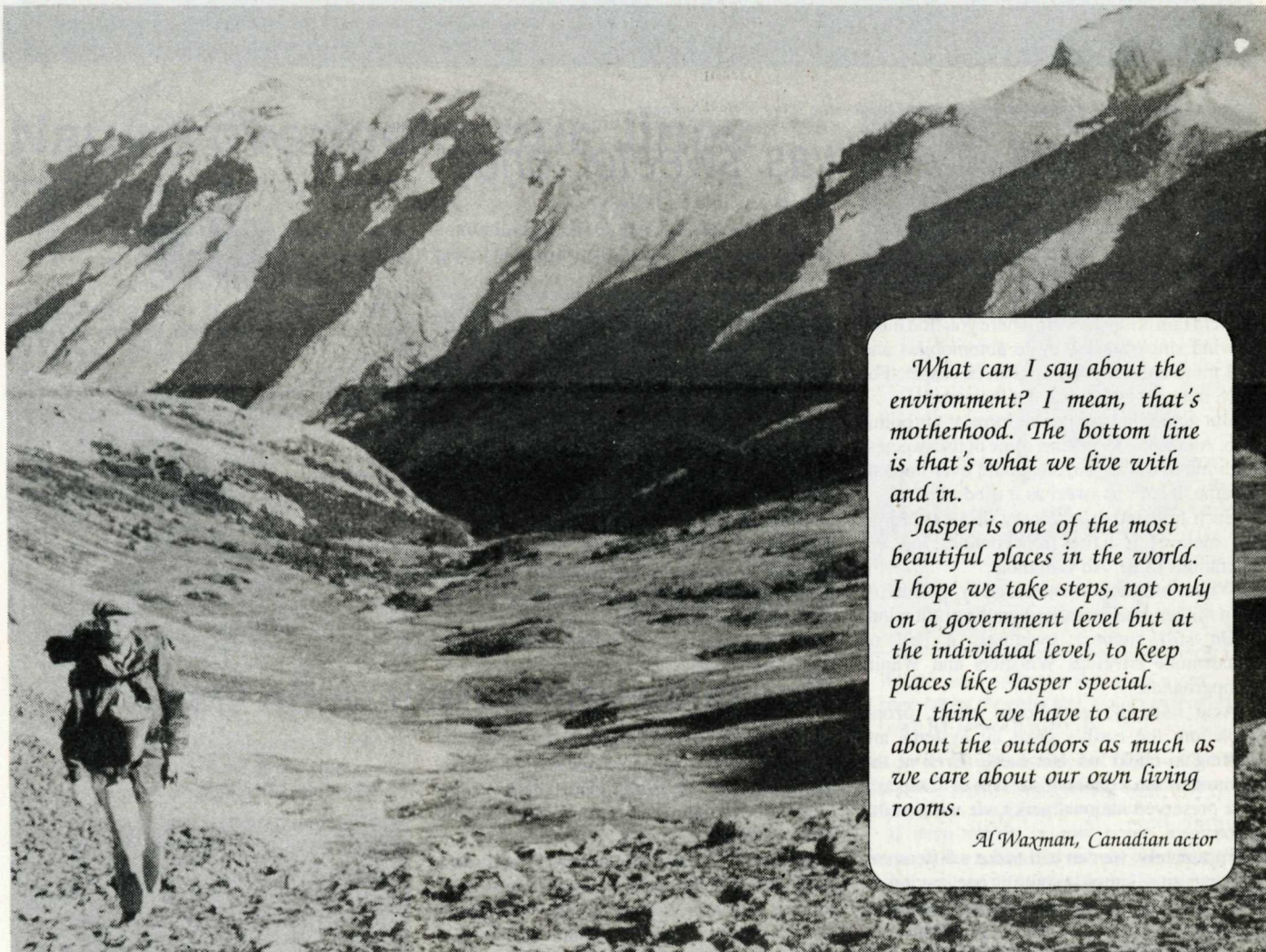
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We're in this together!

Conservation charts a wider orbit



What can I say about the environment? I mean, that's motherhood. The bottom line is that's what we live with and in.

Jasper is one of the most beautiful places in the world. I hope we take steps, not only on a government level but at the individual level, to keep places like Jasper special.

I think we have to care about the outdoors as much as we care about our own living rooms.

Al Waxman, Canadian actor

Little of the undisturbed backcountry wilderness Jasper is known for now exists outside parks.

More than just parks can be green

It has been in magazines, newspapers and documentaries. It's made the rounds in election campaigns. The verdict is in: our earth is on thin ice.

In the 20 minutes you spend lighting a campfire, almost 200,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide are spewed by cars, factories and power plants into the air—enough, scientists say, to warm global climates 4° C over the next 60 years, creating floods, droughts and deserts.

In the quarter-hour you pass gazing at a herd of elk, another species of plants and animals becomes extinct—a species that might have provided a cure to the common cold, AIDS or cancer.

During your 10-minute stroll to the park garbage bin, humanity is piling up about 30,000 tonnes of waste—choking the habitats of beluga whales, seals, birds and people.

And in the few seconds you take to roast a marshmallow, another 50 people are added to

the human race, many of whom who will have no choice but to destroy their own environment to feed themselves.

Being inside a national park tends to soften the blow.

Even though slash burning smoke and pulp mill pollutants sometimes defile Jasper's skies, the air is generally still fresh and clean.

Although an average two large animals a week die on the park's roadways, few species here face the threat of extinction.

Despite the fact that people in the park create 14 tonnes of trash on an average summer day, we somehow manage to find places for it.

And while two million of us a year visit the park, we don't have to hunt sheep, pick berries or raze the forests to stay alive.

Things here are much as they've always been. We're fortunate to be able to escape to a place like Jasper.

But why should we have to "escape" to a

clean environment? Why can't we live in one?

Can it be that in setting aside park lands, we've assumed we can trash the remainder?

It is now clear that the earth and its inhabitants cannot get by on the protection of just a few isolated green patches.

Contaminated mother's milk, garbage barges, widening deserts, oil-soaked birds and rising cancer rates tell the sad truth: the principles of conservation must not stop at the boundaries of national parks.

To make the earth green again will require considerable resolve. In some cases, the challenges are humbling.

But working alone and together, we *can at least make a change.*

Clean up! Conserve! Prevent! Adapt! Each is a stepping stone to a healthier earth.

Come along through these pages. And think about what you can do. After all, we are in this together!



Snow- and ice-clad mountains of the Great Divide—the spine of the continent.

The air we share was sweeter once

Acid rain is ruining sugar maple groves in Quebec, forests in the eastern United States and lakes in Ontario. Is Jasper National Park safe?

For now, yes.

Acid rain is most severe where you find more upwind smokestacks, more automobiles and soil more naturally acidic than in Jasper. For now, our ecosystems are not threatened.

But acid rain is only one form of air pollution. And while Jasper has some of the sweetest high-mountain air anyone could ever hope to breathe, it isn't as sweet as it used to be.

Each fall, Jasper's scenery disappears into the smoke of slash fires from countless logging operations in British Columbia.

Winter blizzards are heralded by the odor of pulp mill emissions carried on the north wind.

On still summer evenings, a pall of woodsmoke envelops Whistlers and Wapiti campgrounds.

Acid rain, the greenhouse effect, ozone depletion: the earth's great air systems are starting to choke on our waste. Even at the summit of the continent, in one of Canada's best-preserved national parks, we witness the signs.

Fortunately, we can still make a difference. From an act as simple as putting one less log on the fire to as ambitious as petitioning the government to investigate an alleged infraction under the Canadian Environmental Protection

Act, every little bit helps.

It's in the air; we *can* make air pollution a part of our past, rather than a threat to our common future.

I have had the rare privilege of seeing the planet Earth from space in all its fragile beauty, and I care a great deal about our world and its environment.

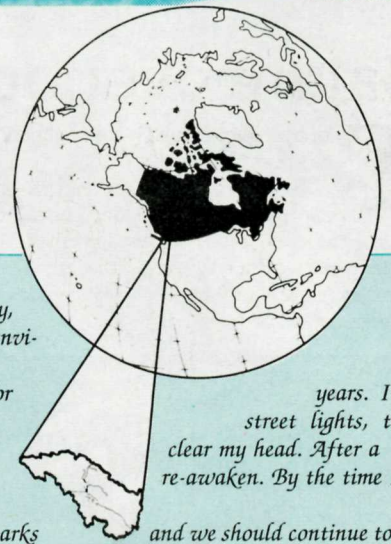
I've been going to Canadian national parks for go to them to get away from cement and lie under the stars, to enjoy the silence and to while, I begin to relax and my dulled senses leave, I feel incredibly refreshed.

Jasper is one of Canada's most spectacular parks do all in our power to preserve it for the benefit of all beauty of the great out-of-doors.

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and we should continue to those who enjoy the natural

Marc Garneau, Canadian astronaut



Roadside herds await world vision

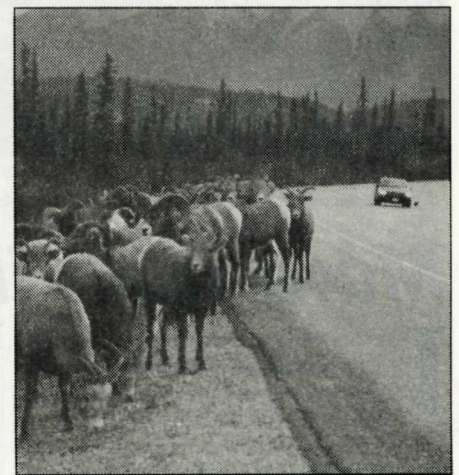
The sentiments behind OUR COMMON FUTURE, as courageously voiced by Norway's prime minister Gro Brundtland, collide starkly with figures detailing deaths on Jasper National Park roadways.

In 1987, 75 large animals died in collisions with vehicles. Last year, motorists took their biggest toll yet: 36 deer, 33 elk, 29 bighorn sheep, 4 moose and 3 mountain goats—105 known large-animal kills in this park alone.

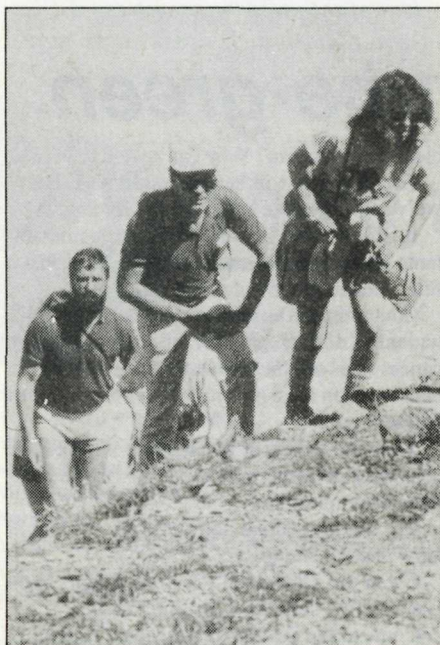
Countless other species were bumped or squashed as they crossed the road—everything from bears to birds.

It's a sad commentary on the gulf that still separates reality from the visions of sustainable development expressed by Brundtland's 1987

Alert for natural predators and, in many cases, attracted to the roadside by the promise of unlawfully offered chips, peanuts and other

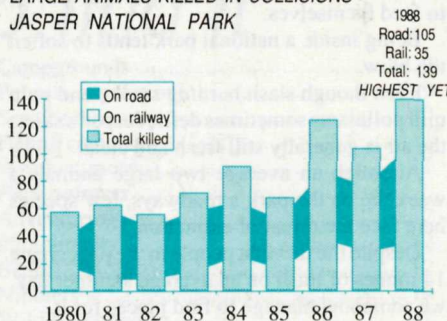


A herd of bighorn sheep along the Yellowhead: a joy to see, but imperiled by speeding traffic.



Park visitors get their share of fresh mountain air during a park service guided hike.

LARGE ANIMALS KILLED IN COLLISIONS
JASPER NATIONAL PARK



World Commission on Environment and Development.

The commission calls for a stop to the "downward spiral" of environmental degradation. When it comes right down to it, it's up to us to apply the brakes.

handouts, wild animals become sitting ducks for unwary drivers.

People continue to come to the park—and so we should. There is much to appreciate, enjoy and learn here.

But to make our use of the park "sustainable," we must use special caution, especially on Jasper's roads.

Only then can our common future become a here-and-now reality.

See Park Pointers, page 12, for hints on how to help stem the tide of road kills.

Nature overlooks our lines

The boundary around a national park: an absurd concept?

To grizzly bears, the berries on one side of the boundary taste no different than those on the other.

The great weather systems from the west drop their rain and snow as freely on one side of the boundary as on the other.



Travel Alberta photo

This summer visitor likes her sandy, sunny environment just fine.

Making friends with the environment

Does your cookware kill beluga whales?

Were the bargain products you buy made at the expense of polluted rivers, contaminated soil, poisoned air or mowed-down forests?

Most Canadians care enough to spend an extra \$10 to \$40 a week if it means preventing the degradation of their environment, a national poll has revealed.

You'll soon be able to spot "environmentally friendly" products at a glance.

Just look for the birds in the maple leaf; if a product has survived the rigors of an independent testing board, then it qualifies for this environmental seal of approval under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Before long, by buying wisely and controlling our consumption, we'll all be environmentally friendly!

A park boundary is an artificial thing, an arbitrary creation of man.

We have tried to inflict a certain reality upon it by slashing cutlines through the forest and erecting markers.

But the animals, forests, rivers and air know better. They cross our lines at will, reflecting the simple truth that political distinctions cannot change the fact that we live in, and share, one world.

Elk and mice, orchids and whitefish, people and trees: we all occupy the same thin envelope of life wrapped around a small planet in a lonely corner of the universe. It's all we have; it's all precious.

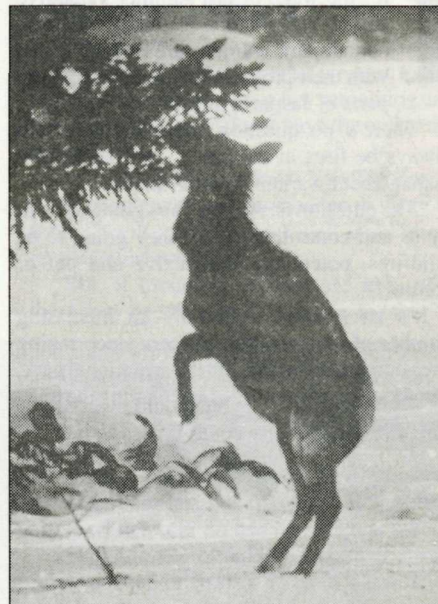
Nonetheless, Canadians have drawn lines around 34 patches of landscape representing less than two per cent of our country's area, called them national parks and proclaimed them protected for all time.

Can we call a national park's forests and lakes protected when the wind brings air pollutants and acid rain?

Can we say our wildlife is safe, when their natural movements bring them into logged-off valleys sown with traplines, four-wheelers and rifles?

Our national parks should not be the sole examples of our natural heritage. They should be models of what we're aiming to preserve throughout our nation.

Only then can we begin to view places like



François Vignola photo

Wildlife know no boundaries: when winter snow buries the grass they usually feed on, elk reach for spruce needles.

Jasper as true landscapes of hope, rather than the final futile refuges of the natural diversity that defines the Canada we love.

If each visitor returns home inspired to preserve the health and natural wealth of every little corner of this nation we call home, then—perhaps—Jasper can be a park without boundaries.

Jasper Park is one of Canada's most important natural resources. All Canadians must be concerned with such environmental issues as acid rain which affect the life and stability of such wonderful resources as Jasper National Park.

If we as Canadians have anything to give the future of this country, it is certainly our concern and our input into making the environment a harmonious place to live. Protecting a resource like Jasper National Park is part of that responsibility.

Karen Kain, Principal dancer, The National Ballet of Canada

Visitors' guide a model of teamwork

Cooperation, collaboration, teamwork: if we're all in the same bowl of stew, these ought to at least add flavor.

In the case of the production of PROFILES, they really stick to the ribs.

This year, concerned businesses have joined forces with the Canadian Parks Service to make sure PROFILES gets distributed to more Jasper visitors.

See who they are on pages 14 and 15.

Jasper schools have also helped out, by submitting drawings for use in the guide.

Check winning drawings on pages 8, 9, 13, 14 and 16.

Local photographers have donated their work to the guide; see various credits.

Prominent Canadians have also pitched in, offering their thoughts on Jasper and the environment.

Read their thought-provoking comments scattered throughout.

It may be that we're in this stew together. But with teamwork like this, at least we're in good company!

Yellowstone forest fire highlights burning need in mountain parks

In the wake of last summer's massive fire in Yellowstone National Park, Canadian park wardens are forging ahead with their program to intentionally burn parts of Jasper's forests.

"There's no question about it: there will always be fires in the park," says Jasper fire management warden Brian Wallace.

"The question is: Are the fires going to be lit by us and controlled, or are they going to be wildfires, potentially destructive and out of control?"

It's an opinion shared by an increasing number of conservation officers since raging fires burned half of the American national park, damaging public facilities and denting the tourist trade.

There, as here in Jasper, effective fire suppression over the years created a dangerous build-up of dry wood and leaf matter. Forests spread and encroached on grasslands, cutting down on grazing habitat for elk and deer.

"It was a disaster waiting to happen. And it happened," says Wallace. "Once that fire got wound up, there was no stopping it."

"If a big fire ever got going here in Jasper, it would do the same thing."

To combat that possibility, Jasper wardens

are still fighting unplanned fires caused by lightning strikes or careless visitors. They're also developing a facility protection plan to combat the potential loss of buildings to wild-fire.

But at the core of fire management is the wardens' ambitious prescribed burn program.

It began with a small fire last year. This spring, the plan called for a larger burn, up the slopes of the Colin Range from the Athabasca River, about 15 km from Jasper townsite.

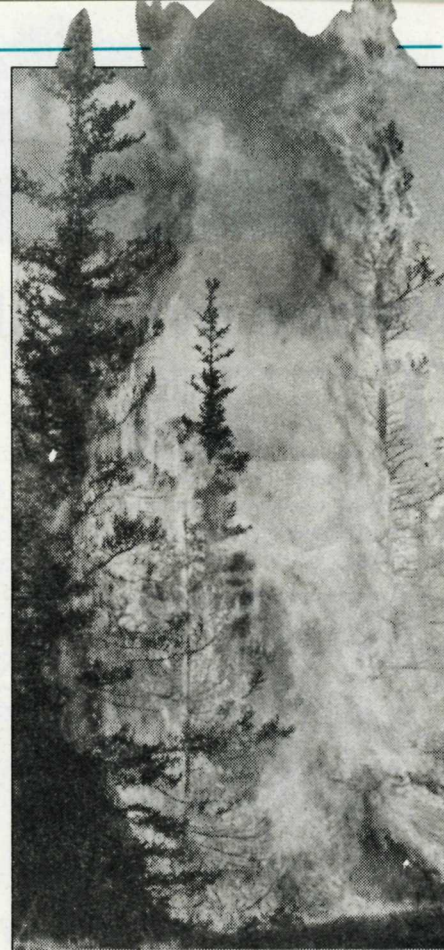
With a burn unit size of 1550 hectares (about 4000 acres), it would be the second largest controlled burn in the national parks.

There is much yet to burn in Jasper. The largest Rocky Mountain park, Jasper contains 8200 square km of vegetated area, some three-quarters of it considered "fire-dependent." That's about twice the area charred in Yellowstone last year.

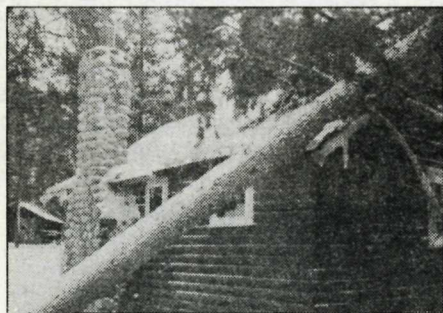
"If we want to restore the balance and still avoid a conflagration, prescribed burns are the only way," says Wallace.

"I just hope we can give Mother Nature enough of a helping hand."

Park interpreters are leading hikes into burned areas this summer to examine the recovery of wildlife and vegetation.



Flames candle high above a stand of spruce during a prescribed burn in the park last year.



This lodgepole pine landed on the roof of a cabin at Tekarra Lodge, south of town.

Safeguards long time coming for icefield's Ancient Forest

After 700 years of patient waiting—700 glacial winters and 700 wind-blasted summers—the gnarly Ancient Forest of the Columbia Icefield has finally been recognized.

The forest, located behind the Icefield Centre, has won **Zone 1-Special Preservation** status in Jasper's park management plan.

Imagine! Some trees in the Ancient Forest were seedlings when the Magna Carta was signed in 1215.

When Jacques Cartier sailed up the St. Lawrence River into the land that was to become Canada, they were already 300 years old.

They don't look big enough to be that old, of course. Unlike towering Sitka spruce, found on the Pacific coast, these Engelmann spruce have been stunted by barren soil and severe weather.

During the Little Ice Age 150 years ago, the Athabasca Glacier advanced right into the Ancient Forest. The glacier pushed rock rubble around and over trees. Some trees bent by the moving ice survived, but side branches took over from the main trunk.

Scientists counting growth rings later used the forest's deformities to pinpoint the Little Ice Age's peak.

Zone 1 protection is the stiffest protection offered in Jasper, ahead of Zone 2-Wilderness, Zone 3-Natural Environment, Zone 4-Outdoor Recreation and Zone 5-Park Services.

While all the protection in the world isn't going to turn these stunted old-timers into west coast giants, Zone 1 will go a long way to ensuring that the Ancient Forest is still here in another 700 years.

Winter storm topples notions of invincibility

Many of the trees that lie freshly uprooted in forests along the Athabasca River near the townsite are the victims of one of Jasper's most severe blizzards in decades.

One January morning last winter, as clouds laden with warm Pacific coast moisture poured rain upon the town, winds abruptly reversed and temperatures plummeted. In a matter of minutes, drenching rain turned to snow driven by a fierce north wind.

Trees, birds and animals—indeed, everything that had been soaking wet—quickly became caked in a deadly layer of ice.

As people struggled with frozen car door locks, trees in the forests grew weighted and brittle. The storm gathered force; temperatures sank to near -30° C. Soon, trees began to

topple, exposing their shallow root networks.

Within hours, hundreds of trees—from 30-metre-high Douglas-firs to spindly spruce—fell, striking power lines and cabins, blocking roads and trails and uprooting pipes.

Only the heroic efforts of power crews, wardens and volunteers kept Jasper homes and businesses from freezing solid.

In the space of a day, the storm rekindled worries about facility protection and left a clean-up job that is still going on.

It was nature's way of combing the weakest from her forests and providing, amid the wind-fall, varied new habitat—homes for juncos, grouse, hares, insects, woodpeckers, paintbrush and orchids. It was also a reminder of her power—and our need for respect.

Jasper's mountain caribou capture world eye

They're hardy, but they don't haul sleighs; they're northerly, but not North-Pole; they're flighty, but certainly don't fly through the air.

Yes, Santa, there are reindeer in Jasper National Park.

Around here, they go by the name of mountain caribou. They may not deliver gifts to good little boys and girls, but without a doubt they are special.

"They're a strange and unique beast," says wildlife biologist Kevin Van Tighem.

"They're an archetypically northern animal—very Canadian. It surprises people to hear they can see caribou in Jasper National Park."

We may not see caribou much longer, for their numbers in Jasper have been dwindling. There may now be fewer than 300 in the park. Their dilemma has sparked concern with a world focus.

Study underway

Thanks to funding from the Canadian Parks Service and other organizations, a team of research biologists has begun a World Wildlife Fund project to study these elusive caribou.

Their goals: to discover how the park's herds can be perpetuated, and to create a forum for discussion that may lead to preserving caribou in the park and provinces.

Why caribou have declined is still unclear. Several factors are under investigation. Inside the park, caribou encounter hikers and skiers,

while outside the park, they find increased logging, mining and development, and illegal hunting. Other factors include predation, parasites and climate change.

Collared caribou

Using tranquilizer darts and nets, the research team has so far captured, recorded and collared 17 caribou. Each collar emits a radio signal to allow biologists to monitor the animal's movements.

Wolves, the natural predators of caribou, may also be collared.

By taking a comprehensive ecosystem-wide approach to research, and by involving the public, governments, industry and non-governmental groups in the project, the team intends to

ensure that the project's findings are shared and workable.

You can help too. If you spot a caribou or wolf with a collar or tag, please report it to the Warden Office, at 852-6156.

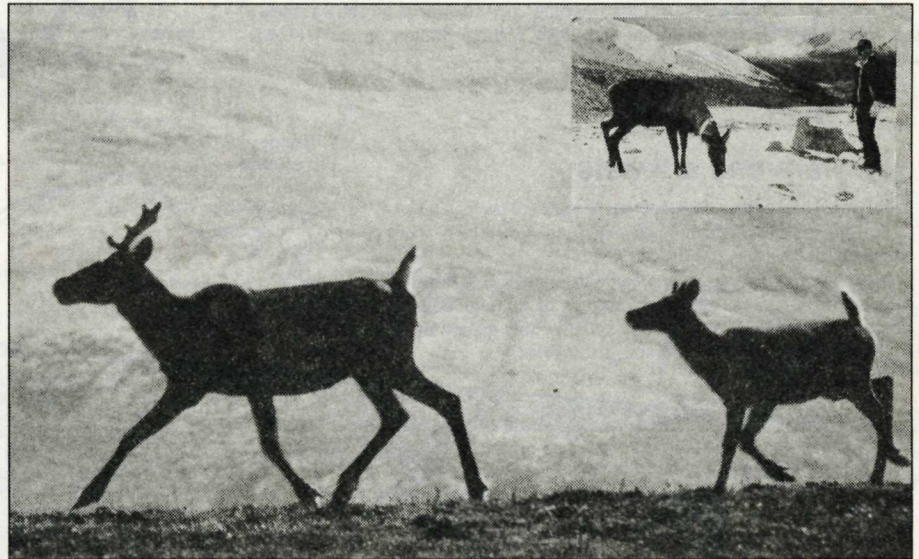
Taking steps

The study should show what we need to do to protect and perpetuate our few remaining caribou. The question is: do we have the will to take action?

"It's the acid test," admits Van Tighem.

"If people and caribou manage to share the future, it will certainly speak well of our impact on the environment.

"But, if mountain caribou are to survive, there may be some hard decisions to take."



Kent Brown photo; inset photo Don Thomas

Mountain caribou spend much of the summer above treeline. Inset: a radio-collared caribou.

Two words sum up Jasper for me: drama and grandeur. I once got so distracted by all the beauty I fell off my bicycle and down a mountain, and still my memories are only sweet.

Barbara Frum, Canadian journalist

Jasper National Park is one of my very favourite places in the entire world. It's a truly magnificent, unspoiled area that provides wonderful scenery plus excellent recreational opportunities. We are very fortunate to have it!

Mel Hurtig, Canadian publisher

What Jasper Park means to Canadians, by Dan Aykroyd: It means BE BEAR AWARE!

Dan Aykroyd, Canadian actor

Is protection on the plate?

What's new in Canada's park system?

Last year, the national park network grew by leaps and, well, smidgens. But it grew! Among others, let's welcome:

- Grasslands National Park, Saskatchewan.
- The national park sections of the Athabasca, North Saskatchewan and Kicking Horse rivers as Canadian Heritage Rivers.
- South Moresby, Queen Charlotte Islands (an agreement for a national park reserve signed with B.C.; negotiations underway with Haida Indians).
- A commitment to clean up the mouth of the Saguenay River and protect its beluga whales (understanding reached with Québec).
- Potential protection for polar bears in their native habitat near Churchill, Manitoba.
- A commitment to protect Canada's heritage railway stations, through a private member's bill in the House of Commons.
- Two new national historic sites: Laurier House, commemorating two former prime ministers, and Grosse île, a former

quarantine station for new arrivals to Canada.

On the other side of the coin, the park system had its problems in 1988.

Birds and beach habitat in Pacific Rim National Park were devastated when an oil slick from a barge spill more than 300 km away drifted ashore.

Logging on the doorstep of Mount Revelstoke National Park threatened the ecology and aesthetics of the area.

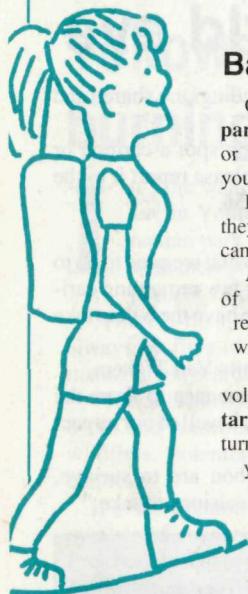
Other parks were variously compromised by development—and development's side effects.

The countdown to the new century continues. By then, will protection prevail? Or will Canada have captured only a gradually eroding token of its diverse heritage?

Economic, social and environmental challenges are giving our leaders a full plate.

For the sake of coming generations, let's encourage our leaders to make sure nature and culture survive beyond the walls of zoos and museums!

The necessities



Backcountry permits

Overnight backcountry travelers must pick up a free park use permit at the Townsite Information Centre or the Icefield Centre. If you're using horses, you'll require a grazing permit as well.

Permits are part of the trail quota system; they're a way of keeping backcountry campsites uncrowded and undamaged.

Along with your permit comes plenty of free information: trail conditions, recent bear sightings, seasonal hazards, wildlife to look for and more.

If you're planning an outing that involves hazards, you can fill out a voluntary safety registration. You must return this registration after your trip. If you are overdue, park wardens will come looking for you.

After mid-October, when the Icefield Centre closes for the winter, permits can be picked up in town or at the Sunwapta Warden Station on the Icefields Parkway.

Christina Virlos
Grade 7

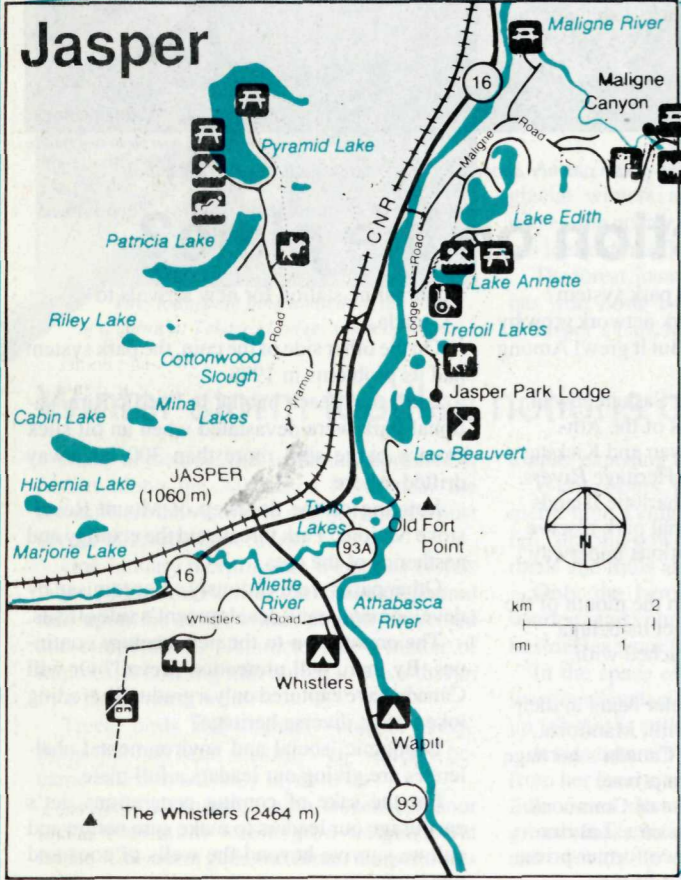
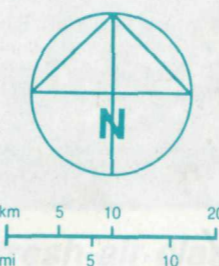
Flowers and artifacts

Natural and cultural objects in the park are protected by law from removal, defacing, damage and destruction. They should be left as they are found.

Examples of natural objects: pebbles, pine cones, flowers, berries, feathers, fawns, antlers. Examples of cultural objects: metal fragments, lumber scraps, railway spikes, china dishes, old tin cans.

Please report any exceptional discoveries you make to park staff. Thank-you!

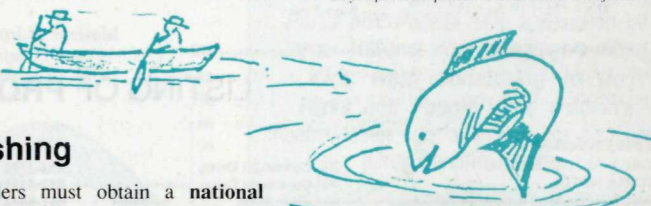
Jasper National Park



Campgrounds

	Basic fee	km from Jasper	Opens	Total sites	Walk-in sites	Water, sewer, electrical	Electrical only	Hook-ups	Hot running water	Showers	Trailer dumping station	Flush toilets	Toilets	Wheelchair access	Playground	Interpretive programs	Closes
1. Pocahontas	\$8.50	46	May 19	140	10				●			●	●	●		●	Sep 5
2. Snaring River	\$6	17	May 19	66	10				●			●	●	●		●	Sep 4
3. Whistlers	* \$9.50-14	3	May 5	781		* 77	* 43		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Oct 10
4. Wapiti	* \$9.50-11.25	5	** Jun 16	366			* 40		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	† Sep 5
5. Wabasso	\$6.50	16	** Jun 23	238	6				●			●	●	●	●	●	Sep 4
6. Mount Kerkeslin	\$6	36	May 19	42					●			●	●	●		●	Sep 4
7. Honeymoon Lake	\$6	51	Jun 9	35					●			●	●	●		●	†† Oct
8. Jonas Creek	\$6	77	May 19	25	12				●			●	●	●		●	†† Oct
9. Columbia Icefield	\$6	109	May 19	33	7				●			●	●	●		●	†† Oct
10. Wilcox Creek	*** \$8	110	Jun 9	46					●			●	●	●		●	Sep 18

* For current campground status in the summer months, listen to YR Radio (1450 AM) at 3:15 each afternoon in the Jasper townsite area.
 * Extra services increase fee.
 ** Also open on Victoria Day weekend.
 *** Before June 24 and after Sept. 4, fee is \$6.
 † Reopens in October for fall, winter and spring use.
 †† Stays open on a primitive basis until snow falls.



Fishing

Anglers must obtain a national parks fishing permit (\$5 for 7 days or \$10 annually) at information centres or sporting goods stores in the park. Jasper's fishing regulations and season openings are available with permits.

Today, sport fishing in Jasper is managed with the aim of protecting aquatic ecosystems and native fish populations—meaning stocking in some cases has been limited. Catch-and-release fishing is encouraged.

Kara Duncan, Grade 7

Boating

Rowboats, canoes and kayaks are allowed on all water bodies in the park except for Cabin Lake, which supplies townsite drinking water. Power boats may be used only on Pyramid Lake. Boats with electric motors without onboard generators are permitted on any lake except Cabin.

Drinking water

Jasper's mountain watersheds provide water not only for park visitors, residents and dozens of species of fish, insects and invertebrates, but for hundreds of thousands of people across the Canadian prairies.

Please don't rinse soap, shampoo or detergent in the lakes and streams. Similarly, avoid depositing any wastes, human or otherwise, into water.

A word of caution: parasites carried by humans and some domestic and wild animals can get into lakes, streams and rivers and may contaminate water supplies.

In humans, these parasites—called *Giardia lamblia*—sometimes cause severe intestinal illness. Water from lakes and streams, plus water from taps in campgrounds or picnic areas where a warning is posted, should be boiled.

I cannot forget how overwhelmed I was by the astounding beauty of Jasper National Park as I wheeled home during the last phase of my Man in Motion Tour.

To me, Jasper National Park stands as one of the last bastions of Canadian wilderness. There are few places in the world where one can see such a variety of wildlife in an area so easily accessible. This has even greater significance for those citizens of the world who have a disability. It is usually very difficult for disabled people to have this experience with nature.

I believe parks such as Jasper National stand for our future. We must continue to protect and appreciate the harmony of nature, and in doing so, preserve our beautiful planet earth. I hope we never lose sight of the value of parks such as Jasper National as we progress into the 21st century.

Rick Hansen
Canadian wheelchair athlete

Feeding wildlife

Feeding wildlife is against the law in Canada's national parks.

It threatens people's immediate safety; it can also result in the transfer of certain organisms that cause illness.

Chips, peanuts and other human food disturb the balance of wild animals' natural diets. Such offerings also draw wildlife onto roadways, where they may be struck by vehicles.

Avoid the temptation. Please keep your distance.

Campfires

Fires may be lit only in metal fireboxes provided by the park. Barbeques are allowed in campgrounds and picnic areas. Wood is scarce in many backcountry locations and fire restrictions apply on some trails. Overnight hikers should carry gas stoves.



Jasper park service directory

INFORMATION—HOURS

Emergencies 24 hours

CANADIAN PARKS SERVICE	All departments	852-6161
FIRE & AMBULANCE	Firehall, Patricia Street	852-3100
HOSPITAL	518 Robson Street	852-3344
RCMP	600 Pyramid Lake Road	852-4848

Information by day

WEATHER		852-3185
Open: Year-round	4:30 am-11:30 pm	
JASPER PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	632 Connaught Drive	852-3858
Open: Monday-Friday	9 am-noon, 1 pm-5 pm	
TRAVEL ALBERTA	632 Connaught Drive	852-4919
Open: May 17-June 10	9 am-6 pm	
June 11-Sept. 3	8 am-8 pm	

Jasper National Park facilities

TOWNSITE INFORMATION CENTRE	500 Connaught Drive	852-6176
Open: May 19-June 15	8 am-5 pm	

June 16-Sept. 4	8 am-8 pm	
Sept. 5-Oct. 29	9 am-5 pm	
Oct. 30-Nov. 30	CLOSED	
Dec. 1-mid-May	9 am-5 pm	
PARK ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	623 Patricia Street	852-6161
Open: Mon.-Fri.	8 am-4:30 pm	
PARK WARDEN OFFICE	8 km east off Maligne Road	852-6156
Open: Mon.-Fri.	8 am-4:30 pm	
ICEFIELD CENTRE	103 km south on Icefields Parkway	
Open: May 26-June 8	9 am-5 pm	
June 9-Sept. 4	9 am-7 pm	
Sept. 5-Oct. 1	9 am-5 pm	
MIETTE HOTSPRINGS	61 km east on Miette Road	
Open: May 19	2:30 pm-9 pm	
May 20-22	10:30 am-9 pm	
May 23-June 15	11:30 am-7 pm	
June 16-Sept. 3	8:30 am-10:30 pm	
Sept. 4	8:30 am-6 pm	

LISTING OF PROFILES SPONSORS

Accommodation

ANDREW MOTOR LODGE	200 Connaught Drive	852-3394
ASTORIA HOTEL	404 Connaught Drive	852-3351
CHARLTON'S CHATEAU JASPER	96 Geikie Street	852-5644
COLUMBIA ICEFIELD CHALET	103 km south on Icefields Parkway	852-3332
JASPER HOUSE BUNGALOWS	3 km south on Icefields Parkway	852-4535
JASPER INN MOTOR LODGE	98 Geikie Street	852-4461
JASPER PARK LODGE	6 km east off Yellowhead Highway	852-3301
LOBSTICK LODGE	94 Geikie Street	852-4431
PINE BUNGALOW CABINS	2 km east off Yellowhead Highway	852-3491
PYRAMID LAKE BUNGALOWS	7 km north on Pyramid Lake Road	852-3536

Automotive

AVIS RENT-A-CAR	300 Connaught Drive (Petro Canada)	852-3970
DICK'S AUTO & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	Industrial Park (across tracks, turn left)	852-4864
MOUNTAIN ESSO '86'	84 Connaught Drive	852-4181

Banks & banking machines

TORONTO DOMINION BANK	606 Patricia Street	852-3335
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Camping supplies

ON-LINE SPORT & TACKLE	600 Patricia Street	852-3630
THE SPORTS SHOP	416 Connaught Drive	852-3654

Commercial & visitor information

JASPER PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	632 Connaught Drive	852-3858
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Food & groceries

MOUNTAIN FOODS & CAFE	606 Connaught Drive	852-4050
NUTTERS BULK FOODS	622 Patricia Street	852-5844
ROBINSONS IG A FOODLINER	218 Connaught Drive	852-3195
SUPER A FOODS	601 Patricia Street	852-3200

Gifts, souvenirs, books, cameras & film

BAXTERS GIFTS & SOUVENIRS	614 Connaught Drive	852-3005
J & D GIFT SHOP	600 Patricia Street	852-4262
JASPER CAMERA & GIFTS	412 Connaught Drive	852-3165
PARKS AND PEOPLE	500 Connaught Drive	852-4767
TEKARRA COLOR LAB	600 Patricia Street	852-5525

Interpretive guides, events & courses

ATHABASCA GLACIER ICEWALKS	103 km south on Icefields Parkway	852-5665
PARKS AND PEOPLE	500 Connaught Drive	852-4767

Raft tours

JASPER RAFT TOURS	CN Station, Connaught Drive	852-3613
MALIGNE TOURS	626 Connaught Drive	852-3370
WHITewater RAFTING (JASPER)	702 Connaught Drive (Texaco)	852-7238

Recreation

JASPER ACTIVITY CENTRE	303 Pyramid Avenue	852-3381
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Restaurants & cafes

A & W WALK-IN	624 Connaught Drive	852-4930
AMETHYST DINING ROOM	200 Connaught Drive	852-3394
JASPER INN RESTAURANT	98 Geikie Street	852-3232
JASPER PIZZA PLACE	402 Connaught Drive	852-3225
LOBSTICK DINING ROOM	94 Geikie Street	852-4431
MOUNTAIN FOODS & CAFE	606 Connaught Drive	852-4050
PAPA GEORGE'S	404 Connaught Drive	852-3351
RED DRAGON	510 Patricia Street	852-3171
SCOOPS & LOOPS	504 Patricia Street	852-4333
VILL A CARUSO	628 Connaught Drive	852-3920

Skiing

MARMOT BASIN SKI LIFTS LTD.	21 km south off Highway 93A	852-3816
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HIGH COUNTRY CASUALS	609 Patricia Street	852-5889
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CHABA THEATRE	604 Connaught Drive	852-4749
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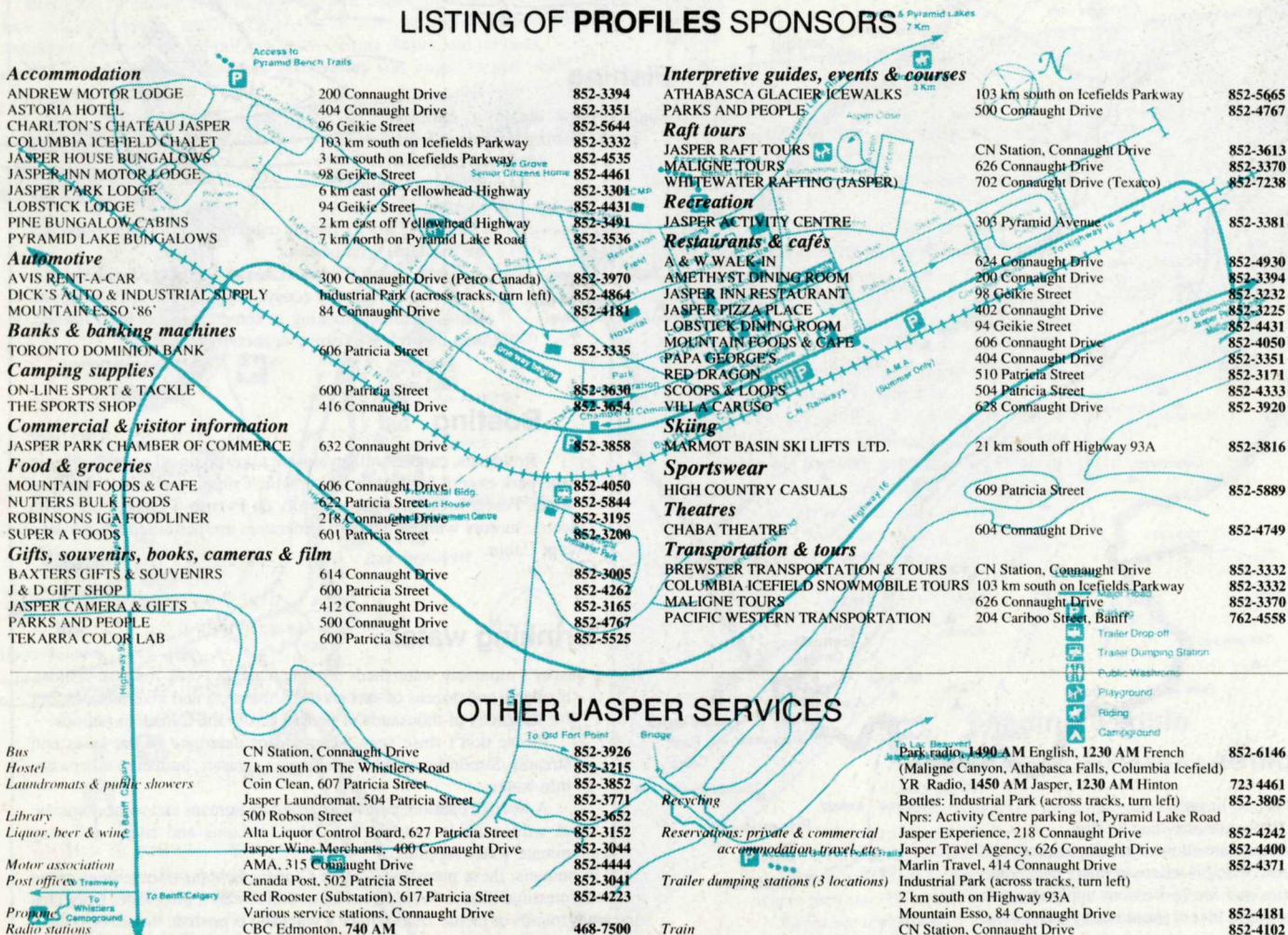
Transportation & tours

BREWSTER TRANSPORTATION & TOURS	CN Station, Connaught Drive	852-3332
COLUMBIA ICEFIELD SNOWMOBILE TOURS	103 km south on Icefields Parkway	852-3332
MALIGNE TOURS	626 Connaught Drive	852-3370
PACIFIC WESTERN TRANSPORTATION	204 Cariboo Street, Banff	762-4558

OTHER JASPER SERVICES

Bus	CN Station, Connaught Drive	852-3926
Hostel	7 km south on The Whistlers Road	852-3215
Laundromats & public showers	Coin Clean, 607 Patricia Street	852-3852
	Jasper Laundromat, 504 Patricia Street	852-3771
Library	500 Robson Street	852-3652
Liquor, beer & wine	Alta Liquor Control Board, 627 Patricia Street	852-3152
	Jasper Wine Merchants, 400 Connaught Drive	852-3044
Motor association	AMA, 315 Connaught Drive	852-4444
Post offices	Canada Post, 502 Patricia Street	852-3041
Tramway	Red Rooster (Substation), 617 Patricia Street	852-4223
Whistlers Campground	Various service stations, Connaught Drive	
Radio stations	CBC Edmonton, 740 AM	468-7500

Public Bar	1490 AM English, 1230 AM French	852-6146
YR Radio	1450 AM Jasper, 1230 AM Hinton	723 4461
Bottles:	Industrial Park (across tracks, turn left)	852-3805
Nprs:	Activity Centre parking lot, Pyramid Lake Road	
	Jasper Experience, 218 Connaught Drive	852-4242
	Jasper Travel Agency, 626 Connaught Drive	852-4400
	Marlin Travel, 414 Connaught Drive	852-4371
Trailer dumping stations (3 locations)	Industrial Park (across tracks, turn left)	
	2 km south on Highway 93A	
	Mountain Esso, 84 Connaught Drive	852-4181
Train	CN Station, Connaught Drive	852-4102



Your clues to happy camping

Walk-in sites

How far a hike is a "walk-in site?" It's not the half-day trudge from the parking lot you may have thought. Walk-in sites, available in five of the park's campgrounds, usually require no more than a three-minute hoof.

A little exercise is not a bad trade-off for the extra solitude.

A fresh-air classroom

Birds, wildflowers, geology, photography, ecology—now you can take short courses on these topics, taught by experts and held in the great outdoors of Jasper National Park.

The Jasper Institute, formed under the auspices of Parks and People, has a goal of furthering natural history education and enjoyment.

To find out more, write or call The Jasper Institute, Box 2337, Jasper, AB T0E 1E0 (403) 852-4012.

Earlier the better

A reminder for all campers: the earlier you arrive, the better your choice of spots will be. Sites with hook-ups are generally gone by noon each day—even sooner on holiday weekends.

Hunger pangs?

Campers and cyclists on the Icefields Parkway should bear in mind that there are no grocery stores between Jasper and Lake Louise. Stock up before leaving, or eat at a restaurant.

S-s-s-swimming!

Aside from bone-chilling Honeymoon Lake, no swimming holes can be found near campgrounds.

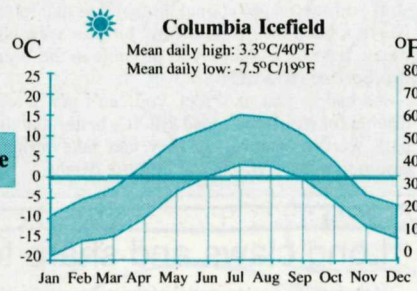
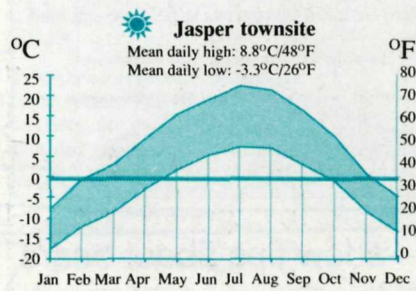
Townsite-area lakes are barely warm enough for a swim—although some people still take the plunge. Pyramid Lake and Lake Annette have the better beaches in the park.

As for warmer water, there's a steamy hot soaking pool 61 km from town at Miette Hot Springs.

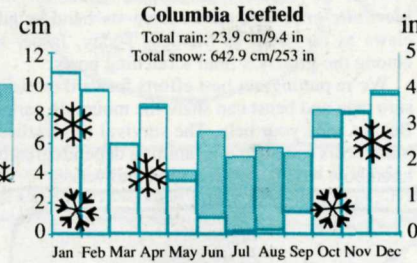
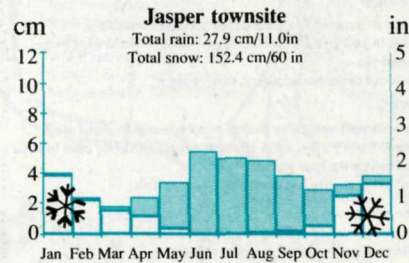
A new public indoor pool, near the Activity Centre in Jasper townsite, is set to open this summer. A few Jasper hotels also have pools.

The weather

MEAN TEMPERATURE RANGE



TOTAL PRECIPITATION



Townsite drier, warmer—Icefield wetter, colder

Believe it: rain and snow are "totally precipitous," and the temperature range is "mean!" Jasper weather can take some getting used to—and some getting ready for. Statistically, it is better than Banff's. But don't be misled by averages; prepare for the extremes and you'll be okay.

Near Jasper townsite (elev. 1060 m), expect rain or snow one day in three. Around the Columbia Icefield (elev. 1980 m), expect it almost every second day.

Winds in the park blow mainly from the southwest; on average, they're not severe.

Our figures come courtesy of the Atmospheric Environment Service of Environment Canada.

Mark it metric!

Gallons to litres; miles to kilometres. If metric still stumps you, here are some ballpark conversions:

- 90 km-h = 55 mph.
- 3000 metres = 10,000-feet.
- 10 litres = 2 Imperial gals = 3 American gals.
- 1 kilogram = 2.2 pounds.
- 8 km = 5 miles.

For Celsius-to-Fahrenheit and centimetres-to-inches, eyeball the weather charts.

Parks and People

Need a place to stay?

Parks and People has a list of Jasper townsite approved private home accommodation.

Trying to identify a bird?

Parks and People has published Jasper's authoritative word on bird-watching:

Birding Jasper National Park.

Seeking a sense of history?

Parks and People leads "Jasper... A Walk in the Past" three times a week. It also publishes and sells pamphlets, posters and a wide range of books on the park's human and natural history.

Going for a hike?

Parks and People sells a selection of Jasper National Park topographic maps.

Kids want something to do?

Parks and People offers children's theatre. Other special events are also held during summer months.



Parks and People—dedicated to furthering the protection, preservation and interpretation of heritage resources in Jasper National Park.

Look for **Parks and People** products in giftshops and bookstores. Or visit our counters in the Townsite Information Centre and Icefield Centre. For more information and up-to-date event schedules, visit the **Parks and People** counters or call 852-4767.

Ask us about the Jasper Institute—and Jasper's future museum!

Parks and People is a non-profit cooperative venture of the Canadian Parks Service and the Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society.

Wise up before you set off

Jasper's rugged wilderness won't poison you with PCBs, choke you with exhaust or deafen you with jackhammers.

But climbing, boating and skiing in these mountains do present hazards; avoidable accidents kill people in the Rockies every year.

The wisest step you can take before any expedition is to inform yourself fully.

Check any of several reference books on Jasper's adventure routes. Two of the more detailed and current references—the wardens' own **river** and **climbing guides**—are on hand at the Trail Office in the Townsite Information Centre.

Talk to people who've done the same trip: wardens, Trail Office staff and others around town.

"We'd sooner tell you about a hazardous route now, rather than pull you out of it later," says public safety warden Darro Stinson.

Before you leave, find out current conditions—snowpack, water level, weather forecast, etc. For the most up-to-date data, check at any of these locations in the park:

- Icefield or Townsite Information centres.
- Bald Hills or Parker Ridge trailheads.
- Pochantas, Maligne Lake or Sunwapta warden stations.
- Main warden office (near Maligne Canyon).

In winter, wardens release a daily bulletin detailing avalanche hazards. You can use the Alberta Avalanche Association's toll-free number (1-800-772-2434) for avalanche conditions in both Banff and Jasper, or you can call the Jasper park wardens direct (852-6156).

In summer, be sure to refer to the daily fire hazard and weather forecast, available at Parks information outlets and warden stations.

Know a nosy nibbler?

Who's been eating my porridge?

If it wasn't your hungry nephew or an unscrupulous neighboring camper—or Goldilocks—it was probably park wildlife.

From little chompers to large, it may have been mice, birds, squirrels, martens, deer, elk or bears that were boring into your rations while you were gone.

Wildlife also go for sweaty, salty clothing and boots. Porcupines even chew rubber and plywood.

Wild animals will leave their marks in just about anything that comes between them and an aromatic meal. Tents, coolers, and convertible cartops are often no barrier to the determined camp robber.

In the great outdoors, please don't leave food, garbage or other chewables lying around.

Leaving food or garbage unattended in Jasper National Park is an offence under the National Parks Act.



Park wardens relocate problem bear.

Don't let this develop!

Ever seen photographers get too close to park wildlife?

Have they forgotten their grandmothers' common-sense advice to use caution? Do they know wild animals need space and will react violently to fend off intruders within that space? Being on vacation, have these people vacated their minds entirely?

It happens all the time: put a camera in their hands, and they forget about tomorrow.

Photography is a worthwhile activity, especially in the national parks. But every year, people come too close.

Camera buffs in other parks have been killed by deer. In Jasper, coyotes and ground squirrels have inflicted severe bites. Elk have trampled people and damaged vehicles.

Wild animals demand respect:

- Don't come within 100 metres of bears (use a telephoto lens).
- Stay at least 25 metres away from other large wildlife.
- In calving season (spring) and mating season (fall) give an even wider clearance.

Respect wild animals' space, and you will be rewarded by seeing more of their natural activities, discovering how they really live.

Your grandmother would be relieved.

Common-sense solutions to the road kill dilemma

If you see a large animal hit, spy one that looks like it's been hit, or somehow hit one yourself, please report it as quickly as possible to the Warden Service (852-6156).

As bad as you may feel, you can't get in any trouble for reporting a road kill. It's better that the park wardens know—so they can take prompt action to reduce the chance of more deaths.

Here are a few more ways to help prevent road kills:

- Drive cautiously, watch for warning signs and obey speed limits.
- Be especially alert between dusk and dawn, when animals are the most active and visibility is poorest.
- To watch or photograph wildlife, stop at pull-offs.
- Use flashers to warn other motorists about wildlife.
- Spread the word: slow is safer for wildlife and people!

Long claws and sharp teeth—a few tips about bears

If there ever was a symbol of the wilderness, it's the grizzly bear.

With no enemies save man, *Ursus arctos horribilis* once left marks from its hand-length claws as far south as Mexico. Today, Jasper is among the grizzly's final scratching posts.

We're putting our best efforts forward to make sure man and beast can share the mountain parks. But we need your help. The survival of grizzlies, black bears and other wild animals depends greatly upon how we manage our food and waste.

No matter where you are in the park, please abide by these tips:

Garbage

- Deposit it in our special bear-proof garbage containers.
- Store it in your vehicle or hard-shell trailer between trips to the disposal bin.
- Pack it out of the backcountry; don't bury it.

Food

- Store it in your vehicle or trailer, or up a bear pole, until used.
- On backcountry trips, use a 10-metre length of strong cord to hoist your food up the bear pole at night.
- Avoid using smelly foods such as bacon or fish.

Pets

- Keep them on a leash when outside your vehicle.
- Put them in your vehicle or trailer at night.
- They may attract and annoy bears: it's better not to bring them into the backcountry.

Hiking

- Never surprise a bear! Bells, singing, talking, whistling all help, especially when walking upwind or along a rushing stream.
- Stay clear of ripe berry patches and animal carcasses.
- Keep an eye out for tracks, diggings and droppings.

Sightings

- Report all bear sightings, bear problems and animal carcass locations to park staff.
- Never feed or approach bears—every one of them is a potential threat. Instead, back up and take a wide detour, talking softly.
- Show them respect—we are visitors in their home.

Please consult our pamphlet *YOU are in Bear Country* for more facts on bears.

Remember: bears that conflict with people in any way—even though it's not their fault—are relocated or killed. Observing these bear tips means your hide isn't the only one you're saving.

Thanks for your cooperation!



Grizzly bears stand on their hind legs to sniff the wind for trouble.

Game

Find a way to save the world!

Find the way to save the world—then see if your parents or friends can do it too.

Each player starts with 50 years. Every time you take a toll on the environment, you subtract years from the life of the planet. The player with the most years left at the end wins the game—and saves the world!

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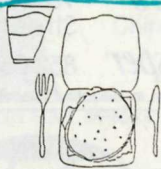
Air pollution will make Churchill warmer, but too wet. The port may be flooded out by Hudson Bay as the greenhouse effect melts polar icecaps. **Toll: 20 years.**



You want to make chilly Churchill, Manitoba a better place to live. You should burn more logs on your campfire. **T or F?**



David Roussel
Grade 4



Ellie Forster, Grade 6

Human food gives elk and deer a temporary energy boost that speeds up the rate they burn food energy. They may then quickly starve to death unless they are fed all the time. **Toll: 10 years.**



RIGHT! Fill any car or truck built after 1973 with unleaded and save the air from lead poisoning! (Even better if you walk or bicycle once in a while instead of drive!)

Your burger came in a plastic foam container. You should shred the container to help it decompose. **T or F?**

RIGHT! Burn fewer logs, slow global warming and save port cities such as Churchill from rising seas!

RIGHT! Just letting wilderness take its course is safer. That way, you save the natural cycle on which elk and deer depend.



Larissa Stendie
Grade 3

Your car's gas tank fits a large gas pump nozzle. You should use leaded fuel only, not the narrow-nozzle unleaded gas. **T or F?**



In the middle of the winter, you see some hungry deer. You should feed them your chips or crackers so they don't starve to death. **T or F?**



Kristal Barusek
Grade 6

All post-1973 cars and trucks—even ones with large-nozzle tanks—can burn unleaded and be less polluting. **Toll: 15 years.**

RIGHT! By not tearing the container, you're keeping those gases away from our fragile ozone layer. (Even better if you don't even buy food packaged in foam!)

Forest fires cause animals to get killed on the highways. **T or F?**

7-cm calliope hummingbirds fly 3000 km to winter in a Mexican "nature reserve." But the reserve is losing a battle to slash-and-burn farming and resort development. If the WWF can't help protect this reserve, Jasper can't save its hummingbirds. **Toll: 15 years.**



Joey Hill, Grade 4

Without fires, forests replace grassland. Then grazing animals such as elk and deer have little else to eat but roadside grass and car window popcorn (illegal). **Toll: 5 years.**

RIGHT! Hummingbirds spend winter in the south but pass their summers up here in the north. Protecting the environment obviously extends beyond national parks. Your \$25 saves the hummingbird and many more Jasper birds.

You "buy" an acre of tropical forest. By becoming a World Wildlife Fund rainforest guardian, you're protecting Jasper National Park's hummingbirds. **T or F?**



Christina Virias
Grade 7



Ben Michelin, Grade 6

Shredding or burning plastic foam releases gases that attack the ozone layer, raising the risk of cancer. **Toll: 15 years.**

RIGHT! Controlled fires allow wildlife to feed away from roads, by spurring grassland where forests stood. Fires save herds from getting hit. (Remember, though, uncontrolled fires are still dangerous!)

PAY UP! How much you have left is how long the earth will survive. Better luck next planet!

TOLL BOOTH

Did you take a toll? **Y or N?**

CONGRATULATIONS! Take the through-lane. Knowing the things you do, you'll help to save the world. Spread the good word!

KIDS!

Color this maze and return it to the Parks and People counter at a park information centre. Your work will be displayed to other visitors of Jasper National Park. (Remind your parents to fill in the feedback form on the reverse. Thanks!)

Artist's name

Age

Home town

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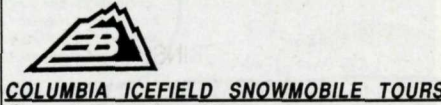
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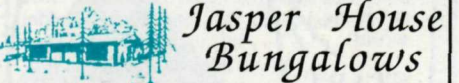
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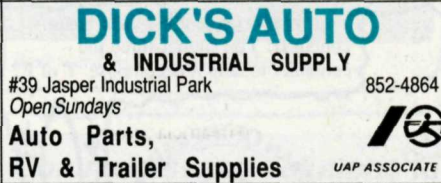
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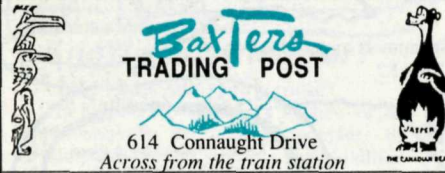
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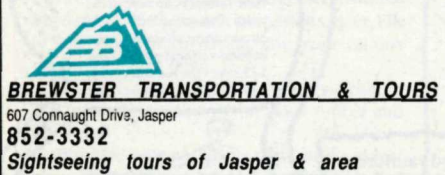
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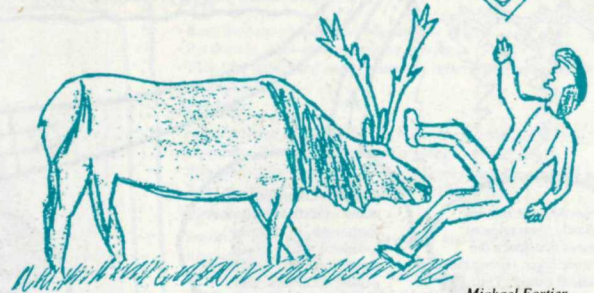
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Michael Fortier
Grade 7

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The Jasper National Park interpretive service offers a host of theatre programs, a flock of guided hikes, a gaggle of displays and a pack of self-guiding opportunities!

The programs detailed on the next page are summer events. Their titles indicate whether they are provided in English or French.

Programs on a limited basis also run through the fall, winter and spring.

To get the latest on what's happening during your stay, call the Interpretive Service at **852-6146** or listen to YR Radio (1450 AM) daily at 9:20 a.m.

All programs are free of charge. Here and on the next page are Jasper's interpretive opportunities:

Trail signs
 Follow self-guiding trails—complete with interpretive signage in both official languages—at Mt. Edith Cavell, Maligne Canyon, Lake Annette, Athabasca Falls, The Whistlers and Athabasca Glacier (Columbia Icefield). They tell a fascinating story of each area's natural and cultural history.

Park radio
 Jasper National Park is on the air! Tune in (1490 AM English; 1230 AM French) in a 5-km vicinity of Maligne Canyon, Athabasca Falls and the Columbia Icefield to catch repeating broadcasts about each of these natural wonders.

Longer radio programs (30-minute docu-dramas) can be heard each evening from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Wilcox Creek and Columbia Icefield campgrounds.

Roadside panels
 If you're traveling the Maligne Road, the road to Miette Hotsprings or the Icefields Parkway, keep an eye out for roadside interpretive signs and exhibits. There's nothing like a short stop, pleasant stretch and intriguing read to refuel your vacation experience.





Roving interpreters
 From time to time you will run into uniformed park interpreters "roving" about the park. Feel free to ask them questions; you may just set them to "raving" about the park!

Interpretive sleuthing
 Do Jasper National Park's interpretive offerings perk your desire to know more?

Visit the Townsite Information Centre. An information attendant or a park interpreter will find answers (in either official language) to your queries, or at least help with your search. Free publications on the park are also available.

Special events
 In addition to regularly repeating events (see page 16), try our special programs for anything from canoe caravans and wildlife tours to the exploration of alpine meadows. Check for the Sunday special, Maligne Valley special, Yellowhead hike special and evening hike specials this summer.

Jasper's 1989 summer interpretive schedule

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S									
10 am		Sunday special Check for details.	Whistlers hike Upper terminal, Jasper Tramway.	Wilcox Pass hike Wilcox CG trailhead.	Cavell Meadows hike Mount Edith Cavell parking lot.		Whistlers hike: Upper terminal, Jasper Tramway.	Yellow-head hike special: Check for details.	Wilcox Pass hike Wilcox CG trailhead.	Maligne Valley special Check for details.		Promenade des prairies alpines de Cavell Mount Edith Cavell parking lot.	1000h			
11 am	Parker Ridge hike (Banff N.P.) Parker Ridge pull-off.						Parker Ridge hike: (Banff N.P.) Parker Ridge pull-off.						1100h			
noon													1200h			
1 pm													1300h			
2 pm	Lawn program	Toe walk Athabasca Glacier parking lot.	Lawn program		Lawn program	Lawn program	Lawn program			Cinéma d'après-midi Townsite Information Centre.			1400h			
8 pm	Campfire talk Wilcox CG.		Campfire talk Honeymoon CG.		Auprès du feu Wabasso CG.	Evening hike special Check for details.	Campfire talk: Wilcox CG.	Talk & slide show: Lobstick.	Campfire talk: Pochantas CG.	Outdoor theatre program: Wapiti CG.	Campfire talk: Honeymoon CG.	Evening hike special: Check for details.	Campfire talk: Pochantas CG.	Outdoor theatre program: Wapiti CG.	Campfire talk: Wabasso CG.	2000h
9 pm	Outdoor theatre program (August 7 - September 3) Whistlers CG.					Outdoor theatre program (August 7 - September 3) Whistlers CG.					2100h					
10 pm	Outdoor theatre program (June 26 - August 6) Whistlers CG.					Outdoor theatre program (June 26 - August 6) Whistlers CG.					2200h					

Talk & slide show
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Wapiti outdoor theatre
A friendly setting for early evening talks about Jasper's human and natural history. WAPITI CAMPGROUND.

Lawn programs
Displays of horns and antlers, children's games, puppet shows and other special programs. TOWNSITE INFORMATION CENTRE LAWN.

Campfire talks
Pull up a stump, sip hot spiced tea and learn some of the secrets behind Jasper's scenery. Bring a cup. CAMPGROUND FIRE CIRCLES.

Guided hikes
Bring good footwear, a camera and a snack, and join a park interpreter for a first-hand look at some of Jasper's scenery, wildlife and history. MEET AT TRAILHEADS.

Whistlers outdoor theatre
Slides and movies, "prop talks" and skits—each evening a different program helps you discover Jasper. Bus and car parking near the theatre. WHISTLERS CAMPGROUND.

Specials
Hikes, caravans, events of discovery. Check at the park information centre for location, meeting place, time and duration.

- All programs are free.
- See page 15 for more interpretive opportunities.
- Ask at the Townsite Information centre for fall, winter and spring events.
- Summer program runs from Monday, June 26 to Sunday, Sept. 3. Confirm times at an information centre.
- Listen to YR Radio (1450 AM) in the Jasper townsite area daily at 9:20 a.m. for an update on interpretive programs.