



# PROFILES

JASPER NATIONAL PARK  
VISITORS' GUIDE SUMMER 1990



Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society

*Climbing Tangle Hill, circa 1935. The mountain road from Jasper to Banff opened in 1940.*

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## Superintendent's message

# A decade of challenges

Jasper is entering the 1990s with important changes in management staff. A new superintendent, assistant superintendent, townsite manager and personnel manager will be working hard to help meet the many challenges of the new decade.

More than five decades ago, the hard work of laborers created the Icefields Parkway. And it was hard work: in the 1930s we didn't have the sophisticated equipment we see today. Horses and human muscle made this dream possible. Today, the parkway is one of the most traveled scenic routes in the world.

In recent years, Canadians have been pushing to see another dream come true: environmental protection. The federal government has responded; all new national policies are likely to reflect this concern. The national parks, symbols of resource protection, will be expected to maintain their leadership in environmental assessment, waste management, site rehabilitation and

construction practices that involve a minimum of land disturbance.

Implementing the recently approved Park Management Plan will be Jasper's first step. Strategic planning will be employed to help us better identify our options and opportunities. We are in a period of budget constraint; it is critical that both park employees and the public understand where we are going.

The 1990s will bring us challenges from afar: the greenhouse effect, ozone depletion and the islandization of our parks. Although Jasper is very large, we are still

part of a greater whole. We do not comprise one "self-sufficient" ecosystem. The co-op-

eration of outside agencies, visitors and all Canadians is necessary if we are to fulfill our resource protection mandate.

Immediate problems we must face include the deaths of many wild animals in collisions on our highways, and the loss of still more to poachers. You can help by



Gaby Fortin

reporting any illegal activities that you see while you're here in Jasper.

I cannot list all the challenges Jasper will be facing in the 1990s. With more visitors, more urgent resource protection issues and stiffer budgetary controls, it will be difficult to maintain the park as a large, well-protected natural area.

If we learned anything from those Icefields Parkway laborers, it's that nothing is impossible. We may have to change our thinking and our way of doing things—but we can do it.

Gaby Fortin, Superintendent  
Jasper National Park

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**PROFILES**  
who we are

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## Our environment needs 'Caretakers' — MacEwan

Grant MacEwan is an author and historian. He is a former lieutenant-governor of Alberta and is a member of the Order of Canada. The Canadian Parks Service asked Mr. MacEwan for his comments on the environment:

Everybody—young or old, male or female, rich or poor—should pursue the search unrelentingly until he or she has found a high and satisfying purpose in living. I found mine long ago, and there is no secret about it. I chose to live and die as a conservationist/environmentalist.

It may sound like my religion. Fair enough! So it is. I choose to be one of Nature's Caretakers or God's Caretakers, and there is, in my view, a need for millions more of the same. It is a challenge I would wish to direct at our young people, especially those young people who have not yet discovered a good reason for being here on this good green earth.

Walter C. Sowdermill, who was the assistant chief of soil conservation in United States, said it well:

"In ignorance and wastefulness, mankind has strode across the face of the earth for 7,000 years, reaping more than he has planted and destroying what he has not made. In occupying new lands, men have skimmed off the 'cream' and left the thin milk for the generations to come. Man tends to destroy the source of his existence."

What challenges the role of Caretaker holds for citizens today!

Grant MacEwan, December, 1989

# You wanted to know ...

## Can we reserve a campsite?

Reservations are not accepted for camping. "First-come, first-served" is the rule. In peak season, spots in all 10 campgrounds fill up fast. Come early to beat the rush.

## Where do we buy groceries?

Do your shopping in town, because groceries are few and far between elsewhere in Jasper National Park. Two grocery stores, two convenience stores and a bulk food store are found in town.

## What's on about town?

- Be sure not to miss:
- Canada Day Parade ..... July 1
  - Jasper Heritage Folk Festival ..... Aug. 4
  - Wildlife Memorial ..... Aug. 2-9
  - Jasper Indoor Rodeo ..... Aug. 16-19

Check the Jasper *Booster* (the local newspaper), ask at an information centre, or tune into YR Radio (1450 AM) for details on these and other events.

## Where can we swim?

You can swim, slide, soak or steam indoors at the new Jasper Aquatic Centre,

401 Pyramid Lake Road, beside the town's activity centre.

Have a healthy soak in glorious Front Range scenery at the Miette Hot Springs, 61 km north-east of town.

Or take to the lakes! They're exhilarating. Pyramid Lake and Lake Annette have sandy beaches.

## How can I get around?

If you have no wheels—and you're wearing down those heels—rest easy. Although Jasper has no public transit, buses leave from predetermined points for Maligne Lake, Jasper Park Lodge, The Whistlers and other points every day. Ask

for times at an information centre.

## What's special about Jasper?

Jasper is part of a World Heritage Site; it's the largest national park in the Rocky Mountains; it has the highest mountain in Alberta (Mt. Columbia); it's the site of one of the world's most accessible glaciers (Athabasca); it has the longest underground drainage system known in Canada (Maligne).

More than two million people visited Jasper last year. After 83 years of national park status, Jasper is still 98% Rocky Mountain wilderness.

## When do things slow down?

Jasper regains its tranquil pace after mid-September. If you're here to see wildlife, not the back of an RV, come then. Most roads stay open, room rates drop and wilderness comes clearly into focus. Pick up a guide to Jasper's "other seasons" at park information centres.



The Canadian flag, shown here at the top of Mt. Athabasca (3,490 m), is 25 years old in 1990.

## The mountain parks remember

"All I saw was a set of legs in the headlights. There was no time to react. It was like hitting a wall."  
"Afterward I cried. I just cried."

First-hand account, moose-vehicle accident

Orange flags at roadside this summer will mark spots where 689 large animals were killed in vehicle collisions in Jasper National Park during the last decade.

This sobering display will be part of the Mountain Parks Wildlife Memorial Aug. 2-9, organized jointly by several national and provincial Rocky Mountain parks to focus attention on highway wildlife mortality.

In Jasper alone last year, 109 deer, elk, sheep and other large animals were struck and killed, most by motorists who were speeding.

Some animals were killed instantly. Others, legs broken or internal organs bleeding, struggled away into the bush, where slow, painful deaths were their inevitable fate.

If animals continue to be killed at this rate, herds won't last. Stricter enforcement of speed limits and roadside fencing are unpopular alternatives, but they may be necessary if mountain motorists don't begin to police themselves.



Jasper, 1989: 41 deer, 34 elk, 26 sheep, 7 moose, 1 goat . . .

Here are some tips to help you avoid striking an animal:

- Use extra caution at dawn and dusk.
  - Slow down when you are blinded at night by oncoming headlights.
  - Don't feed or entice roadside animals. To watch or photograph them, stop only at roadside pulloffs.
  - Promptly report any collisions you witness, so that an animal that has been struck won't be left to lure wolves or coyotes into danger.
- Thank you for your co-operation!

# The story of the Icefields Parkway

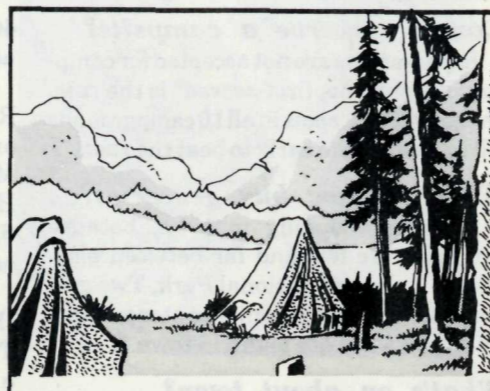
Illustrated by Thomas Boldt



**B**efore we built the Banff-Jasper Highway, only a few people followed the winding pack trail north from Lake Louise..



... people like Mary Schäffer, that plucky Pennsylvanian, and A.P. Coleman, a geologist who traveled as far as Mt. Robson climbing and exploring.



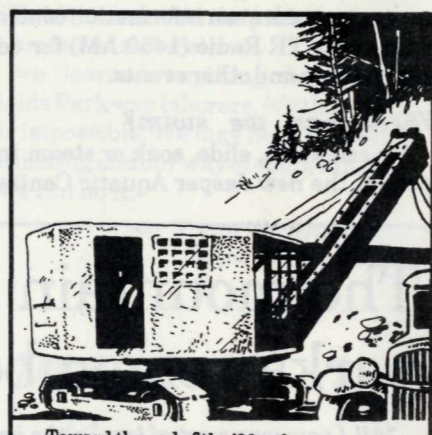
Guided tourists spent their days in the saddle and their nights on the hard ground. But they raved about the grand mountain scenery. More wanted to see it.



The road began as a Depression relief project employing hundreds of men. Almost everybody thought it was good idea—but what a task it was!



Out-of-work clerks, teachers and general rousters were happy just to join work camps and swing a pick or push a shovel for \$5 a month. Heck, the grub was good. Those years were some of the best I remember.



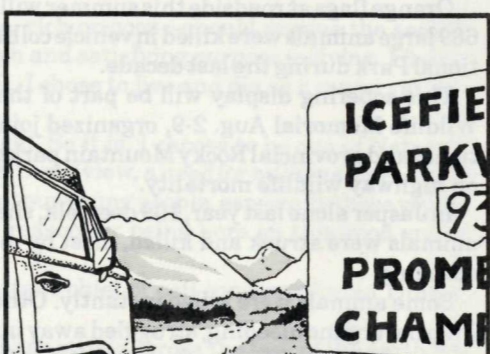
Toward the end of the '30s, the government brought in heavier equipment to finish the job. The road opened in the summer of 1940, even though the Second World War put a damper on celebrations.



Once gas rationing ended, the new highway was a hit. It crossed two passes and came within feet of dazzling glaciers, waterfalls and canyons. "Twenty Switzerlands in One," they called it. The tourists came by bus and car from far and wide.



In the late 1950s, curves were straightened; rock bluffs were blasted; better bridges were built. The upgrade made the highway wide and beautiful—nothing like the winding gravel road it was.



They say about a million folks a year now drive the route. In 50 more years ... well, I'll be long gone. But the highway will be showing even more people those rugged peaks and wild valleys. It'll still be doing its job.

It's the Icefields Parkway's 50th anniversary

# Window on the wilderness

The Icefields Parkway is no ordinary road. It leads through lush montane valleys studded with trembling aspen and alive with elk. It snakes past bold outcrops of ancient seabed rock, where bighorn sheep and mountain goats clamber.

It rises into brilliant subalpine meadows, the haunt of the grizzly bear and the mountain caribou. It crests at mountain passes where the golden eagle soars overhead and where, nearby, the rugged land remains locked in the grip of millions of tonnes of translucent blue ice.

There is something elemental about the 230 km of pavement between Jasper and Lake Louise—something very appealing to the human spirit.

It's why, 50 years after it opened, almost one million people a year tour the Icefields Parkway. To these people, and perhaps to you, the parkway is a window on the wilderness.

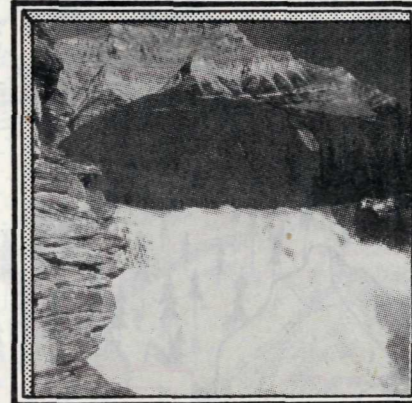
As you travel the parkway, you are tickling the spine of a continent. Beyond furiously rushing rivers and serenely sparkling lakes rises the Great Divide, its mountains cloaked year-round in snow and ice.

The Rockies are monuments to change—a metamorphosis from tropical sea floor to glacier-clad peaks, wrought slowly but as surely as the hundreds of thousands of holiday vehicles that roll along today.

"Through dense primeval forests, muskeg, burnt and fallen timber and along rough and steeply sloping hillsides, a constant flow of travel will demand a broad well-ballasted motor road," forecast Alpine Club of Canada founder A.O. Wheeler in 1911. "This wonder trail will be world renowned."

In its first half-century of motor travel, the "wonder trail" has indeed fulfilled Wheeler's vision. To people who live in cities and work indoors, breathing reconditioned air and drinking compromised water, the parkway today is a tonic in demand.

Should Canadians continue their support of the parks service's mandate, perhaps 50 years from now we will still be able to gaze with wonder from the Icefields Parkway—a window upon wilderness.



The parkway is a window on the high and wild country of the Canadian Rockies.

## A few peeks at a national heritage

- The largest icefield along the parkway is the Columbia Icefield, spanning 325 km<sup>2</sup>. Its meltwater feeds three oceans.
- The highest mountain seen from the parkway is the Snow Dome, an ice-capped peak that rises to 3,520 m.
- In January, 1930, five men from Jasper braved 14 days of bitter temperatures and skied to Banff along the present-day route of the parkway.
- Construction of the Icefields Parkway, known then as the "B.J. Highway," began in 1931.
- Workers were paid \$5 a month plus room and board. Later, wages rose to 45 cents an hour.
- Jasper-end and Banff-end construction crews "made the link" in late 1939 near the base of the Big Hill in Banff National Park.
- In only seven minutes of driving, today's motorist covers as much ground as packtrains once managed in a day.
- Mt. Mitchell, a peak just north of the Columbia Icefield, honors J.C. Mitchell, the chief engineer of the Banff-Jasper Highway project.
- In summer, gas along the parkway is available at Sunwapta Falls, the Columbia Icefield and Saskatchewan River Crossing. In winter, when parkway traffic declines to a tenth of summer's volume, service stations close but the road stays open.

# Spend a day on the parkway!



### Kerkeslin's goats

Mountain goats, brilliant white with dark horns, lick mineral-rich roadside bluffs. A herd of about 60 lives year-round on the slopes of Mt. Kerkeslin, prominent for its clinging snow and curving reddish bands of quartz sandstone.

### Bighorn range

In the Columbia Icefield area, the parkway is merely a wide mountain ledge to bighorn sheep. You can tell how old the males are: a full-curl horn means about eight years. Some are 11 or 12. Snap a photo, but don't feed 'em—and drive with caution!

### The Big Hill

The Big Hill drops half a kilometre in a series of gently sloping curves amid some of the highest mountains in the Rockies. Composed of fractured, bent seabed more than 350 million years old, they rose when continental plates collided about 120 million years ago.

### Grizzly country

In the Bow Summit area, the grizzly bear munches buffaloberries, hedsarum roots, greenery and carrion—usually from carcasses of goats and sheep that fall victim to avalanches. Grizzlies are the quintessential symbol of wilderness. If you see a bear at roadside, please stay in your vehicle!

### Montane habitat

Elk thrive in lush lower valleys along the parkway. When snowfall covers grass in winter, they gnaw on the bark of the trembling aspen. Look for the telltale black scars. Black bears, deer, beaver and coyotes share the montane.

### Come back for caribou

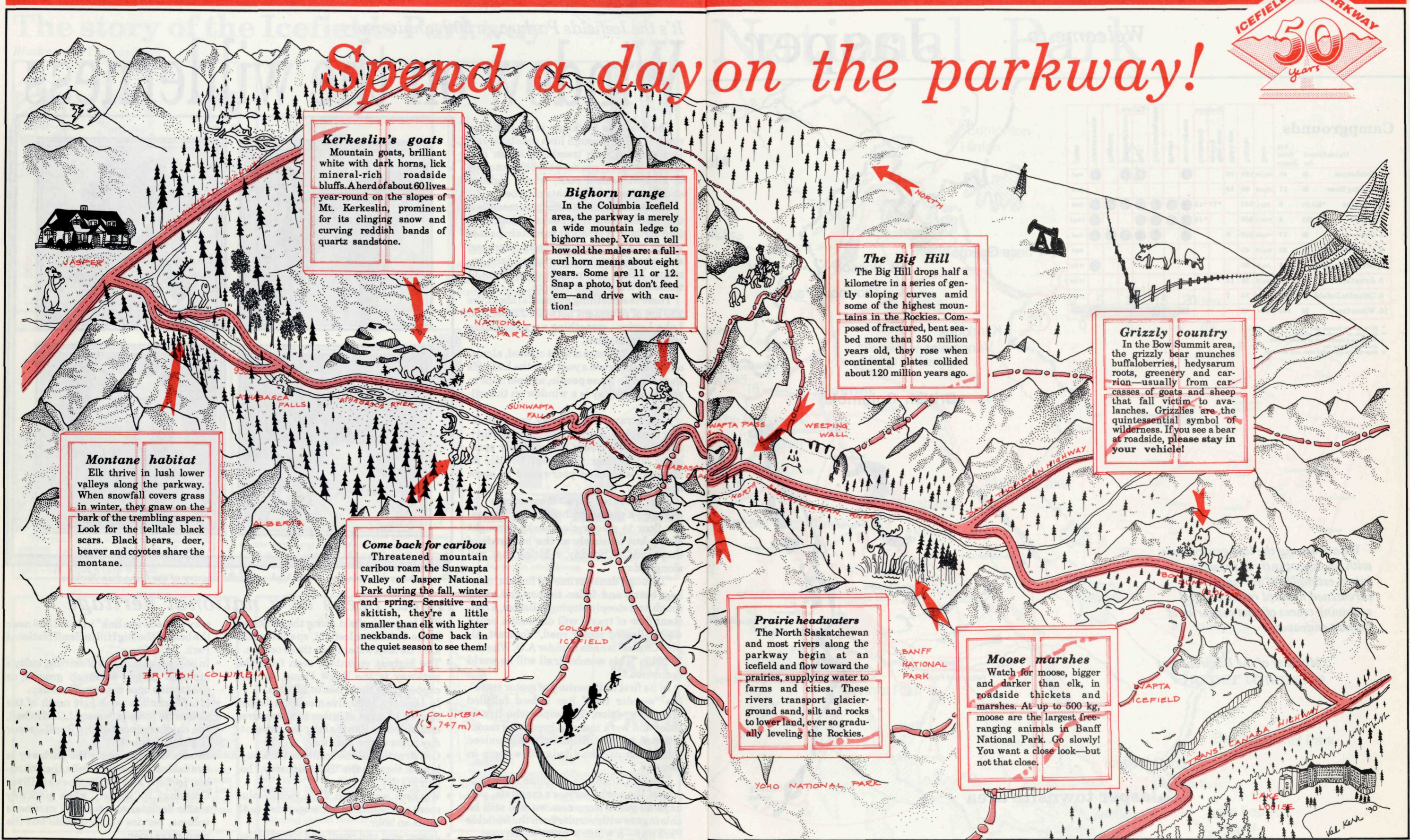
Threatened mountain caribou roam the Sunwapta Valley of Jasper National Park during the fall, winter and spring. Sensitive and skittish, they're a little smaller than elk with lighter neckbands. Come back in the quiet season to see them!

### Prairie headwaters

The North Saskatchewan and most rivers along the parkway begin at an icefield and flow toward the prairies, supplying water to farms and cities. These rivers transport glacier-ground sand, silt and rocks to lower land, ever so gradually leveling the Rockies.

### Moose marshes

Watch for moose, bigger and darker than elk, in roadside thickets and marshes. At up to 500 kg, moose are the largest free-ranging animals in Banff National Park. Go slowly! You want a close look—but not that close.



Welcome to ...

# Jasper National Park

## Campgrounds

Campground	Unconfirmed fee	km from Jasper	Opens	Total sites	Walk-in sites	Hookups		Hot running water	Showers	Trailer dumping station	Toilets		Interpretive events	Closes
						Water, sewer, electricity	Electrical only				Flush	Wheelchair access		
1. Pocahontas	\$9	46	May 18	140	10			●			●	●		Sep 4
2. Snaring River	\$6	17	May 18	66	10			●			●	●		Sep 4
3. Whistlers	*\$11-16	2	May 4	781		*77	*43	●	●	●	●	●	●	Oct 9
4. Wapiti	*\$11, \$13	4	**Jun 15	366			*40	●	●	●	●	●	●	† Sep 4
5. Wabasso	\$9	17	**Jun 22	238	6			●			●	●		Sep 3
6. Mount Kerkeslin	\$6	35	May 18	42				●			●	●		Sep 3
7. Honeymoon Lake	\$6	52	Jun 8	35				●			●	●		†† Oct
8. Jonas Creek	\$6	78	May 18	25	12			●			●	●		†† Oct
9. Columbia Icefield	\$6	107	May 18	33	7			●			●	●		†† Oct
10. Wilcox Creek	\$6	109	Jun 8	46				●			●	●		Sep 17

\* Extra services increase fee.  
 \*\* Also open on Victoria Day weekend.  
 † Reopens on a limited basis in October for fall, winter and spring use.  
 †† Stays open on a primitive basis until snow falls.



*We are among the last generations with an opportunity to preserve intact examples of our nation's threatened natural resources and surviving traces of past centuries of human endeavor.*

Minister of the Environment

**Jasper townsite area**

# Of blooms, blossoms and little red berries

When do leaves unfurl? When do the flowers bloom? When do berries ripen? The growing season in Jasper National Park is brief but vital. Here are some viewing hints:

- First bloomers: catkins, or pussy willows, from the willow. They're out before March, some years.
- The pasque flower or prairie crocus, a welcome sight with its pale purple petals, appears generally in April, right behind the snowmelt.
- New leaves: trembling aspens and balsam poplar leaf in mid-May.
- Shrubs: many bloom with white flowers in June.
- Western wood lily: this showy orange flower blooms in early July.
- Short but dazzling: wildflowers at all

elevations show their best colors during the last two weeks of July.

- Berries: berry season peaks in August and subsides in September. From buffaloberries to raspberries, don't fight the bears for 'em.

For the specifics, check a dependable Rocky Mountain flower guide. *Wildflowers of the Canadian Rockies* and *Rocky Mountain Wild Flowers* are both available through Parks and People at a park information centre.

Picking some types of flowers kills them outright; picking others can stack the odds against regeneration the coming year. Park regulations protect such wild beauties; please leave them for the pleasure of others.

*It may seem quite alright when you visit the park to collect a keepsake or leave us your mark.*

*To pick just one flower should do little harm, but remember that's part of the park's special charm.*

*Oh, please keep in mind that whatever you find, From a colorful rock to an old broken crock, Must stay on the ground just as it was found, So others can savor the park's natural flavor.*

*There's a National Act that says we must care for the features that make these mountains so rare. Let's keep this a place to play and learn and leave it the same for when you return.*

Gloria Keyes-Brady

## DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR THE WEARY LAND

IT USED TO BE SOMETHING BUT WE LET IT RUN DOWN IN OUR HANDS

NOW'S THE TIME TO TURN THE TIDE

## NOW'S THE TIME TO FIGHT

NOW'S THE TIME TO MAKE THE TIME WHILE HOPE IS STILL IN SIGHT

## "RED TIDE"

Lyrics: Neil Peart Music: Geddy Lee/Alex Lifeson © 1989 CORE MUSIC PUBLISHING All rights reserved From the RUSH album "Presto" Lyrics Reprinted by Permission.



Please keep your food securely stored and your wits about you—wildlife can surprise!

# The mountain caribou quiz!

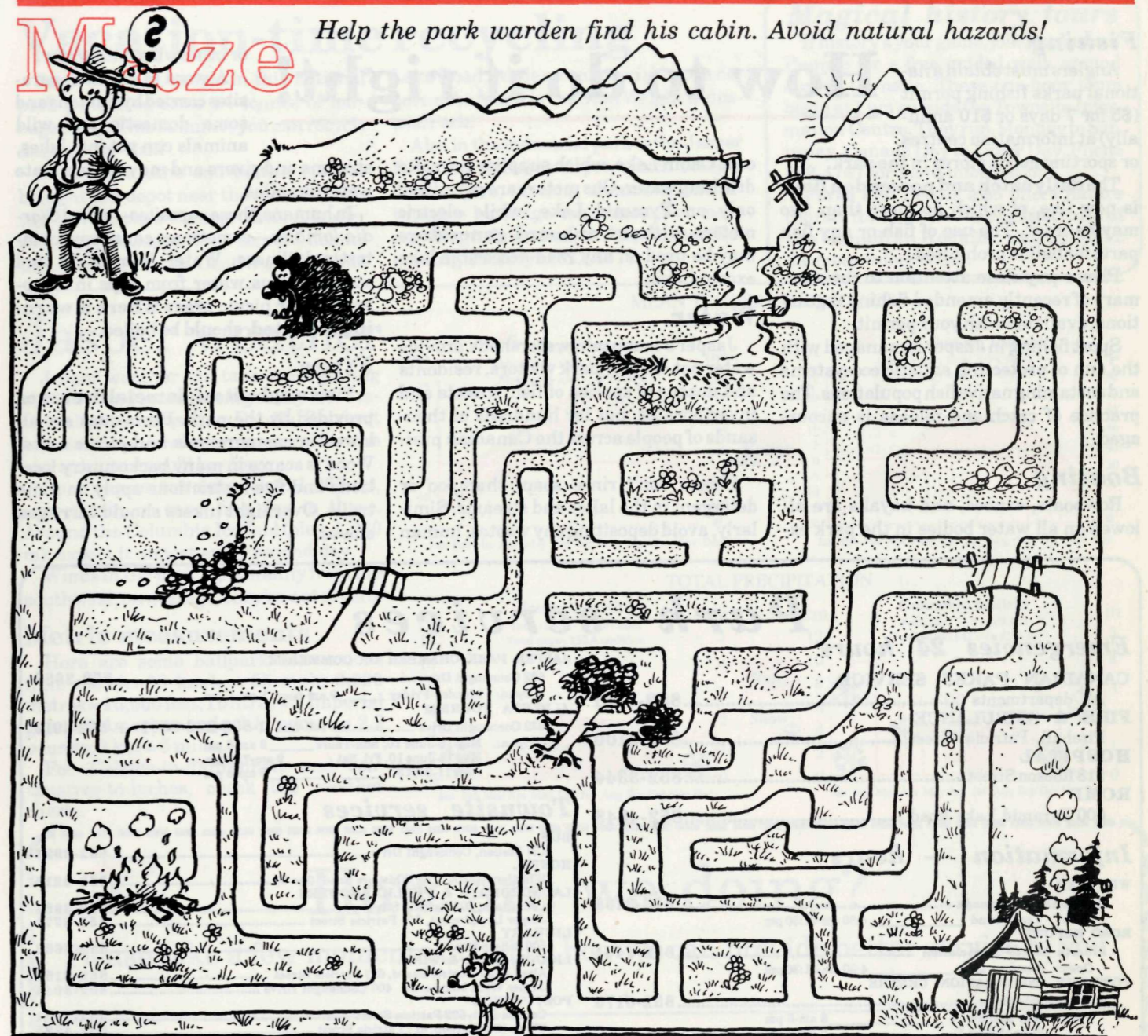
1. You'll find a caribou on the back of two coins: the 1990 Jasper souvenir dollar and the Canadian \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Mountain caribou feed mainly not on grass or shrubs but on \_\_\_\_\_, which are plentiful in old-growth forests.
3. Unlike elk, deer and moose, both male and female caribou grow \_\_\_\_\_.
4. To travel through deep snow, caribou use their large, crescent-shaped \_\_\_\_\_ the same way we use snowshoes.
5. In Alberta, mountain caribou are found as far south as \_\_\_\_\_ National Park but are more common farther north.
6. There are now less than 2,000 caribou in Alberta; they are classified \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ kill caribou, elk and other large animals, but a greater threat to the survival of the caribou is the removal of old-growth forests.
8. If you see a \_\_\_\_\_ around the neck of a caribou, you should tell a park warden or call the parks service.
9. Enlarge the family! Your business, school or group can support the Greater Jasper Ecosystem Caribou Research Project by \_\_\_\_\_ a caribou. Call Kent Brown, research co-ordinator, at 240-1995 for details.



- Answers**
1. quarter 2. lichens 3. antlers 4. hoofs 5. Banff 6. threatened or endangered 7. Wolves 8. radio collar 9. adopting

# Maze

Help the park warden find his cabin. Avoid natural hazards!



... that beaver, deer, elk and other animals eat the bark of aspen trees? You can see how high they reach by checking the black scars around the trunk.

... that controlled burns make new homes for woodpeckers, ants, elk and other animals? Within months of a fire, the charred landscape is full of life.

... that wolves help keep elk herds from overexpanding, overgrazing

and then starving? We don't shoot or poison wolves in Jasper; they have a natural role to play.

... that sheep, goats and other animals eat salt? They visit mineral licks or roadways for replenishment following harsh winters, molting or pregnancy.

... that park wardens sometimes put colored tags in the ears of bears? It allows for easy tracing of their movements and history.

## Did you know ...



Did you know there aren't any skunks in Jasper? Skunks are found east, west and south, but they only turn up here when they hop a boxcar. The smelliest animal around Jasper is the wolverine, which sprays its kills with a foul musk.

## 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.

The **daily catch and possession limit** is now five, of which no more than two may be trout. The use of fish or any fish parts for bait is prohibited.

Please pay close attention to the summary of recently amended fishing regulations, available with your permit.

Sport fishing in Jasper is managed with the aim of protecting aquatic ecosystems and sustaining native fish populations. The practice of catch-and-release is encouraged.

## Boating

Rowboats, canoes, and kayaks are allowed on all water bodies in the park ex-

# How to do it right!

cept Cabin Lake, which supplies townsite drinking water. Gas motors are permitted only on Pyramid Lake, while electric motors **without onboard generators** may be used on any road-accessible lake except Cabin.

## 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.

## Fires

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.

## 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 — hours

### WEATHER

Environment Canada .....852-3185  
Open: Year-round 4:30 am-11:30 pm

### ROAD REPORT

Alberta Motor Association .....852-4444  
Open: Summer only 4:30 am-11:30 pm

### TOWNSITE INFORMATION CENTRE

500 Connaught Drive .....852-6176  
Open: May 18-June 14 8 am-5 pm  
June 15-Sept 3 8 am-8 pm  
Sept 4-Oct 28 9 am-5 pm  
Oct 29-Dec 6 CLOSED  
Dec 6-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

Maligne Road (km 2) .....852-6156  
Open: Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4:30 pm

### ICEFIELD CENTRE

Icefields Parkway (km 106)  
Open: May 25-June 7 9 am-5 pm  
June 8-Sept 3 9 am-7 pm  
Sept 4-30 9 am-5 pm

### MIETTE HOTSPRINGS

Miette Hot Springs Road (km 17)  
Open: May 18 2:30 pm-9 pm  
May 19-21 10:30 am-9 pm  
May 22-June 14 11:30 am-7 pm  
June 15-Sept 2 8:30 am-10:30 pm  
Sept 3 8:30 am-6 pm

### JASPER PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

632 Connaught Drive .....852-3858  
Open: Monday-Friday 9 am-noon, 1 pm-5 pm

### ALBERTA TOURISM

632 Connaught Drive .....Toll-free 1-800-222-6501 or 852-4919  
Open: May 16-June 10, Sun-Thurs 9 am-6 pm  
May 16-June 10, Fri, Sat 9 am-7:30 pm  
June 11-Sept 3 8 am-8 pm

## Townsite services

### BUS

CN Station, Connaught Drive .....852-3926

### HOSTEL

Whistlers Hostel, The Whistlers Road (km 3) .....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

### POST OFFICE

Canada Post, 502 Patricia Street .....852-3041

Winks (Substation), 617 Patricia Street .....852-4223

### PROPANE

Various service stations, Connaught Drive

### RADIO STATIONS

CBC Edmonton, 860 AM .....468-7500

Park radio, 1490 AM English, 1230 AM French .....852-6146

(Maligne Canyon, Athabasca Falls, Columbia Icefield)

YR Radio, 1450 AM Jasper, 1230 AM Hinton .....723 4461

### RECYCLING

Returnable beverage containers:

Whistlers Campground, Highway 93 (km 2) (no payment)

Eagle Bottle Depot, Industrial Park (across tracks, turn left) .....852-3805

### Newspapers:

Activity Centre Parking Lot, Pyramid Lake Road

Bottles, jars, tin cans, aluminum, returnables:

Jasper Recycling Society Depot, Industrial Park .....852-4074

RESERVATIONS (ACCOMMODATION, TRAVEL, TOURS)

Jasper Central Reservations, Connaught Square Mall .....852-4242

Jasper Travel Agency, 626 Connaught Drive .....852-4400

### TRAILER DUMPING STATIONS (3 locations)

Industrial Park (across tracks, turn left)

Highway 93A (km 2)

Mountain Esso, 84 Connaught Drive .....852-4181

### TRAIN

CN Station, Connaught Drive .....852-4102

# Vacation-time recycling

Last summer, people in this national park generated some 14 tonnes of garbage a day. This summer, you can recycle during your visit!

Returnable cans and bottles may be brought to a depot near the shower facilities in Whistlers Campground. A trailer collecting newspapers is located behind the Jasper Activity Centre on Pyramid

Lake Road, while a commercial bottle depot can be found in the Stan Wright Industrial Park.

Also in the industrial park is the Jasper Recycling Society's depot, which accepts bottles, jars, tin cans, aluminum and returnable beverage containers. For more recycling information, call the **Jasper Recycling Society** at 852-4074.

## Magical history tours

If history's your game, join **Parks and People** for a free guided walk around Jasper townsite. These one-hour tours begin at 1 pm outside the Townsite Information Centre. They run Monday to Saturday, Canada Day to Labor Day. Phone 852-4767 for more information.

Parks and People also offers nature courses through the **Jasper Institute of the Canadian Rockies**. Call 852-4012 for more information.

# Jasper weather

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. 1,063 m), expect rain or snow one day in three. Around the Columbia Icefield (elev. 1,980 m), expect it almost every second day.

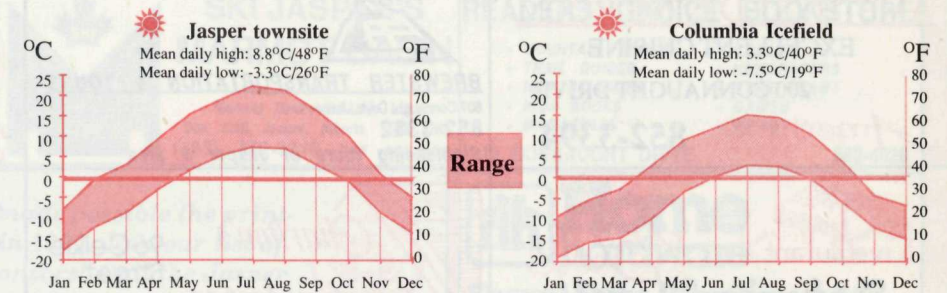
Winds in the park blow mainly from the southwest; on average, they're not severe.

## Metric measurements

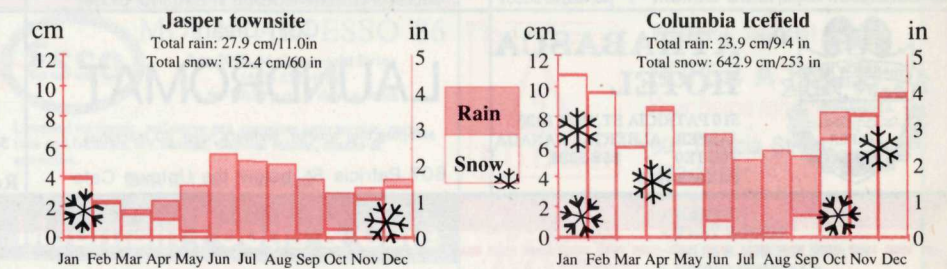
Here are some ballpark conversions from metric: 90 km/h = 55 mph; 3,000 metres = 10,000 feet; 10 litres = 2 Imperial gals = 3 American gals; 1 kilogram = 2.2 pounds; 8 km = 5 miles.

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

MEAN TEMPERATURE RANGE



TOTAL PRECIPITATION



# How are we doing?



Please take a few moments to tell us how we can provide better service to you.

Return this form to the Townsite Information Centre or the Icefield Centre, and get 10% off the purchase of any Parks and People publication. You may also call us (852-6161), leave the form at any park kiosk, or write to The Superintendent, Jasper National Park, Box 10, Jasper, Alberta, T0E 1E0. Thank you and happy holidays!

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# Summer interpretive events

From June 25 to Sept. 2, attend these free programs on the natural highlights and human history of Jasper National Park!

## Monday

- 10 am **CAVELL MEADOWS HIKE**  
Mt. Edith Cavell Parking Lot (one-hour drive south of Jasper), 3 hrs
- 10:30 am **WILCOX PASS HIKE**  
Wilcox Creek Campground, 4 hrs (Begins July 6)
- 2 pm **LAWN PROGRAM**  
Townsite Information Centre, 1 hr
- 8 pm **CAMPFIRE TALK**  
Honeymoon Campground, 1 hr
- 8 pm **OUTDOOR THEATRE PROGRAM**  
Wapiti Campground Theatre, 1 hr
- \* **OUTDOOR THEATRE PROGRAM**  
Whistlers Campground Theatre, 1 hr

## Tuesday

- 10 am **THE WHISTLERS HIKE**  
Jasper Tramway, Upper Terminal, 2 hrs
- 2 pm **LAWN PROGRAM**  
Townsite Information Centre, 1 hr
- \* **OUTDOOR THEATRE PROGRAM**  
Whistlers Campground Outdoor Theatre, 1 hr

## Wednesday

- 2 pm **NATURE FILMS**  
Townsite Information Centre, 1 hr
- 7 pm **EVENING HIKE**  
Check at info centres for details. 1 1/2-2 hrs
- 8 pm **CAMPFIRE TALK**  
Wabasso Campground, 1 hr
- \* **OUTDOOR THEATRE PROGRAM**  
Whistlers Campground Theatre, 1 hr

## Thursday

- YELLOWHEAD SPECIAL**  
Check at info centres for time and details.
- 10 am **CAVELL MEADOWS HIKE**  
Mt. Edith Cavell Parking Lot (one-hour drive south of Jasper), 3 hrs
- 11 am **PARKER RIDGE HIKE**  
Parker Ridge Pulloff (Banff National Park), 2 hrs
- 2 pm **LAWN PROGRAM**  
Townsite Information Centre, 1 hr
- 8 pm **INDOOR TALK & SLIDE SHOW**  
Lobstick Lodge, 2nd floor, 1 hr
- 8 pm **CAMPFIRE TALK**  
Pocahontas Campground, 1 hr
- 8 pm **CAMPFIRE TALK**  
Wilcox Campground, 1 hr
- \* **OUTDOOR THEATRE PROGRAM**  
Whistlers Campground Theatre, 1 hr

## Friday

- MALIGNE VALLEY SPECIAL**  
Check at info centres for time and details.
- 10:30 am **WILCOX PASS HIKE**  
Wilcox Creek Campground, 4 hrs
- 13h00 **CINEMA D'APRES-MIDI**  
Centre d'information, 1 h
- 2 pm **LAWN PROGRAM**  
Townsite Information Centre, 1 hr
- 7 pm **EVENING HIKE**  
Check at info centres for details. 1 1/2-2 hrs
- 8 pm **CAMPFIRE TALK**  
Honeymoon Campground, 1 hr
- 8 pm **OUTDOOR THEATRE PROGRAM**  
Wapiti Campground Theatre, 1 hr
- \* **OUTDOOR THEATRE PROGRAM**  
Whistlers Campground Theatre, 1 hr

## Saturday

- 10 am **THE WHISTLERS HIKE**  
Jasper Tramway, Upper Terminal, 2 hrs
- 11 am **PARKER RIDGE HIKE**  
Parker Ridge Pulloff (Banff National Park), 2 hrs
- 2 pm **LAWN PROGRAM**  
Townsite Information Centre, 1 hr
- 8 pm **CAMPFIRE TALK**  
Wabasso Campground, 1 hr
- 8 pm **CAMPFIRE TALK**  
Pocahontas Campground, 1 hr
- \* **OUTDOOR THEATRE PROGRAM**  
Whistlers Campground Theatre, 1 hr

## Sunday

- 11 am **PARKER RIDGE HIKE**  
Parker Ridge Pulloff (Banff National Park), 2 hrs
- 2 pm **TOE WALK**  
Athabasca Glacier Parking Lot, 1 hr
- 2 pm **LAWN PROGRAM**  
Townsite Information Centre, 1 hr
- 8 pm **CAMPFIRE TALK**  
Wilcox Campground, 1 hr
- \* **OUTDOOR THEATRE PROGRAM**  
Whistlers Campground Theatre, 1 hr

\* 10 pm June 25-Aug 5  
9 pm Aug 6-Sept 2

Please confirm program times at an information centre. Listen to YR Radio (1450 AM) in the Jasper townsite area daily at 9:20 am for an update on interpretive programs. Ask at the Townsite Information Centre for fall, winter and spring events.

### 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.

### Outdoor theatre programs

Slides and movies, "prop talks" and skits—each evening a different program helps you discover Jasper. Bus and car parking near the theatres. Note Whistlers time change Aug 6.

### Lawn programs

Talks on park wildlife, displays of horns and antlers, a chance to speak with a park interpreter—every day is different on the Townsite Information Centre lawn.

### Indoor talk and slide show

Enjoy an interpretive talk, slide show or film in indoor comfort. The Lobstick Lodge is located at 94 Geikie St.

### Campfire talks

Pull up a stump at the campground fire

## A host of opportunities!

circle, sip hot spiced tea and learn some of the secrets behind Jasper's scenery. Bring a mug.

### Special events

Hikes, car caravans and other events of discovery are offered on various days. Check at information centres or campground kiosks for details.

### Trail signs

Follow self-guiding trails at Mt. Edith Cavell, Maligne Canyon, Lake Annette, Athabasca Falls, The Whistlers and Athabasca Glacier (Columbia Icefield). Interpretive signs 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.