



WINTER 2017 - 2018

JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Adventure Guide



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Pyramid Bench

Photo: J. Price



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Athabasca Falls

WELCOME

The winter season in Jasper National Park is such a beautiful time to visit. From our snow covered mountain peaks to our lightly dusted forests, the landscape is a winter wonderland awaiting adventure.

From snowshoeing to fat biking, the options for winter activities are endless. In fact, the sky is the limit when it comes to winter fun as Jasper National Park is the second largest dark sky preserve on the planet. Most nights you can look up and see billions of stars dancing overhead.

What makes any season in Jasper National Park even more special is the land's rich indigenous heritage. As we enjoy all the activities and natural beauty, we also respectfully acknowledge that Jasper National Park is located in Treaty Six and Eight territories as well as the traditional territories of the Beaver, Cree, Ojibway, Shuswap, Stoney and Métis nations. We mention this to honour and be thankful for these contributions to building our park, province and nation.

We wish you a warm winter welcome and hope that you enjoy your visit!

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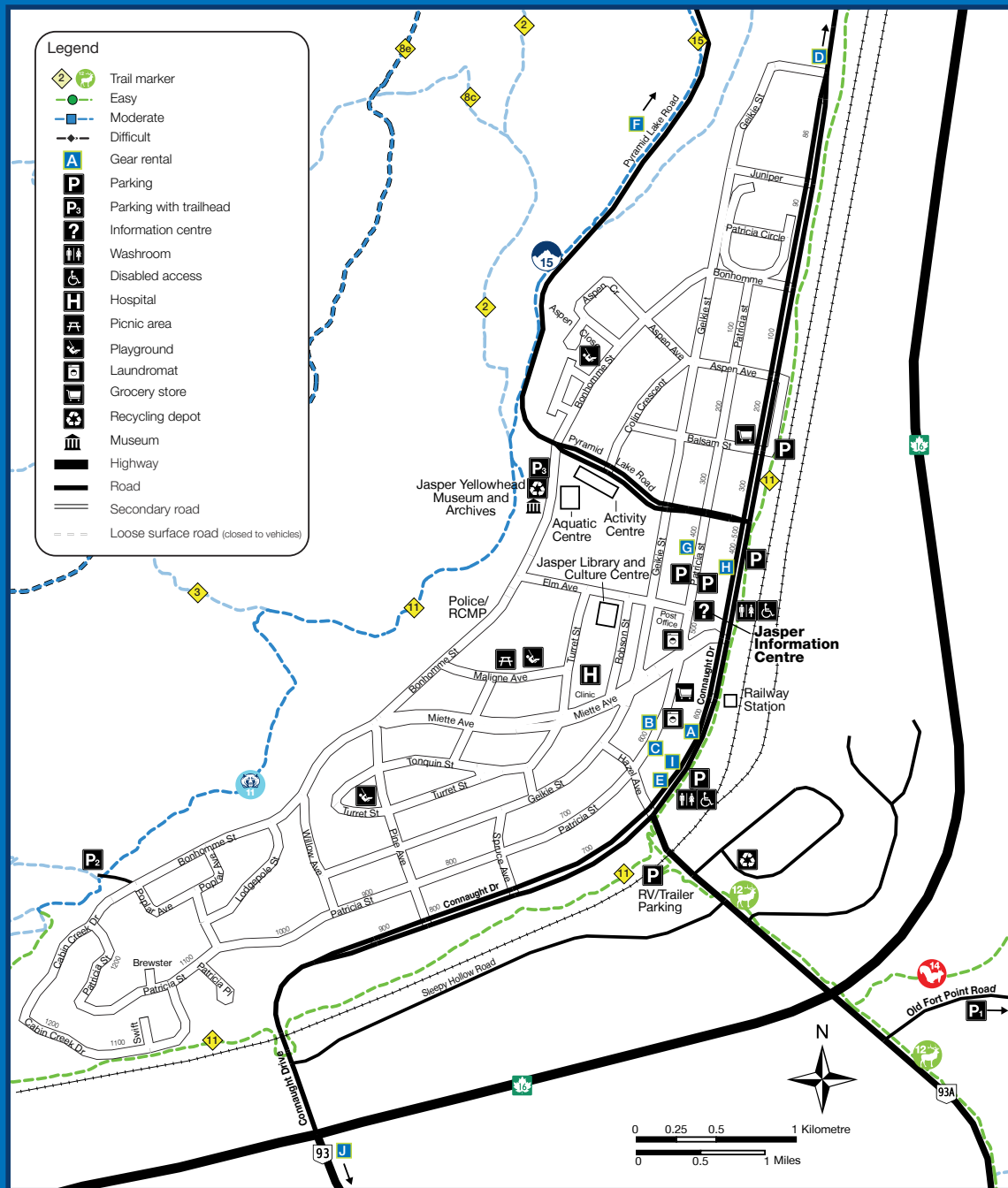
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CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS
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EMERGENCY
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JASPER TOWNSITE



Gear Rentals

Downhill skis
Snowboards
Ice cleats
Snowshoes
X-country skis
Fat bikes
Skates
Alpine touring gear

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
A EDGE CONTROL 626 Connaught Dr. 780-852-4945	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
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C GRAVITY GEAR 625B Patricia St. 780-852-3155							✓			✓
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F PYRAMID LAKE RESORT Pyramid Lake Rd 1-888-852-7737						✓			✓	✓
G SOURCE FOR SPORTS 406 Patricia St. 780-852-3654	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H TOTEM SKI SHOP 408 Connaught Dr. 780-852-3078	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
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J MARMOT BASIN 1 Marmot Basin Rd 780 852 3816	✓	✓								

Adventures We Love

GET THE SCOOP ON WHERE OUR STAFF PLAY AFTER WORK.



Maligne Lake

WHIRLPOOL TRAIL

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

The Whirlpool Trail is a great cross-country ski trail for all ability levels. Enjoy a short ski to the Whirlpool River that overlooks beautiful Mount Kerkeslin and take a break along the shoreline to watch the American dippers as they fly in and out of the open water all winter long. Either continue along to the end of the trail (14 km return), or make the Whirlpool River your return point (7.2 km return). Don't forget to bring a picnic and enjoy the river view!

Alan - Field Unit Superintendent



LAKE ANNETTE

WILD SKATING

Wild skating is one of the winter activities my family loves. Typically occurring in November, wild skating is when the ice freezes solid and thick but the snow hasn't covered it yet. We've had some magical days on Patricia and Annette lakes, skating all around while watching fish swim beneath us.

Brenda - Conservation Biologist



MALIGNE LAKE AREA

SNOWSHOEING

A few years ago, with some Christmas turkey to wear off and with Grandma and Grandpa in tow, our family ventured to Maligne Lake for a snowshoe. It was a quintessential Rocky Mountain blue sky day and the snow was plentiful. We saw big and little tracks in the snow, made snow angels, and enjoyed a tailgate picnic.

Pamela - Visitor Experience Manager



PYRAMID BENCH

TRAIL RUNNING

In winter, Pyramid Bench becomes a tranquil refuge for trail runners willing to venture beyond. With its vast network of routes, the bench offers distances and difficulties to suit all abilities. Several trails are flat packed, making them great for fat biking and running all winter as the snow deepens.

Jurgen - Environmental Management Specialist





Photo: M. Clark

MEDICINE LAKE AREA

EXPLORING

I've had some fun times exploring the north end of Medicine Lake with my kids. It's a great place to wander out onto a beautiful, snow-covered lake, play hide and seek behind giant boulders... and if you're lucky, check out huge snow crystals. Bring your skis, snowshoes, or even just your winter boots, and a thermos of hot chocolate for this great outing.

Amber - Land Use Planning



AROUND TOWN TRAILS

WINTER WALKING

When I am looking for a gentle 6-km walk (or run), I leave from town and head down the Red Squirrel Trail. From there I connect onto Trail 7 and meander along, taking in the crisp fresh air, views of stunning Pyramid Mountain and the Athabasca River. If I go early enough in the day... I often have the trail all to myself!

Erin - Promotions Officer



PIPELINE

SKIJORING

The Pipeline Trail is a great trail to practice skijoring. Skijoring is cross-country skiing while being harnessed to dogs, making it an exhilarating way to explore Jasper's dog-friendly cross-country ski trails.

Brian - Senior Interpretation Coordinator



PYRAMID LAKE

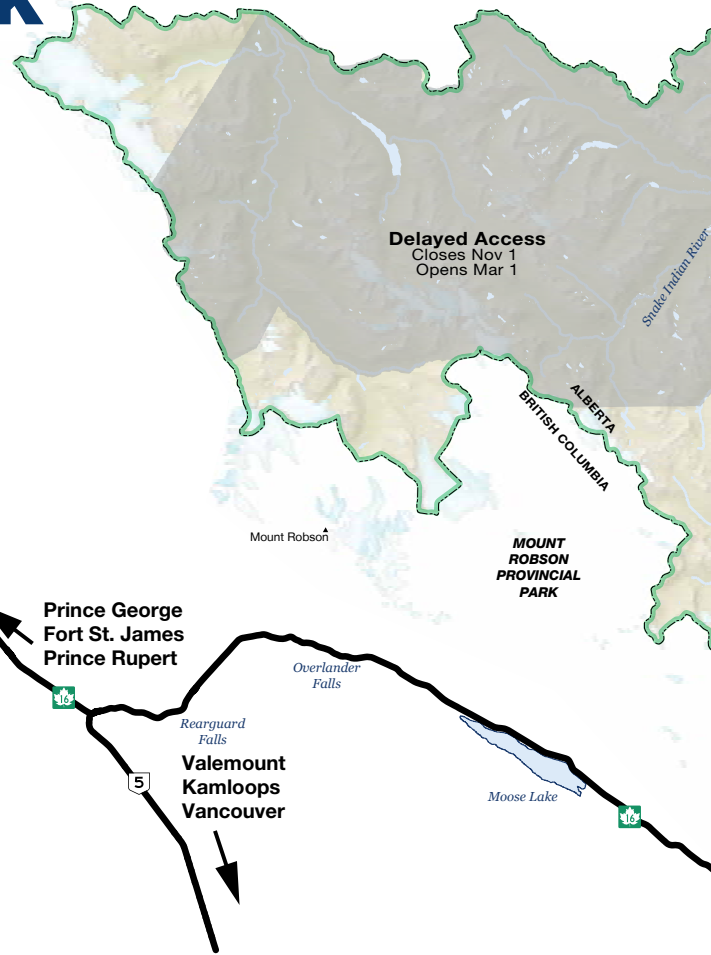
SKATING

Skating in the sunshine at Pyramid Lake is one of my favourite things to do in winter. It is a stunning spot, with far reaching views and Pyramid Mountain looming above the frozen lake. At only 7 km away, it is quick and easy to get to and a great way to take in some fresh air for a few minutes or a few hours.

Kim - Product Development Officer



Jasper National Park



The best way to experience this incredible landscape is to take a day and explore each of its **top 4 winter regions**.

1. AROUND TOWN

You don't have to go far beyond the Jasper townsite to enjoy park wilderness. The many trails around Pyramid Lake make it a winter oasis for snowshoeing and fat biking, while its glistening frozen lake offers spectacular skating. For an enchanting winter walk, venture out onto the extensive trail network surrounding the townsite. The trail from Red Squirrel to Big Horn is a fantastic fat biking route.

2. MALIGNE VALLEY

One of the most stunning areas in Jasper National Park is the Maligne Valley. The frozen waterfalls and surreal ice formations in Maligne Canyon make it a magical place to explore. You might even catch a glimpse of ice climbers here! Further up the valley, admire stunning winter vistas at Medicine Lake and Maligne Lake, then bundle up for a stroll on the Mary Schäffer Trail, along Maligne Lake.

3. HIGHWAY 93A

Situated along this peaceful road are several picturesque cross-country skiing destinations for all levels of experience. For a slightly longer adventure, ski along the rolling hills and gentle river landscape of the Whirlpool Trail to Moab Lake. Once back, trade your cross-country skis for snowshoes and admire spectacular views of Mount Kerkeslin from the Athabasca Falls River Trail.

4. ICEFIELDS PARKWAY AND AREA

Winding 232 glorious kilometres through the heart of Jasper and Banff national parks, the Icefields Parkway has been called one of the most scenic drives in the world. Glaciers, viewpoints, frozen waterfalls and hikes galore can be found along this spectacular parkway. Don't forget to find the Red Chairs on Wilcox Pass!



JASPER NATIONAL PARK
RED CHAIRS

Scope out these picture perfect locations at:
pc.gc.ca/jasperredchair #sharethechair

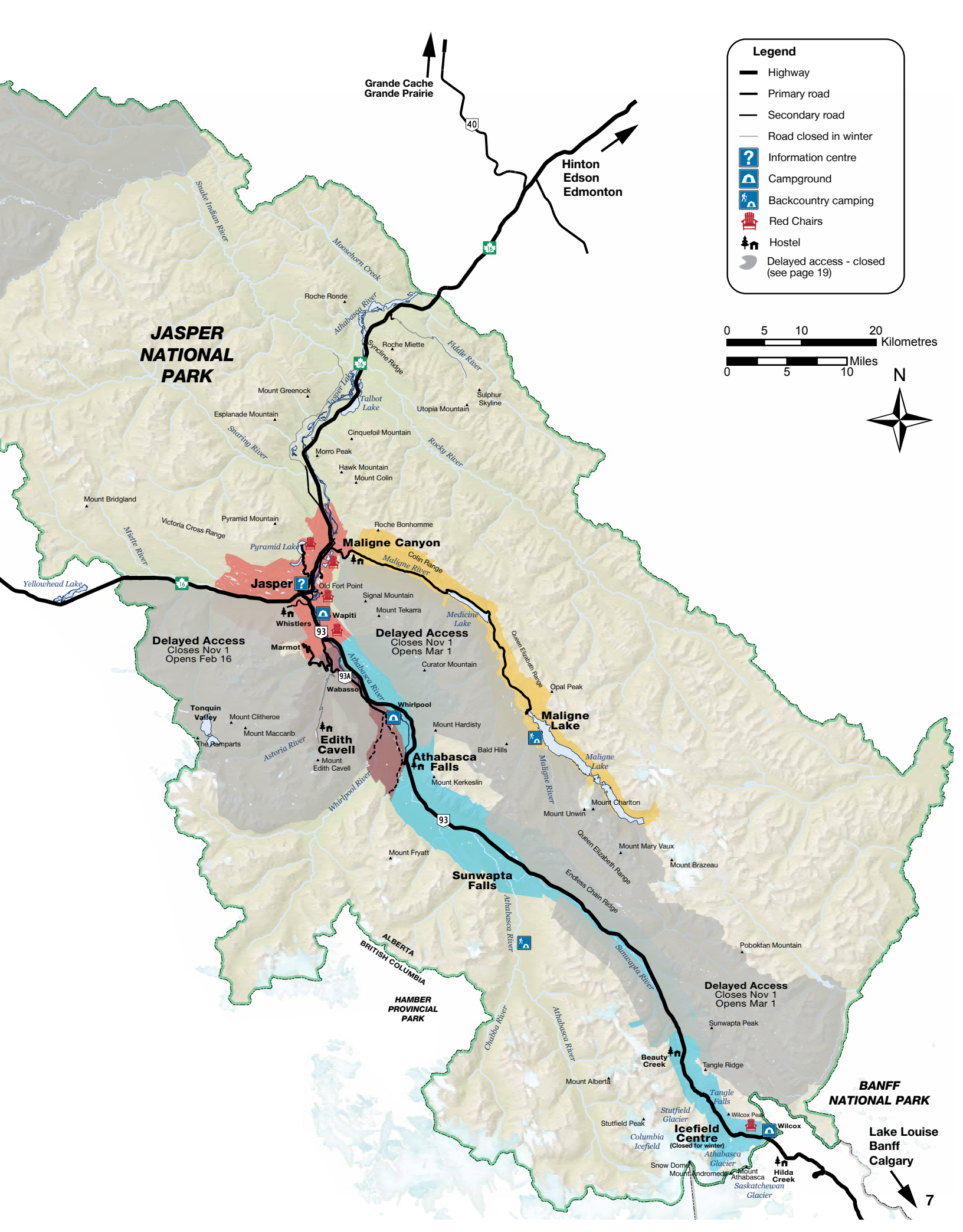
Discover winter accessible sets of Red Chairs in the following regions:

- **Around Town**
- **Icefields Parkway**

See page 7 for Red Chair icons on map

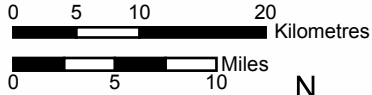


Wilcox Viewpoint



Legend

- Highway
- Primary road
- Secondary road
- Road closed in winter
- Information centre
- Campground
- Backcountry camping
- Red Chairs
- Hostel
- Delayed access - closed (see page 19)



JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Delayed Access
Closes Nov 1
Opens Feb 16

Delayed Access
Closes Nov 1
Opens Mar 1

Delayed Access
Closes Nov 1
Opens Mar 1

BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Lake Louise
Banff
Calgary



Around Town

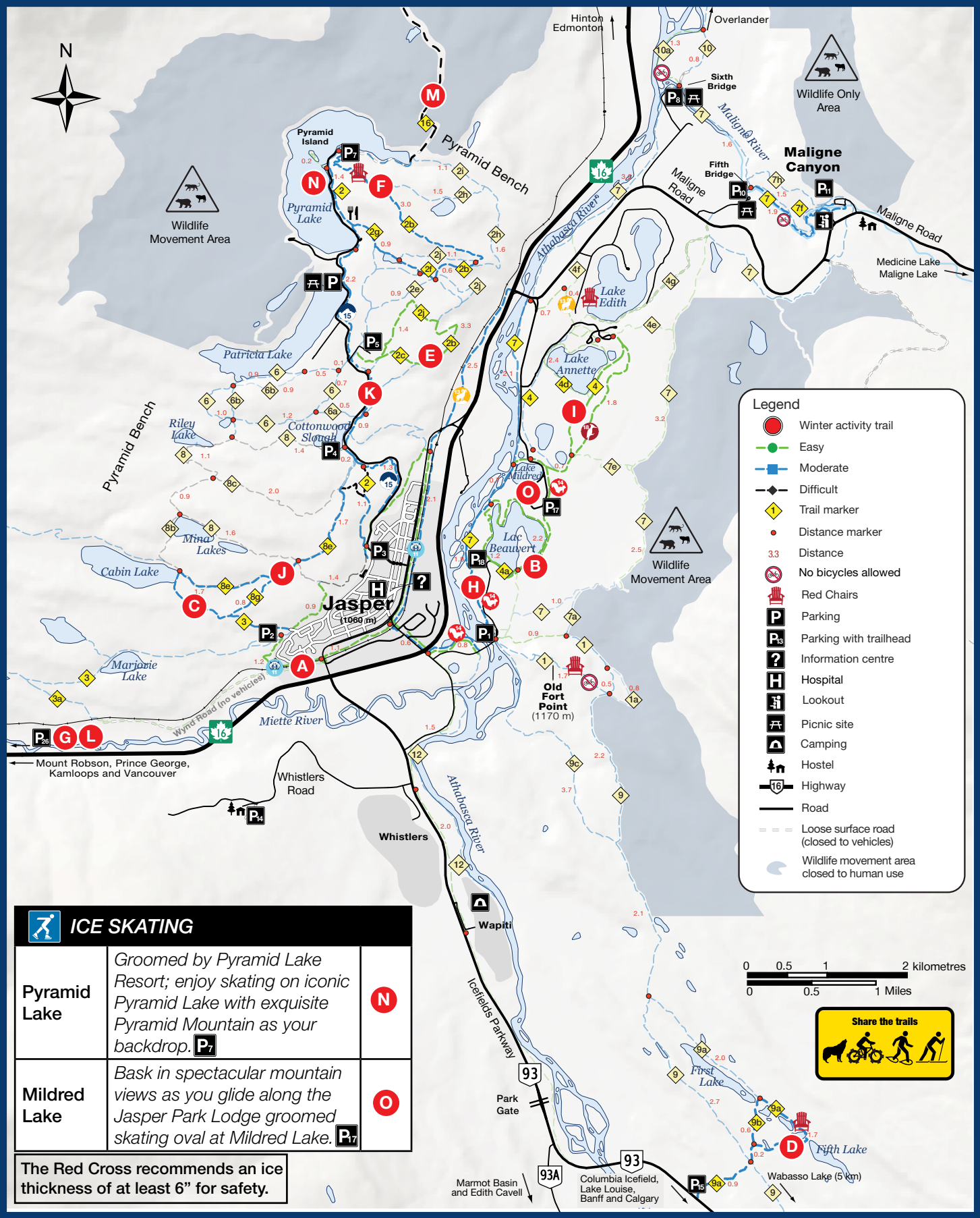


Pyramid Lake

Photo: R. Gruys

Trail and Activities	Distance	Description	Map
WINTER WALKING			
Jasper Discovery Trail	8.3-km loop	● An interpretive loop trail around the perimeter of town.	A
Lac Beauvert Loop	3.4-km loop	● This flat loop around Lac Beauvert begins at Jasper Park Lodge. P₇	B
Above Town	5.2 km one way	● This mainly flat-packed, popular route climbs onto Pyramid Bench above town. P₂ P₃	C
Valley of the Five Lakes	4.5-km loop	■ Follow Trail 9a and loop back on 9b. Watch for steep/slippery sections. P₅	D
SNOWSHOEING			
Edge of the Bench	4.2 km return	● This loop offers spectacular valley views. P₅	E
Overlook Trail	6-km loop	■ Steep at first, this trail provides tremendous views of the valley. P₇	F
Dorothy, Virl and Christine Lakes	8.6 km return	■ Steep in places, this forested trail has great lake views. P₅	G
FAT BIKING			
Red Squirrel to Lake Mildred	12.7-km loop	■ Follow Hazel Ave across Hwy 16. Take Red Squirrel then Trail 7 along the river. Loop back on Trail 4b and Red Squirrel.	H
Woodpecker	4.4-km loop	● Flat packed by Jasper Park Lodge, this gentle loop travels from the lodge to Lake Annette and back. P₇	I
Above Town Loop	10.2 km return	■ This mainly flat-packed route on Pyramid Bench offers panoramic views. P₃	J
Pyramid Trail	10.4 km return	■ This mainly flat packed trail steadily climbs to beautiful Pyramid Lake. P₃	K
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING			
Pipeline	11 km return	■ Gentle terrain with subtle ups and downs. P₄ 4 km on 	L
Pyramid Fire Road	15 km return	◆ Rolling terrain becomes steep and steady after 3 km, gaining 770 m in elevation. P₇	M

● Easy ■ Moderate ◆ Difficult

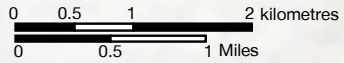


Legend

- Winter activity trail
- Easy
- Moderate
- Difficult
- Trail marker
- Distance marker
- Distance
- No bicycles allowed
- Red Chairs
- Parking
- Parking with trailhead
- Information centre
- Hospital
- Lookout
- Picnic site
- Camping
- Hostel
- Highway
- Road
- Loose surface road (closed to vehicles)
- Wildlife movement area closed to human use

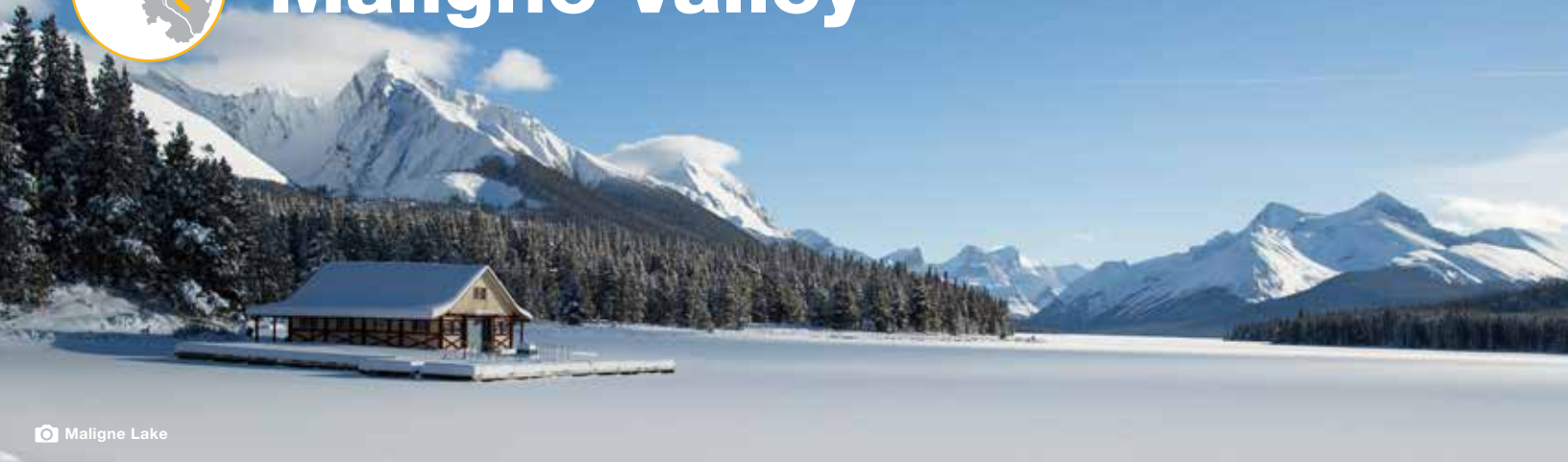
ICE SKATING		
Pyramid Lake	Groomed by Pyramid Lake Resort; enjoy skating on iconic Pyramid Lake with exquisite Pyramid Mountain as your backdrop. P₇	N
Mildred Lake	Bask in spectacular mountain views as you glide along the Jasper Park Lodge groomed skating oval at Mildred Lake. P₇	O

The Red Cross recommends an ice thickness of at least 6" for safety.





Maligne Valley



Maligne Lake

Trail and Activities	Distance	Description	Map
WINTER WALKING			
Maligne Canyon	Varied distances	Varied route options along the top of the canyon. Caution: slippery trail P	A
SNOWSHOEING			
Medicine Lake	3 km return	Make your own trail along the shoreline from the Medicine Lake northern viewpoint.	B
Beaver or Summit Lakes	4 or 10 km return	This forested trail begins at the Jacques Lake trailhead.	C
Mary Schäffer Loop	3.2-km loop	A beautiful loop to a scenic viewpoint looking down Maligne Lake. P Maligne Lake	D
Moose Lake Loop	2.6-km loop	This easy trail rolls over the top of an ancient rockslide. P Bald Hills	E
Upper Moose Loop	6-km loop	Steep in places, this trail starts in the forest and finishes along the shores of Maligne Lake. P Bald Hills	F
Hidden Cove	8 km return	Travel along the lakeshore to the Hidden Cove Campground. Ensure safe ice conditions. P Bald Hills	G

Easy
 Moderate
 Difficult

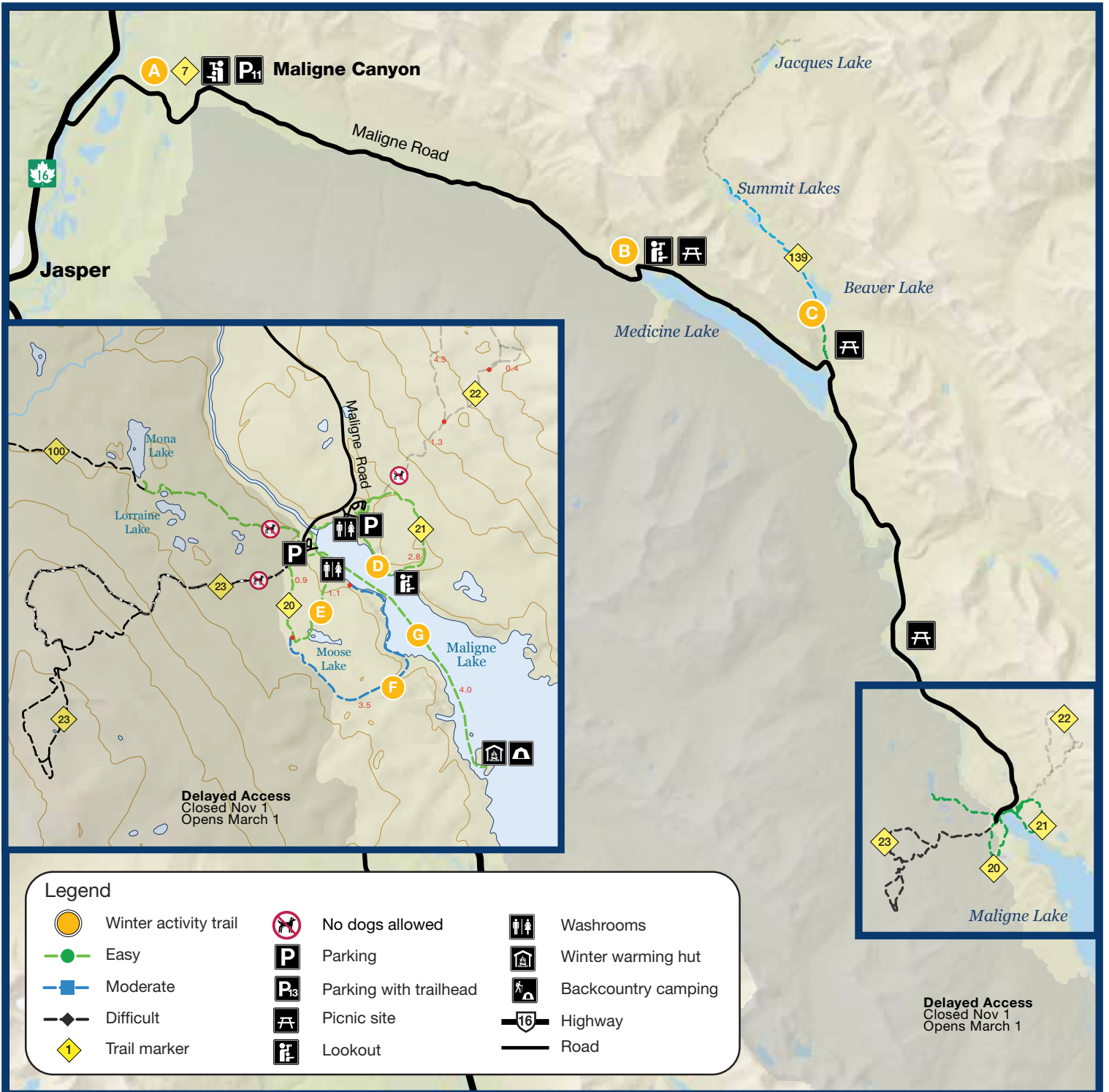
FEATURED ACTIVITIES

Maligne Canyon | 11.5 km from Jasper Frozen waterfalls and surreal ice formations make Maligne Canyon a magical place to explore. The trail along the rim of the canyon can be slippery; please be prepared. If you're looking to venture onto the frozen bottom of the canyon, it is highly recommended you travel with a certified guide and wear ice cleats.

Medicine Lake | 27 km from Jasper Stop by Medicine Lake for a generous dose of winter scenery and adventure! Snowshoe the frozen lakeshore and bring your camera to capture the spectacular open views of the Endless Chain Ridge.

Maligne Lake | 48 km from Jasper Nestled among towering winter white peaks, the frozen and snow covered Maligne Lake is nothing short of a winter wonderland. Take in stunning lakeside views from Moose Lake Loop, or wander through the hills and hollows of an ancient rockslide on the Upper Moose Loop.

Note: Delayed access adjacent to this area. See **page 19** for more details.





Highway 93A



Trail and Activities	Distance	Description	Map
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING			
Cavell Road	23.2 km return	◆ Opens February 16. A steep climb of 550 m with gorgeous views. P₂₄	A
Whirlpool Trail	14 km return	● Gentle terrain with river views. P Whirlpool Winter Hub	B
Leach Lake Trail	8.4 km return	● Gentle terrain following Hwy 93A with a bit of elevation nearing Leach Lake. P Whirlpool Winter Hub	C
Geraldine Fire Road	11.8 km return	◆ Winding, challenging road gaining 530 m with nice views. Dogs allowed on Fryatt access. P₂₃	D
SNOWSHOEING			
Athabasca Falls River Route	3 km return	● Follow the south edge of the Athabasca River for 1.5 km for great panoramic views. P₂₃	E

● Easy Moderate ◆ Difficult



Athabasca Falls

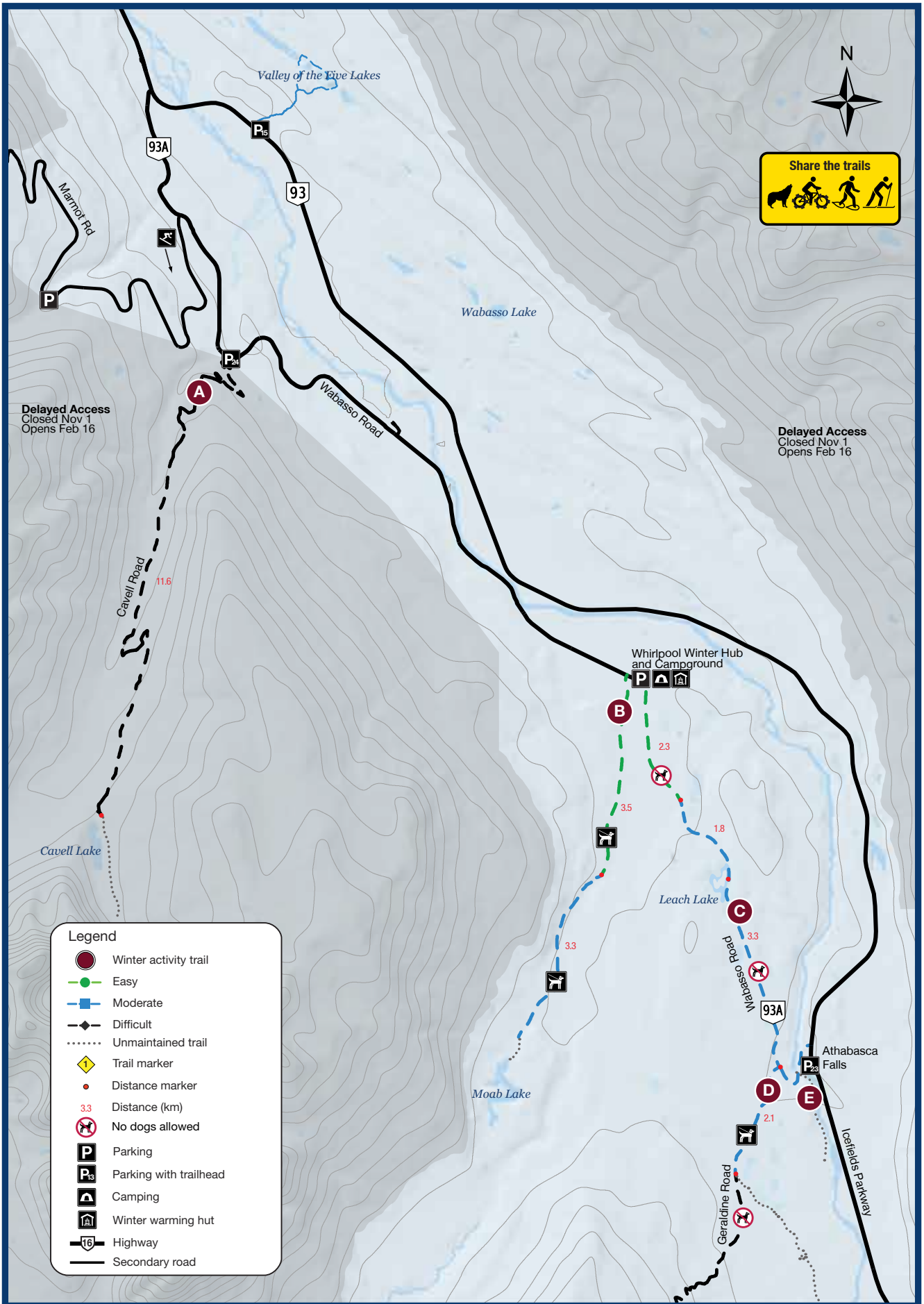


Whirlpool Trail

Trail Etiquette

- Skiers going downhill have the right-of-way.
- Keep to the right when meeting oncoming skiers.
- When resting, move off the trail.
- When passing say “track please” and pass on left side.
- Do not snowshoe on ski track.

HIGHWAY 93A





Icefields Parkway



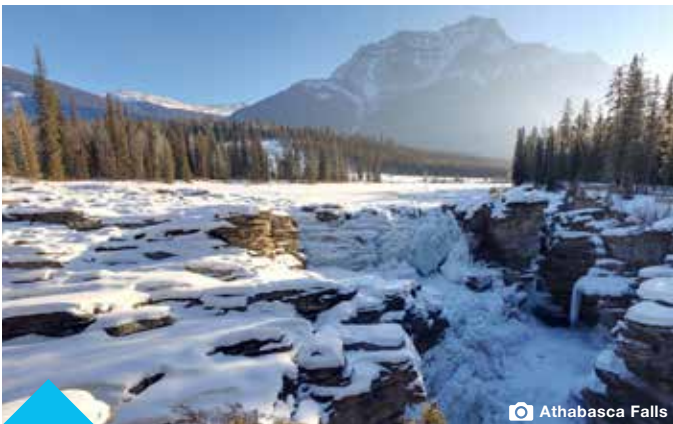
Wilcox Viewpoint

Trail and Activities	Distance	Description	Map p.16
SNOWSHOEING			
Lower Sunwapta Falls	2.6 km return	Descend along the river to a set of stunning falls. P Sunwapta Falls	A
Big Bend	12.6 km return	A forested trail with phenomenal views of Dragon Peak and surrounding mountains. P Sunwapta Falls	B
Wilcox Viewpoint	3.2 km return	A short climb with incredible views of the Athabasca and Dome glaciers. P Wilcox	C

Easy Moderate Difficult

ICEFIELDS PARKWAY LINKING JASPER AND BANFF NATIONAL PARKS

The Icefields Parkway is one of the world’s most scenic drives. Its scenery is accentuated during winter as ancient glaciers and mountain peaks glow winter white under blankets of fresh snow. Just beyond the Columbia Icefield is Banff National Park, where plenty of extraordinary vistas and adventures await. Here are a few highlights to visit while you’re travelling:



Athabasca Falls

Athabasca Falls | 30 km south of Jasper

Watch the ever-changing ice formations and hear the roar of the thundering water behind the ice. Be safe; stay beneath railings and on designated trails.



Sunwapta Falls

Sunwapta Falls | 54 km south of Jasper

Walk or snowshoe to this spectacular icefall and watch as it plunges into a deep canyon, or continue another 2 km along an easy route to the lower falls.



Tangle Falls

Tangle Falls | 96 km south of Jasper

This beautiful, cascading icefall right beside the road makes for a great photo stop.



Athabasca Glacier

Athabasca Glacier | 103 km south of Jasper

Be awestruck by the majestic scenery of the largest mass of ice in the Rocky Mountains. Admire the Stutfield and Dome glaciers from the Icefields Parkway.



Fryatt Range view from Icefields Parkway

Photo: R. Gruys

Weeping Wall | 124 km south of Jasper

The Weeping Wall tumbles more than 100 metres (330 feet) in a series of waterfalls whose main fall is called *Teardrop*. The sight is even more impressive in the winter when the many waterfalls are frozen in time and it becomes a popular ice climbing destination.

Bow Lake Viewpoint | 193 km south of Jasper

One of the most scenic lakes along the Parkway and the source of the Bow River. The stunning views take in the Wapta Icefield, Bow Glacier, Crowfoot Mountain and Mount Thompson.

Peyto Lake | 190 km south of Jasper

A short uphill snowshoe (2.5 km return) from the road leads to a panoramic view of beautiful frozen and snow covered Peyto Lake. Stay on the main trail to avoid avalanche terrain and other winter hazards. Snowshoes or ice cleats recommended.

Crowfoot Glacier | 197 km south of Jasper

Enjoy this rewarding view from the roadside pull-off. When this glacier was named a century ago, it looked like a three-toed crow's foot. Since then, one toe has melted, and the middle toe is slowly disappearing.

See page 23 for more information on driving safely along the Icefields Parkway.

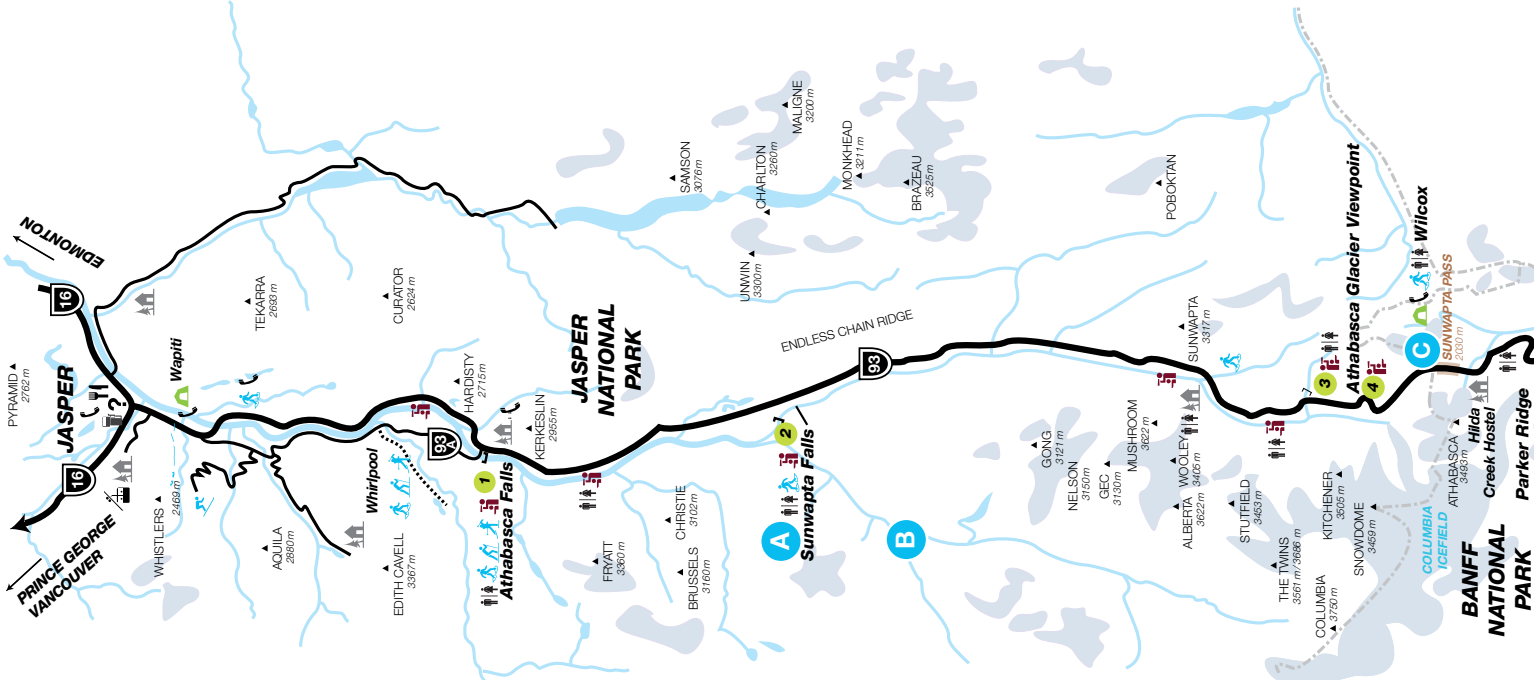
The Icefields Parkway Winter Driving Guide

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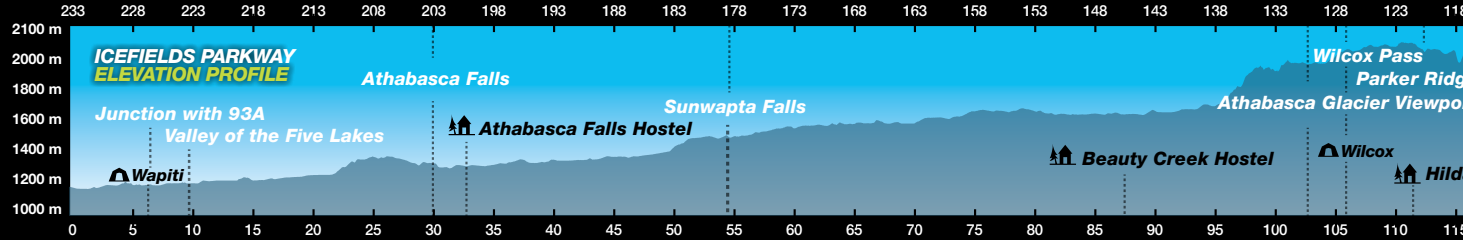
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233	231	229	227	224	208	203	201	196	179	149	148	146	139	137	130	127

KM FROM JASPER

- Police **JASPER TOWNSITE**
- Jasper International Hostel**
- Jasper Sky Tram (April to Oct)
- Wapiti Winter**
- Junction with Highway 93A**
Access to: Marmot Basin,
 Cavell Road (Open Feb. 16),
 Whirlpool
- Valley of the Five Lakes**
- Athabasca Pass
- Athabasca Falls**
- Athabasca Falls Hostel**
- Goats and Glaciers
- Sunwapta Falls**
- Mushroom and Diadem Peaks
- Beauty Creek Hostel**
- Beauty Creek
- Stutfield Glacier
- Tangle Falls. **Watch for sheep!**
- Athabasca Glacier Viewpoint**
- Wilcox Pass**

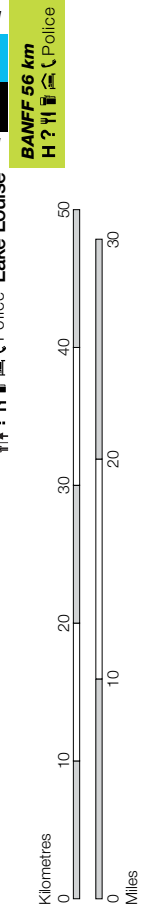
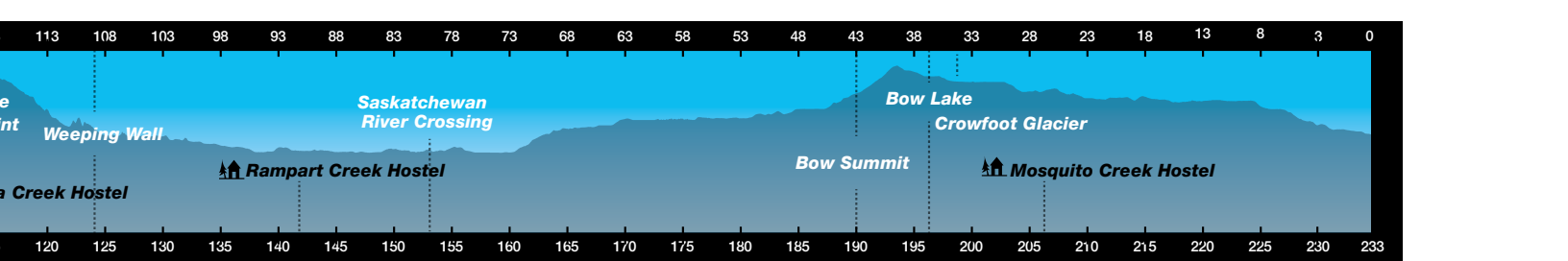
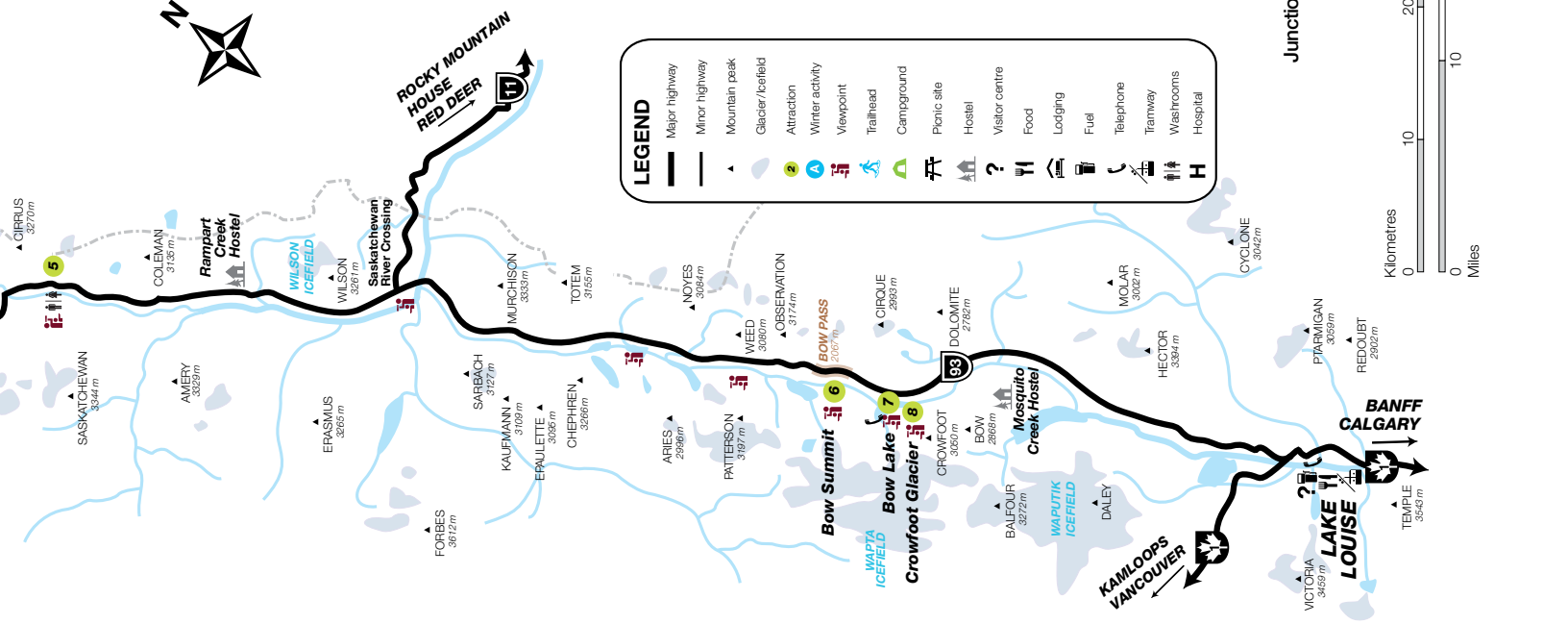


KM FROM LAKE LOUISE



KM FROM JASPER

108	125
SUNSWAPTA PASS (Banff and Jasper boundary)	
111	122
Hilda Creek Hostel	
112	121
Parker Ridge	
116	117
Nigel Pass	
117	120
Bridal Veil Falls	
124	109
Weeping Wall	
137	96
Sunset Pass and Sunset Lookout	
142	91
Rampart Creek Hostel (year round)	
152	81
Glacier Lake	
153	80
Junction: David Thompson Highway (#11)	
154	79
Saskatchewan Crossing Viewpoint	
159	74
Mistaya Canyon	
173	60
Chephren Lake	
190	43
Bow Summit / Peyto Lake	
193	40
Bow Lake	
196	37
197	36
Crowfoot Glacier	
Helen Lake, Dolomite Pass	
206	27
Mosquito Creek Hostel (year round)	
212	21
Hector Lake	
230	3
233	0
Junction: Trans-Canada Highway and Icefields Parkway	
Lake Louise	
Banff 56 km	
Police	





Winter Wildlife



Talbot Lake

Photo: R. Gruys

Winter is the perfect time of year to look for wildlife tracks. Learn how to identify a few tracks and find out whose habitat you're sharing. It is a challenge for wildlife to survive in the winter, but you can help make it easier by giving them lots of space.

Characteristics

Built like a large German shepherd, with longer legs. Colour can vary from white to black.

Where to find

Throughout the park but particularly in valley bottoms.



Photo: M. Bradley

Wolf



12 cm

Characteristics

White rump, short light brown fur; males: thick curved horns, females: narrow horns.

Where to find

Near steep rocky terrain.



Photo: M. Bradley

Photo: R. Gruys
Female

Bighorn Sheep



9 cm

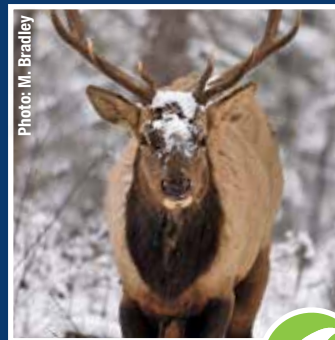


Photo: M. Bradley

Elk



11.5 cm

Characteristics

Brown body, darker neck and large tan rump patch, backwards slanting antlers.

Where to find

Valley bottoms and open areas, commonly found in and around town.



Photo: R. Gruys

Coyote



7 cm

Characteristics

Resembles a medium-sized dog, thick, bushy tail, greyish-brown in colour, long and narrow muzzle.

Where to find

Valley bottoms.



Photo: R. Gruys

Mountain Goat



8 cm

Characteristics

Narrow black horns carried by both sexes, beard, long white hair.

Where to find

Steep rocky terrain.

Viewing Tips

Winter wildlife viewing provides exciting and educational opportunities for the whole family. Here are a few tips to make sure your viewing experience is safe for your family and the wildlife.

If you stop while driving...

- Pull over where it is safe to do so.
- Use your hazard lights to alert other drivers.
- Observe and photograph wildlife from the safety of your car.
- Remain a respectful distance from wildlife.

If you encounter a cougar, a coyote or a wolf...

- Immediately pick up small children and pets.
- Do not turn your back. Back away slowly while maintaining eye contact.
- Do not run; it may trigger an attack.
- Do not play dead.
- Make yourself appear as large as possible; wave an object above your head.

NEVER feed wildlife.

Woodland Caribou: A Special Species

Woodland caribou inhabit some of the most scenic high elevation landscapes in Jasper National Park.

Jasper National Park is home to four distinct herds of woodland caribou whose ranges are found in the northern regions of the park, in the Tonquin Valley, and in the Maligne-Brazeau ranges. Woodland caribou are true winter specialists; their large “snowshoe” hooves, warm fur and ability to survive on a diet of lichen help them avoid predators by staying high in the mountains through winter.



Taking Action for Caribou Recovery

Woodland caribou populations across Canada have been steadily declining and they are considered a *Species at Risk*. As a leader in conservation, Parks Canada is taking action to protect them, and you can help too.

Annual Delayed Access

At Maligne Lake:

- Access is prohibited from **November 1 through February 28** (reopens March 1). During this time, enjoy the lower elevation trails that are open year-round, such as the Mary Schäffer, Moose Lake and Upper Moose loops.
- **As of March 1**, you are welcome to head up to Bald Hills (this is avalanche terrain—be prepared).

Tonquin Valley, Brazeau and the North Boundary:

- Access is prohibited from **November 1 through February 15** (reopens February 16) for the Tonquin Valley, and **through February 28** (reopens March 1) for the Brazeau and the North Boundary.

Reduced Speed Limit

Icefields Parkway:

- From south of Sunwapta Falls through to Beauty Creek Hostel, a reduced speed zone of 70 km/h is in effect from **February 1 – June 1**. Drive with care. If you are lucky, you may see a caribou in this area.

To learn more visit: parks.canada.ca/caribou

Please refer to pages 6-7 for the map indicating delayed access regions.

Winter Camping



BOOK YOUR CAMPING EXPERIENCE

Backcountry - Permits are required in Jasper's backcountry and can be obtained by visiting reservations.pc.gc.ca or calling **1-877-737-3783**.

Frontcountry - For the spring, summer and fall months, visit parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspercamping for details on how to book.

Campgrounds and Services	Tent	Trailer	Electrical	Sani Dump	Flush Toilets	Pit Toilets	Showers	Firepit	Cooking Shelter	Drinking Water	Disabled Access	Fees	Number of sites
JASPER													
Wapiti Winter												\$32.30 \$27.40	40 with elec. 40 tent
Whirlpool Winter												\$15.70	10 tent-6 RV
BANFF													
Tunnel Mt. Village II												\$32.30	188
Lake Louise Trailer												\$32.30	189
Sites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so arrive early. All winter campgrounds are self-registration. Daily fire permits cost \$8.80 extra. Camping permitted in designated campgrounds only.													

Frontcountry Camping with a Backcountry Vibe

Whirlpool Winter Hub and Camping

22 km from Jasper townsite

In addition to over 25 km of groomed cross-country ski trails that begin from here, this hub offers a winter shelter and winter camping. Camping is available on a first-come, first-serve self-registration basis. There are sites for tents as well as RVs. **Note: there is no power or water on site.**

Backcountry Camping

Hidden Cove

8 km return • Trailhead: End of Maligne Lake Road, 48 km from Jasper townsite

Located 4 km down Maligne Lake, Hidden Cove can be reached by fat bike, snowshoes and skis. A great family day-use area and campground with four tent pads, a fire pit, picnic tables, a grey water pit, a cook shelter and food storage lockers. **Safe ice travel between mid-January and early April.**

Big Bend

12.6 km return • Trailhead: Sunwapta Falls, 54 km south of Jasper townsite on Highway 93

Rolling along the upper Athabasca Valley, this trail follows a wide fire road. The campground is accessible by skis, snowshoes or fat bike. This trail takes you to a campsite with incredible views of Dragon Peak and the Athabasca River. There are four tent pads (usually under snow), picnic tables, a fire pit and food storage cables.

Wilcox Winter

Wilcox Parking Lot, 106 km south on Highway 93

Located on the Icefields Parkway, Wilcox is a simple bivouac campsite next to the highway for mountaineers.

Interpretation and Dark Sky


 Jasper Airstrip

Photo: J. Bartlett

Jasper National Park's mountains echo stories to be told. Learn more about the culture, history, wildlife and dark sky from our park interpreters at various events throughout the winter, or simply take a stroll along our many self-guided interpretive trails.

Events and Festivals

Join our interpretive team this winter season at:

Jasper in January | www.jasper.travel/january

Family Day Weekend | parks canada.gc.ca/jasper-interpretation

Self Guided Interpretive Trails

Be sure to visit the interpretive panels along our many trails in the park:

Around Town Trail Network

These easy multi-use trails provide opportunities to explore and access areas close to town. Learn about Jasper's early history along the Discovery Trail. Then, get the details on some of the park's most common wildlife along the Red Squirrel, Big Horn, Wood Pecker, and Wapiti trails.

Mary Schäffer Loop

Snowshoe along this easy loop and read about Mary Schäffer, famous for her explorations in the Canadian Rockies. In 1908 she and her guides arrived at Maligne Lake by following a map drawn for her by Stoney Nakoda guide Samson Beaver.

Athabasca Falls

Not only are the Athabasca Falls one of the most powerful falls to be found in the mountain national parks, but the adjoining Athabasca River was a historically significant transportation corridor to the Pacific Coast during the fur trade. Browse the fascinating interpretive panels and snowshoe on the Athabasca Falls River Trail!

Jasper Dark Skies

On March 26, 2011 the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) officially designated Jasper National Park as a Dark Sky Preserve. That means the park makes a special commitment to protect and preserve the night sky and reduce light pollution.

In fall and winter, park interpreters offer dark sky programs that highlight the importance of maintaining our dark sky status from both artificial light reduction perspective and for the benefit of Jasper's nocturnal critters.

Did you know? Encompassing over 11 000 km², Jasper National Park is the second largest dark sky preserve in the world!

Best Places to View the Night Sky

Pyramid Island Cross the wooden walkway over the glistening ice of Pyramid Lake and marvel at the sea of stars above Pyramid Mountain.

Old Fort Point Just a short walk from the Jasper townsite, Old Fort Point offers stunning views of the night sky dancing over the street lights of town.

Jasper Airstrip A short drive east of town along the Athabasca River, pull into the Jasper Airstrip parking lot to watch the stars sparkle over the distant Colin Mountain Range.

parks canada.gc.ca/jasperdarksky

Photo: R. Bray

Winter Safety



Icefields Parkway

Trail and Day-use Area Guidelines

Beyond groomed ski trails and fat biking routes outlined in this guide, Jasper National Park does not maintain other trails or day-use areas in winter months. Be prepared to be self-sufficient.

- Visit the Jasper Information Centre before you go.
- Make sure you have the right gear and clothing—ice cleats are highly recommended.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Bring a headlamp—you never know when you might be delayed.
- Wear proper winter footwear, steep snow covered trails can be icy and slippery.

Review the online trail reports before you set out:
parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails
parkscanada.gc.ca/banfftrails



Winter Weather in the Mountains

During the winter months, you could be peeling off a layer of clothing one minute or huddling in your down jacket with your hood up the next. Always check the local weather forecast before you venture out and make sure you are prepared.

Driving on the Icefields Parkway

- Road reports are based on the worst condition that a driver may encounter over the road's entire 232-kilometre length. As in any mountain environment, weather can change very quickly, often changing the road conditions.

Check the road conditions before you leave town:

511 • alberta511.ca • drivebc.ca

- Ensure your car has snow tires—look for the snowflake symbol. **Snow tires are mandatory from November 1 to March 31 on the parkway.**
- Plan to start early and complete your drive (with time for exploration and stops along the way) during daylight hours.
- Fill your gas tank and bring extra windshield washer fluid. There are no services along the Icefields Parkway in winter.
- There is no cell phone reception from Athabasca Falls to Lake Louise.
- The parkway is not salted so it can often be covered in compact snow.



More Information

JASPER INFORMATION CENTRE: 780-852-6176

LAKE LOUISE VISITOR CENTRE: 403-522-3833

BANFF VISITOR CENTRE: 403-762-1550

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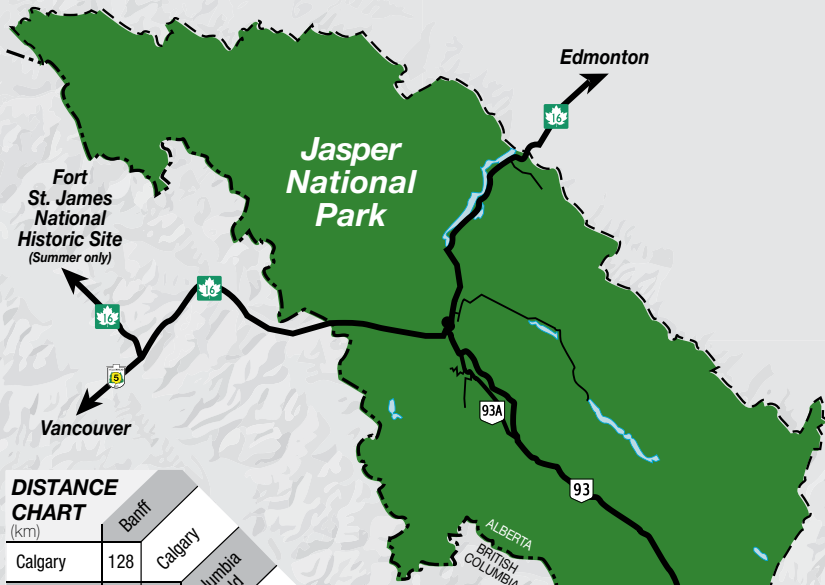
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Weather Forecast : weather.gc.ca

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2017 marked the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation. We invited you to celebrate with Parks Canada and offered free admission to national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas for the entire year.

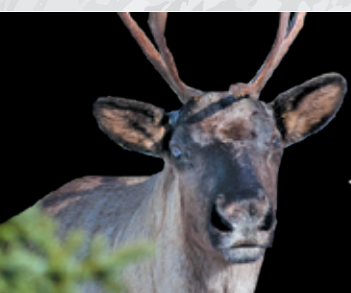
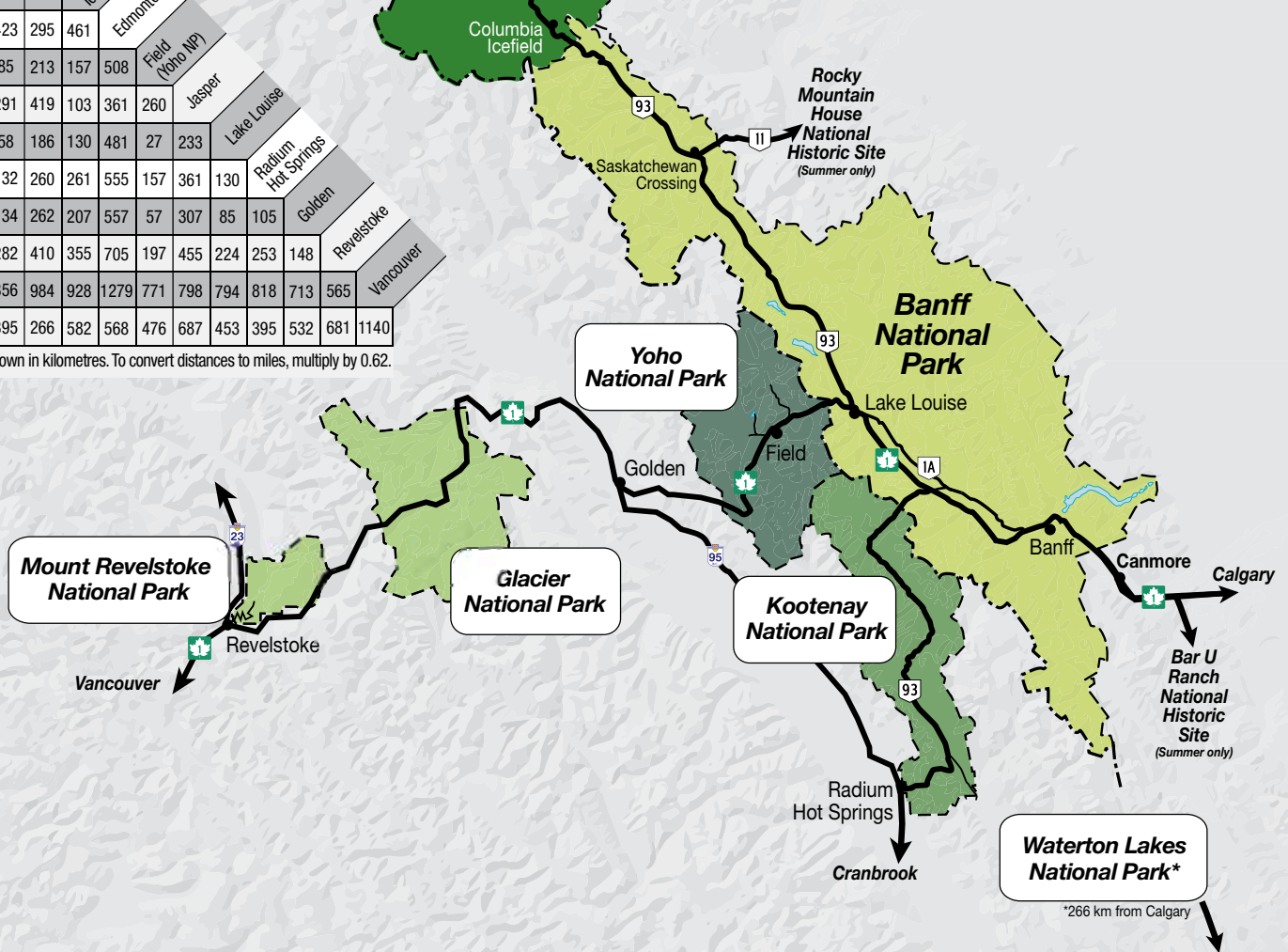
The good news doesn't end in 2017: **beginning in 2018, admission for youth 17 and under is free!**



DISTANCE CHART
(km)

	Banff																		
Calgary	128	Calgary																	
Columbia Icefield	188	316	Columbia Icefield																
Edmonton	423	295	461	Edmonton															
Field (Yoho NP)	85	213	157	508	Field (Yoho NP)														
Jasper	291	419	103	361	260	Jasper													
Lake Louise	58	186	130	481	27	233	Lake Louise												
Radium Hot Springs	132	260	261	555	157	361	130	Radium Hot Springs											
Golden	134	262	207	557	57	307	85	105	Golden										
Revelstoke	282	410	355	705	197	455	224	253	148	Revelstoke									
Vancouver	856	984	928	1279	771	798	794	818	713	565	Vancouver								
Waterton	395	266	582	568	476	687	453	395	532	681	1140								

Distances are shown in kilometres. To convert distances to miles, multiply by 0.62.



Please slow down, for your safety and ours.



FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911 (Police, fire and ambulance)

Cell phone coverage is not reliable in all areas of the mountain parks.