

Welcome to winter in Jasper National Park



Enjoy the magic of mountains in winter. Ski, snowshoe, walk, bike, skate! Choose your fun. Find your peace of mind. Seek the vast outdoor places where you can safely remove your mask.

Winter activities

Are you new to winter sports? Book a local guide to get you started. Or rent gear and try one of these options:

Winter walking

Take in the fresh air. Wear your warmest winter walking boots. Use ice cleats for extra grip on winter trails.

Around Town: Trail 15, Pyramid Bench, Lake Annette, Lac Beauvert, Valley of the Five Lakes

Maligne Valley: Maligne Canyon, Mary Schäffer Loop

Icefields Parkway: Athabasca Falls, Sunwapta Falls



Snowshoeing

Strap on your snowshoes. Explore a winter wonderland of forest trails.

Around Town: Edge of the Bench, Pyramid Bench

Maligne Valley: Medicine Lake, Moose Lake Loop

Icefields Parkway: Athabasca River Loop, Lower Sunwapta Falls, Wilcox Trail (to red chairs only)

Fat biking (snow biking)

Cruise the trails near town. Get your fill of exercise.

Around Town: Trail 15, Woodpecker Trail (18), Trail 4, Cabin Lake fire road

Skating

Lace up your skates. Glide across a frozen mirror. Try these natural ice rinks.

Around Town: Mildred Lake (Jasper Park Lodge), Pyramid Lake (Pyramid Lake Resort)

Cross-country skiing

Stride along rivers, lakes and forest trails...

Around Town: Pyramid Fire Road. Easy to difficult. Long steep sections.

Whirlpool cross-country ski hub: Moab Lake Trail (red chairs), Leach Lake Trail (no dogs). Easy to moderate.

Note: Hwy 93A (Wabasso Road) is closed to vehicles from Whirlpool hub to Athabasca Falls.

Jasper cross-country ski trails are set for both classic and skate skiing. Sudden weather changes impact trail conditions. Check the trail grooming report: parksCanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails

Be kind. Do not walk, bike, or snowshoe on groomed ski tracks. Keep dogs on leash. Pick up after your dog.



Safety is your responsibility



You are in avalanche country

Travel in avalanche country involves risk. Safety is your responsibility. Know and understand the risk. Even small slopes can avalanche. Make good, informed choices. Read more about avalanche safety: parksmountainsafety.ca



Ice safety

Waterfall, canyon, and river ice (moving water):

Travel on ice over moving water is not safe. Below the ice, the water is cold, often deep and fast-moving. Ice can give way at any time, no matter how thick it appears to be.

≈ Athabasca and Sunwapta Falls

Live to take another picture. Never go onto the ice at Athabasca Falls or Sunwapta Falls. If you see people on the ice or the wrong side of the fence, do not follow them.

≈ Maligne Canyon

Walking into the canyon should be done with a certified guide. Certified guides are trained to detect dangers and know where to go. Guides equip you with helmet and ice cleats.

Inside the canyon surfaces are slippery and uneven. There is thin ice and breakable ice shelves. Rock and ice fall are common. There are limited ways to exit.

Pond and lake ice (still water):

Parks Canada does not monitor ice thickness. It is up to you to assess the thickness of the ice. The Canadian Red Cross recommends an ice thickness of at least 15 centimetres for safe skating on lakes and ponds. This ice depth does not apply to moving water. Ice over moving water is unstable.

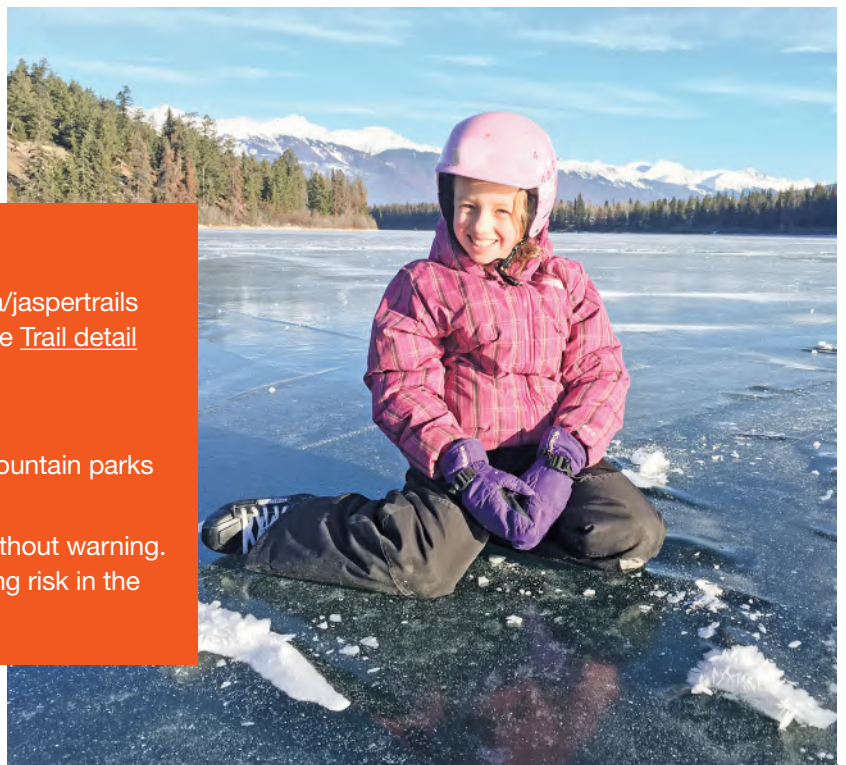


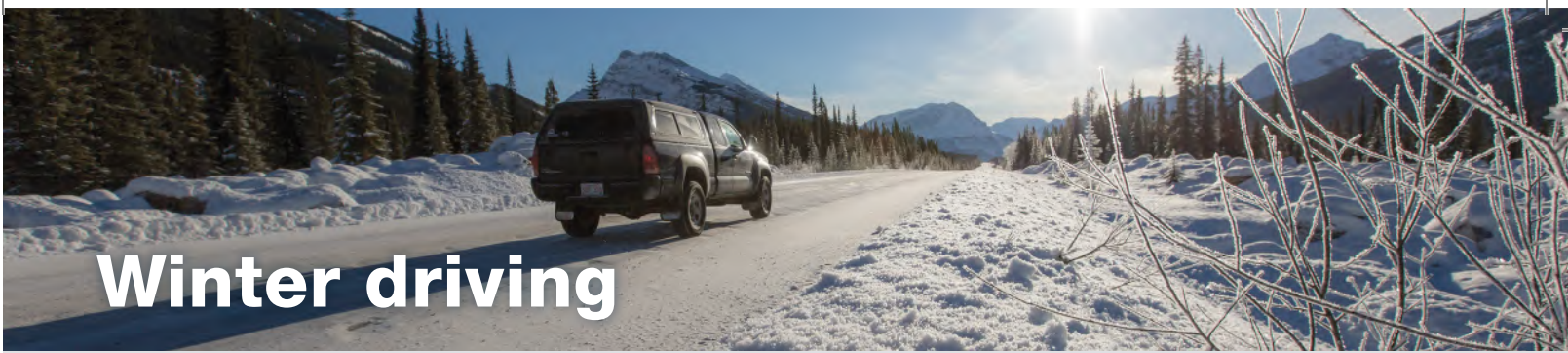
Hazardous tree safety

Heads-up! Standing trees may fall to the ground at any time. Use extra caution when it is windy.

Know before you go:

- Check the trail conditions report at parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails
Tip: Once on the trail conditions web page, click on the [Trail detail](#) link to see the area map.
- Check the weather report at weather.gc.ca
- Check the website for avalanche hazard report and mountain parks safety: parksmountainsafety.ca
- Keep in mind mountain weather changes often and without warning. Conditions may change from light risk to life threatening risk in the blink of an eye.





Winter driving

November 1 – March 31:



You must have approved snow tires or chains for driving Highway 93 (Icefields Parkway) and on Marmot Road. It is the law. Your tires must have a snowflake or “M+S” symbol.

We recommend snow tires for winter driving on all roads in Jasper National Park.

Plan ahead before you drive. Mountain weather changes often and without warning. These roads are remote.

There is no cell phone service on:

- Highway 93 between Athabasca Falls and Lake Louise.
- Maligne Road.
- Sections of Highway 16.

Winter driving check list:

- Tell a friend or family member about your route.
- Check the road conditions: Dial 511, visit 511.alberta.ca or drivebc.ca
- Check the weather forecast: weather.gc.ca
- Delay your plans if weather forecast is poor.
- Drive during daylight hours.
- Fill your gas tank in advance.
- Bring extra washer fluid and winter oil for your vehicle.
- Pack a winter driving emergency kit.
- Bring extra food and warm clothing. You may have a long wait before help arrives, if your vehicle fails.

Town of Jasper COVID-19 safety

Please help keep visitors and residents of Jasper Town safe. We can protect each other from COVID-19!

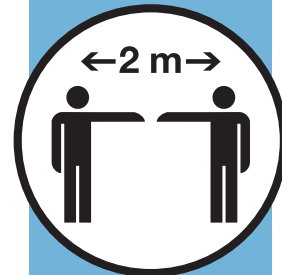
- Wash your hands
- Keep social distance (2 metres)
- Wear a mask when distance is not possible

In the Town of Jasper, you must wear a mask:

- On the west side of Connaught Drive between Hazel Avenue and Aspen Avenue;
- On Patricia Street between Hazel Avenue and Pyramid Lake Road;
- On all connecting public sidewalks between those streets;
- On all public sidewalks where a 2 metre distance cannot be maintained; and
- In all public indoor spaces, including all businesses, facilities, patios and indoor areas that are open to the public.

Note: Jasper Town bylaws are subject to change

For more information on COVID-19 safety in Jasper National Park and Jasper Town go to: <https://www.jasper-alberta.com/covid> and <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ab/jasper/visit/covid-19-info>



Winter gear rental



Where to rent

	Downhill skis	Snowboards	Ice cleats	Snowshoes	X-country skis	Fat bikes	Skates	Alpine touring gear	Avalanche safety gear
EDGE CONTROL 618 Connaught Dr. 780-852-4945	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
THE BENCH BIKE SHOP 606 Patricia St. 780-852-7768						✓			
GRAVITY GEAR 625B Patricia St. 780-852-3155				✓				✓	✓
JASPER PARK LODGE 1 Old Lodge Rd 780-852-3301			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
PURE OUTDOORS 632 Connaught Dr. 780-852-4717	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
PYRAMID LAKE RESORT Pyramid Lake Rd 780-852-4900				✓		✓	✓		
SOURCE FOR SPORTS 406 Patricia St. 780-852-3654	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
TOTEM SKI SHOP 408 Connaught Dr. 780-852-3078	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
VICIOUS CYCLE 630 Connaught Dr. 780-852-1111	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
MARMOT BASIN 1 Marmot Basin Rd 780 852 3816	✓	✓							

Winter closures

Closed roads

- Old Fort Point Road from Old Fort Point to Lac Beauvert
- Moab Road
- Geraldine Road
- Celestine Road
- Wabasso Road (Hwy 93A) from Whirlpool cross-country ski hub to Athabasca Falls
- Miette Road
- Cavell Road (*Closed to all travel: motor, non-motor, and foot traffic from Nov. 1 – Feb. 16*)

Closed campgrounds

Frontcountry camping is not available this winter.

Closed areas for caribou conservation

As of November 1, these backcountry areas are closed to protect caribou habitat:

- the Tonquin Range
- the Maligne-Brazeau Range
- the North Boundary Range

For more information, visit:

parksCanada.gc.ca/caribou-winter-access

