

**JASPER NATIONAL PARK**  
**Winter Trails Guide**

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**Winter, the season to play in...**

Welcome to winter in Jasper National Park. Whether you're here for a family adventure, or a relaxing getaway, there's no better way to experience this pristine mountain landscape than on foot. Lace up your boots, wax up your skis, strap on a pair of snowshoes and enjoy one of our many winter trails.

**Trail Information**  
 Although snow can fall any time of year, optimal skiing and snowshoeing runs from Mid-December to early April. Lower elevations in the park may be available for hiking year round.

**Trail Grooming Info**  
 Cross-country ski trails are groomed regularly and on a priority basis.

**HIGH GROOMING PRIORITY:**  
 Decoigne, Whistlers, Whirlpool and Leach Lake, Pyramid Fire Road

**LOWER GROOMING PRIORITY:**  
 Pipeline, Geraldine Road, Wabasso Campground and Cavell Road

**Concerning dogs...**  
 Dogs are welcome on a number of groomed ski trails in the park. However, to allow the track to set, please keep dogs off trails that are freshly groomed. And remember, be considerate and pick up after your pet.

**Trail Etiquette**

- Please respect dog restrictions and closures
- Do not walk or snowshoe on groomed ski tracks
- Skiers going downhill have the right-of-way
- Keep to the right when meeting oncoming skiers
- When resting or visiting, move off the trail
- When passing say "track please" and pass on left side
- Pack out all your garbage

**Trail Report**  
 Get the latest information on trail conditions by checking online and at the Information Centre. The report is updated as conditions change and includes a rating and a grooming report.

**Check and report on trail conditions at the Information Centre:**  
 780-852-6176 • www.pc.gc.ca/jaspertrails

**Winter Wildlife**  
 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.

Cougar Wolf Elk Squirrel

**Directory**

**EMERGENCY**  
 Dial 911  
 Cell phones are not always reliable  
 780-852-3100 (satellite)

**JASPER INFORMATION CENTRE**  
 WINTER HOURS:  
 Nov. 1 to Dec. 5: CLOSED  
 Dec. 6 to Dec. 18: Friday - Sunday  
 Dec. 19 to Mar. 21: Wednesday - Sunday  
 780-852-6176 • Location: 500 Connaught Drive

**GENERAL**  
 Jasper weather: 780-852-3185  
 Road conditions: 780-852-3311  
 pc.gc.ca/jasperroads  
 Parks Canada website: www.pc.gc.ca/jasper  
 Jasper trail conditions report:  
 www.pc.gc.ca/jaspertrails

**TOURISM JASPER**  
 Hours of operation: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 780-852-3858 • www.jasper.travel

**MAPS AND GUIDE BOOKS**  
 Friends of Jasper National Park:  
 780-852-4767 • www.friendsofjasper.com

**EASY TRAILS**

**13 DECOIGNE**  
 (MAP F) HIGH GROOMING PRIORITY

**Various loop options** classic or skate  
 Meander through open meadows, along historic railway beds and highways past. These easy ski trails are suited for all ages and abilities. Enjoy the warming hut or the group fire pit after a fine day out. Welcome to Decoigne.

**1 WHISTLERS CAMPGROUND**  
 (MAP A) HIGH GROOMING PRIORITY

**Various loop options** classic or skate  
 This trail is ideal for beginners and families, or for those looking for a conditioning track. Take a break at one of the ski-in fire sites in Marmot Meadows for a wiener roast or a campfire sing-along!  
 Contact the JNP Information Centre for potential construction in area

**MAP A**  
**Whistlers Campground**

**2 PIPELINE TRAIL**  
 (MAP D) LOW GROOMING PRIORITY

**5.5 km one way**  
 classic  
 Gentle terrain, with subtle ups and downs. It is often a few degrees colder here.

**3 WABASSO CAMPGROUND**  
 (MAP D) LOW GROOMING PRIORITY

**Outer loop: 3.6 km**  
**Internal loops (from west to east)**  
**A: 0.7 km, B: 0.6 km, C: 0.7 km, D: 0.8 km**  
 classic or skate

Popular with families and dogs, this area provides a medley of options for all ski enthusiasts. Gentle terrain, with a beautiful section of classic trail alongside the Athabasca River.

**MODERATE TRAILS**

**4 WHIRLPOOL TRAIL**  
 (MAP B) HIGH GROOMING PRIORITY

**9.0 km one way** classic or skate (EASY-MODERATE)  
 Gentle terrain brings you from the parking lot to a junction at km 2.0—stay right and continue along this easy section until km 5.8, where the terrain begins to roll. Beyond this point the snow tends to improve as you climb towards Moab Lake.

**5 LEACH LAKE TRAIL**  
 (MAP B) HIGH GROOMING PRIORITY

**10.5 km one way** classic or skate  
 Also known as the *sunny side*, this trail brings you to sparkling Leach Lake. Near Athabasca Falls, you'll be rewarded with dramatic views of Mount Hardisty and Kerkeslin.

**Pyramid Lake**

**Wabasso Campground**

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**DIFFICULT TRAILS**

**6 GERALDINE ROAD**  
 (MAP B) LOW GROOMING PRIORITY

**5.9 km one way** classic or skate  
 This winding road definitely has its ups and downs. You'll build up a sweat as you climb, but don't forget to bring an extra layer for the ski down towards Mt. Kerkeslin, which will have you "yipping" all the way.

**8 PYRAMID FIRE ROAD**  
 (MAP C) HIGH GROOMING PRIORITY

**15 km return** classic or skate  
 As you travel along the shoulder of Pyramid Mountain, you may want to catch your breath at one of the recommended rest stops, only to have it taken away by the stunning views.

**MAP C**  
**Pyramid Fire Road**

**11.6 km (to the Edith Cavell Hostel)**  
 classic or skate

Are you ready for a workout? This winding road brings you up along the Astoria River Valley. The viewpoints make you feel like you're on top of the world! **Contact the Information Centre for opening dates.**

**Snowshoe, Hikes and other Winter Delights**

**10 SIGNAL FIRE ROAD**  
 (MAP D)

**9 km one way** snowshoeing  
 Higher elevation usually means better snow. This gradual climb, along the shoulder of Signal Mountain, meanders through pine forest under open canopy. If you're really keen, you can reach the alpine!

**11 PYRAMID BENCH**  
 (MAP D)

**Variable distance and terrain** snowshoeing  
 Starting from the Pyramid Riding Stables, work your way towards the edge of the bench on the Trail 2 system. The views of the valley and the townsite are stunning. Take advantage of the multiple trails and mix it up a bit.

**12 WAPITI CAMPGROUND**  
 (MAP D)

**Variable distance and terrain** hiking  
 Bring the family and the dog! Nestled along the Athabasca River, this area is packed for winter hiking with a chance for Fido to hone his winter skills.

**60 DOROTHY/CHRISTINE LAKES**  
**SUNWAPTA TO BIG BEND**

**Dorothy/Christine Lakes - 4 km one way**  
**Sunwapta Falls to Big Bend - 7.5 km one way**  
 Head into the backcountry! Dorothy and Christine Lakes (11.5 km west on Hwy 16), and Sunwapta Falls (54 km south on Hwy 93) are two out and back adventures offering snowshoers a great winter experience!

**MAP B**  
**Meeting of the Waters and Athabasca Falls**

**Legend**

- Groomed track: Easy (solid green line)
- Skier set: Easy (dashed green line)
- Groomed track: Moderate (solid blue line)
- Groomed track: Difficult (solid black line)
- Trail (dotted blue line)
- Recommended rest stop (circle with arrow)
- Distance marker (triangle)
- Highway (thick black line)
- Parking (P in blue box)
- Telephone (phone icon)
- Hostel (house icon)
- Dogs allowed (dog icon)
- Shelter (tent icon)
- No dogs (circle with slash and dog icon)
- Lake (blue wavy line)
- Stream, river (blue line)

All trail distances in kilometres.



