



Kootenay  
National Park


# Visitor Guide

## 2020-2021



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 Sinclair Canyon

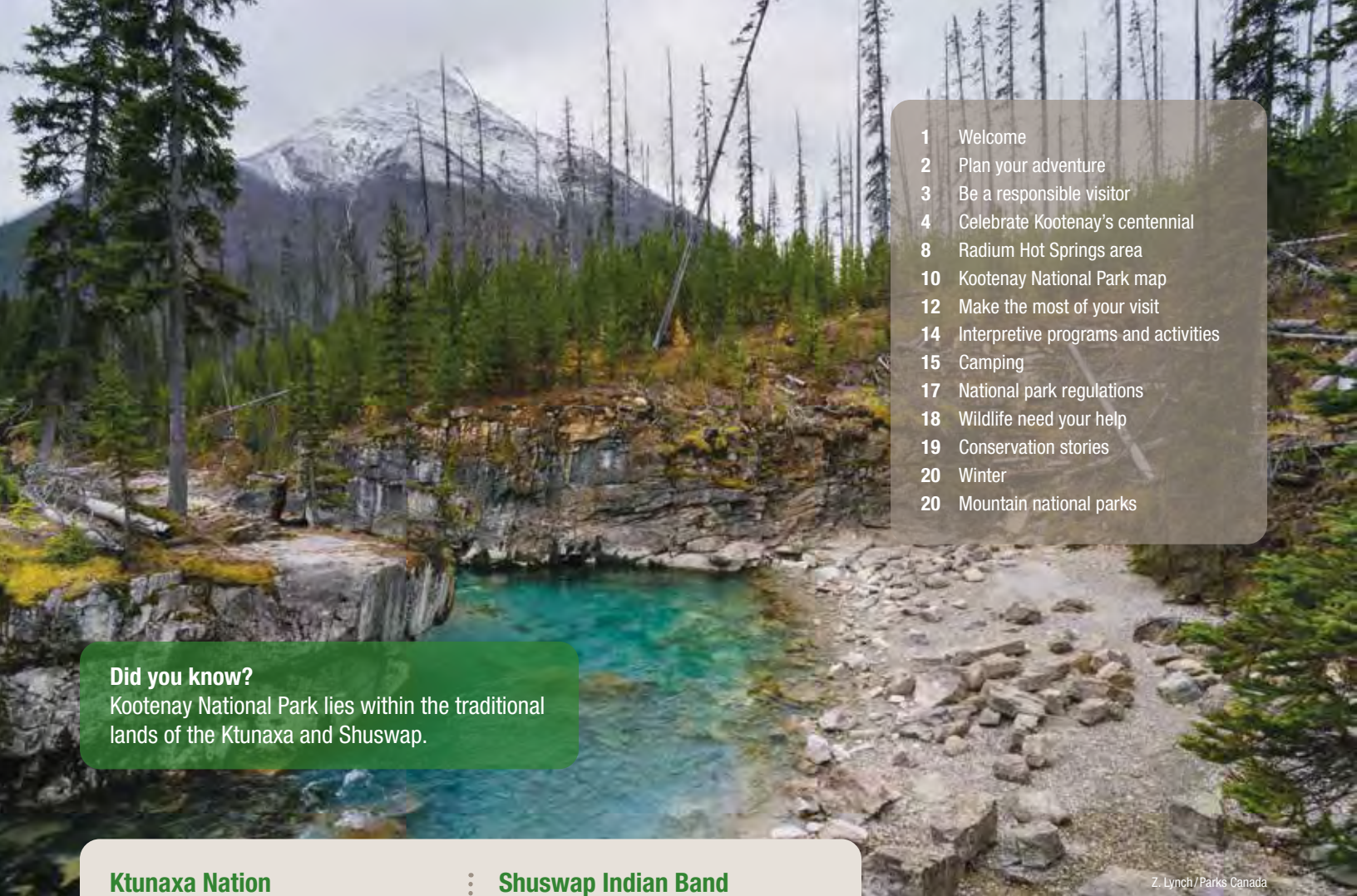


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### Did you know?

Kootenay National Park lies within the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa and Shuswap.

### Ktunaxa Nation

The Ktunaxa (*k-too-nah-ha*), also known as Kootenay, have occupied the lands adjacent to the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers and the Arrow Lakes for more than 10 000 years. For thousands of years before settlers arrived, the Ktunaxa harvested flora and fauna in the area now recognized as Kootenay National Park, which lies within *KyawaꞤ* ?amak?is (Land of the Grouse).

Our Traditional Territory encompasses 70 000 km<sup>2</sup> within the Kootenay region of south-eastern British Columbia, and also includes parts of Alberta, Montana, Idaho and Washington.

Our stories teach our generations of seasonal migrations that occurred throughout the area, across the Rocky Mountains and on the Great Plains; of war and trade interactions with other Nations; of place names and landmarks; and of lessons and values.

Our Ktunaxa language is a language isolate, meaning that it is one of a kind and unrelated to any other language in the world.

To learn more, visit [ktunaxa.org](http://ktunaxa.org)

### Shuswap Indian Band

The Kenpesq't (*ken-pesk-t*) community, currently known as the Shuswap Indian Band, is part of the Secwépemc (*seck-wep-em*) Nation occupying traditional lands in British Columbia and Alberta.

The Secwépemc people have used the areas now encompassed by Mount Revelstoke, Glacier, Yoho, Banff, Jasper and Kootenay national parks for thousands of years prior to the settlement of non-Indigenous peoples.

Many of the roads driven today are based on travel routes used by Indigenous peoples for generations; Indigenous guides were used to create the horse trails that evolved into major highways like the Trans-Canada. Anthropological and archaeological evidence, such as the remains of semi-underground dwellings called pit houses or kekulis, can still be found inside park boundaries.

Parks Canada and the Secwépemc Nation continue to foster a better working relationship that informs the management of natural resources, and enhances the visitor experience for those exploring traditional lands.

To learn more, visit [shuswapband.net](http://shuswapband.net)

### Columbia Valley Métis Association

Kootenay National Park is an important place for British Columbia Métis based on a history of trade relationships and expeditions. In 1807, when Kootenae House was established as the first trading post in the region, a meeting place between cultures was born. Indigenous peoples traded skills, furs, salmon and horses for European tools and cooking implements. Legendary explorer David Thompson and his wife Charlotte Small, a Métis woman, used the trading post as a home base.

The local knowledge of Métis was central to the success of expeditions. For instance, in 1841 Sir George Simpson of the Hudson's Bay Company hired a Métis guide for the Rockies leg of his trip, further assisted by Métis interpreter Edouard Berland. That same year, Red River Métis James Sinclair led a large group of families through the region.

The legacy of Métis influence is marked by place names in Kootenay National Park: Mount Berland, Sinclair Pass, Sinclair Creek and Mount Sinclair.

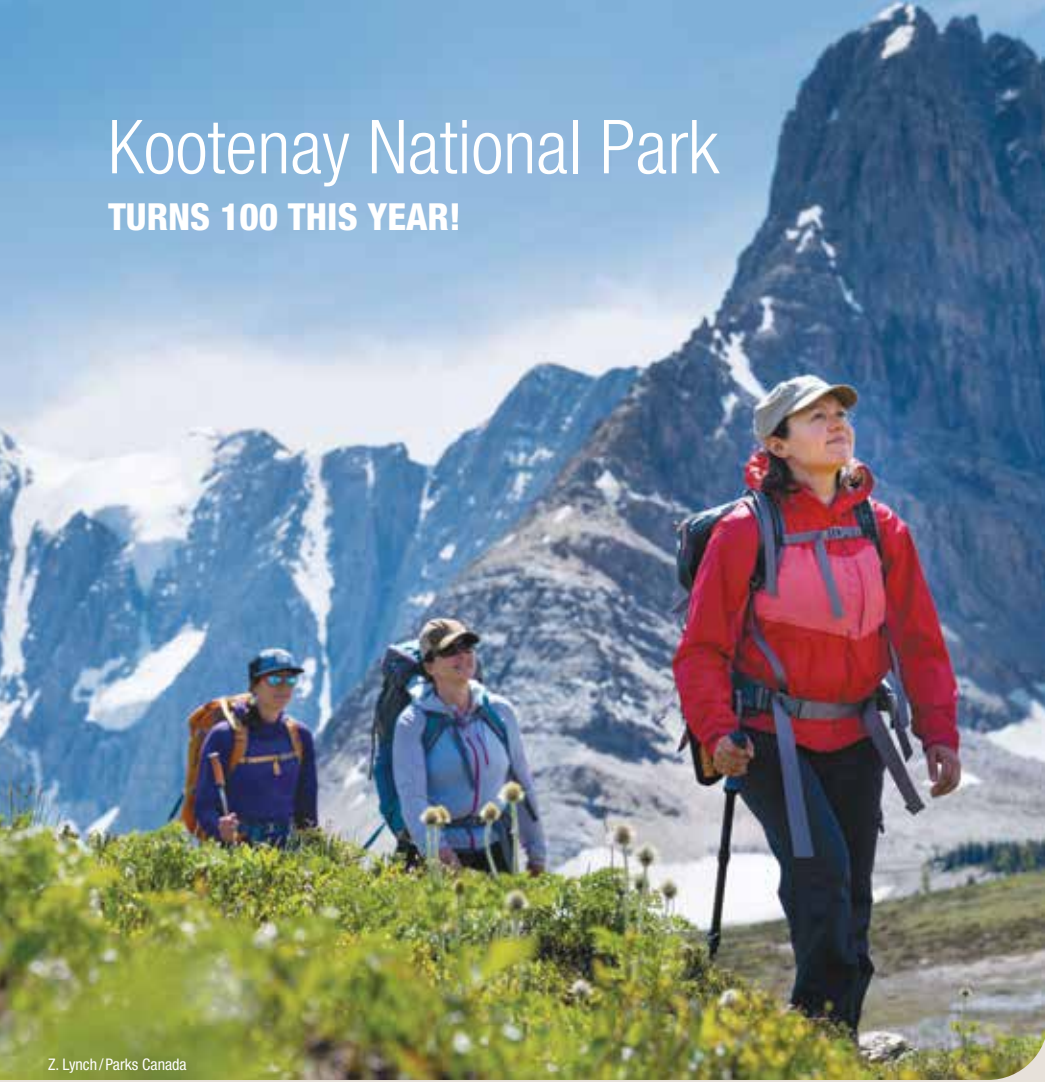
To learn more, visit [columbiavalleymetis.ca](http://columbiavalleymetis.ca)

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# Kootenay National Park

## URNS 100 THIS YEAR!



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### Our story

On April 21, 1920, the Government of Canada agreed to build a road connecting the Bow and Columbia valleys. As part of the agreement, eight kilometres of land on either side of the road was set aside for a national park.

The first cars to travel along the new highway bounced over bumps and chugged up steep hills, but according to a 1924 guidebook, "...every mile is a surprise and an enchantment."

A century later, Kootenay National Park continues to surprise and enchant. Visitors can relax in the soothing mineral pools at Radium Hot Springs, stroll through canyons, picnic beside glacial-blue rivers or backpack along one of the Rockies' most scenic hiking trails. The park's diverse ecosystems support a variety of wildlife, and newly unearthed Burgess Shale fossils reveal exquisite details about life half a billion years ago.

Read on to discover more about what this amazing park has to offer.

### A place of global importance

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recognizes four of our national parks – Kootenay, Banff, Yoho and Jasper – as part of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site. The parks are thus protected for the benefit of all nations and the enjoyment of all people.

World Heritage status was awarded based on the stunning landscapes of mountains, glaciers, lakes, waterfalls and canyons, as well as for the incredible soft-bodied remains found at the Burgess Shale fossil sites.



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture



**Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks**  
inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1984

**Parcs des montagnes Rocheuses canadiennes**  
inscrit sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial en 1984





## Plan your adventure

The Kootenay National Park Visitor Centre is located on Main Street East in the village of Radium Hot Springs. Parks Canada staff will provide you with up-to-date park information and assist with planning your trip.

Explore the beautiful exhibits and take in a bird's eye view of the mountains from a tabletop map. Don't forget to stop by the Friends of Kootenay gift shop for souvenirs and talk with Radium Visitor Services staff for Columbia Valley trip planning information.

### Visitor centre hours

- May 1 to June 10: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- June 11 to Sept. 6: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sept. 7 to Oct. 12: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oct. 13, 2020 to Apr. 30, 2021: Parks Canada counter closed. Radium Visitor Services counter and washroom facilities open year-round.

**Free Wi-Fi available.**

250-347-9505

[pc.kootenayinfo.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.kootenayinfo.pc@canada.ca)  
[parkscanada.gc.ca/kootenay](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/kootenay)

 [facebook.com/kootenaynp](https://facebook.com/kootenaynp)

 [twitter.com/kootenaynp](https://twitter.com/kootenaynp)

**Tourism Radium / Radium Chamber of Commerce:**

1-888-347-9331

[radiumhotsprings.com](http://radiumhotsprings.com)

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## Your support makes a difference

Entry fees are charged at all national parks; the revenues support visitor services and facilities. Every time you visit a park you are investing in its future, and in a legacy for future generations. Pick up your day or annual pass at any park gate, visitor centre or staffed campground kiosk.

### DAILY ENTRY

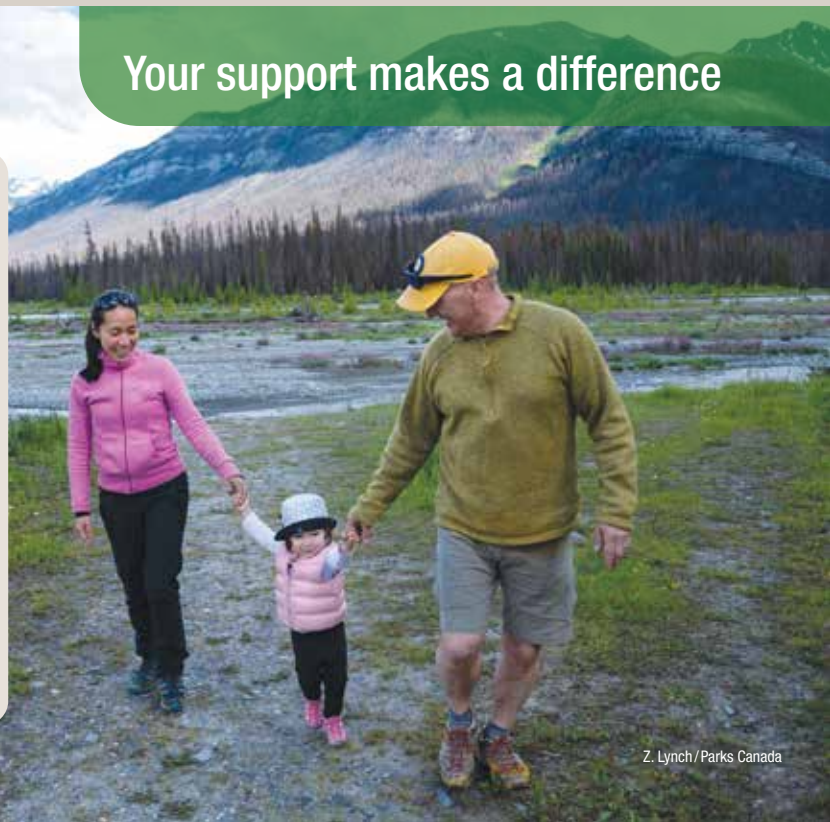
The daily entry pass is valid in Kootenay, Yoho, Banff, Jasper, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks. Regardless of time of entry, the pass is valid until 4 p.m. the following day.

- Adult (18-64) \$10.00
- Senior (65+) \$8.40
- Youth (0-17) Free
- Family/group \$20.00  
*(up to 7 people in a vehicle)*

### PARKS CANADA DISCOVERY PASS

Parks Canada's Discovery Pass is valid for 12 months from date of purchase and gives you unlimited entry to national parks, national marine conservation areas and national historic sites across Canada.

- Adult (18-64) \$69.19
- Senior (65+) \$59.17
- Family/group \$139.40





## Be a responsible visitor

**Kootenay National Park has incredible natural and cultural heritage.**

It is a diverse landscape, a home to wildlife and a place of history.

We need your help to keep it this way!

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## Take the pledge

- I will learn about and follow all national park regulations.**

**Why?** To ensure that I stay safe during my visit and help preserve the park for future generations. *See page 17.*

- I will leave plants, rocks, fossils, antlers and all other natural objects undisturbed.**

**Why?** To let others enjoy them as I have and to preserve the natural beauty and integrity of the park. Thousands of people visit the park each year; a harmful act, multiplied by that amount, can have devastating consequences.

- I will never feed wildlife or leave food and garbage outside.**

**Why?** Wildlife need to find their own natural food sources in order to survive; human food lacks proper nutrition and can cause serious health problems. By feeding an animal, you also attract it to roadsides and human areas. This increases the risk of the animal being hit by a vehicle or acting aggressively towards people and being destroyed.

- I will give wildlife space.**

**Why?** To avoid injury and keep animals wild. When people stop to view wildlife or get too close, animals lose their natural fear of people. This increases the risk of the animal being hit by a vehicle or acting aggressively towards people and being destroyed.

- I will keep my dog on a leash and pick up after it.**

**Why?** Dogs, like wolves and coyotes, cause stress for wildlife as they may be seen as a threat. Off-leash dogs can trigger aggressive behaviour from wildlife, putting yourself, your dog and other visitors in danger. Pick up dog poop to keep the park sanitary. Trails are busy and waste harms water quality, the environment and human health.

- I will drive carefully and obey speed limits.**

**Why?** To prevent deadly collisions with animals. In high risk areas, no stopping zones are used to protect motorists and wildlife. Look for signs along the roadside.

Your pledge makes a big difference. Thank you for taking action!  
**Prepare to make great memories...**



# Celebrate Kootenay's centennial

## KOOTENAY

1920  2020

### Superintendent's message

Canada's national parks, historic sites and marine conservation areas represent the very best that Canada has to offer. They tell the stories of who we are and how we came to be. This year, Kootenay National Park is turning 100, and to celebrate we are thrilled to share the park's stories with visitors from across Canada and the world.

Kootenay National Park is a special place that offers world-class hiking and backpacking, and stunning landscapes hosting a rich diversity of life and a lively history. Kootenay's story runs much deeper than just the past 100 years though; it encompasses the enduring relationship that Indigenous peoples have with the land, past and present.

All visitors are invited to celebrate this year's anniversary in Kootenay National Park. Join Parks Canada staff at interpretive activities throughout the park, on a Burgess Shale guided hike or at the Big Splash event in September. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing our stories!

*Rick Kubian, Field Unit Superintendent  
Kootenay National Park*



Kootenay National Park entrance gate, 1926



## SUPERINTENDENT'S "MIDNIGHT" SNOWSHOE

late December

**As a final send-off to the Kootenay National Park centennial, park superintendent Rick Kubian will lead a special evening snowshoe in the park.**

Chat with Rick and other park staff on this easy outing. Bring your own mug for a hot chocolate salute to the next 100 years.

Visit [parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay100](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay100) for more information about centennial events and activities.



# Events and activities



## THE BIG SPLASH EVENT

September 20, 2020

Join us at Radium Hot Springs for a full day of poolside festivities.

Highlights include family activities, information booths, interpretive programs, pool demos and a visit from Parka – the Parks Canada mascot.

This event coincides with the Columbia Valley Classics Car Show.

## KOOTENAY THEN AND NOW Recreate the shot

Visit the spot where the photographer stood to take these historic photos.

Line up your camera to recreate the scene and see how much the place has changed – or not – over the past 100 years. Share your “then and now” compositions on social media. **#kootenay100**



The Paint Pots, circa 1940s  
Parks Canada



Sinclair Canyon, 1925  
Glenbow Archives, University of Calgary



Radium Hot Springs bathhouse and pool, 1929  
Parks Canada



Kootenay Valley Viewpoint, 1923  
Byron Harmon, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

Enjoy connecting with the past?

Visit [parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay100](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay100) for more historic photos to recreate.





# Burning through time



Fire is an important part of Kootenay National Park. For centuries, lightning and Indigenous peoples ignited fires on this landscape, maintaining a natural cycle of forest renewal.

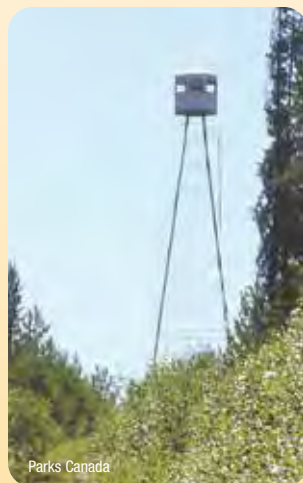
However, when the boundaries of Kootenay National Park were set in 1920, forest fires were regarded as harmful to nature. Park wardens worked hard to develop innovative ways to keep fire out of all national parks.

## Early innovations in the fight against fire



In 1915, the first portable fire pump was created for the park warden service. A Ford automobile chassis was modified to carry the heavy pumps and lengths of hose.

Starting in the late 1920s, park wardens began to rely on lookout towers to help detect fires in their early stages. In Kootenay, “lookout men” staffed towers on Mount Daer, Mount Shanks and Mount Wardle. By the mid-1970s, road and air patrols, along with satellite remote sensing, had become more efficient ways to detect fires and lookouts were gradually removed.



## Restoring the flame

By the late 1970s, our approach to wildfire management started to change. Research showed that fire actually helped keep park ecosystems healthy.

Today, after decades of fire suppression, fire specialists are bringing fire back to the landscape. Wildfires that threaten people, structures or surrounding lands are still actively fought. However, a more natural fire cycle will shape Kootenay National Park over the next century through the use of prescribed fire and other fire management techniques.

As you explore the park, look for signs of recent wildfires to see forest renewal in action.

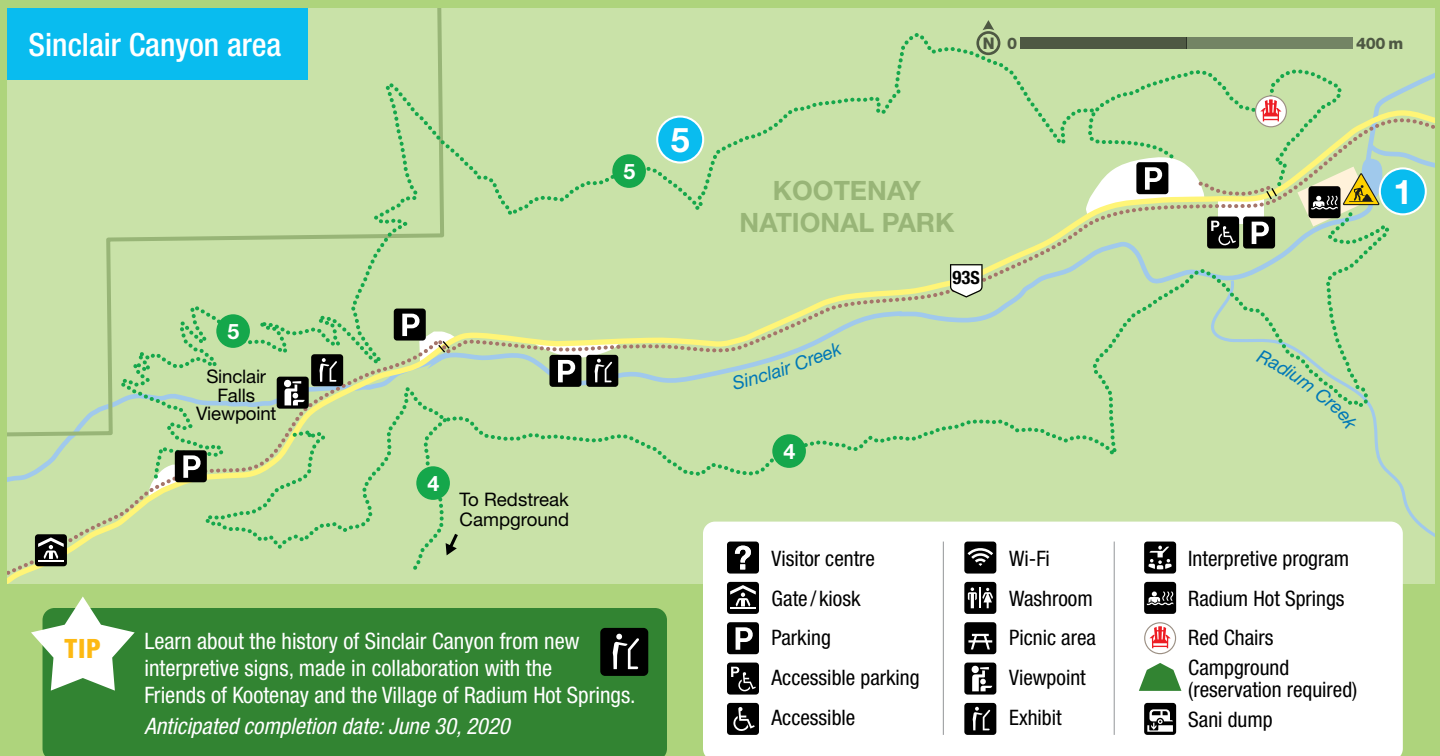


Prescribed fires are set intentionally and for a specific purpose. In Kootenay National Park, prescribed fires have been used to restore important grassland habitat and reduce the risk of wildfire to the village of Radium Hot Springs. Hike the **Redstreak Restoration Trail** to learn more. See pages 8 and 9.

**Did you know?** The Vermilion Valley in Kootenay is aptly called “Lightning Alley.” Frequent thunderstorms here have ignited huge forest fires in recent years.



# Radium Hot Springs area





## RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

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Surrounded by dramatic cliffs, the hot and cool pools allow you to unwind or play with the kids. Towels and swimsuits available for rent.

### RATES

Adult (ages 18-64)	\$7.46
Senior (65+)	\$6.54
Youth (3-17)	\$6.09
Child (under 3)	Free

### HOT POOL HOURS

#### April 1 to May 14, 2020

Monday to Friday: 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

#### May 15 to October 12, 2020

Daily: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

### COOL POOL HOURS

#### April 1 to May 14, 2020

Friday: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

#### May 15 to June 25, 2020

Daily: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### June 26 to September 7, 2020

Daily: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

#### September 8 to October 12, 2020

Daily: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

See page 20 for late fall and winter hours.

Visit [hotsprings.ca](http://hotsprings.ca) for more information.

Make sure your visit includes a soak in Radium Hot Springs' soothing waters



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### VALLEYVIEW PICNIC AREA

Enjoy a hilltop picnic with a scenic vista. Access the site via the Valleyview Trail or by vehicle via Redstreak Road. Parking is limited.

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### JUNIPER/SINCLAIR CANYON TRAIL

6 km return, 260 m elevation gain  
Descend into the gorge for a stop at Sinclair Canyon Falls, then head back up to the canyon's rim. Relax in the Red Chairs at the end.

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### VALLEYVIEW TRAIL

2.4 km return, 125 m elevation gain  
Hike up a steep hill for rewarding views of the Columbia Valley, then meander along a flat trail at the top.

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### REDSTREAK RESTORATION TRAIL

1 km loop, 5 m elevation gain  
Start at Redstreak Campground. Follow interpretive signs to discover how fire keeps forests healthy and creates habitat for wildlife.



TIP

Come out to an evening interpretive program at Redstreak Campground. You don't need to be a registered camper to enjoy the programs. Park pass required.  
[parkscanada.gc.ca/kootenay-interpretation](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/kootenay-interpretation)



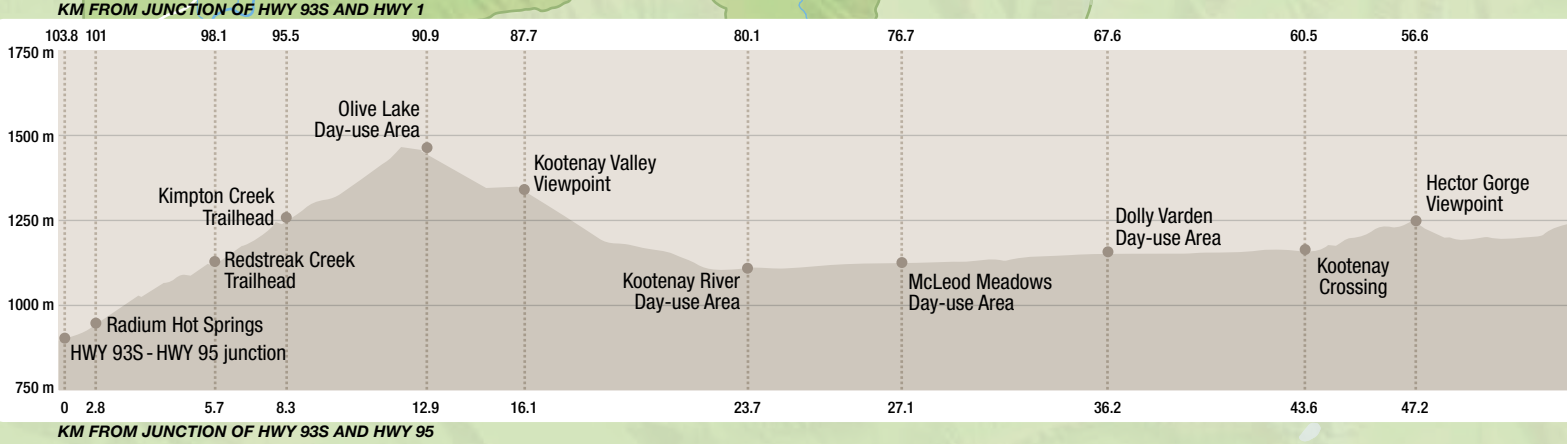
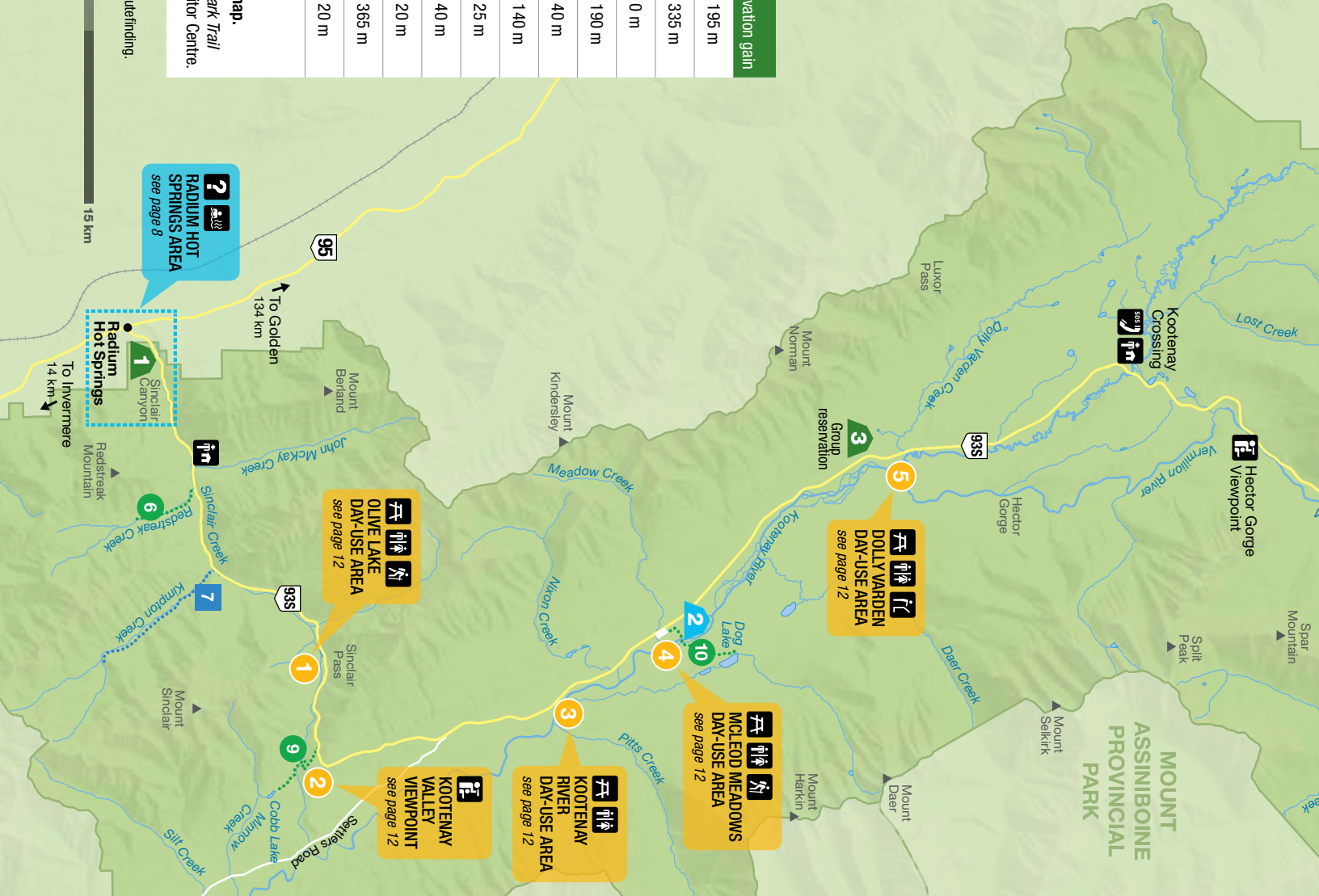
- Visitor centre
- Washroom
- Accessible
- Picnic area
- Viewpoint
- Hiking
- Interpretive trail
- Exhibit
- Radium Hot Springs
- Parks Canada station
- Emergency telephone
- Campground (reservation required)
- Campground (reservable and first-come, first-served)

### Hiking trails

	Distance	Elevation gain
<b>6</b> Redstreak Creek	4.6 km return	195 m
<b>7</b> Kimpton Creek	9.6 km return	335 m
<b>8</b> Olive Lake	0.5 km return	0 m
<b>9</b> Cobb Lake	5.4 km return	190 m
<b>10</b> Dog Lake	5.2 km return	40 m
<b>11</b> Simpson River	Up to 17.6 km return	140 m
<b>12</b> Paint Pots	2 km return	25 m
<b>13</b> Marble Canyon to Paint Pots	6.8 km return	40 m
<b>14</b> Marble Canyon	1.6 km return	20 m
<b>15</b> Stanley Glacier	8.4 km return	365 m
<b>16</b> Fireweed Loops	0.5 km and 2 km loops	20 m

**Not all trails are listed here or displayed on the map.**  
 For more information, pick up a *Kootenay National Park Trail Guide* at the park gate or Kootenay National Park Visitor Centre.

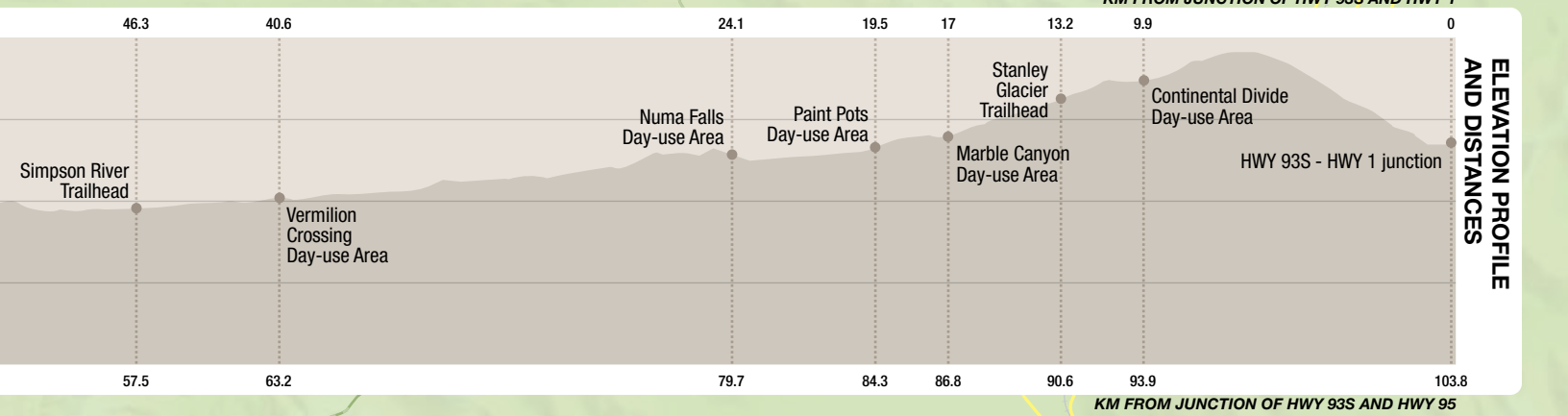
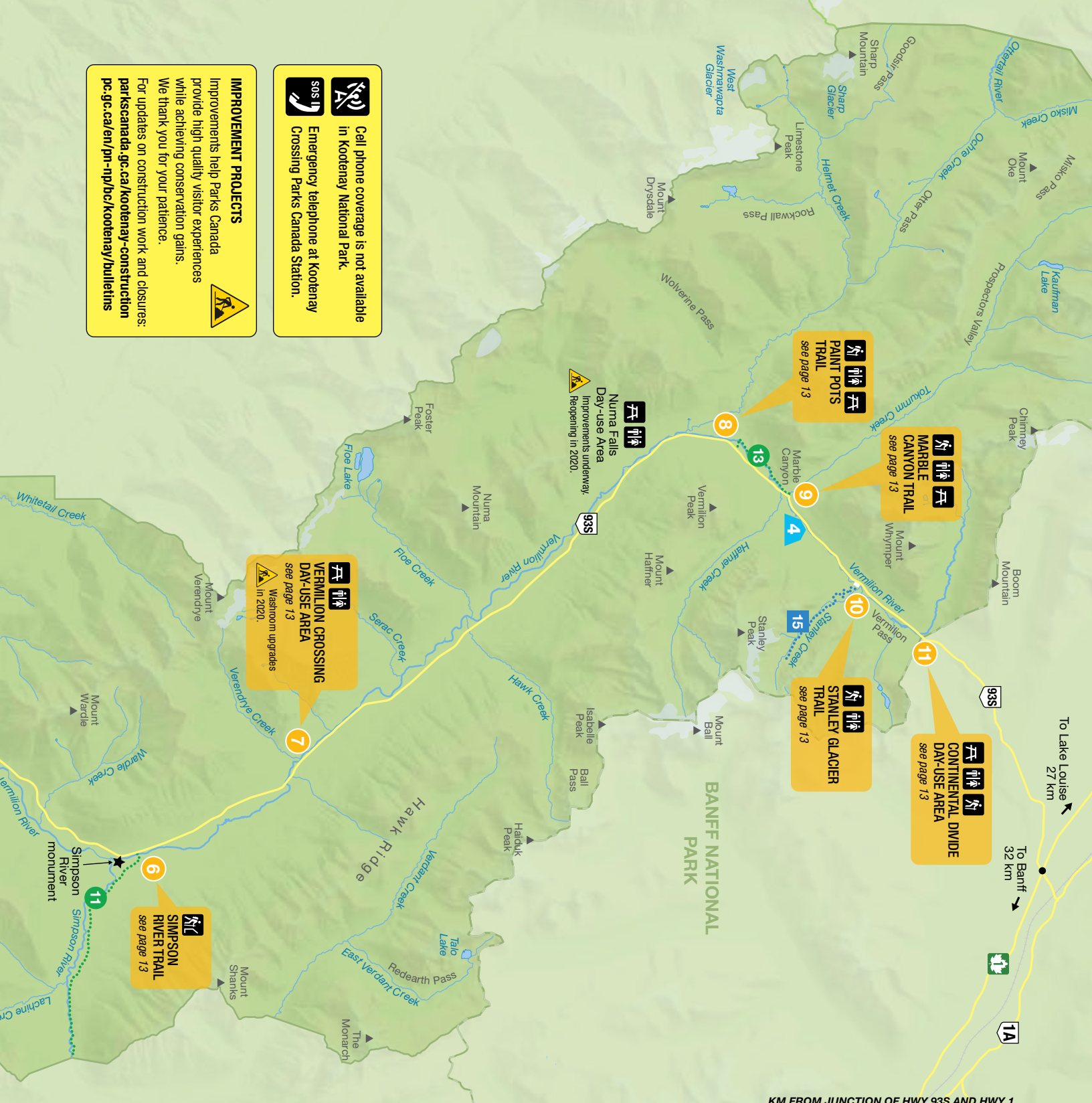
Note: This is not a topographical map and is not suitable for route-finding.





**IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**  
 Improvements help Parks Canada provide high quality visitor experiences while achieving conservation gains. We thank you for your patience. For updates on construction work and closures: [parks.canada.gc.ca/kootenay-construction](http://parks.canada.gc.ca/kootenay-construction)  
[pc.gc.ca/en/pn-rnp/bc/kootenay/bulletins](http://pc.gc.ca/en/pn-rnp/bc/kootenay/bulletins)

**Cell phone coverage is not available in Kootenay National Park.**  
**Emergency telephone at Kootenay Crossing Parks Canada Station.**





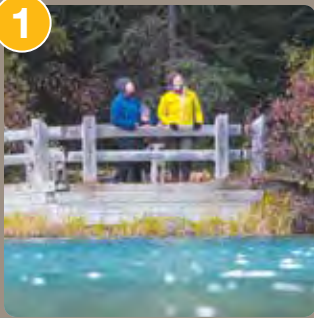
# Make the most OF YOUR VISIT

## Highway 93 south is the backbone of Kootenay National Park.

Enjoy an uninterrupted scenic drive or turn off the highway to relax at a day-use area, take in the views or venture out on a hike.

*Recommended stops and trails are listed in order from south to north.*

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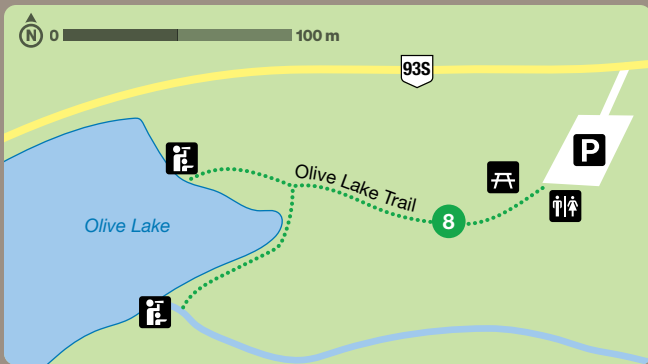
### OLIVE LAKE DAY-USE AREA



A forested picnic area at the summit of Sinclair Pass.

### OLIVE LAKE TRAIL

0.5 km return, no elevation gain  
Look for brook trout as you walk the boardwalk around the lake.



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### KOOTENAY VALLEY VIEWPOINT

Enjoy breathtaking views of the Mitchell and Vermilion mountain ranges.

### COBB LAKE TRAIL

5.4 km return, 190 m elevation gain  
Descend to Swede Creek, then continue along to the banks of a quiet lake encircled by forest.



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### KOOTENAY RIVER DAY-USE AREA



Spread out a picnic blanket or access the river for fishing and watersports.

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### MCLEOD MEADOWS DAY-USE AREA



Take advantage of this cool, shaded picnic area on a hot day.

### DOG LAKE TRAIL

5.2 km return, 40 m elevation gain  
Cross two bridges over the Kootenay River and meander through old-growth forest. End at a lake with a beautiful backdrop of mountains.



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### DOLLY VARDEN DAY-USE AREA



Learn about wildlife fences and underpasses with self-guided activities. Fun for kids!



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### SIMPSON RIVER TRAIL

3 km return (interpretive trail section), 10 m elevation gain

NEW! Interpretive signs are being installed along the first 1.5 km of the Simpson River Trail (anticipated completion date: June 30, 2020). Walk through a valley marked by fire and learn about incredible forces of nature: lightning, wildfire, regeneration and succession. The entire family will enjoy the interactive, self-guided activities. Past the signs, the trail continues another 7.3 km to the park boundary.

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### VERMILION CROSSING DAY-USE AREA



Enjoy a picnic lunch and explore along the scenic banks of the Vermilion River.

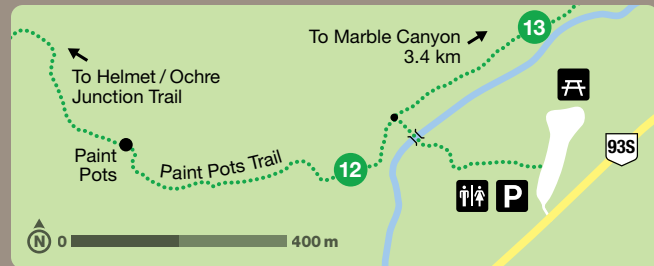
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### PAINT POTS TRAIL

2 km return, 25 m elevation gain

An easy walk takes you to three iron-rich mineral springs that stain the surrounding earth.



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### STANLEY GLACIER TRAIL

8.4 km return, 365 m elevation gain

Hike up to a stunning alpine basin and watch glacier meltwater tumble down massive rock walls.

TIP

Visit [reservation.pc.gc.ca](http://reservation.pc.gc.ca) to book your spot on a guided hike of the Stanley Glacier Trail. Your Parks Canada guide will reveal secrets in the surrounding landscape and help you find fossils.

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### CONTINENTAL DIVIDE DAY-USE AREA



Stand on the dividing line between the Pacific and Atlantic watersheds.

### FIREWEED LOOPS TRAIL

0.5 and 2 km loops, 20 m elevation gain

Walk through a quiet, shaded forest. Interpretive signs along the shorter loop tell the story of regeneration after the wildfire of 1968.

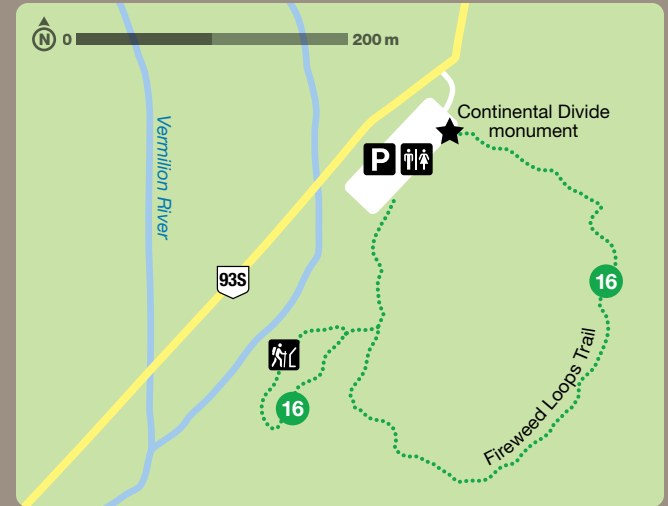
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### MARBLE CANYON TRAIL

1.6 km return, 20 m elevation gain

Admire the shapes and sounds of carved chasms as you hike along the trail. Relax in the Red Chairs at the end.



TIP

Check trail conditions at [parkscanada.gc.ca/kootenaytrails](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/kootenaytrails) before you drive into the park. Bring water, snacks, sunglasses, sunscreen, warm clothes and a rain jacket. The weather can change rapidly in the mountains!



## Interpretive programs and activities



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**"I loved seeing the smiles on my kids' faces finding fossils!"**  
- Visitor comment, Stanley Glacier Burgess Shale Hike feedback form



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### Meet Parks Canada's interpreters

Are you looking for a unique and memorable experience? Do you want to learn more about Kootenay's natural and cultural heritage? Friendly and knowledgeable interpreters are here to help!

Watch for us at campgrounds and popular day-use areas in the summer months. Or plan your visit around an interpretive experience by checking [parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay-interpretation](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay-interpretation).

### Xplorers program

*ages 6-11*

Do you like adventure? Discovering new things? Then check out the Kootenay National Park Xplorers booklet. Ask for a booklet at the Kootenay National Park Visitor Centre or Redstreak Campground kiosk. Return at the end of your visit to have your certificate signed and receive a souvenir!

### Geocache challenge

*all ages*

Search for five species at risk as you explore Redstreak Campground and learn the answers to quiz questions. Pick up a booklet at the Kootenay National Park Visitor Centre or Redstreak Campground kiosk.

### Hike with an expert guide

Reservations are required for guided hikes. Visit [reservation.pc.gc.ca](http://reservation.pc.gc.ca) to book your spot.

#### KOOTENAY FOSSILS REVEALED

*ages 5+, moderate hike, 8 km return*

Join us on the scenic Stanley Glacier Trail and experience the Burgess Shale fossils first hand. Along this family-oriented trail, your guide will reveal the deep connections between past and present.

You'll learn about ancient ancestors, new scientific discoveries and have the opportunity to search for fossils in the rocks around you. Hold over 500 million years of history in your hands.

#### HIDDEN LAKE: A MOSAIC UNVEILED

*ages 5+, moderate hike, 10 km return, Lake Louise area*

Your guided hike begins with a shuttle bus ride into the Lake Louise backcountry; from here it follows a family-friendly trail. Enjoy stunning summer wildflowers or changing fall larch trees.

Get an in-depth look at Parks Canada's restoration project protecting westslope cutthroat trout, a species at risk. Join us to unveil the important ecological pieces making up the landscape mosaic around Hidden Lake.



# Camping



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## Reconnect with nature

in Kootenay National Park's frontcountry campgrounds – each one has something different to offer.

**Redstreak** provides the widest range of services and is located within walking distance of the village of Radium Hot Springs and Radium Hot Springs' mineral pools. You can even enjoy some of the comforts of home with a night in an oTENTiK tent-cabin!

For a more rustic experience, choose to stay at **McLeod Meadows** or **Marble Canyon**. McLeod Meadows is nestled beside the Kootenay River, providing quick access to the water; Marble Canyon sits in a quiet, forested area conveniently close to the park's most popular trails.

Be aware that campgrounds fill up quickly. Book online or call ahead for information and reservations. Reservations open in early January.

**Camping is permitted in designated campgrounds only.**  
**A valid camping permit and national park entry pass are required.**

CAMPGROUND	OPEN DATES	SITES	PRICES	Full hook-up	Electrical	Sani dump	Flush toilets	Pit toilets	Showers	Firepits	Cooking shelter	Drinking water	Accessible	Interpretive programs	oTENTiKs
1 Redstreak	Apr. 30 – Oct. 11	242	\$28.00 – \$39.04												
2 McLeod Meadows	June 11 – Sept. 14	88	\$21.97												
3 Crook's Meadow Non-profit and school groups	Call 250-347-2218 for reservation information.														
4 Marble Canyon	June 25 – Sept. 7	61	\$21.97												

- Reservation required for all sites in the campground.
- Mix of reservable and first-come, first-served sites.

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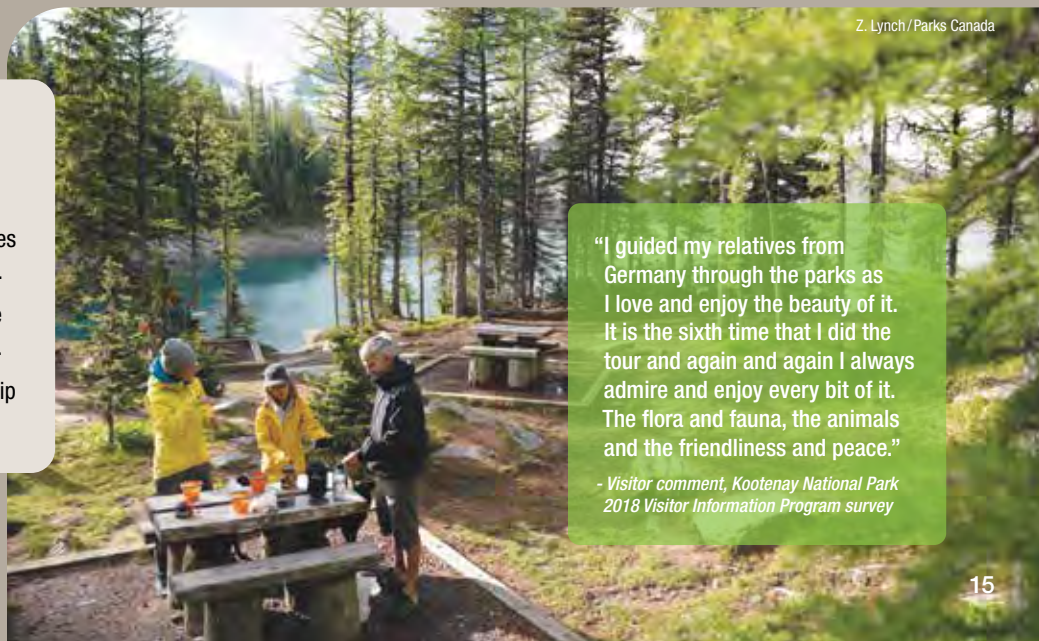
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## Backcountry camping

There are six backcountry campgrounds in Kootenay National Park. Five are located along the Rockwall Trail, an iconic, 55-km route that traverses through alpine passes and under hanging glaciers.

Pick up a *Kootenay National Park Trail Guide* at the park gate or Kootenay National Park Visitor Centre.

Visit [parksCanada.gc.ca/knp-backcountry](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/knp-backcountry) for trip ideas, planning and permit information.



"I guided my relatives from Germany through the parks as I love and enjoy the beauty of it. It is the sixth time that I did the tour and again and again I always admire and enjoy every bit of it. The flora and fauna, the animals and the friendliness and peace."  
 - Visitor comment, Kootenay National Park 2018 Visitor Information Program survey



# Stay safe

## KEEP ANIMALS AWAY FROM HUMAN FOOD



**Never leave food or scented items unattended or in a tent for even a minute**



ALL food-related and scented items **MUST** be stored away in a vehicle



a hard-sided trailer or RV



or in a campground food storage locker

### Clean up your campsite and picnic area

- Store all food, food-related items and scented products in vehicles or storage lockers.
- Dispose of garbage and recycling in wildlife-proof bins.
- Pour out dish water at designated sinks or sani dumps.
- Non-food related items such as lawn chairs, tables or lanterns may be left outside.







B. Stitt/Parks Canada



**Do not approach wildlife.** When taking photos, do not surround, crowd or follow an animal.



**Do not feed wildlife.** This includes littering and leaving food or scented items unattended.



**No campfires outside of designated metal fire pits.** Never leave a fire unattended unless it is completely extinguished. Be aware of fire bans.



**Do not camp in pullouts, trailheads and day-use areas.** Camp only in designated campgrounds with a permit.



**Do not enter closed areas.** Closures are implemented and posted when visitors are at risk or wildlife need protection.



**Do not remove natural objects.** It is illegal to pick plants, to cut down trees and branches, to remove rocks, fossils and cultural artifacts or to otherwise cause damage.



**Drones/UAVs are prohibited** for personal use anywhere in the national parks.



**Firearms are prohibited** in national parks. Firearms include pellet guns, bear bangers, bows, slingshots and similar items.



**Do not consume alcohol and cannabis** beyond your registered campsite or at Radium Hot Springs. In campgrounds, there is a daily ban on alcohol and cannabis consumption during quiet hours, between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Be aware of extended bans during holiday weekends.



## ATTENTION Park water users

### Keep aquatic invasive species out of national parks!

**Clean, Drain, Dry** and self-certification permits are **mandatory** in Kootenay National Park.

#### You must:

- **CLEAN** all mud, sand, plant and animal materials from your boat/SUP/fishing gear.
- **DRAIN** coolers, buckets, compartments and other items that may hold water.
- **DRY** completely and for 48 hours before entering any river, lake, or stream. If coming from outside Alberta or British Columbia, dry for 30 days.

You must also possess a self-certification permit stating that you have followed the clean, drain, dry protocol. Violators may be charged under the Canada National Parks Act.

For more information, including where to obtain a self-certification permit and the locations of cleaning/decontamination stations:

[parkscanada.ca/cleandraindry-kootenay](http://parkscanada.ca/cleandraindry-kootenay)  
[pc.llykaquatics.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.llykaquatics.pc@canada.ca)



### Buy a national park fishing permit

Provincial licenses are not valid. Permits are available at Parks Canada visitor centres.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

Park wardens enforce regulations as required by the **Canada National Parks Act**.

To report violations, call 24 hours, 7 days per week:  
**1-888-927-3367** (Banff, Yoho and Kootenay)  
**1-877-852-3100** (Jasper, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier)

**Violators will be charged, be required to appear in court and could pay fines of up to \$25,000.**

# Wildlife need your help



L. Halverson / Parks Canada

The chance to observe wildlife in their natural habitat is an experience that draws millions of people to the national parks each year.

Along with this opportunity, however, comes the responsibility to treat wildlife with respect.



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**Do not feed wildlife.** This includes littering and leaving food or scented items unattended.



**Do not litter.** Use the wildlife-proof garbage bins for all unwanted items.



**Keep dogs on leash at all times.** Off-leash dogs can stress wildlife and trigger aggressive behaviour. Protect your dog and the well-being of wildlife and other visitors.



A **no stopping zone** protects wildlife and motorists in high risk areas. Watch for signs along the roadside and **do not stop to view wildlife in this zone.**

It is illegal to feed, entice or disturb any wildlife in a national park.

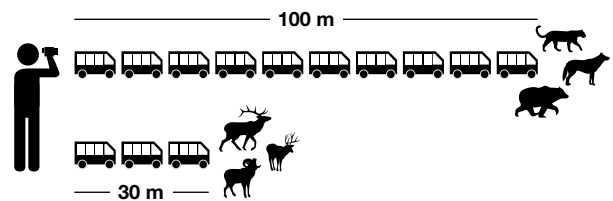
When too many people stop to view wildlife, animals lose their natural fear of people. This increases their risk of being hit by a vehicle or acting aggressively towards humans and being destroyed.

**If you see wildlife by the road:**

- **Slow down.**
- If you must stop, pull over when and where it is safe to do so.
- Use hazard lights to alert other drivers.
- **Stay in your vehicle.**
- Watch for a few moments, take a photo and move on.

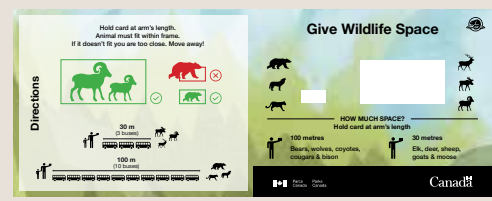
**Photograph wildlife from a vehicle or safe distance:**

- 30 metres for deer, elk, moose and bighorn sheep
- 100 metres for bears, wolves, coyotes and cougars



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**TIP** Pick up a **wildlife viewing card** at the Kootenay National Park Visitor Centre. This simple tool will help you view and photograph animals from a safe distance.







A wildlife underpass and fencing on Highway 93 south.



A remote camera captures a wolf using an underpass.



A remote camera captures a black bear leading her cubs through an underpass.

## Have you seen these structures?

Reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions while keeping habitat connected is a priority for Kootenay National Park. From 2013 to 2015, nine wildlife underpasses and fifteen kilometers of exclusion fencing were installed along the park highway. These structures are designed to:

- **Increase motorist safety.** Collisions put motorists at risk of injury or death.
- **Increase wildlife safety.** From 2003 to 2012, over 530 large animal deaths were reported on Highway 93 south.
- **Reduce habitat fragmentation.** Wildlife populations need to cross the highway to access important habitat (food and shelter) and connect with other populations.

Since construction of the underpasses and exclusion fencing, wildlife mortality has decreased by over 85% within the fenced area. The underpasses are being monitored with remote

cameras, and to date over 6000 crossings have been recorded. Many species of large mammal are using the underpasses: bears, wolves, cougars, deer, elk and moose.

### YOU CAN HELP

- **Obey speed limits** and stay alert when driving.
- **Report animal-vehicle collisions.** Note your location and report the incident as soon as possible. This information helps park wildlife staff monitor injured animals, recover dead ones and plan future wildlife crossings.
- **Report animals on the highway side of the fence.** Park wildlife staff are trained to move animals back to the safe side of the fence.

**Parks Canada Dispatch: 403-762-1473**



Wolverine – *Special concern*



A wolverine hair-collection site



Little brown bat – *Endangered*



Whitebark pine – *Endangered*

## Species at risk

All plants, animals and natural objects are protected in the national parks; however, Parks Canada gives special attention to species at risk – plants or animals in danger of disappearing if we don't take action.

Some species listed under the Species at Risk Act require immediate help; they have suffered significant declines in numbers or distribution and are on the path toward extinction. Other species need monitoring to ensure they don't start down this path.

Parks Canada has teamed up with Mirjam Barreto, a PhD student at the University of Calgary, to study wolverine connectivity in the Columbia and Rocky mountains.

Because wolverines require large areas of undisturbed wilderness, they are one of the best indicators of a healthy, intact ecosystem. Researchers have installed 30 monitoring sites on both sides of the Trans-Canada Highway to investigate how this major transportation route impacts wolverine dispersal.



N. Furfaro / Parks Canada

## Warm up in Radium Hot Springs

Nestled deep in Sinclair Canyon, heavily frosted trees, covered rocks and steamy water offer the perfect setting to unwind after a cold day. It may be winter in Kootenay National Park, but it's always 39°C here!

### HOT POOL HOURS

**October 13, 2020 to March 31, 2021**

Monday to Friday: 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### COOL POOL HOURS

**October 13, 2020 to March 31, 2021**

Friday: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dani Lefrançois / Parks Canada

## Safety

Parks Canada does not maintain or patrol winter trails in Kootenay National Park. Some hiking trails are suitable for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, but the park is a natural area and travel is at your own risk.

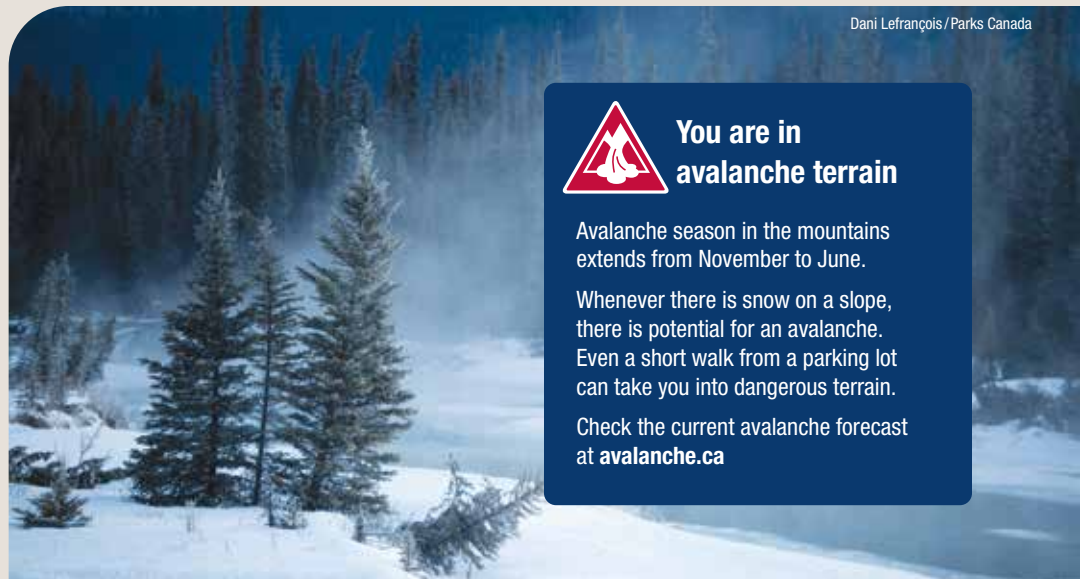
Check trail reports and warnings before you head out:

[parks.canada.gc.ca/kootenaytrails](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/kootenaytrails)

Find information on backcountry travel and how to stay safe in the mountains at [parks.mountainsafety.ca](https://parks.mountainsafety.ca)

For more information:

[parks.canada.gc.ca/kootenay-winter](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/kootenay-winter)



## You are in avalanche terrain

Avalanche season in the mountains extends from November to June.

Whenever there is snow on a slope, there is potential for an avalanche. Even a short walk from a parking lot can take you into dangerous terrain.

Check the current avalanche forecast at [avalanche.ca](https://avalanche.ca)

## Mountain national parks

### BANFF

Banff Visitor Centre: 403-762-1550

Lake Louise Visitor Centre: 403-522-3833

[parks.canada.gc.ca/banff](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/banff)

Banff Lake Louise Tourism: 403-762-8421

[banfflakelouise.com](https://banfflakelouise.com)

**NEW!** Reservations are required to ride a Parks Canada shuttle to Lake Louise and Moraine Lake. Visit [pc.gc.ca/banff-transit](https://pc.gc.ca/banff-transit) for more information.

### JASPER

Jasper Information Centre: 780-852-6176

[parks.canada.gc.ca/jasper](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/jasper)

Tourism Jasper: 780-852-6236

[jasper.travel](https://jasper.travel)

### KOOTENAY

Kootenay Visitor Centre: 250-347-9505

[parks.canada.gc.ca/kootenay](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/kootenay)

Tourism Radium / Radium Chamber of

Commerce: 1-888-347-9331

[radiumhotsprings.com](https://radiumhotsprings.com)

### MOUNT REVELSTOKE AND GLACIER

Rogers Pass Discovery Centre: 250-837-7500

[parks.canada.gc.ca/glacier](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/glacier)

[parks.canada.gc.ca/revelstoke](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/revelstoke)

### WATERTON LAKES

Waterton Lakes Visitor Centre:

403-859-5133

[parks.canada.gc.ca/waterton](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/waterton)

### YOHO

Yoho Visitor Centre: 250-343-6783

[parks.canada.gc.ca/yoho](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/yoho)

Accommodations and attractions in Field: [field.ca](https://field.ca)

### Improvement projects



Improvements help Parks Canada provide high quality visitor experiences while achieving conservation gains.

We thank you for your patience.

### Plan ahead:

[parks.canada.gc.ca/banff-construction](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/banff-construction)

[parks.canada.gc.ca/jasper-construction](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/jasper-construction)

[parks.canada.gc.ca/yoho-construction](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/yoho-construction)



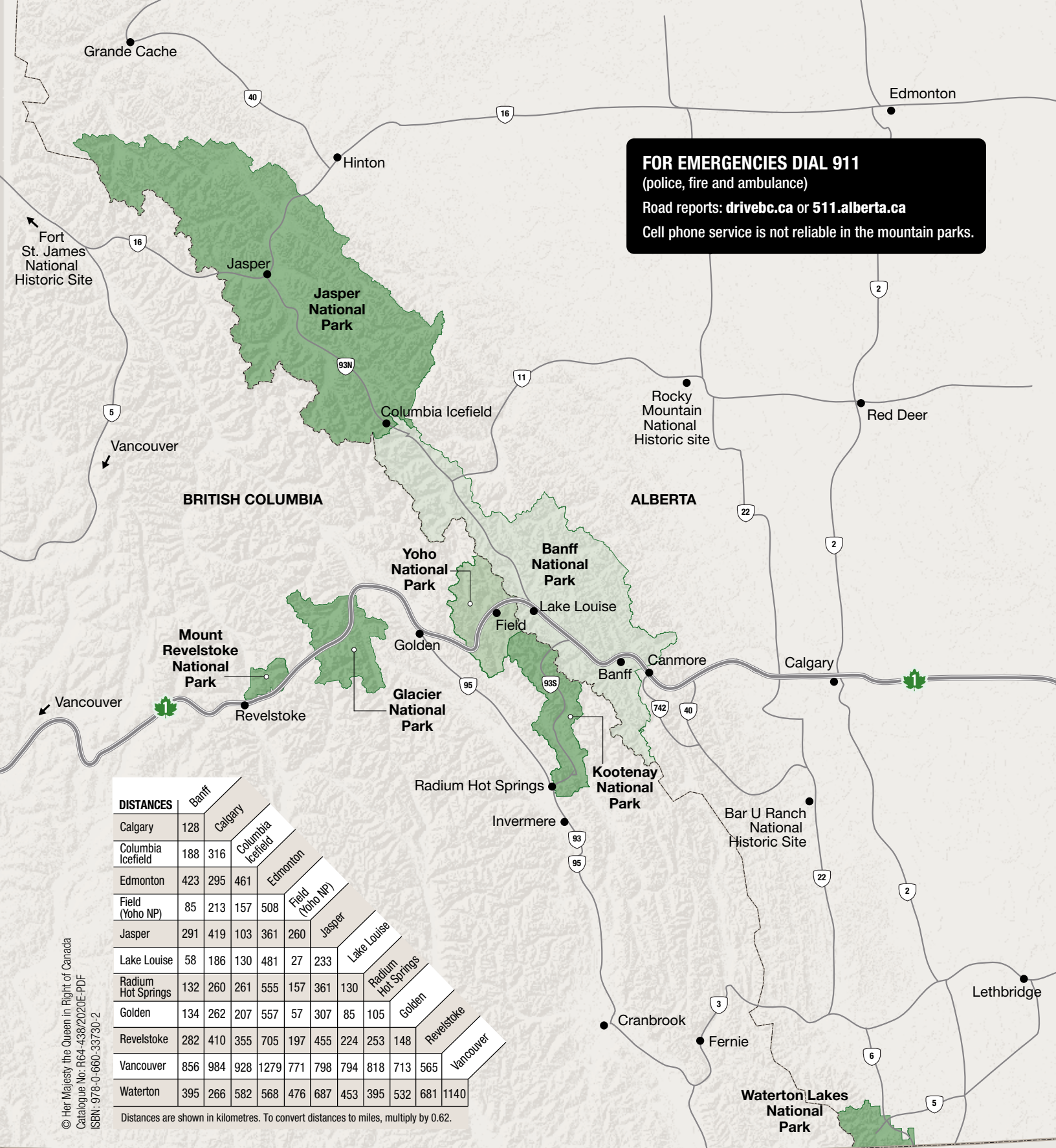
# Camping in the mountain parks

CAMPGROUND		OPEN DATES	SITES	PRICES	Full hook-up	Electrical	Sani dump	Flush toilets	Pit toilets	Showers	Firepits	Cooking shelter	Drinking water	Accessible	Interpretive programs	oTENTiKs	
Yoho	Monarch	Apr. 30 – Oct. 11	44	\$17.99													
	Kicking Horse	May 14 – Oct. 11	88	\$28.00													
	Takakkaw Falls (walk-in)	June 18 – Oct. 11	35	\$17.99													
	Hoodoo Creek	June 18 – Sept. 6	30	\$16.05													
Banff	Tunnel Mt. Village I	May 7 – Oct. 5	618	\$28.00													
	Tunnel Mt. Village II	Open year-round oTENTiKs May 7 – Oct. 13	209	\$28.00 – \$33.01													
	Tunnel Mt. Trailer Court	May 7 – Oct. 5	322	\$39.04													
	Two Jack Main	June 25 – Sept. 8	380	\$21.97													
	Two Jack Lakeside	May 7 – Oct. 5 oTENTiKs May 7 – Oct. 5	74	\$28.00													
	Johnston Canyon	June 25 – Sept. 21	132	\$28.00													
	Castle Mountain	May 21 – July 2	43	\$21.97													
	Protection Mountain	June 18 – Sept. 7	72	\$21.97													
	Lake Louise Tent	May 30 – Sept. 27	206	\$28.00													
	Lake Louise Trailer	Open year-round	189	\$33.01													
	Mosquito Creek	June 3 – Oct. 12	32	\$17.99													
	Silverhorn	June 3 – Sept. 27	45	\$16.05													
	Waterfowl Lakes	June 12 – Sept. 7	116	\$21.97													
	Rampart Creek	June 3 – Oct. 12	50	\$17.99													
	Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site	May 15 – Sept. 30	45	\$26.06													
	Whistlers	Closed for construction															
	Jasper	Wapiti (summer)	May 6 – Oct. 12	362	\$28.00 – \$33.01												
		Wapiti (winter)	Oct. 12 – May 4, 2021	75	\$28.00 – \$33.01												
Wabasso		May 6 – Sept. 28	231	\$21.97 – \$28.00													
Pocahontas		May 13 – Sept. 14	140	\$21.97													
Overflow		May 13 – Sept. 21	280	\$16.05													
Snaring		May 13 – Sept. 28	63	\$16.05													
Kerkeslin		May 13 – Sept. 21	42	\$16.05													
Honeymoon Lake		May 13 – Sept. 21	35	\$16.05													
Jonas		May 13 – Sept. 14	25	\$16.05													
Icefield Centre RV		May 13 – Oct. 12	100	\$16.05													
Icefield (tents only)		June 3 – Oct. 12	33	\$16.05													
Wilcox		June 3 – Sept. 21	46	\$16.05													

- Reservation required for all sites in the campground.
- First-come, first-served sites only. Self-register at the campground. In summer months, arrive before mid-day for the best chance of getting a site.
- Mix of reservable and first-come, first-served sites.
- Campground is undergoing upgrades. Check online for the latest information and opening dates: [reservation.pc.gc.ca](http://reservation.pc.gc.ca)

Many campsites can be reserved and most fill up quickly. Book online or call ahead for information and reservations. **Camping is permitted in designated campgrounds only. A camping permit and national park entry pass are required.**

[reservation.pc.gc.ca](http://reservation.pc.gc.ca) 1-877-reserve (737-3783)



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Please slow down, for your safety and ours.



We hope to see you again soon!