




Kootenay
National Park

Visitor Guide

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DID YOU KNOW?

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

 Dog Lake Trail

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

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 Kyawaç ʔamakʔis (Land of the Grouse).

The Traditional Territory of the Ktunaxa encompasses 70 000 km² within the Kootenay region of south-eastern British Columbia, and also includes parts of Alberta, Montana, Idaho and Washington.

Ktunaxa stories teach their generations about 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.

The 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

Shuswap Band

The Kenpesq't (*ken-pesk-t*) community, currently known as the Shuswap 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 since time immemorial; long before 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

Welcome

to Kootenay National Park



 Kootenay River Day-use Area

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So much more than a scenic drive

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.

A place of global importance

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recognizes four of the 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



McLeod Meadows Campground

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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

Daily entry pass

The daily entry pass is valid in Yoho, Kootenay, Banff, Jasper, Waterton Lakes, 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)	\$10.50
Senior (65+)	\$9.00
Youth (0-17)	Free
Family/group (up to 7 people in a vehicle)	\$21.00

Parks Canada Discovery Pass

This annual pass is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase, expiring on the last day of the month in which it was purchased. It gives you unlimited admission to over 80 Parks Canada administered places across the country.

Adult (18-64)	\$72.25
Senior (65+)	\$61.75
Family/group (up to 7 people in a vehicle)	\$145.25



The Kootenay National Park Visitor Centre

is located on Main Street East in the village of Radium Hot Springs.

250-347-9505
kootenay.info@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/kootenay

Free Wi-Fi available

Parks Canada counter hours:

May 1 - Oct. 9, 2023 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Oct. 10, 2023 - Apr. 30, 2024 Closed

Radium Visitor Services counter and washroom facilities are open year-round.

Tourism Radium
 Radium Chamber of Commerce
 1-888-347-9331
radiumhotsprings.com

COVID-19

Parks Canada is following the guidance of health authorities. Learn more about national and provincial guidelines, and respect posted signage in the park.





Take the pledge

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!

I will store my food and scented items safely, and never feed wildlife.

WHY? Wildlife need to find their own natural food sources. Feeding wildlife, or leaving scented items or food unattended, attracts them to human use areas. This is very dangerous. Dispose of recycling, trash and food in designated areas.

I will give wildlife space.

WHY? All wildlife can be dangerous regardless of their size. Wildlife can lose their natural fear of humans after repeated interactions. If you see wildlife on the road; **slow down, stay** in your vehicle and **move on**. Chance animal encounters can happen anywhere. Carry bear spray and know how to use it.

I will protect the ecological integrity of the park.

WHY? Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that impact the land and waters of the park. National parks are home to many species at risk that rely on healthy ecosystems for their survival. Help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, see p.11.

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

WHY? Millions of people visit these special places each year. A small act like picking a flower, when multiplied, can have lasting consequences for the ecosystem. To protect these natural and cultural treasures, always walk on marked trails and leave what you find for others to enjoy.

I will drive carefully and obey speed limits.

WHY? Slow down to prevent deadly collisions with animals. In high risk areas, no stopping zones are used to protect motorists and wildlife. Respect roadside signage, and only park in designated areas to avoid blocking traffic.

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

WHY? To a wild animal, your pet is potentially a predator or prey. Wildlife may flee, endangering themselves or their young. Alternatively, they may respond aggressively, endangering you and your pet.

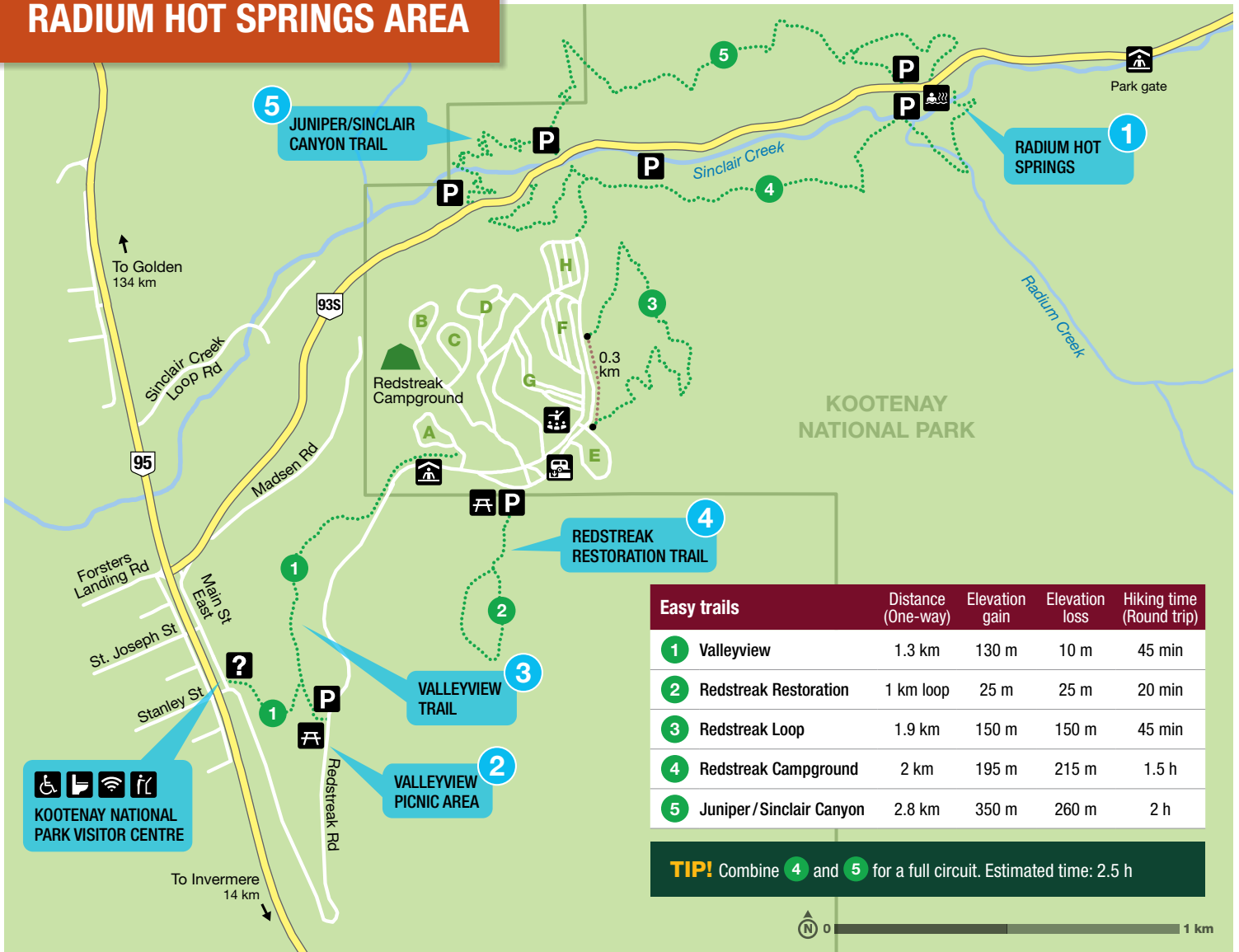
I will follow park regulations.

WHY? The summer draws a high volume of visitors. Please respect regulations for the safety and enjoyment of everyone. Did you know that drones are prohibited for personal use in the national parks? They disturb wildlife and interfere with park operations. To learn about park regulations, see back page.

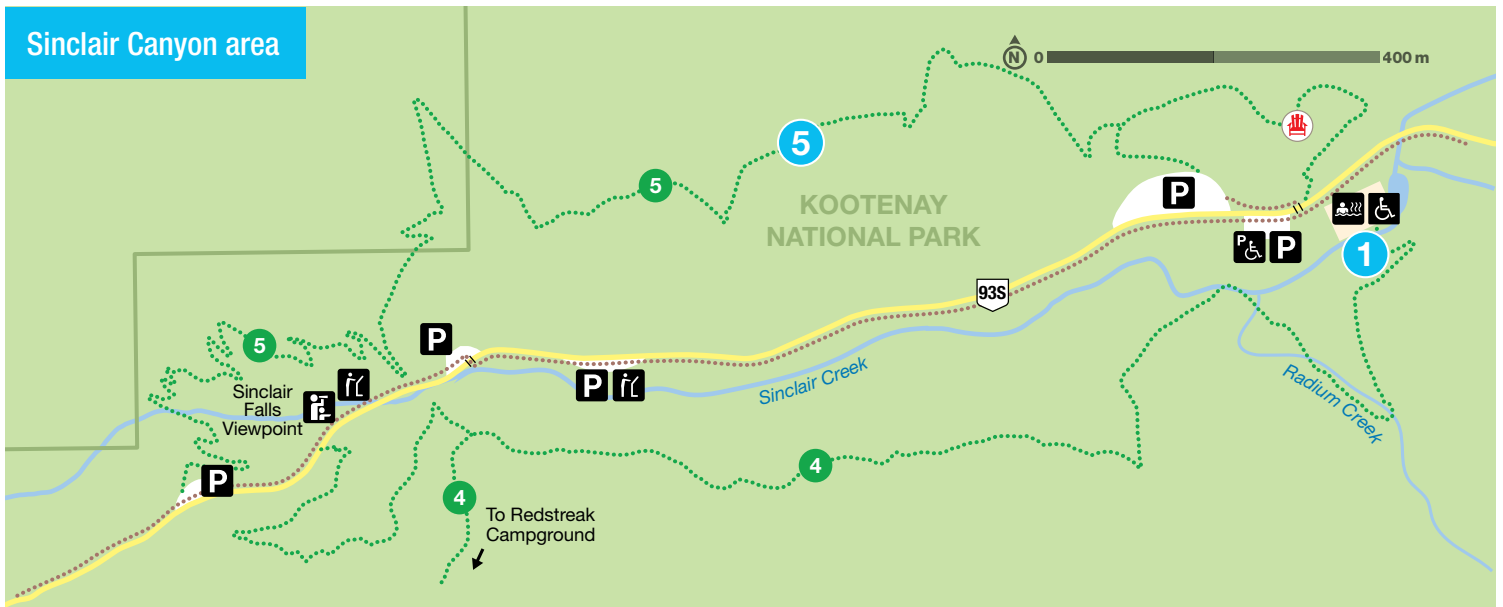
Your pledge makes a big difference.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING ACTION!

RADIUM HOT SPRINGS AREA



Sinclair Canyon area



TIP! Learn about the history of Sinclair Canyon from interpretive signs, made in collaboration with the Friends of Kootenay and the Village of Radium Hot Springs.

- Visitor centre
- Accessible
- Viewpoint
- Red Chairs
- Gate/kiosk
- Wi-Fi
- Interpretive signs
- Campground (all sites reservable)
- Parking
- Toilets
- Interpretive program
- Sani dump
- Accessible parking
- Picnic area
- Radium Hot Springs
- Community trail

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RADIUM HOT SPRINGS



Surrounded by dramatic cliffs, the hot and cool pools allow you to unwind or play with the kids.

2023 RATES

Adult (ages 18-64)	\$16.50
Senior (65+)	\$14.25
Youth (3-17)	\$14.25
Child (under 3)	Free

Fees are subject to change.

Check hotsprings.ca/radium or scan the QR code for hours, trip planning, and safety information before your visit.



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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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REDSTREAK RESTORATION TRAIL



1 km loop

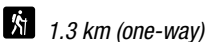
Elevation gain/loss: 25 m / 25 m. Estimated time (return): 20 min

Start at Redstreak Campground. Follow interpretive signs to understand the natural habitat around you.

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VALLEYVIEW TRAIL



1.3 km (one-way)

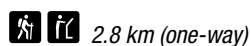
Elevation gain/loss: 130 m / 10 m. Estimated time (return): 45 min

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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JUNIPER/SINCLAIR TRAIL



2.8 km (one-way)

Elevation gain/loss: 350 m / 260 m. Estimated time (return): 2 h

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.

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
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 A forested picnic area at the summit of Sinclair Pass.

OLIVE LAKE TRAIL
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 0.3 km (one-way)
 Elevation gain/loss: 5 m / 5 m
 Estimated time (return): 15 min

Look for brook trout as you explore the lakeshore on the boardwalk.



Note: This area is closed each spring due to bear activity.

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KOOTENAY RIVER DAY-USE AREA
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 Spread out a picnic blanket or access the river for fishing and water sports.

TIP! Check trail conditions at parks.canada.ca/kootenay-trails 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!

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KOOTENAY VALLEY VIEWPOINT
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 Enjoy breathtaking views of Mitchell and Vermillion mountain ranges, and read the interpretive signs to discover the importance of wildlife corridors in this area.

COBB LAKE TRAIL
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 2.7 km (one-way)
 Elevation gain/loss: 155 m / 260 m
 Estimated time (return): 2 h

Descend to Swede Creek, then continue along to the banks of a quiet lake encircled by forest.



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DOG LAKE DAY-USE AREA
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 Take advantage of this cool, shaded picnic area on a hot day.

DOG LAKE TRAIL
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 2.6 km (one-way)
 Elevation gain/loss: 135 m / 70 m
 Estimated time (return): 1.5 h

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
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 Enjoy the self-guided activities and learn more on how wildlife fences and underpasses protect both motorists and wildlife. Fun for kids!

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SIMPSON RIVER TRAIL



Up to 8.8 km (one-way)

Elevation gain/loss: 135 m / 190 m

Estimated time (return): Up to 5.5 h

Walk through a valley marked by fire. Check out the interpretive signs along the first 1.5 km of the trail. Learn about the incredible forces of nature. Past the Red Chairs, the trail continues for 7.3 km (one-way) to the park boundary.



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MARBLE CANYON TRAIL

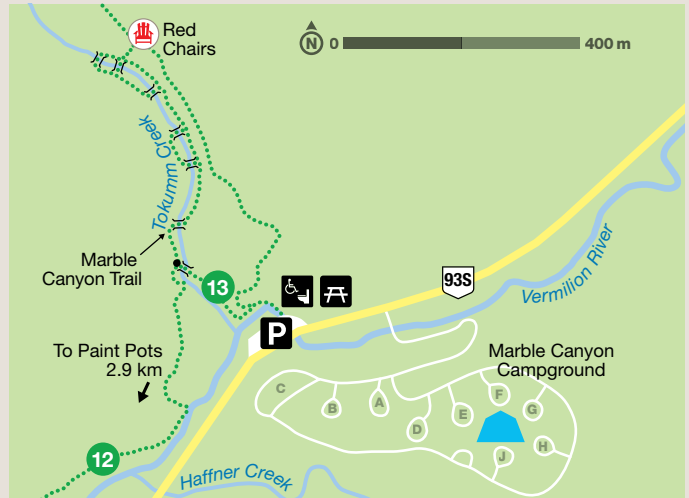


0.9 km (one-way)

Elevation gain/loss 65 m / 35 m

Estimated time (return): Up to 30 min

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



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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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NUMA FALLS DAY-USE AREA



Stop for a snack at the picnic site right next to the roaring waterfalls and look down into the canyon from the newly replaced bridge.



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PAINT POTS TRAIL

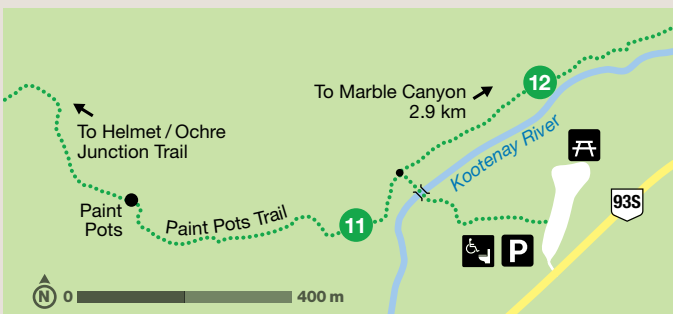
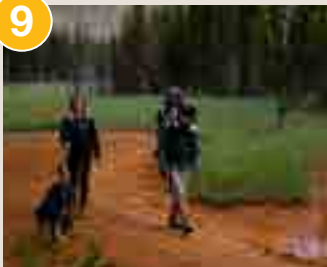


1 km (one-way)

Elevation gain/loss: 35 m / 20 m

Estimated time (return): 40 min

An easy walk takes you to three iron-rich mineral springs that stain the surrounding earth. Come prepared for muddy trail sections.



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STANLEY GLACIER TRAIL

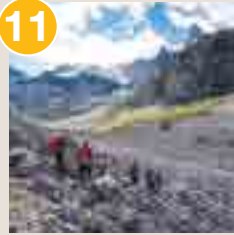


5.2 km (one-way)

Elevation gain/loss 615 m / 50 m

Estimated time (return) 3 h

Hike up to a stunning alpine basin and watch glacier meltwater tumble down massive rock walls. See p.10 for info on Burgess Shale guided hikes.



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CONTINENTAL DIVIDE DAY-USE AREA



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

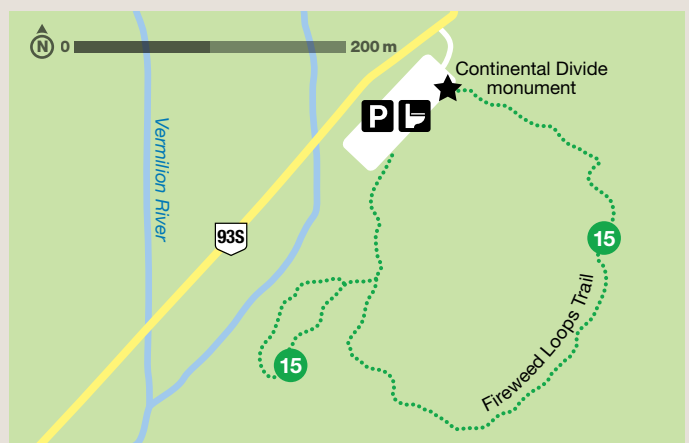
FIREWEED LOOPS TRAIL

0.7 km and 0.2 km loops

Elevation gain/loss: 15 m / 65 m

Estimated time (return): Up to 30 min

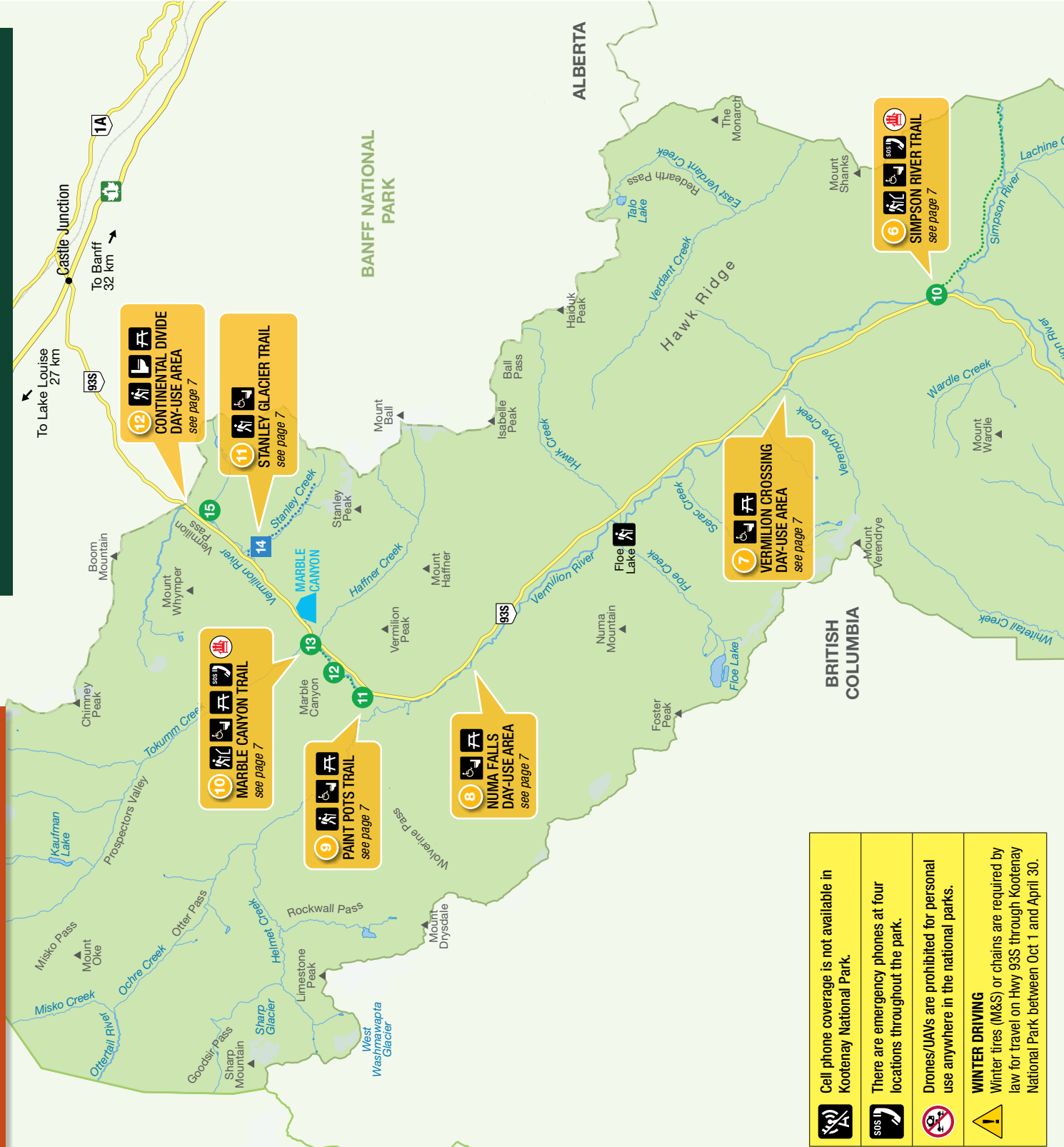
Walk through a quiet, shaded forest. The Vermilion Pass wildfire swept through this area in 1968. Can you spot any marks left by this fire?



KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK

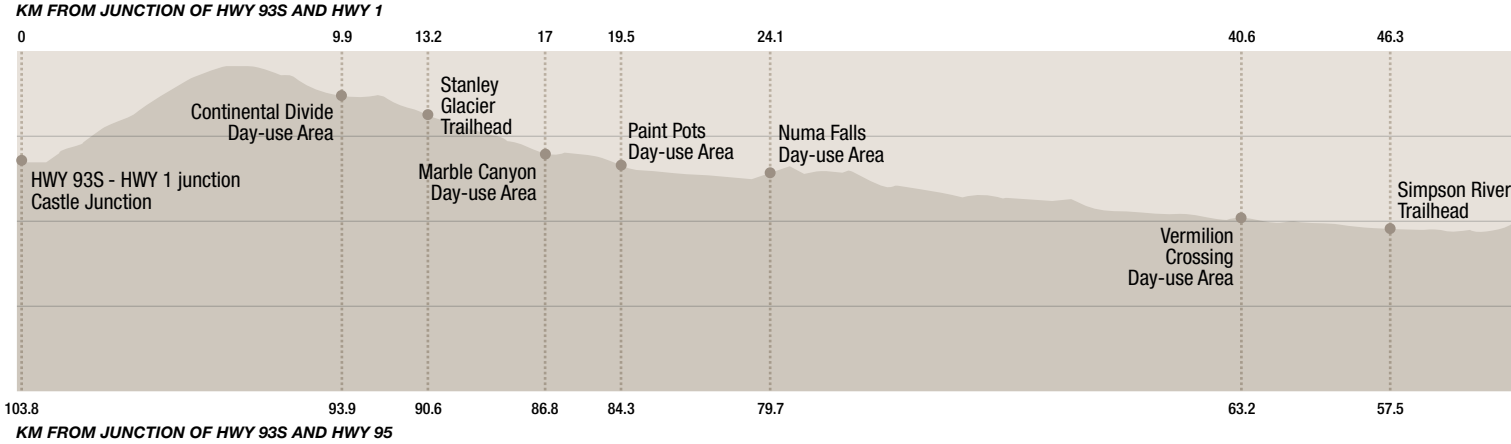
TIP! Set your odometer to 0 in Radium Hot Springs or at Castle Junction and don't miss any of the highlights along Hwy 93S! Just follow the diagram on the right hand side.

NEW! Download the new Kootenay guided audio tour. Go to p. 10 to find out more.



	Cell phone coverage is not available in Kootenay National Park.
	There are emergency phones at four locations throughout the park.
	Drones/UAVs are prohibited for personal use anywhere in the national parks.
	WINTER DRIVING Winter tires (M&S) or chains are required by law for travel on Hwy 93S through Kootenay National Park between Oct 1 and April 30.

ELEVATION PROFILE AND DISTANCES



Hector Gorge Viewpoint

Kootenay Crossing

Dolly Varden Day-use Area

Dog Lake Day-use Area

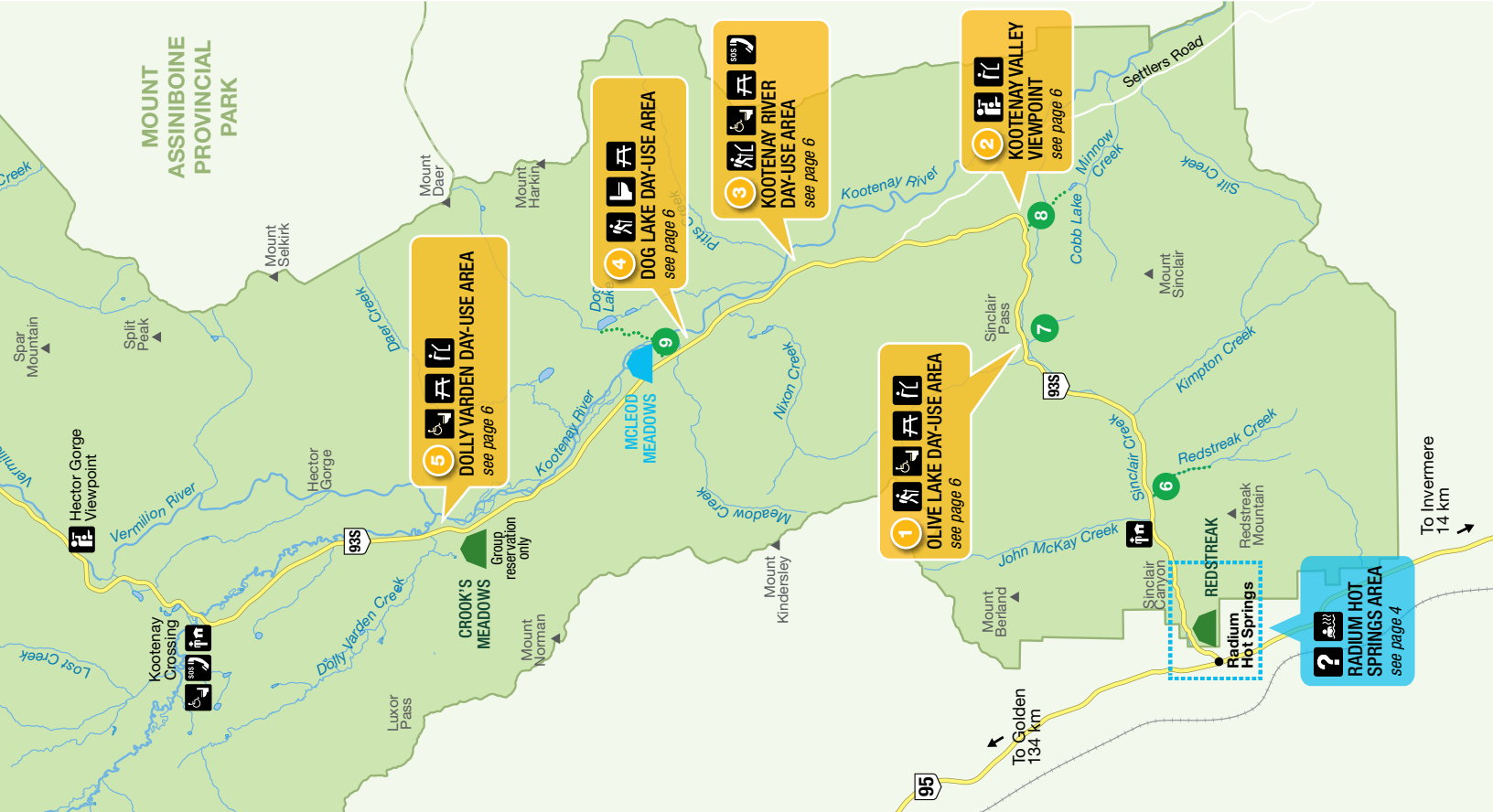
Kootenay River Day-use Area

Kootenay Valley Viewpoint

Olive Lake Day-use Area

Redstreak Creek Trailhead

Radium Hot Springs
HWY 93S - HWY 95 junction



TIP! On most hiking trails you will gain and lose elevation before you reach your destination. Elevation gain represents all the up and elevation loss all the down you will experience on a one-way hike.

Trail	Distance (one-way)	Elevation gain	Elevation loss	Hiking time (round trip)
6 Redstreak Creek	2.3 km	200 m	30 m	1.5 h
7 Olive Lake	0.3 km	5 m	5 m	15 min
8 Cobb Lake	2.7 km	155 m	260 m	2 h
9 Dog Lake	2.6 km	135 m	70 m	1.5 h
10 Simpson River	Up to 8.8 km	135 m	190 m	Up to 5.5 h
11 Paint Pots	1 km	35 m	20 m	40 min
12 Marble Canyon to Paint Pots	2.9 km	65 m	110 m	2 h
13 Marble Canyon	0.9 km	65 m	35 m	30 min
14 Stanley Glacier	5.2 km	615 m	50 m	3 h
15 Fireweed Loops	0.7 km and 0.2 km loops	15 m	65 m	30 min

Legend

- Easy
- Moderate

- Visitor centre
- Toilet
- Barrier-free toilet
- Picnic area
- Viewpoint
- Hiking
- Interpretive trail
- Exhibit
- Radium Hot Springs
- Parks Canada station
- Emergency telephone
- Red Chairs
- Campground (reservable and first-come, first-served)

Not all trails are listed here or displayed on the map.

For information on difficult and multi-day hikes, pick up a Kootenay National Park Trail Guide at the park gate or visitor centre. The guide is also available online at parks.canada.ca/kootenay-brochures

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES



Plan your visit around an interpretive experience by checking parks.canada.ca/kootenay-interpretation



Evening program at Redstreak Campground



Kootenay guided audio tour

Enjoy the new Kootenay guided audio tour as you travel on Highway 93 South, one of BC's most scenic highways.

This new audio tour is your perfect travel companion on the 94-km drive as you twist and turn through valleys and over two mountain passes.

It's easy! Download the Parks Canada app from the App Store or Google Play. Choose the Kootenay National Park mobile guided tour and select your direction of travel.

Mobile guided tour features:

- Behind-the-scenes stories that play automatically as you drive through the park.
- Suggested stops to get out and stretch your legs.
- Insider's tips of things to do.
- Quiz questions to challenge your knowledge and observation skills.

Remember to download the app and tour before you start your drive. There is no cell coverage or Wi-Fi in Kootenay National Park.



Burgess Shale Fossils in Kootenay – Guided Hike

Ages 8+, moderate hike, 10 km return

Join us on the scenic Stanley Glacier Trail and experience the Burgess Shale fossils first hand. This family-oriented hike provides an excellent introduction to the Burgess Shale on a moderate trail. Along the trail your guide will reveal the deep connections between past and present.

These fossils are so globally important that they have been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Burgess Shale is part of the larger Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site.



Advanced reservations and payment are required for guided hikes. Visit parks.canada.ca/burgess-shale to reserve your spot.



Park interpreters are here to share fun experiences with park visitors. Join us for an outdoor activity or evening program during your visit to the park!

Club Parka | Xplorers Ages 3-5 | Ages 6-11

Do you like adventure? Challenge yourself and discover new things in an activity booklet.

Pick up activity booklets at visitor centres or the Redstreak Campground kiosk.

Geocache Challenge all ages

Participate in a treasure hunting game! Search for five species at risk around Redstreak Campground. Available mid-June to September 1.

Evening Programs

Discover Kootenay's natural and cultural heritage. Interpretive programs are offered at Redstreak Campground at 8 p.m. every evening. From game nights to speaker series and theatre shows, there's something for everyone!

Programs are available to **all visitors**. You don't need to be staying in the campground to join in the fun!



PROTECT PARK WATERS



Healthy aquatic ecosystems are vital to the health of the national parks.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native plants, animals and diseases that can be harmful to park waters. Once established, AIS can cause irreversible damage.



Clean Drain Dry practices and AIS prevention permits are mandatory in Kootenay National Park. To comply with AIS Prevention Permit requirements, you must:



- **CLEAN** all mud, sand, plant and animal materials from your watercraft or water-related gear. This includes boats, paddleboards, fishing gear, etc.



- **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 used in Alberta or BC. Dry for a minimum of 30 days after use in other provinces or in the United States.



AIS Prevention Permits are available at visitor centres and shoreline kiosks. Download a permit at parks.canada.ca/kootenay-self-certification prior to your visit. You can also visit a staffed inspection station to receive a free inspection and permit. This is located 6 km east of Lake Louise on Hwy 1.

Report AIS sightings to Parks Canada Dispatch (403-762-1470) or email ReportAIS-SignalerEAE@pc.gc.ca. For more information, please visit parks.canada.ca/kootenay-fishing (click on FAQs for Clean Drain Dry).

Buy a national park fishing permit

Catch and release only. Provincial licenses are not valid. Permits are available at Parks Canada visitor centres.



American badger

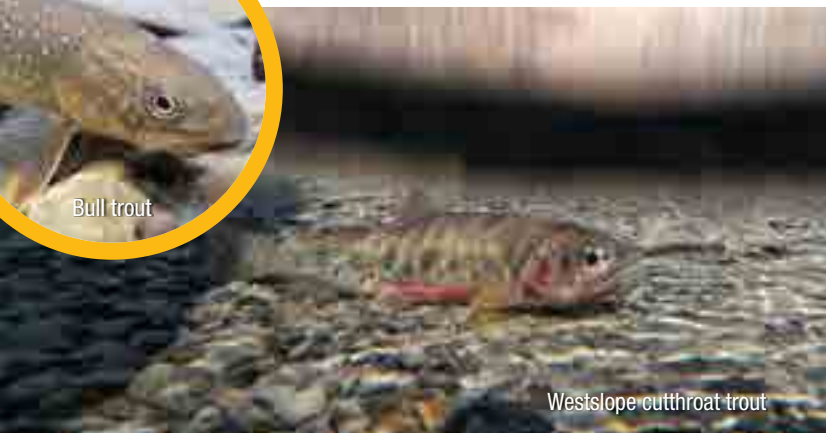
Dry Gulch Grassland Restoration Project:

The grasslands in Kootenay National Park provide important winter habitat for deer, goats and sheep. Unfortunately, the Douglas-fir forests are encroaching on this delicate ecosystem. This also creates a risk of wildfire.

In winter 2021, work began by Parks Canada to restore grassland habitat in the Dry Gulch area of the park. This will help shift these sensitive ecosystems back to a more natural state. In turn, it will also reduce wildfire risk and help restore critical badger habitat. The American badger is a species at risk and plays a key role in the grassland ecosystem.



Bull trout



Westslope cutthroat trout

Friends of the fish

Meet the westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout – two important fish in Kootenay National Park. Habitat loss, climate change and historical fish stocking practices have put pressure on these fish causing them to decline. Parks Canada is exploring different options to protect these species before it's too late. Guess what? YOU can help! Clean Drain and Dry your watercraft and gear before and after recreating in any waterbody.



A remote camera captures a wolf using an underpass.

Have you seen these structures?

Since construction of the underpasses and 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 large mammals are using the underpasses: bears, wolves, cougars, deer, elk and moose.

If you see wildlife by the road:

- **Slow down** and use hazard lights to alert other drivers.
- Only stop when and where it is safe to do so. Pull over and do not block traffic.
- **Stay in your vehicle.**
- Watch for a few moments, take a photo from a safe distance and **move on.**

Photograph wildlife from a vehicle or safe distance:

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



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.**



Do not approach wildlife. When taking photos, do not surround, crowd or follow an animal. It is illegal to feed, approach, entice or disturb any wildlife in a national park.



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

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: 403-762-1470

STAY SAFE AND PROTECT WILDLIFE

Keep human food away from animals

- **DO NOT LITTER.** Use the wildlife-proof garbage bins for all unwanted items and food scraps.
- Store all food, food-related items and scented products in vehicles or storage lockers.
- Non-food related items such as lawn chairs, tables or lanterns may be left outside.
- Pour out dish water at designated sinks or sani dumps.



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



Parks Canada staff may enter open and plainly visible areas of an unattended campsite to remove and secure plainly visible wildlife attractants.

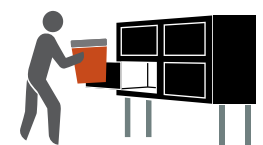
KEEP YOUR CAMPSITE AND PICNIC AREA CLEAN to reduce the risks to your personal safety and to wildlife.



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.



Winter in Kootenay

Some trails are suitable for winter activities, but usage is at your own risk. Parks Canada does not maintain or patrol trails in Kootenay National Park.

You are in avalanche terrain

Avalanche season in the mountains extends from November to June, and even a short walk can take you into avalanche terrain. Whenever there is snow on a slope, there is potential for an avalanche. Check the current avalanche forecast at parks.canada.ca/avalanche



Be safe in the mountains

Natural hazards are a part of the national park experience. There is no cell service in Kootenay National Park. Emergency phones are available at the Kootenay River Day-use Area, Kootenay Crossing, Simpson River Trailhead and Marble Canyon Day-use Area.

You can reduce the impact of an unfortunate circumstance by being well informed and well prepared. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Visit parks.canada.ca/kootenay-trails for trail condition reports and warnings before you head out.

Check out parks.canada.ca/mountain-safety for information on backcountry travel and how to stay safe in the mountains.

CAMPING IN KOOTENAY



oTENTik at Redstreak Campground

Frontcountry camping

Redstreak provides the widest range of services and is located within walking distance of the village of Radium Hot Springs and the 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.

For more info: parks.canada.ca/kootenay-camping

Reserve now! reservation.pc.gc.ca | 1-877-reserve (737-3783)



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.

For more info:

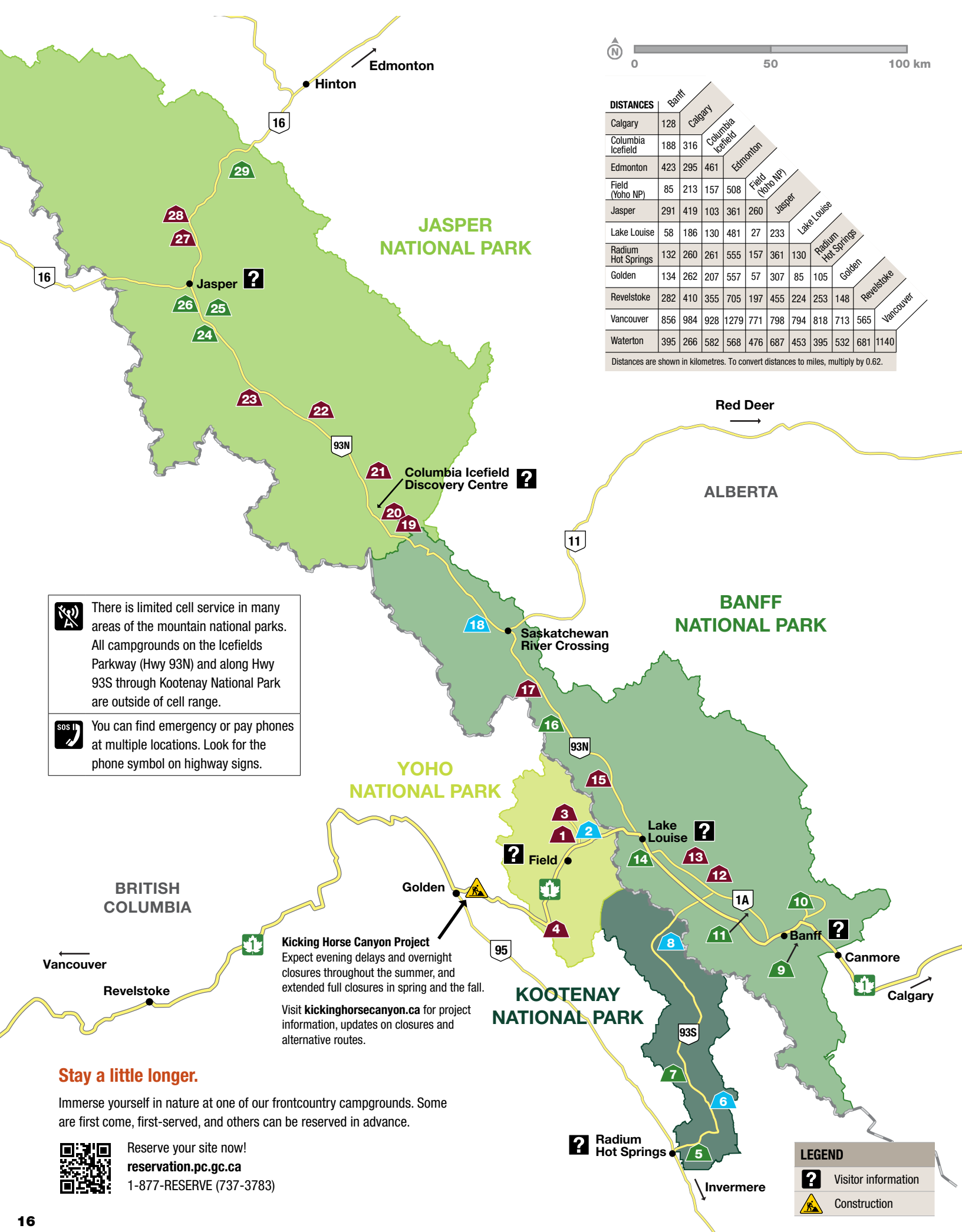
parks.canada.ca/kootenay-backcountry

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

Remember! You are required to have your camping permit on your persons at all times. You may be subject to random patrol checks.



Floe Lake Campground



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

There is limited cell service in many areas of the mountain national parks. All campgrounds on the Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93N) and along Hwy 93S through Kootenay National Park are outside of cell range.

You can find emergency or pay phones at multiple locations. Look for the phone symbol on highway signs.

Kicking Horse Canyon Project
 Expect evening delays and overnight closures throughout the summer, and extended full closures in spring and the fall.
 Visit kickinghorsecanyon.ca for project information, updates on closures and alternative routes.

Stay a little longer.

Immerse yourself in nature at one of our frontcountry campgrounds. Some are first come, first-served, and others can be reserved in advance.

Reserve your site now!
reservation.pc.gc.ca
 1-877-RESERVE (737-3783)

LEGEND

- Visitor information
- 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	Interpretive prog.	oTENTiks
Yoho	1 Monarch	May 4 – Sept. 18	44	\$18.75											
	2 Kicking Horse	May 18 – Oct. 9	88	\$29.25											
	3 Takakkaw Falls (walk-in)	June 15 – Oct. 9	35	\$18.75											
	4 Hoodoo Creek	June 15 – Sept. 4	30	\$16.75											
Kootenay	5 Redstreak	Apr. 28 – Oct. 9 oTENTiks May 18 – Sept. 17	242	\$29.25 – \$34.50											
	6 McLeod Meadows	June 8 – Sept. 11	80	\$23.00											
	7 Crook's Meadow Non-profit and school groups	Email kootenay.info@pc.gc.ca for reservation information.													
	8 Marble Canyon	June 22 – Sept. 4	61	\$23.00											
Banff	9 Tunnel Mt. Village I	May 11 – Oct. 2	618	\$29.25											
	9 Tunnel Mt. Village II	Open year-round oTENTiks May 11 – Oct. 9	209	\$34.50											
	9 Tunnel Mt. Trailer Court	May 11 – Oct. 2	322	\$40.75											
	10 Two Jack Main	June 22 – Sept. 5	380	\$23.00											
	10 Two Jack Lakeside	May 11 – Oct. 2 oTENTiks May 11 – Oct. 2	74	\$29.25											
	11 Johnston Canyon	May 25 – Sept. 25	132	\$29.25											
	12 Castle Mountain	Closed until further notice	43	\$23.00											
	13 Protection Mountain	June 21 – Sept. 4	72	\$23.00											
	14 Lake Louise Tent	June 1 – Sept. 24	206	\$29.25											
	14 Lake Louise Trailer	Open year-round	189	\$34.50											
	15 Mosquito Creek	June 8 – Oct. 9	38	\$18.75											
	16 Silverhorn Creek	June 2 – Oct. 9	45	\$16.75											
	17 Waterfowl Lakes	June 22 – Sept. 4	110	\$23.00											
	18 Rampart Creek	June 2 – Sept. 24	51	\$18.75											
	Jasper	19 Wilcox	Mid June - Mid Sept.	46	\$26.00										
20 Icefield Centre RV		Mid May - Early Oct.	100	\$16.75											
20 Icefield (tents only)		Mid June - Early Oct.	33	\$26.00											
21 Jonas		Mid June - Early Sept.	25	\$26.00											
22 Honeymoon Lake		Mid May - Mid Sept.	35	\$26.00											
23 Kerkeslin		Mid May - Early Sept.	42	\$26.00											
24 Wabasso		Mid May – Mid Sept.	231	\$32.25 – \$38.50											
25 Wapiti (winter)		Oct. 10 - April 30, 2024	75	\$34.50											
25 Wapiti (summer)		Early May - Mid Oct.	364	\$34.50 – \$43.75											
26 Whistlers		Early May - Mid Oct.	781	\$24.00 – \$50.00											
27 Snaring		Mid May - Mid Sept.	62	\$26.00											
28 Overflow	Mid May – Mid Sept.	280	\$16.75												
29 Miette	Late June - Earl Sept.	140	\$32.25												

All sites in the campground are reservable.

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



National park regulations



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 or day-use areas. Camp only in designated campgrounds with a valid camping permit and park entry pass. parks.canada.ca/kootenay-camping



Do not enter closed areas. Closures are implemented and posted when visitors are at risk or wildlife need protection. Visit parks.canada.ca/kootenay-bulletins



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 the Radium Hot Springs pools. 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.



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

Violators may be charged and could pay fines of up to \$25,000.

Mountain park contacts

KOOTENAY

Kootenay Visitor Centre: 250-347-9505 | kootenay.info@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/kootenay
Tourism Radium/Radium Chamber of Commerce: 1-888-347-9331
radiumhotsprings.com

BANFF

Banff Visitor Centre: 403-762-1550 | banffinfo@pc.gc.ca
Lake Louise Visitor Centre: 403-522-3833 | ll.info@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/banff
Banff Lake Louise Tourism: 403-762-8421
banfflakelouise.com

YOHO

Yoho Visitor Centre: 250-343-6783 | yoho.info@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/yoho
Accommodations and attractions in Field: field.ca

MOUNT REVELSTOKE AND GLACIER

Rogers Pass Discovery Centre: 250-837-7500
parks.canada.ca/glacier
parks.canada.ca/revelstoke

WATERTON LAKES

Waterton Lakes Visitor Centre: 403-859-5133
parks.canada.ca/waterton

JASPER

Jasper Information Centre: 780-852-6176 | pjasperinfo@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/jasper
Tourism Jasper: 780-852-6236 jasper.travel

Cell phone service is not reliable in the mountain parks.

Road reports: drivebc.ca or **511.alberta.ca**

FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911 (police, fire and ambulance)

Law Enforcement

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)