




Yoho  
National Park

# Visitor Guide

## 2020-2021



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 Takakkaw Falls

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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

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## Our story

The Rocky Mountains have been part of Indigenous peoples' homelands for thousands of years; recent history brought new people. In 1858, during a celebrated British expedition to explore the West for railway routes, Dr. James Hector became the first European to map the mountain pass that would become an important transportation corridor. After the doctor's horse knocked him over with a kick to the chest, the spectacular route was dubbed Kicking Horse Pass.

Later, the Canadian Pacific Railway, whose transcontinental route travelled through the pass, set up restaurants at the base of Mount Stephen to avoid pushing heavy dining cars up the mountain. This laid the groundwork for creating the Mount Stephen Reserve, renamed in 1901 as Yoho National Park.

Eight years later, a visiting scientist, Dr. Charles Doolittle Walcott, discovered the Burgess Shale fossils on Mount Wapta. These exquisitely preserved marine organisms offer a glimpse back more than 500 million years ago. With fossils of global importance, 36 peaks soaring above 3 000 m, the rambunctious Kicking Horse River, and numerous breathtaking waterfalls, it is no surprise visitors make personal discoveries anew.



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## A UNESCO World Heritage Site

Four of the mountain national parks – Banff, Jasper, Yoho, and Kootenay – are recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as part of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site, for the benefit and enjoyment of all nations.

Among the attributes that warranted this designation were vast wilderness, diversity of flora and fauna, outstanding natural beauty and features such as Lake Louise, Maligne Lake, the Columbia Icefield, and the Burgess Shale fossils.

## Welcome to Yoho National Park

Visit the **Yoho National Park Visitor Centre** located on the Trans-Canada Highway at Field. Parks Canada staff will provide you with up-to-date park information and assist you in planning your visit to Yoho National Park!

Take this opportunity to examine a large collection of Burgess Shale fossil specimens on display and watch model trains twist through a Spiral Tunnels replica.

Don't forget to talk with Travel Alberta staff for province-wide trip planning information, and stop by the Friends of Yoho gift shop for souvenirs, guidebooks, and topographical maps.

**Free Wi-Fi available.**

### Visitor centre hours:

May 1 to May 31: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 1 to Sept 30: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Oct 1 to Oct 12: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct 13 to March 31, 2021: Closed but washroom facilities are available year-round.

All other park facilities, viewpoints, and picnic areas are typically open from mid-May to mid-October. All opening dates are weather dependent.

**250-343-6783**

**pc.yohoinfo.pc@canada.ca**

## Meet Parks Canada's interpreters

Do you want to discover more about the uniqueness of Yoho's natural and cultural heritage? Friendly and knowledgeable interpreters are here to help you connect to these special places protected by Parks Canada.

Watch for interpreters at campgrounds and popular day-use areas in Yoho National Park. Interpretive programs are offered daily in July and August.

Check [parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho-interpretation](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho-interpretation) for more information on interpretive experiences in the park. Reserve a spot on a guided interpretive hike at [reservation.pc.gc.ca](https://reservation.pc.gc.ca).

[parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho)

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

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

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

Tourism Golden: 1-800-622-4653  
[tourismgolden.com](https://tourismgolden.com)



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## Supporting parks

Entry fees are charged at most national parks and national historic sites, where revenues are kept to support visitor services and facilities. This means that every time you visit a park or site you are investing in its future – and in a legacy for future generations. Pick up your day pass or annual pass at any park gate, visitor centre, or staffed campground kiosk.

### DAILY ENTRY

The daily entry pass is valid in Yoho, Kootenay, 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

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

Adult (18-64)	\$69.19
Senior (65+)	\$59.17
Family/group	\$136.40

*(up to 7 people in a vehicle)*

# Top 10 things to do



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## 1 BURGESS SHALE FOSSILS GUIDED HIKES

Meet your ancient ancestors and hold a piece of earth's history on a guided hike to the restricted Walcott Quarry or Mount Stephen fossil sites. Reservations are required. Visit [reservation.pc.gc.ca](http://reservation.pc.gc.ca) to book your spot.

## 2 CAMPING

Tenting? RV-ing? Enjoy a family getaway to one of Yoho's four rustic campgrounds. Roast marshmallows, take a hike or wander through the nearby community of Field. Yoho's campgrounds keep you close to the adventure! See page 7.



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## 3 SPECIES AT RISK GUIDED HIKES

Hike to the Paget Fire Lookout as your guide tells the story of whitebark and limber pine, species at risk. Discover the story characters and their surprising connections, from grizzly bears to fungi. Walk among endangered pine trees and take part in research to help them survive. Visit [reservation.pc.gc.ca](http://reservation.pc.gc.ca) to book your spot.

## 4 VILLAGE OF FIELD

Take an afternoon walk and experience Field's mountain hospitality. Stay in a unique guesthouse, pick out the perfect souvenir, or enjoy the culinary delights of this charming community. See page 6.



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## 5 EMERALD LAKE

Admire incredible views of mountain peaks and wildflowers on an afternoon stroll around this gem-coloured lake. Pack a picnic lunch or go for a canoe ride to get a different perspective of the surrounding mountains. See page 8.

## 6 NATURAL BRIDGE

Marvel at the force of the Kicking Horse River as it cascades under a naturally formed stone bridge. This rambunctious river takes its name from a near-fatal kick that stunned James Hector while exploring the area in 1858. See pages 8 and 9.



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## 7 TAKAKKAW FALLS

Enjoy a scenic drive on the Yoho Valley Road. Then, cool off in the mist as you stand at the base of one of the highest waterfalls in Canada. Snap a selfie from the red chairs and share your adventure! See page 8.

## 8 SPIRAL TUNNELS VIEWPOINTS

Watch trains snake through the Spiral Tunnels from the viewpoints on the Trans-Canada Highway or Yoho Valley Road. Discover how Yoho's towering peaks and steep hills inspired the stories of the Kicking Horse Pass National Historic Site. See page 8.

## 9 HIKING

Choose from a large network of easy, moderate, and difficult trails. Stroll along the Centennial Trail, discover pillars of glacial debris on the Hoodoos Trail, or challenge yourself with the Emerald Triangle Trail; there is something for everyone! Check trail conditions at [parkscanada.gc.ca/yohotrails](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/yohotrails). See pages 7 to 9.



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## 10 WAPTA FALLS

At 30 metres high and 150 metres wide, this is the largest waterfall on the Kicking Horse River. Take a gentle 4.6-km return hike through verdant forests to a stunning viewpoint. See page 9. *Note: the 2-km vehicle access road to Wapta Falls parking lot is closed from late October to late May.*

## Suggested itineraries



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### Half-day adventures

#### TAKE A SCENIC DRIVE

Get off the Trans-Canada Highway and explore! Follow Emerald Lake Road and discover a jewel of the Canadian Rockies as you paddle, walk or ski around the magnificent **Emerald Lake**. From late June until early October, drive the 13-km scenic Yoho Valley Road. Experience the power of **Takakkaw Falls** – one of the tallest waterfalls in Canada. Pack a picnic lunch or stop and watch the trains as they snake overtop of themselves at the **Spiral Tunnels Viewpoints**.

#### STRETCH YOUR LEGS

The whole family will enjoy the easy, 6.2-km return hike to **Sherbrooke Lake**. Follow the trail through mature forest to the shore of this glacier-fed lake, then relax and take in the views of surrounding mountain peaks. For more of a challenge, head to the southern end of the park and follow the trail up to the **Mount Hunter Lookout**. The 7.2-km return hike brings you to a vantage point where you can see the landscape from the perspective of the park's first wardens.

### A full day of fun

#### TAKE A WATERFALL TOUR

Explore five of Yoho's most impressive waterfalls on foot. Feel the cool mist on your face at **Takakkaw Falls** and snap a selfie from the red chairs before following the Laughing Falls Trail to **Point Luce Falls** and **Angel's Staircase**. Climb through a mature forest to **Laughing Falls**; then continue along this historic trail, first cut by the Canadian Pacific Railway, to **Twin Falls**. Here the double waterfalls tumble over a massive limestone cliff.

#### TAKE IN THE VIEW

Climb above the treeline and get a bird's eye view of Yoho's valleys and towering peaks on the iconic **Iceline** circuit. Beginning early from the Takakkaw Falls Campground, follow the trail to **Laughing Falls** and steadily climb through the forest to a beautiful hanging valley. The **Little Yoho Valley** offers dramatic views of the President Range. Continue on the **Iceline Trail** and stand amongst glaciers as you take in the expansive views and look down on Takakkaw Falls. Stop at **Yoho Lake** on your way down to relax in the red chairs.

# Village of Field

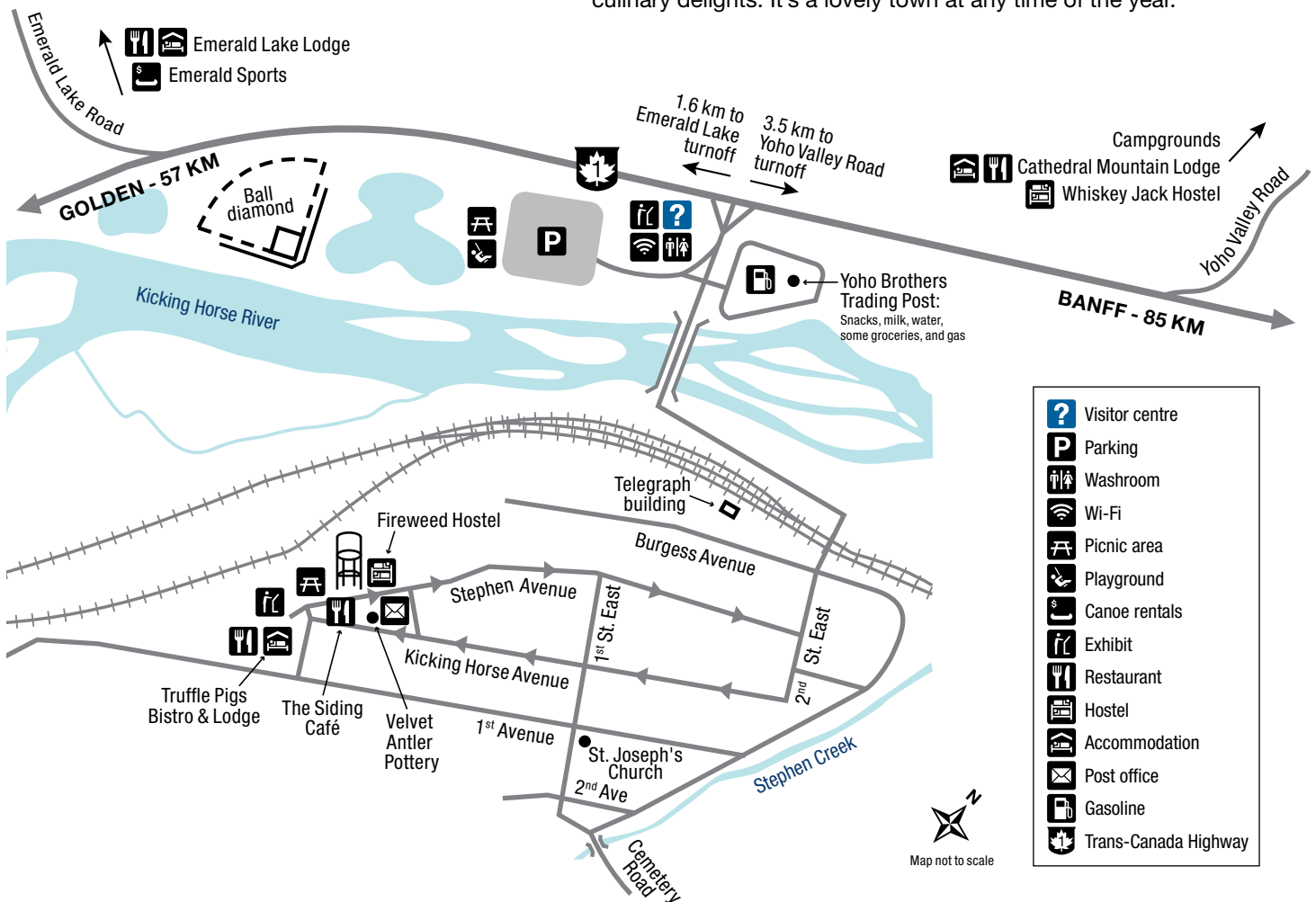


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Established in the 1880s as a siding for the Canadian Pacific Railway, this charming village of fewer than 200 people is an authentic mountain retreat with accommodation year-round, artisan crafts, and culinary delights. It's a lovely town at any time of the year.



# Where to hike

Type	Summer hiking trails	Estimated time (return)	Distance (return)	Elevation gain
Short hikes	1 Wapta Falls  Eastbound access only	1.5 hours	4.6 km (late Oct to late May: 8.6 km)	gain/loss 30 m
	2 Emerald Lake	2 hours	5.2 km	minimal
	3 Hamilton Falls	30 minutes	1.6 km	minimal
	4 Centennial	45 minutes	2.5 km	minimal
	5 Walk-in-the-Past	1.5 hours	3 km	90 m
Half-day hikes	7 Sherbrooke Lake  Westbound access only	3 hours	6.2 km	165 m
	8 Great Divide	2 hours	6 km	minimal
	9 Ross Lake	2 hours	6.4 km	100 m
	10 Laughing Falls	3.5 hours	8.8 km	125 m
	12 Mt. Hunter Lookout  Eastbound access only	3 hours	7.2 km	410 m
Full-day and overnight hikes	14 Hoodoos	2.5 hours	5.2 km	325 m
	15 Emerald Basin	3.5 hours	9.2 km	225 m
	16 Paget Lookout  Westbound access only	3 hours	7 km	520 m
	17 Hamilton Lake	5 hours	11 km	850 m
	18 Yoho Pass	5 hours or 2 days	12.8 km	530 m
	19 Twin Falls	6 hours or 2 days	16.4 km	300 m
	22 Emerald Triangle	8 hours	19.7 km	880 m
23 Iceline via Little Yoho	8 hours or 2 days	20.8 km	710 m	
24 Iceline via Celeste Lake	7 hours	17.5 km	695 m	
26 Whaleback	7.5 hours	21.3 km	700 m	
27 Little Yoho Valley	7 hours	18.6 km	520 m	

Easy Moderate Difficult

Hiking trails shown on the park map (pages 8 and 9). Trail reports and hiking maps are available from the Yoho National Park Visitor Centre and at [parks.canada.gc.ca/yohotrails](http://parks.canada.gc.ca/yohotrails)

# Where to camp

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 Monarch	Apr. 30 – Oct. 11	44	\$17.99												
2 Kicking Horse	May 14 – Oct. 11	88	\$28.00												
3 Takakkaw Falls (walk-in)	June 18 – Oct. 11	35	\$17.99												
4 Hoodoo Creek	June 18 – Sept. 6	30	\$16.05												

Campground has 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.

Campground has a mix of reservable sites and first-come, first-served sites.

## BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

Reservations are required at all backcountry campgrounds in Yoho National Park: Yoho Lake, Laughing Falls, Twin Falls, Little Yoho, and McArthur Creek. The campgrounds are equipped with tent pads, dry toilets, communal picnic tables, and food storage cables or lockers. Fires are not permitted. Visit [parks.canada.gc.ca/ynp-backcountry](http://parks.canada.gc.ca/ynp-backcountry) for more details. Same day backcountry reservations can be made at a visitor centre.

## RESERVATIONS

[reservation.pc.gc.ca](http://reservation.pc.gc.ca)

1-877-reserve (737-3783)

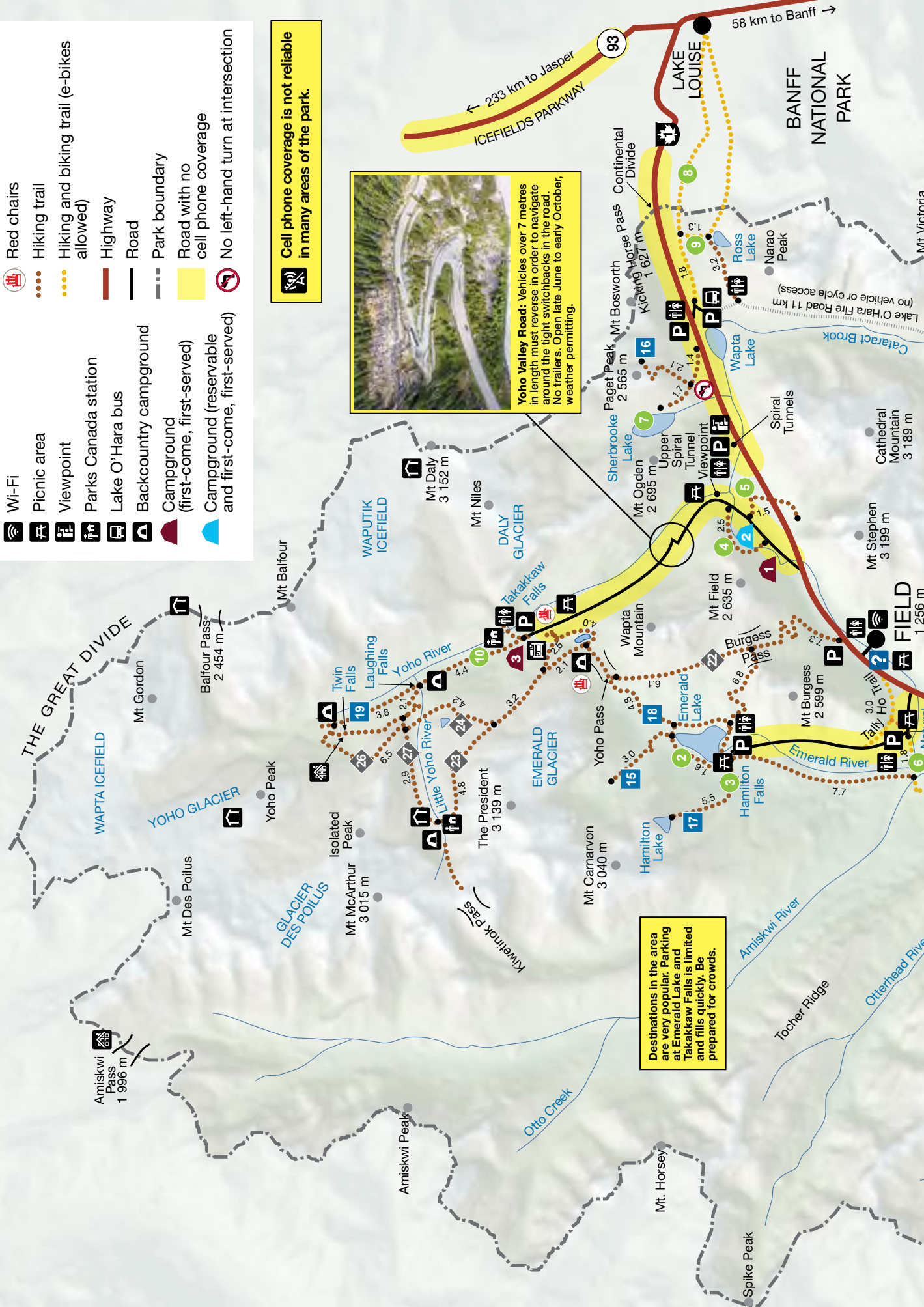
# YOHO NATIONAL PARK

- Visitor centre
- Parking
- Washrooms
- Wi-Fi
- Picnic area
- Viewpoint
- Parks Canada station
- Lake O'Hara bus
- Backcountry campground
- Campground (first-come, first-served)
- Campground (reservable and first-come, first-served)

- HI-Whiskey Jack Hostel
- Alpine Club of Canada Hut
- Backcountry lodge
- Red chairs
- Hiking trail
- Hiking and biking trail (e-bikes allowed)
- Highway
- Road
- Park boundary
- Road with no cell phone coverage
- No left-hand turn at intersection

**Cell phone coverage is not reliable in many areas of the park.**

**Destinations in the area are very popular. Parking at Emerald Lake and Takakkaw Falls is limited and fills quickly. Be prepared for crowds.**



**Yoho Valley Road:** Vehicles over 7 metres in length must reverse in order to navigate around the tight switchbacks in the road. No trailers. Open late June to early October, weather permitting.

ICEFIELDS PARKWAY 93  
 ← 233 km to Jasper  
 LAKE LOUISE  
 58 km to Banff →

BANFF NATIONAL PARK

THE GREAT DIVIDE

WAPUTA ICEFIELD

YOHO GLACIER

GLACIER DES POILUS

WAPUTIK ICEFIELD

EMERALD GLACIER

DALY GLACIER

Otto Creek

Amiskwii River

Otterhead River

Tocher Ridge

Cataract Brook

FIELD 1 256 m

Mt Stephen 3 199 m

Cathedral Mountain 3 189 m

Lake O'Hara Fire Road 1 km (no vehicle or cycle access)

Narao Peak

Mt Victoria

Spike Peak

Mt. Horsey

Mt Carnarvon 3 040 m

Hamilton Lake

Yoho Pass

Wapta Mountain

Mt Ogden 2 695 m

Sherbrooke Paget Peak 2 565 m

Mt Bosworth

Kicking Horse pass

Continental Divide

1 627 m

Wapta Lake

Ross Lake

LAKE LOUISE

Amiskwii Peak

Amiskwii Pass 1 996 m

Mt Des Poilus

Yoho Peak

Yoho Glacier

Wapta Icefield

Wapta Mountain

Mt Field 2 635 m

Upper Spiral Tunnel

Viewpoint

Spiral Tunnels

Mt Niles

Mt Daly 3 152 m

Mt Balfour

Balfour Pass 2 454 m

Mt Gordon

Amiskwii Pass 1 996 m

Isolated Peak

Mt McArthur 3 015 m

The President 3 139 m

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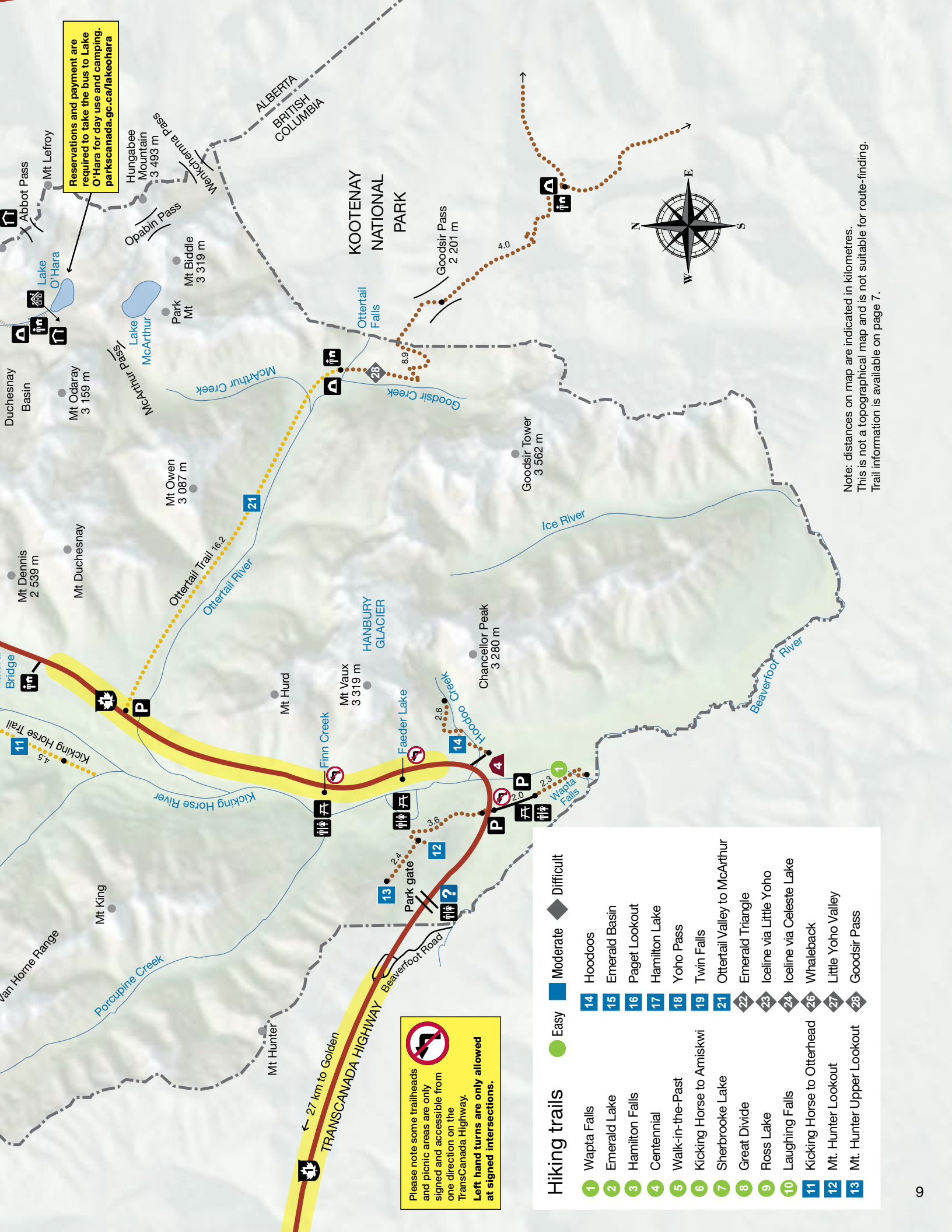
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Reservations and payment are required to take the bus to Lake O'Hara for day use and camping. [parks.canada.gc.ca/lakeohara](http://parks.canada.gc.ca/lakeohara)

Please note some trailheads and picnic areas are only signed and accessible from one direction on the TransCanada Highway. Left hand turns are only allowed at signed intersections.

Hiking trails		Easy	Moderate	Difficult
1	Wapta Falls	●	■	◆
2	Emerald Lake	●	■	◆
3	Hamilton Falls	●	■	◆
4	Centennial	●	■	◆
5	Walk-in-the-Past	●	■	◆
6	Kicking Horse to Amiskwi	●	■	◆
7	Sherbrooke Lake	●	■	◆
8	Great Divide	●	■	◆
9	Ross Lake	●	■	◆
10	Laughing Falls	●	■	◆
11	Kicking Horse to Otterhead	■	◆	◆
12	Mt. Hunter Lookout	■	◆	◆
13	Mt. Hunter Upper Lookout	■	◆	◆
14	Hoodoos	■	◆	◆
15	Emerald Basin	■	◆	◆
16	Paget Lookout	■	◆	◆
17	Hamilton Lake	■	◆	◆
18	Yoho Pass	■	◆	◆
19	Twin Falls	■	◆	◆
21	Ottertail Valley to McArthur	■	◆	◆
22	Emerald Triangle	◆	◆	◆
23	Iceline via Little Yoho	◆	◆	◆
24	Iceline via Celeste Lake	◆	◆	◆
26	Whaleback	◆	◆	◆
27	Little Yoho Valley	◆	◆	◆
28	Goodsir Pass	◆	◆	◆

Note: distances on map are indicated in kilometres. This is not a topographical map and is not suitable for route-finding. Trail information is available on page 7.

## Help protect visitors, landscapes, and wildlife

Please follow park regulations while enjoying Yoho National Park:

- **Camp only in designated campgrounds.** Camping is by permit only. Do not sleep in your vehicle or RV roadside, at pull-outs or pitch a tent in areas that are not campgrounds.
- **Liquor** consumption is prohibited in public places.
- **Cannabis** consumption is not allowed in campground main areas and within 6 m of buildings and playgrounds.
- During long weekends, alcohol and cannabis are not permitted at any campground.
- **Drones/UAVs are prohibited** for personal use anywhere in the national parks.
- **Do not litter.** Use the wildlife-proof garbage bins for all unwanted items.
- It is illegal to pick flowers, mushrooms, cut down trees, branches, remove rocks, cultural artifacts or otherwise cause damage to natural objects or living things. Take only photographs.
- **Stay out of closed areas.** Area closures or activity restrictions are implemented when visitors are at risk or when wildlife require additional protection. Signs indicate the areas impacted.
- **Be careful with fire.** Fires are permitted only in designated metal fire pits. Never leave a fire unattended. Extinguish fires completely. Do not use deadwood, bark or branches for fuel. Be aware of fire bans.
- **Buy fishing permits.** Anglers require a national park fishing permit, available at Parks Canada visitor centres. **Provincial licenses are not valid in national parks.** National Park Fishing Regulations prohibit lead tackle under 50 g, and all bait (natural or chemical). For more information, see the Fishing Regulations Summary brochure, available at Parks Canada visitor centres.
- Motorized off-road travel is not permitted.
- **Firearms are prohibited in national parks.** Firearms include pellet guns, bear bangers, bows, slingshots, and similar items.
- Motors of all kinds are prohibited on all lakes in Yoho National Park.



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## Attention park water users

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

**CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY** and self-certification permits are *mandatory* in Yoho 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 location of cleaning/decontamination stations:

[parksCanada.ca/cleandraindry-yoho](https://parksCanada.ca/cleandraindry-yoho)  
[pc.llykaquatics.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.llykaquatics.pc@canada.ca)

### The Canada National Parks Act

Park Wardens are responsible for enforcing park regulations as required by the *Canada National Parks Act*.

To report national park violations, call 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

**1-888-927-3367**  
(Banff, Yoho, Kootenay and Waterton Lakes)

**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.



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## Mountain safety

Unpredictable mountain weather can change road and trail conditions quickly and wildlife can be anywhere, at any time. These simple precautions will help ensure a safe and enjoyable visit:

- Before heading out, check trail conditions at [parksCanada.gc.ca/yohotrails](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/yohotrails). For road conditions visit [drivebc.ca](https://drivebc.ca) or call **1-800-550-4997**.
- Obey speed limits and watch for wildlife on the roadside, even on fenced portions of the highway. Sometimes wildlife, such as bears and cougars, get through or over the fence.
- Stay on designated roads, trails, and other hardened surfaces.
- Make noise on the trails and let wildlife know you are coming.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Earbuds prevent you from hearing wildlife and increase your risk of a dangerous encounter.
- Animals are active in the park at all times of the year – even bears can wake up during the winter. Carry bear spray, keep it accessible, and know how to use it. Watch a video at [parksCanada.gc.ca/bearspray](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/bearspray)

- Keep clear of cliffs, ledges, and fast moving water.
- Research and plan overnight trips including potential trail restrictions and closures, avalanche conditions, and mandatory backcountry permits. Visit [parksCanada.gc.ca/ynp-backcountry](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/ynp-backcountry) and [avalanche.ca](https://avalanche.ca) for safety tips.
- Let someone know your travel plans; **cell phone coverage is not reliable in many areas of the park**, including the Yoho Valley and Emerald Lake roads and portions of the Trans-Canada Highway. See park map on pages 8 and 9 for specific areas.
- Report bear, cougar, wolf, and coyote sightings and encounters to Parks Canada staff when it is safe to do so: 403-762-1473.

## Keep your children safe

Bears, cougars, wolves, and coyotes may be curious about children and can attack them:

- Keep children in immediate sight and within close reach at all times.
- Children should avoid playing in or near areas with tall grass or dense bushes.
- Never allow children to pet, feed, or pose with wildlife.

# Protect wildlife



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## Obey speed limits

**If you see wildlife by the road, always slow down.**

If you do stop (not recommended for the safety of wildlife):

- Be aware of the traffic around you.
- Pull over where it is safe to do so.
- Never stop on hills or corners.
- Use your hazard lights to alert other drivers.
- **Stay in your vehicle.**
- Watch for a few moments, take a quick photo, and then move on.
- If a traffic jam develops, move on. It is unsafe for people and wildlife.

## Keep your pets under control

Dogs or other pets cause stress for wildlife. Dogs, like wolves and coyotes, may be seen as a threat. Off-leash dogs can trigger aggressive behaviour from wildlife such as grizzly bears and elk. To prevent unsafe situations, it is your responsibility to:



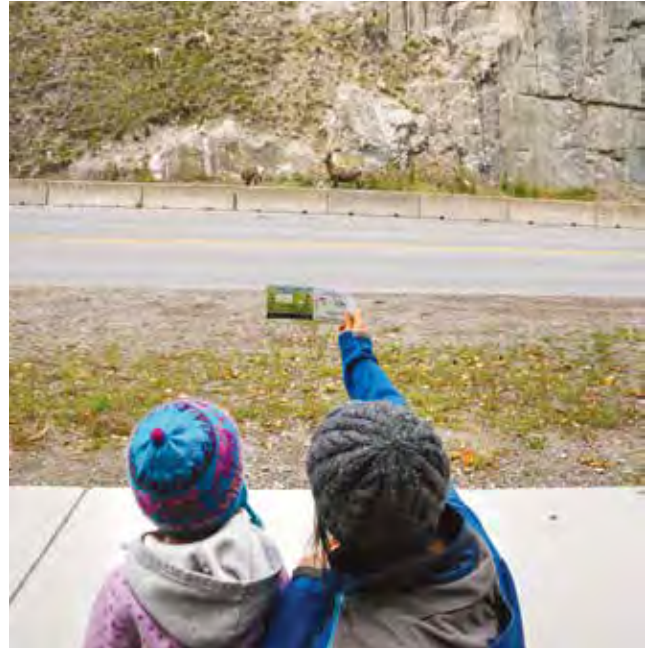
**Ensure your dog is on a leash and under control at all times.**



**Pick up and dispose of your pet's waste in a garbage bin.**

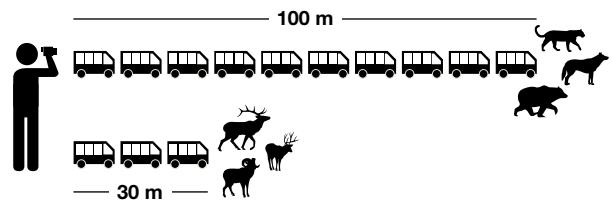


**Do not leave pet food out. If you walk away, store food dishes – empty or full. Always store food dishes at night.**



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## Give wildlife the space they need



Photograph wildlife from a vehicle or safe distance:

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



When taking photos, do not surround, crowd or follow an animal. Use zoom or show the animal in its natural surroundings and crop the image later.



**Do not startle wildlife. If you make them move, you are too close.**

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

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

## Properly store all food and scented items

A clean campsite or picnic area does not have anything that will attract wildlife (food, garbage, food-related or scented items). Never leave these items where wildlife can access them:

- Coolers – full or empty
- Food – wrapped, unwrapped, or in containers
- Garbage/wrappers
- Dishes/pots/cutlery – clean or dirty
- Full or empty beverage containers
- Pet food/bowls – full or empty
- Bottles/cans – open or unopened
- Scented products – such as shampoo, toothpaste, candles, citronella, dish soap, sunscreen, lip balm, and dish towels
- Barbecues – clean or dirty
- Any other items used for food preparation or that have a smell or scent

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



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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

## Always keep your campsite or picnic area clean



- All food, food-related, and scented items **must** be stored away.
- Ensure all garbage and recycling are disposed in wildlife-proof bins immediately.
- Dump dish water down outdoor sinks or at the sani dump in campgrounds.



- Non-food items may be left outside.

## Want more info?

### Lake O'Hara

Access to this sensitive alpine area is limited to provide high-quality experiences for visitors and maintain Lake O'Hara's unique alpine environment.

**Advanced reservations for day-use bus access and overnight camping are required.**

Plan ahead and book as soon as reservations open for the season. A new random draw system is in place for day-use bus reservations. Day-use bus random draw and overnight camping reservations can be made through the Parks Canada Reservation Service. Visit [parksCanada.gc.ca/lakeohara](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/lakeohara) for more information.



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### Winter in Yoho

Come create lasting memories on Yoho's peaceful trails this winter. From late-December through early April, Yoho National Park turns into a winter wonderland for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Start your cross-country ski adventure from the visitor centre or drive directly to the Natural Bridge, Emerald Lake or the start of the Yoho Valley Road to access the groomed winter trails, generously maintained by the Kicking Horse Ski Club. [khsc.ca](https://khsc.ca)

A few unmaintained trails are recommended for snowshoeing in the winter. Visit [parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho-winter](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho-winter) for more details. Before heading out, please always check trail reports and warnings: [parksCanada.gc.ca/yohotrails](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/yohotrails)



Avalanche season in the mountains extends from November to June.

A short walk from a parking lot can take you into avalanche terrain.

Please respect all avalanche warning signs.

[avalanche.ca](https://avalanche.ca)



### Mountain national parks information

#### BANFF

Banff Visitor Centre: 403-762-1550  
Lake Louise Visitor Centre: 403-522-3833  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/banff](https://parksCanada.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  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper)

Tourism Jasper: 780-852-6236  
[jasper.travel](https://jasper.travel)

#### KOOTENAY

Kootenay Visitor Centre: 250-347-9505  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay](https://parksCanada.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  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/glacier](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/glacier)  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/revelstoke](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/revelstoke)

#### WATERTON LAKES

Waterton Lakes Visitor Centre: 403-859-5133  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/waterton](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/waterton)

#### YOHO

Yoho Visitor Centre: 250-343-6783  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho)

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

#### RESERVATIONS

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

#### Construction projects

Improvement to roads, bridges, parking lots, day-use areas, and visitor services will continue in the mountain parks in 2020. These improvements will help Parks Canada provide quality experiences for visitors while achieving conservation gains. We thank you for your patience.

##### Plan ahead:

[parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho-construction](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho-construction)  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/banff-construction](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/banff-construction)  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-construction](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper-construction)  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay-construction](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay-construction)



# Camping in the mountain parks

Camping in the mountain parks					Full hook-up	Electrical	Sani dump	Flush toilets	Pit toilets	Showers	Firepits	Cooking shelter	Drinking water	Accessible	Interpretive programs	oTENTiks		
	Campground	Open dates	Sites	Prices														
Kootenay	Marble Canyon	June 25 – Sept. 7	61	\$21.97														
	McLeod Meadows	June 11 – Sept. 14	88	\$21.97														
	Redstreak	Apr. 30 – Oct. 11 oTENTiks May 9 – Oct. 11	242	\$28.00 – \$39.04														
	Crook's Meadow Non-profit and school groups	Call <b>250-347-2218</b> for reservation and fee information.																
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														
	Jasper	Whistlers	Closed for construction															
		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 needed for all sites in the campground.



Campground has 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.



Campground has a mix of reservable sites and first-come, first-served sites.



Campground is undergoing upgrades. Check online for the latest information and opening dates: [reservation.pc.gc.ca](https://reservation.pc.gc.ca)



Take only pictures, leave only footprints.  
We hope to see you again soon!



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

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



Please slow down, for your safety and ours.

**FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**  
(police, fire and ambulance)

Road reports: Visit [drivebc.ca](http://drivebc.ca) or [511.alberta.ca](http://511.alberta.ca)

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