Regulations
The Canada National Parks Act
Park Wardens are responsible for enforcing park regulations as required by the Canada National Parks Act (parkscanada.gc.ca/banffregulations).
To report park violations, call 24 hours, 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.

You are required by law to follow national park regulations. Thank you for helping protect people, landscapes and wildlife.

National Park Entry Fees
By law, all visitors to Banff National Park must purchase a national park entry pass. Passes are available at park gates, visitor centres, campgrounds, at partner locations and at parkpass.banfflakelouise.com. National park entry fees help support visitor services and facilities within Banff National Park.

Garbage and Litter
Do not litter. Dispose of garbage or recycling only in wildlife-proof bins or pack out any unwanted items.

Wildlife
It is illegal to feed, entice or disturb any wildlife — this includes littering and leaving food, scented items or garbage unattended. Do not startle wildlife – if you make them move, you are too close. Give them space.

More Information
parkscanada.gc.ca/banffregulations
Banff Visitor Centres
224 Banff Avenue, Banff, AB
327 Railway Ave, Banff, AB
403-762-1550 / pc.banff-vrc.pc@canada.ca

Lake Louise Visitor Centre
201 Village Road, next to Samson Mall
Lake Louise, AB
403-522-3833 / pc.lakelouiseinfo-infolakelouise.pc@canada.ca

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### Parking

Parking is permitted in designated areas only. For up-to-date parking information, visit:

- [parkscanada.gc.ca/BanffNow](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/BanffNow) for trailheads and popular areas
- [banffparking.ca](https://banffparking.ca) for the town of Banff

### Alcohol and Cannabis

The open consumption of alcohol in public places is not permitted in Banff National Park. Consuming alcohol is allowed only at registered campgrounds. It is illegal to sleep in your vehicle or RV on roadsides, at pull-outs, or pitch a tent in an area that is not a campground. Random camping is allowed by permit only in designated areas of the backcountry.

Cannabis, while legal, is strictly regulated in Canada. It is your responsibility to understand federal, provincial, and municipal regulations for cannabis use.

In frontcountry campgrounds, the consumption of alcohol and cannabis is limited to a visitor’s campsite and is prohibited from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily. A full ban on possession and consumption is in effect during summer long weekends.

### Pets

Pets must be on a leash and under physical control at all times. Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle, at your campsite, in your tent or anywhere else. Collect and discard their waste in wildlife-proof garbage bins. Pets are not permitted in some areas. Look at the important bulletins posted at trailheads, ask at a Parks Canada visitor centre or visit [parkscanada.gc.ca/banfftrails](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/banfftrails) for current restrictions.

### Natural and Historic Objects

It is illegal to: pick flowers, mushrooms, antlers; cut down trees or branches; remove rocks, fossils, and cultural artifacts; or otherwise cause damage to natural objects or living things. Take only photographs.

### Closed Areas

Stay out of closed areas. Area closures or activity restrictions are implemented to protect natural or cultural resources including wildlife or for visitor safety reasons. Signs indicate the areas impacted. Visit [parkscanada.gc.ca/banffbulletins](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/banffbulletins) for current closures and restrictions.

### Fishing

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 50g and all bait, natural or chemical. For more information, see the Fishing Regulations Summary brochure, available at [parkscanada.gc.ca/banff-fishing](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/banff-fishing) or at Parks Canada visitor centres.

### Boating

Motors of all kinds are prohibited on all water bodies except Lake Minnewanka. Use of personal watercraft (e.g. Sea-Doo, Jet Ski etc.) and towed water sports (e.g. water skiing) are not permitted. Regulations apply for all watercraft launching in Banff National Park including motorboats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and inflatables:

- [parkscanada.gc.ca/banff-boating](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/banff-boating)

### E-bikes

E-bikes (pedal-electric power-assisted bicycles) are only permitted on roads and select trails in Banff National Park. E-bikes are not permitted on any other trails in the national park. Visit [parkscanada.gc.ca/banff-mountain-biking](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/banff-mountain-biking) for more information.

### Drones/UAVs

The recreational use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), also known as drones, is prohibited in all national parks.

### Firearms and Hunting

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

### Fires

Fires are allowed only where metal fire rings and cook stoves are provided by Parks Canada. Random fires or rock rings are not allowed. Never leave fires unattended and extinguish them completely using the soak, stir, soak method. Do not use deadwood, bark or branches for fuel.

Charcoal barbeques and hibachis are permitted. Ensure ashes are cold and discard into a garbage bin or firepit.

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### Motorized Vehicles

Motorized off-road travel is not permitted.