

THE BRAZEAU LOOP

A popular backpacking area featuring a large wilderness lake, mountain passes and expansive alpine meadows.



Maintained trail, high priority



81 km loop



5 days



No dogs



No bikes



No horses



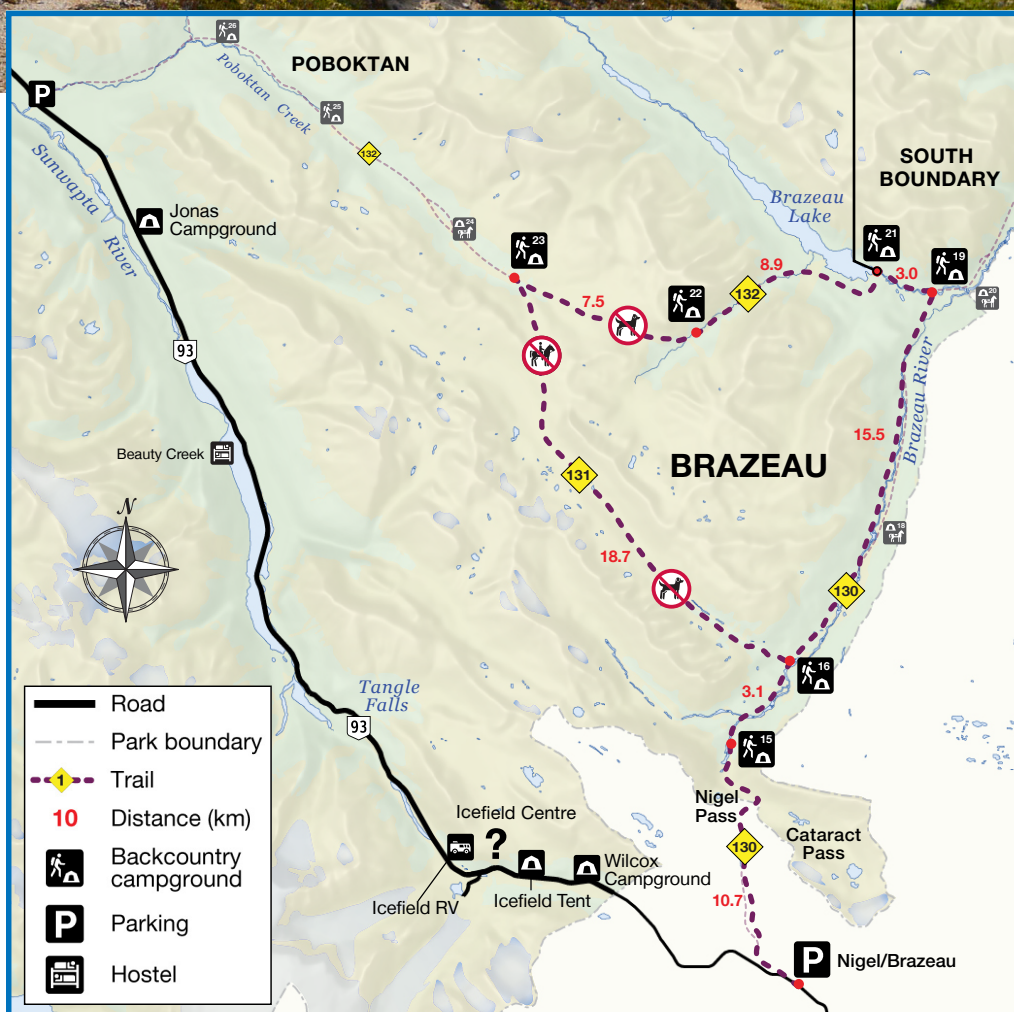
Attention

A major bridge over the Brazeau River has washed out near the southeastern tip of Brazeau Lake.

This river is impassable during times of high water. In lower-flow conditions, it could be a dangerous ford. Adjust hiking plans accordingly.

For most of the 2025 hiking season, travel on Trail #132 between John-John Creek Campground (#22) and Brazeau Lake Campground (#21) or Brazeau River Campground (#19) will not be possible. From Nigel trailhead, users can reach Brazeau River and Brazeau Lake Campgrounds by using Trail #130 but will not likely be able to complete the Brazeau Loop.

Please check the [trail report](#) for updates.



Is this trail for you?

The Brazeau Loop is a demanding high-elevation trail that crosses three mountain passes. River fords will be necessary. Sudden weather changes are common. Efforts on this longer-distance wilderness hike come with many rewards. Strong hikers can complete the loop in five days. The passes may be snow covered until July; travel is not recommended earlier in the season.

The details

Most people will hike this lollipop-shaped trail counter-clockwise, since the elevation gain is more gradual. A typical trip is to travel from Nigel Creek trailhead over Nigel Pass and spend the first night at Four Point Campground (#16, 13.9 km). Next is to Brazeau Lake Campground (#21, 18.1 km), then over Poboktan Pass to Jonas Cutoff Campground (#23, 16.2 km). The Jonas Shoulder trail loops back to Four Point Campground (#16, 18.9 km). On the last day, return to the Nigel Creek trailhead.

Both Jonas Cutoff and Brazeau Lake Campgrounds are good base camps for day trips.

Experienced hikers may use the Nigel Pass trail as a starting point to explore the White Goat Wilderness Area. An unmarked, unmaintained route through Cataract Pass begins from this trail. Topographical maps, good route finding skills, and the ability to navigate water crossings are a must in White Goat.



- There is a reroute for hikers between Four Point Campground (#16) and Brazeau River Campground (#19) along the west side of the river. Do not cross the bridge over the river to the east side. That trail and Wolverine Campground (#18) are for horse use only.
- Fires are only permitted in designated fire pits. Fires are not allowed at Jonas Cutoff Campground. Check for fire bans.
- Horses are not permitted on Jonas Shoulder trail (131).
- Dogs are not permitted on the Poboktan Creek trail (132) from—but not including—Brazeau Lake campground (#21) and the Jonas shoulder trail (131), from the junction with the Poboktan Creek trail up to but not including Four Point campground (#16).
- North of Four Point campground, the Brazeau Loop is seasonally closed for caribou conservation from November 1 to May 15.
- Please leave natural and cultural objects as you find them.



ARE YOU PREPARED?

Safety is your responsibility.

Refer to the **Jasper National Park Backcountry Planning Guide:**

- Descriptions of trail types and campground facilities;
- Equipment checklists;
- Responsible camping;
- Safety information.

Before heading out, check trail, weather and road conditions:

parks.canada.gc.ca/jaspertrails

MAPS

NTS:

Columbia Icefield 83C/3
Sunwapta Peak 83C/6

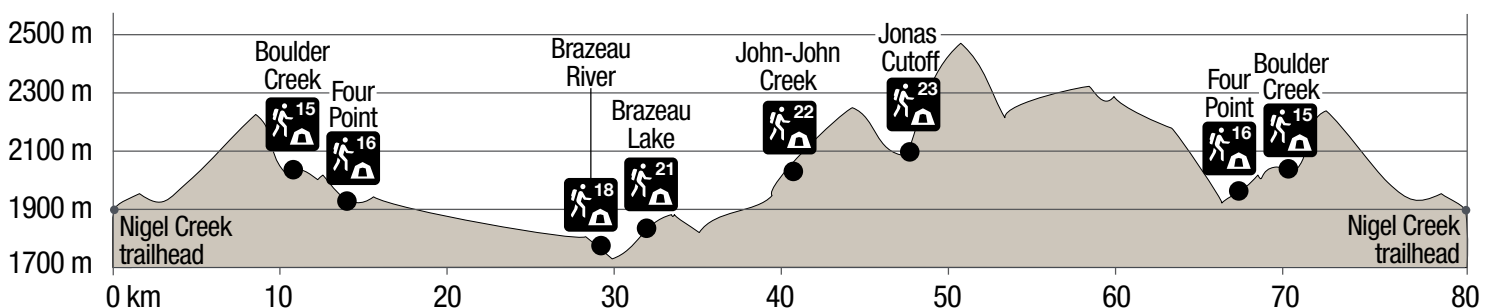
National Geographic:

Jasper South













PERMIT

A backcountry camping permit is mandatory for all overnight trips and can be obtained online at reservations.pc.gc.ca or by calling 1-877-737-3783.

Elevation profile



Campground Information

	Campground	Elevation (m)	Description	# of sites	Toilet Type	Food Storage	UTM
15	Boulder Creek  	2036 m	This campground has pretty views and is located close to the Brazeau River.	4	Throne	Lockers	11U 492962-5790100
16	Four Point  	1935 m	A forested campground close to the Brazeau River with nice views. The junction for Jonas Shoulder is just after this campground.	8	Throne	Lockers	11U 494770-5792240
19	Brazeau River  	1737 m	A rustic forested campground close to the Brazeau River.	4	Throne	Lockers	11U 499608-5804813
21	Brazeau Lake  	1816 m	A beautiful campground on the shore of Brazeau Lake, 900 m from the main trail.	8	Throne	Lockers	11U 497590-5805604
22	John-John Creek  	2012 m	This campground is located right next to John-John Creek and has beautiful views of the surrounding mountains.	4	Throne	Lockers	11U 491965-5803508
23	Jonas Cutoff  	2094 m	This campground sits next to a creek and offers beautiful views. Note this high-elevation campground is somewhat exposed; it does not provide much shelter in inclement weather.	8	Barrel	Lockers	11U 485891-5805050



HOW TO GET THERE

Nigel Creek Trailhead

From Jasper

- 116 km south on Highway 93 (the Icefields Parkway).
- Turn left at the Nigel Creek parking lot. The parking lot is 13 km south of the Icefields Centre.

From Banff and Lake Louise

- From Highway 1, take Highway 93 (the Icefields Parkway) towards Jasper for 114 km.

