

# GERALDINE LAKES TRAIL

A challenging trail with scenic waterfalls and far-reaching views

 Maintained trail, low priority

 6.2 km one-way

 1 – 2 days

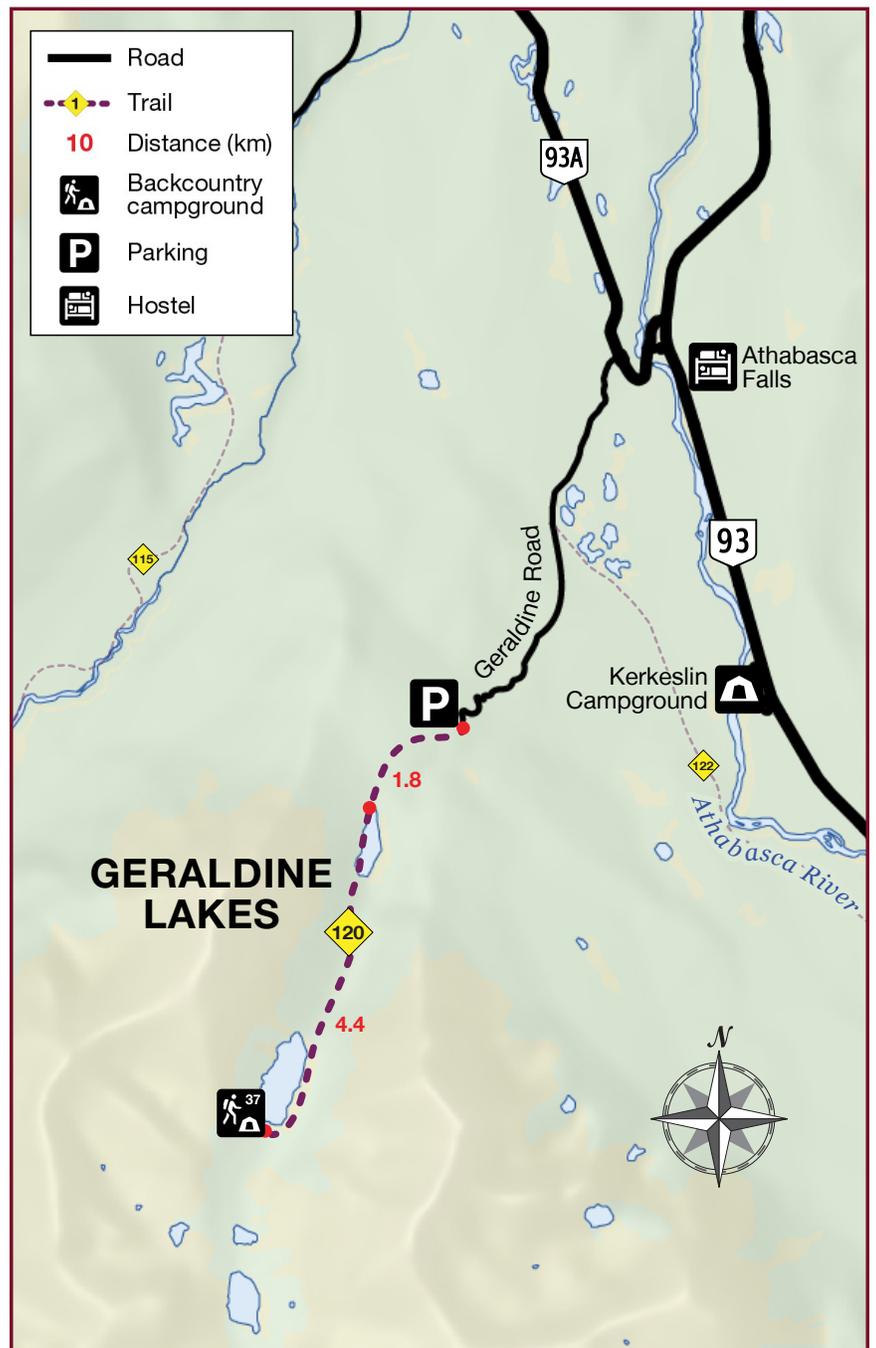
 Dogs permitted

 No bikes

 No horses

## Is this trail for you?

While the trail to the campground is short in distance, the elevation gains, navigation of large boulder fields, and the climb up a steep headwall make it a challenging hike. Your efforts are rewarded along the way with scenic waterfalls and panoramic views.



## The details

This is a strenuous but rewarding backpacking trip. The gentle, forested hike to first Geraldine Lake is 1.8 km. After climbing steeply at the end of the first lake, the trail travels across a large boulder field marked with a series of cairns. At km 4.2 is an impressive waterfall and a steep headwall. The trail from the top of the headwall continues to a rocky ridge and across several more boulder fields along the second lake. The campground is located at the far end of the second lake, across a small creek.

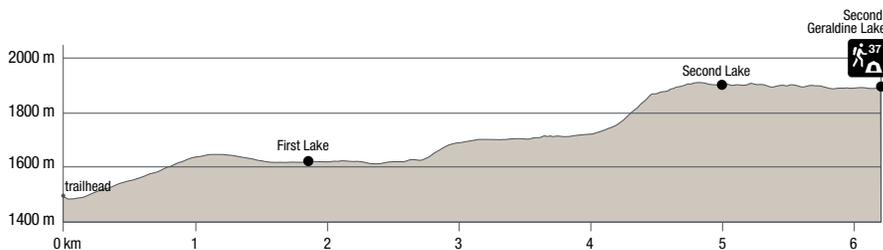
Strong, experienced hikers may wish to explore the upper valley and its lakes beyond the campground. There are no official, signed trails beyond the campground. Route finding skills are required.



- This trail can be challenging for children and dogs.

- Boulders become very slippery in wet conditions.
- Navigating through boulder fields can be difficult with a large pack.
- There is a two-night maximum stay at this campground.
- The campground can flood with snow melt during early season.

## Elevation profile



## Campground information

Campground	Elevation (m)	Description	# of sites	Toilet Type	Food Storage	UTM
<b>34</b> <b>Second Geraldine Lake</b> 	1890 m	This campground is located next to a small creek on the far shore of the second Geraldine Lake. The view towards the lower valley is spectacular. It is a great location to spend one or two nights.	4	Barrel	Lockers	11U 435994-5826817



## 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:

[parksCanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails)

## MAPS

### NTS:

Athabasca Falls 83C/12

### National Geographic:

Jasper South

### Gem Trek:

Jasper and Maligne Lake

## PERMIT

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

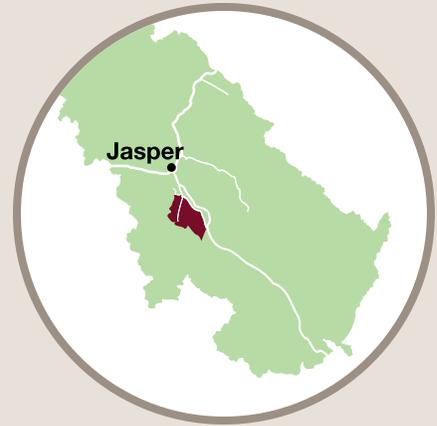
# HOW TO GET THERE

## From Jasper: 37 km

- Take the Icefields Parkway (Highway 93) toward Lake Louise.
- At Athabasca Falls (30 km south of Jasper) turn right onto Wabasso Road (93A) Continue for 1 km.
- Turn left onto rough, unpaved Geraldine Road and continue for 6 km, 3.3 km beyond the Fryatt trailhead.

## From Banff and Lake Louise: 211 km

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- At Athabasca Falls (30 km south of Jasper) turn left onto Wabasso Road (93A). Continue for 1 km.
- Turn left onto rough, unpaved Geraldine Road and continue for 6 km, 3.3 km beyond the Fryatt trailhead.



**Note:** Geraldine Road is a seasonal access road that is open from mid-June to late September. Check [511.alberta.ca](http://511.alberta.ca) to confirm if the road is open.

This is a rough gravel road. High-clearance vehicles are recommended.  
No trailers or RVs are permitted.

