

Jasper National Park

Fishing Regulations Summary

April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

A national park fishing permit is required when angling in national parks in Canada.

Provincial fishing licenses are not valid.

Note: This summary is NOT a complete listing of National Parks Fishing Regulations and has no legal status.

Scan the QR code for a complete listing.



It is unlawful to:

- Fish without a valid national park fishing permit in your immediate possession.
- Fish with or possess within 100 metres of park waters the following:
 - » natural bait and chemical attractants;
 - » any lead tackle (sinkers, jigs, lures and flies) under 50 grams;
 - » lures with more than 2 treble hooks;
 - » a line capable of catching more than one fish at one time;
 - » live or dead fish or any parts thereof for use as bait.
- Fish by any method other than angling.
- Fish with more than one line at a time.
- Fish with a line having more than one artificial fly.
- Fish closed waters.
- Leave a fishing line unattended.
- Fish from 2 hours after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
- Sell, trade or barter any fish caught.
- Place or transfer any fish or fish eggs between any park waters.
- Place any food for fish in park waters.
- Harass fish by throwing objects or impeding their movements.

When fishing in park waters that allow possession (see catch and possession limits), it is unlawful to:

- Possess more than 2 game fish at one time.
- Continue fishing on any day after having caught and retained the maximum daily catch and possession limit.
- Allow your catch to spoil or to be wasted.

Report suspicious activities at 1-877-852-3100.



Violators can face fines of up to \$25,000 under the Canada National Parks Act.

Catch and possession limits

You must correctly identify your catch. If you are not sure, release it immediately. Visit parks.canada.ca/jasperfishing for information on how to identify different fish species.

Species	Limit
Rainbow trout, brook trout, lake trout, cutthroat trout, northern pike, lake whitefish, mountain whitefish	2
Lake and mountain whitefish from Lac Beauvert	0
All other species not mentioned above	0
Maximum daily catch and possession	2

(If a fish has been filleted, two fillets will be considered one fish.)

Help released fish survive

1. Use a single, barbless hook to release fish more easily. Replace treble hooks with single hooks or remove two of the three treble hooks with wire cutters. Make barbed hooks barbless by flattening the barb with pliers.
2. Minimize fish handling time by releasing fish as quickly as possible.
3. Always keep fish in the water when handling, taking photographs, and releasing.
4. Handle fish with bare, wet hands. Keep fingers away from the gills and do not squeeze to avoid injuring the fish.
5. Remove the hook gently with needle-nosed pliers. If the hook is deep, cut the line or leader rather than pulling the hook out. The hook will decompose in time.
6. Avoid angling in hot weather – trout are more likely to die after catch and release when water temperatures exceed 18 °C.

By following these tips, you can significantly increase the chances of a released fish surviving and thriving.



Special restrictions

Before entering park waters, visitors must know where to go: Watercraft, waders, and wading boots are prohibited in certain lakes and rivers. Felt-soled wading boots are prohibited everywhere. parks.canada.ca/jasper-aquatic-invasive-species

Open seasons – rivers and streams

Year round: Sunwapta River

April 1 to September 7 (Labour Day) and October 31 to March 31
Fiddle River, Maligne River (below Maligne Canyon), Miette River, Rocky River, Snake Indian River, Snaring River.

August 1 to October 1

Fly fishing only: Maligne River from a point 420 m downstream from the Maligne Lake Outlet bridge to Medicine Lake including that part of Medicine Lake within a 180 m radius of a point in the middle of the Maligne River where it enters Medicine Lake. **Use artificial flies only.**

July 1 to September 7 (Labour Day)

All other rivers and streams except closed waters.

Open seasons – lakes

May 16 to September 7 (Labour Day)

Annette Lake, Beaver Lake, Dragon Lake, Long Lake, Lorraine Lake, Moab Lake, Mona Lake, No Name Lake (Hwy 93 south, km 48), Pyramid Lake, Lakes Three, Four and Five in the Valley of the Five Lakes.

May 16 to September 30

Maligne Lake, Talbot Lake, Edna Lake.

July 1 to November 1

Fly fishing only: Medicine Lake. **Use artificial flies only.**

July 1 to November 1

All other lakes except closed waters or as specified in Schedule IV.

Open seasons – Athabasca River

Year round: Zone 1 – From Athabasca Falls upstream.

April 1 to September 7 (Labour Day) and October 31 to March 31

Zone 2 – From 12 Mile Bridge (km 22, Hwy 16 East) upstream to Athabasca Falls.

May 30 to September 7 (Labour Day) and October 31 to March 31

Zone 3 – From 12 Mile Bridge (km 22, Hwy 16 East) downstream to east park boundary, including all side channels, Pocahontas Ponds and other connected wetlands.

Closed waters

- Maligne Lake Outlet/Maligne River (the portion including the part of Maligne Lake within a 100 m radius of a point in the middle of the Maligne River where it leaves Maligne Lake, to a point 420 m downstream from the Maligne Lake Outlet bridge);
- Jacques Lake and Jacques Lake Outlet stream between Jacques Lake and the Rocky River;
- Mile 9 (km 15) Lake, Hwy 16 (East);
- All streams emptying into Amethyst Lake;
- That part of Amethyst Lake situated within a 180 m radius from a point in the middle of the outlet stream from the southeast end of Amethyst Lake;
- That part of the Astoria River situated between Amethyst Lake and a point 400 m downstream from Amethyst Lake;
- Osprey Lake;
- The outlet stream from Moab Lake to its junction with the Whirlpool River, including that part of Moab Lake situated within a 180 m radius of a point in the middle of the outlet stream where it leaves Moab Lake;
- The outlet stream from Beaver Lake to its junction with Maligne Lake Road.



Protect park waters

Clean, drain, and dry to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS).



Clean.

Remove all mud, sand, plant or animal parts from all items before leaving the shore.



Drain, onto land,

all items that can hold water. Invert or tilt items. Open all compartments. Pull the drain plug if applicable.



Dry

all items completely before entering any river, pond, lake or stream.

Fishing permits



Anyone under the age of 16 may fish in the national parks without a permit if accompanied by a national park fishing permit holder 16 years of age or older. However, their catch is then included within the permit holder's daily limit. A valid national park entry pass is also required when fishing in the mountain national parks.

Definitions



Angling: Fishing with a hook and line held in the hand or with a hook, line and rod held in the hand. It does not mean fishing with a set line.



Artificial fly: A single or double hook on a common shank, dressed with silk, tinsel, wood, fur, feathers or other materials (no lead), or any combination thereof without a spinning device, whether attached to the hook or line.



Natural bait ban: You can only use lures made of feathers, fibre, rubber, wood, metal or plastic. No edible material (plant or animal products), scented lures or chemical attractants are permitted.



Trout: For the purposes of this summary, the word trout includes char species.



Barbed hook



Barbless hook



For the most up to date information on fishing in Jasper National Park, including details on boating, fish identification and aquatic invasive species (AIS), please refer to: parks.canada.ca/jasperfishing