

## Welcome

## A landscape shaped by wildfire

Jasper is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. The park is 11,228 square kilometres.

Explore all five regions in Jasper National Park. Hike, bike, paddle, ski, or simply take in the scenery. The choice is yours.

We respectfully acknowledge that Jasper National Park is located in Treaty 6 and 8 as well as the traditional lands of the Anishinabe, Aseniwuche Winewak, Dene-zaa, Nêhiyawak, Secwépemc, Stoney Nakoda, Mountain Métis and Métis. We acknowledge the past, present, and future generations of these nations who continue to steward the land.



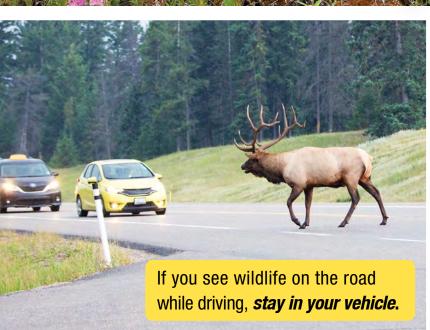
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Get on the **Bus!**  change depending on the season.

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Wildfire has shaped the forests and meadows of Jasper National Park for thousands of years. It is a natural process that renews the land. It creates homes for plants and animals. It opens up forests and allows sunlight to spur fresh growth. Many species depend on wildfire to thrive. Areas affected by fire may look bare at first, but they slowly change into ecosystems full of life.

On the evening of July 22, 2024, lightning sparked three wildfires. The fires spread because of hot, windy, and dry conditions. Over two days, the fires joined into one. By the time it was under control on September 7, the Jasper Wildfire had burned 32,722 hectares of the park. This includes parts of Jasper Townsite.

## Help Jasper heal and rebuild.

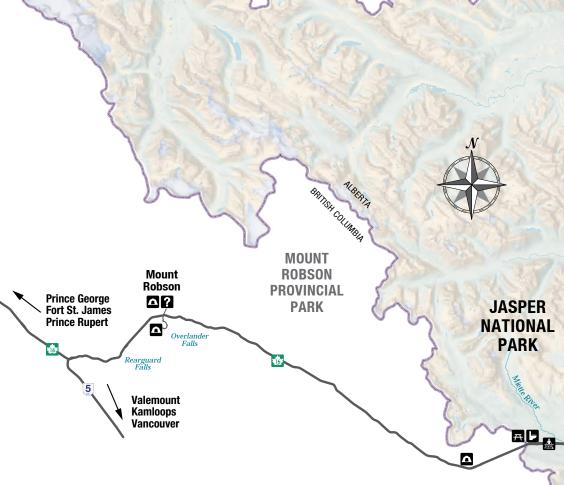
See Jasper Wildfire 2024

damage perimeter on page 5.

You play a key role in this fresh beginning.

- → Respect all closures.
- → Give wild animals space.
- → Stay on designated trails.
- → Protect fragile vegetation and habitat regrowth.
- → Understand that recovery takes time. Some services are reduced.





## **Jasper National Park** | FIVE REGIONS TO EXPLORE

There's so much to see and do! You can spend a full day in any of the five park regions. Keep in mind there are long travel distances between them.

#### **Around Town (p. 6)**

Enjoy the wilderness at your door. Hundreds of kilometres of trails, beaches, picnic sites, and beautiful vistas — just minutes from town. Walk, bike or hop on the JasperTransit bus. Fill your day with activities and let your vehicle rest.

#### Maligne Valley (p. 8)

Plan to spend a full day in this area. Maligne Road is 44 kilometres of winding, narrow pavement through stunning scenery. Pack a picnic. Experience Maligne Canyon and Medicine Lake along the way. Rent a canoe, take a boat cruise, or hike at Maligne Lake.

### Jasper East and Miette Hot Springs (p. 10)

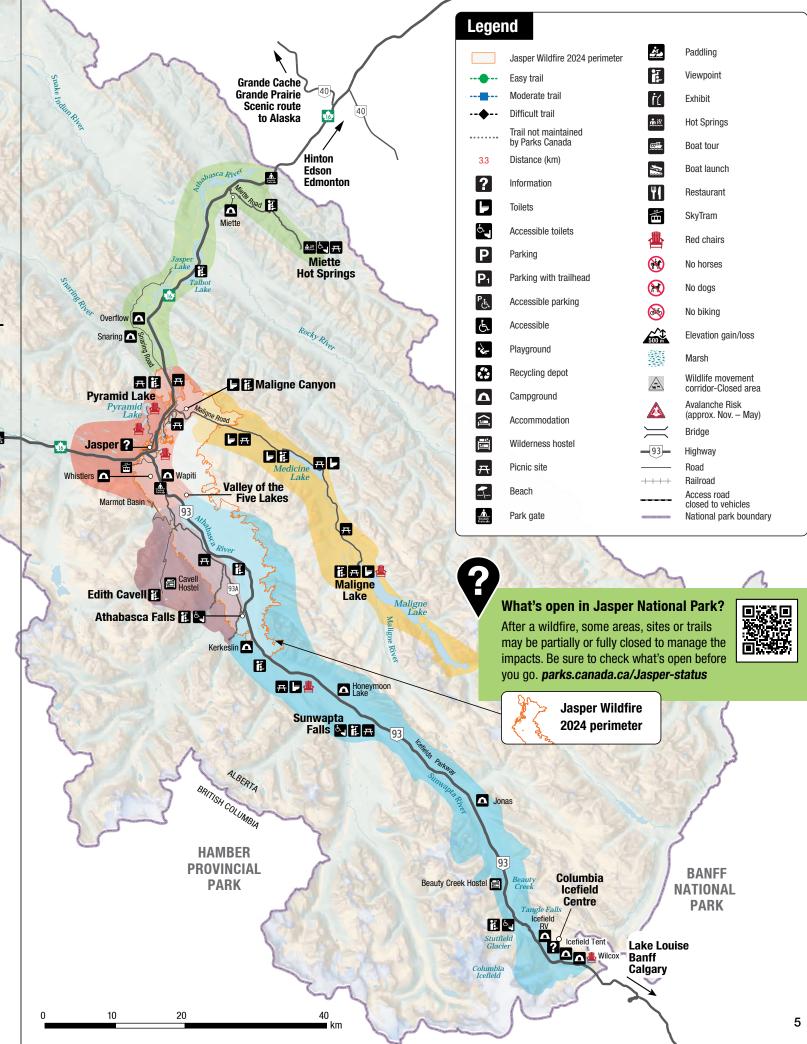
Soak in the hottest hot springs in the Canadian Rockies. Take a short walk to the source of the springs. Whatever you choose, watch for wild animals along the way. (Subject to seasonal road closures).

### Mount Edith Cavell (p.12)

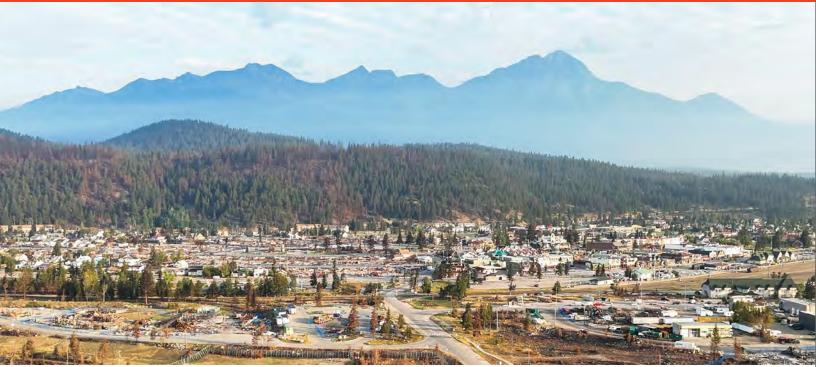
Looking for a summer adventure? Drive the narrow, mountain road to Mount Edith Cavell Day Use Area. Hike the Path of the Glacier trail or venture higher into Cavell Meadows. (Subject to seasonal road closures).

#### Icefields Parkway (93N) (p. 13)

The Icefields Parkway is one of the most scenic drives in the world. It blazes through the heart of Jasper and Banff national parks. Plan a day to fully experience all 232 kilometres. Glaciers, waterfalls, picnic spots, and hikes can be enjoyed along this magnificent parkway.



## **Around Town**

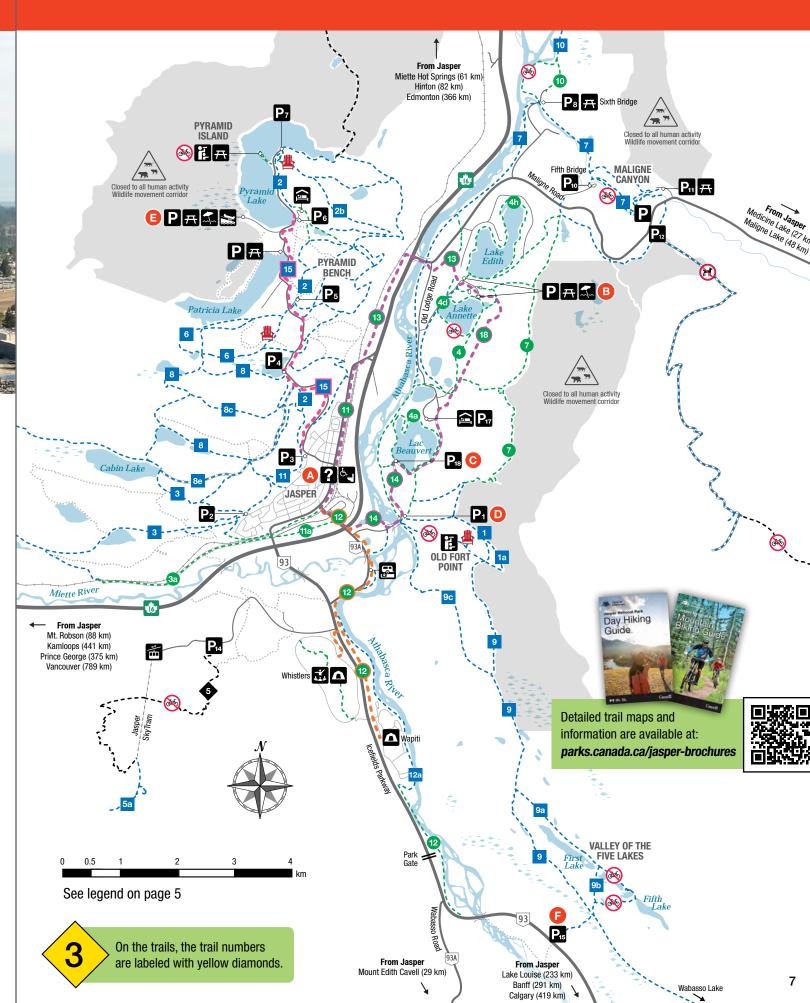


Higl	nlights Trail #/Difficulty	Distance	Description	Primary Use
A	Jasper Discovery Trail	8.3 km loop	Trail around town with multiple access points. Parts of the trail are moderately difficult.	* 5
В	Lakes Annette and Edith*	7.6 km from Jasper	Access to two beach sites. Picnic sites. Playground. Cook shelters. Paved trail around Lake Annette, okay for strollers. Reveal No RV's or trailers allowed.	A W E
C	Lac Beauvert Trail 4a	3.5 km loop	Flat loop around Lac Beauvert.	* 5
D	Old Fort Point Trail*	3.8 km loop	Steep trail with excellent town and valley views.	<u>⅓</u> <u>∡</u> <u>√</u>
E	Pyramid Lake*	6.0 km from Jasper	Picnic sites at beach and Pyramid Island.  Row RV's or trailers allowed.	
<b>F</b>	Valley of the Five Lakes Trail*	4.6 km loop	Five colourful mountain lakes in one hike.	炌

<sup>\*</sup> **High traffic sites:** Expect traffic jams in summer. Limited parking. Consider other transport: bike, carpool, taxi, transit, tour company.

Connector Trails	Trail #/Difficulty	Distance	Description	Primary Use
Campgrounds Trail	12	4.6 km one way	Connects Whistlers and Wapiti campgrounds to Jasper town. Follows 93N and Athabasca River.	冷極
Lakes Loop Trail	14 18 13 11 12-	13.9 km loop	Connects town to Lakes Annette and Edith.	**
Pyramid Trail	15	5.4 km one way	Follows the road from town to Pyramid Lake. Forest path with road crossings. Steady uphill climb.	为一种

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## **Maligne Valley**



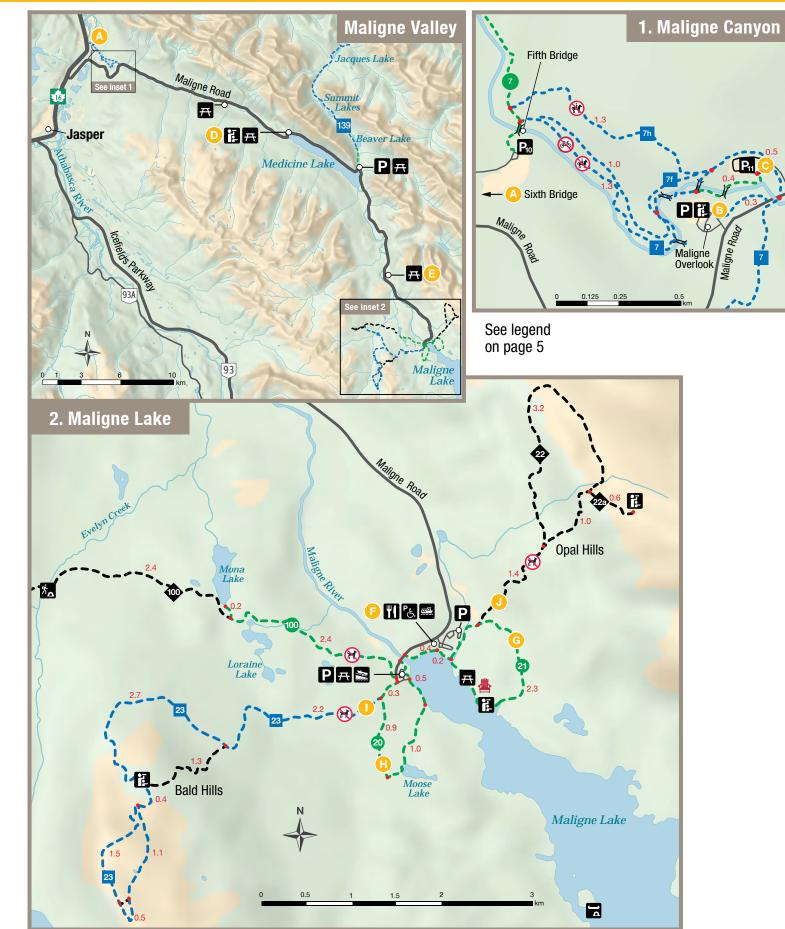
Highlights Trail #/Difficulty	Distance	Description	Primary Use
A Sixth Bridge Day Use	8.4 km from Jasper	Picnic site along the rushing Maligne River. Sites have double tables for large groups.	<del></del>
B Maligne Overlook	10.9 km from Jasper	Sweeping views of the Athabasca Valley and mountain peaks.	E .
Maligne Canyon Day Use*	11.2 km from Jasper	A must-see for geology lovers. Waterfalls, potholes, and fossils. Visit early morning or evening to avoid crowds.	外記
Medicine Lake*	27 km from Jasper	Superb example of karst geology. Striking changes in water levels. Nesting eagles. Limited parking.	<b>F</b>
Bruce's Picnic Site	42 km from Jasper	Picnic site beside Maligne River. Fewer crowds than at the lake.	<del>A</del>
Maligne Lake*	48 km from Jasper	Majestic panoramic views. The postcard photo! Take a boat cruise. Paddle a canoe. Stroll the lake shore. P Maligne Lake	E M & L
G Mary Schäffer 21 Trail	2.9 km loop	Easy interpretive forest stroll to viewpoint. Lake side views.  P Maligne Lake	竹
Moose Lake Trail	2.7 km loop	Forest trail to a peaceful lake, where moose are often seen.  P Bald Hills	竹
Bald Hills Trail 23 23	9 – 13 km return	Steady uphill trail into an alpine meadow. Spectacular views of Maligne Lake. The reward is worth the work. P Bald Hills	<u> </u>
Opal Hills Trail	8.1 km return	Grand views. Variety of terrains. Steep sections.  P Maligne Lake	M A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A

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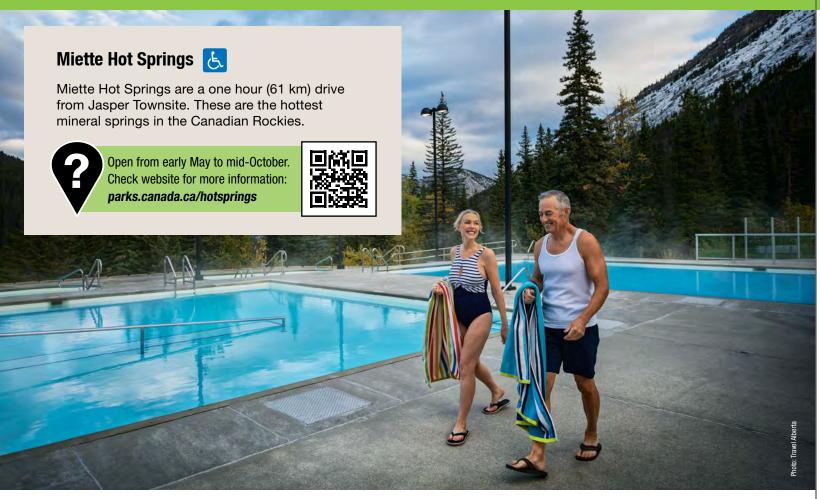
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## **Jasper East and Miette Hot Springs**



Highlights	Trail #/Difficulty	Distance	Description	Primary Use
A Jasper Ho National I	ouse Historic Site	32 km from Jasper	Short path to viewpoint. Overlooks former site of a fur trade post.	<del>#</del> #
B Lower Mir	ne Trail	900 m loop	An abandoned mine site for the history buff.	为一
C Upper Mir	ne Trail	1.7 km loop	Wide valley view. Steep climb and descent.	坊
Source of Springs Tr	.515	1.2 km return	Touch the source of the Miette Hot Springs. Stroll through the old ruins.	冷作
Sulphur Skyline Tra	ail 30	8.8 km return	Steep trail with stunning views of Utopia Mountain, Fiddle Valley, and Ashlar Ridge.	<u>⅓</u> <u>₹∞</u>



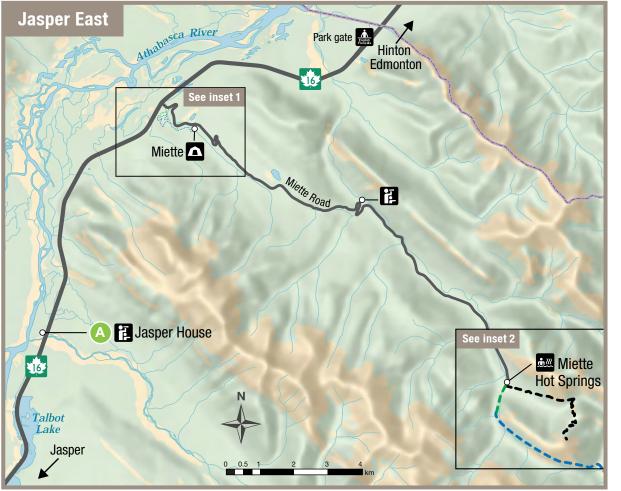
### Miette Road is narrow and winding.

Trailers and large motorhomes are not permitted past Miette campground. Maximum length of vehicles 7.5 metres (25 feet). Trailer drop-off in Lower Mine Trail parking lot.

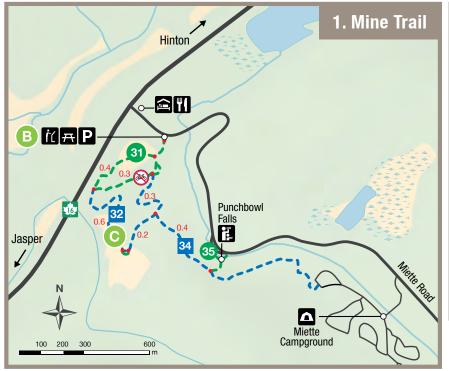


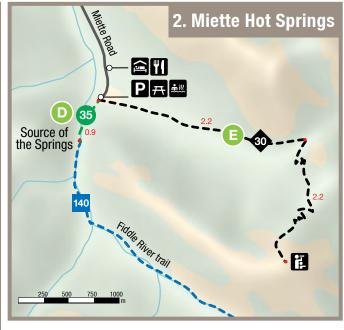
Miette Road is closed to vehicles mid-October to early May. For more information, visit: parks.canada.ca/jasper-roads





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## **Mount Edith Cavell**



Highlights Trail #/Diff	ficulty	Distance	Description	Primary Use
A Path of the Glacier Trail*	41	1.2 km return	Short paved trail. Steady uphill climb with benches to stop and rest. Stunning views of Mount Edith Cavell and Angel Glacier.	竹
B Cavell Meadows Trail*	42	6-8km return	Opens mid-July when snow melts. High alpine meadow. Grand views. Stay on trail and tread lightly. The wildflowers are fragile.	<b>⅓ € €</b>

\* High traffic sites: Expect traffic jams in summer. Limited parking. Consider other transport: carpool, taxi, tour company.



### **Safety Tips**

- Stay away from the face of Mt Edith Cavell.
- Watch for falling boulders, snow and ice.
- Do not feed any animals, big or small. It is illegal to feed wildlife.
- · High elevation may cause headaches and affect breathing.

Remember, safety is your responsibility.

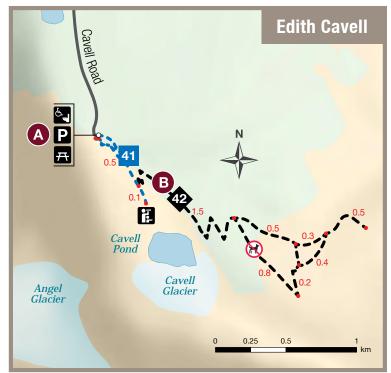
### **Cavell Road is narrow and winding.**

Trailers and large motorhomes are not permitted. Maximum length of vehicles: 7.5 metres (25 feet). Trailer drop off in the parking lot at the start of Cavell Road on 93A. Visit early morning or late evening to avoid peak crowds.



Cavell Road is closed to vehicles early October to early June. For more information, visit: parks.canada.ca/jasper-roads



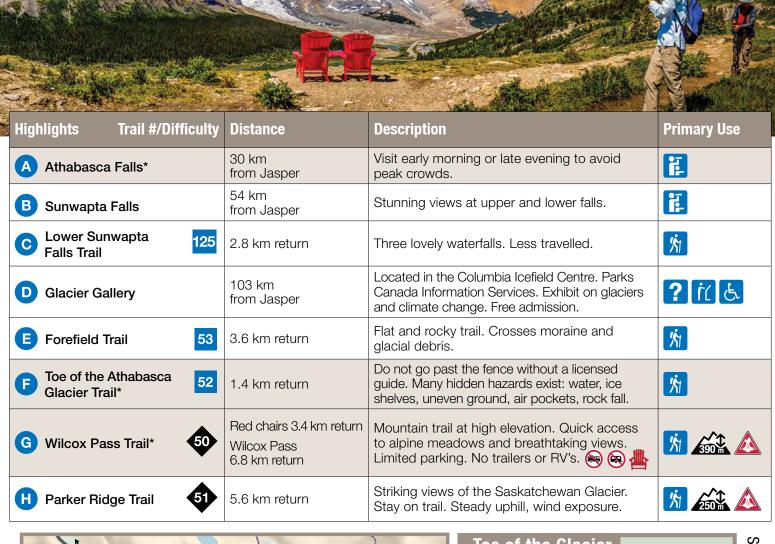


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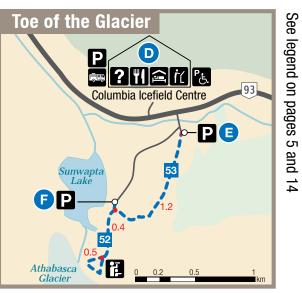
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## **Icefields Parkway (93N)**

**Wilcox Pass Trail** 

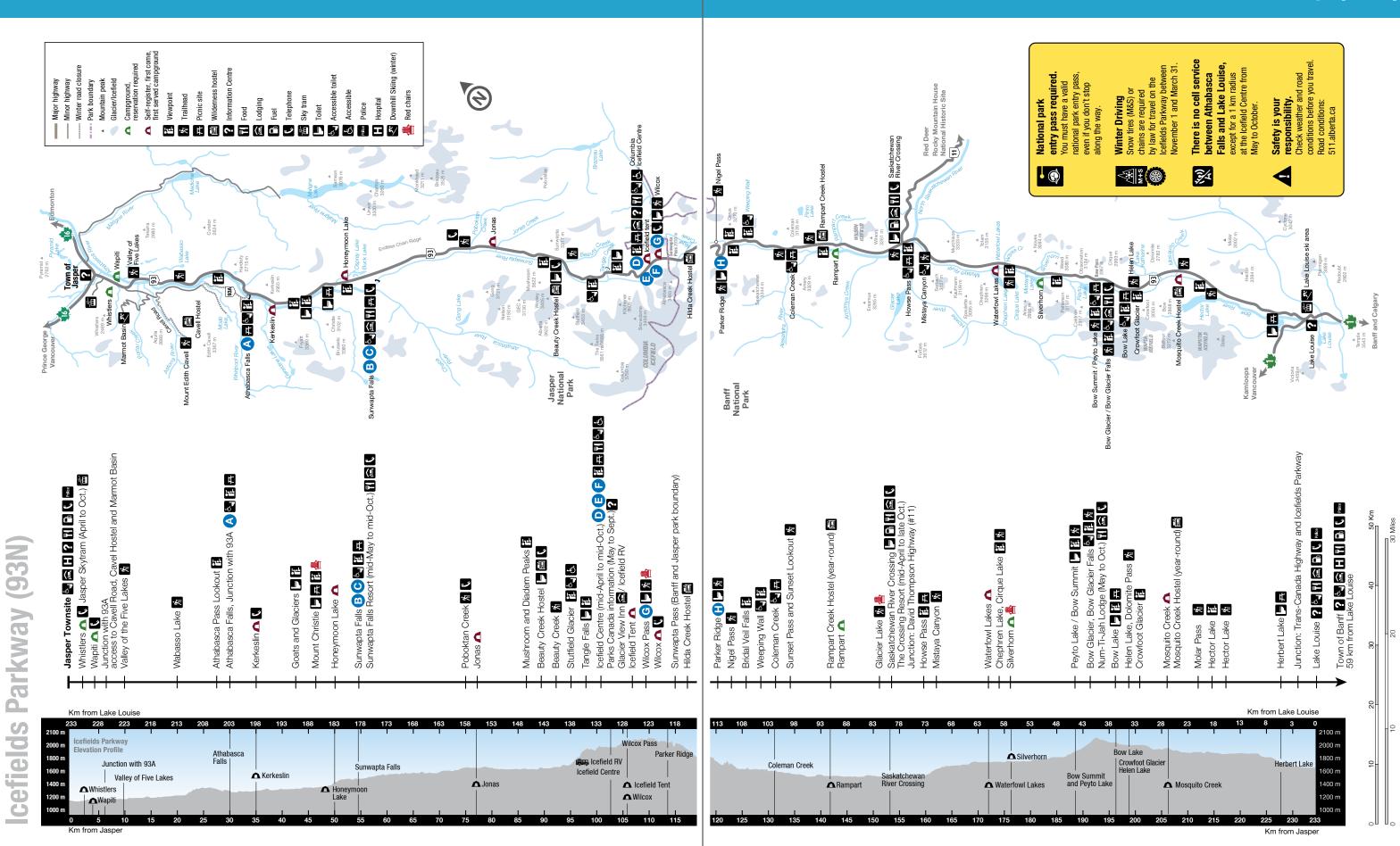






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## Icefields Parkway (93N)



## **2025 International Year of Glaciers' Preservation**

## **Keeping caribou on the land**





In 2025, for the UN International Year of Glaciers' Preservation, Parks Canada celebrates the beauty of frozen landscapes. Glaciers are wonders of the world. You are invited to think about how climate change impacts snow and ice, and how it affects Canada's water from coast to coast to coast.

### Celebrate glaciers this year!

- ✓ Visit the new Meltdown exhibit in the Glacier Gallery (Icefield Centre). Take in the superb photos and exhibits. Celebrate our relationship with ice.
- Walk the Forefield and Toe of Glacier trails.
   Connect with a landscape shaped by glaciers.
- ✓ Become a steward of this special place.
   Remember that Ice = Water = Life.







Caribou need large, quiet areas in mountains and forests to avoid predators and find food.

Caribou play a key role in supporting ecosystems. When caribou herds are healthy, the rest of the ecosystem is healthy too. By protecting caribou, the whole park benefits, from tiny plants to grizzly bears.

Like other caribou around the world, Jasper's caribou numbers have declined. Herds have even disappeared.

Parks Canada is helping keep caribou on the land by protecting their habitat, reducing threats, and boosting their numbers through a new breeding program.

### You can help too!

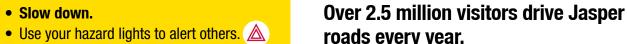
- → Before exploring, check for wildlife closures and dog restrictions.
- → Leave antlers where you found them.
- → If you see caribou, give them space.











many visitors. Safe driving is key to an enjoyable holiday.

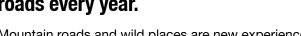
You may see wildlife by the road and throughout the park. Wild animals feed and travel near roads. This does not mean

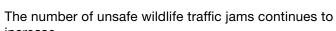
These incidents often result in injury, harm, or death for wild animals and humans.



Mountain roads and wild places are new experiences for

the animals are tame.















Find out all about Jasper Public Transit. This includes routes. schedule and fees.





asper-alberta.ca/p/transit

**JASPER** Transit



- → Must-see sites and beaches in Jasper are busy all summer long.
- → Parking lots fill quickly at Maligne Canyon, Edith Cavell, and most lakes accessible by road.
- → Many access roads are seasonal, single-lane traffic and narrow.
- → Some roads and sites are not wide enough for RVs or trailers. For information on vehicle restrictions, visit: parks.canada.ca/jasper-roads



JasperNow (June to October) Check parking availability: parks.canada.ca/jaspernow



**Expect traffic jams** 

## Think about other ways to get there

- → Ride a bike. Carpool. Use a taxi.
- → Visit popular lakes and sites in early morning or evening.
- → Hop on the Jasper Transit bus.
- → Take a commercial shuttle or tour.



Find more tips on avoiding traffic congestion: parks.canada.ca/jasper-avoiding-crowds



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For information on biking trails, wildlife safety for cyclists, and bike rental options, visit: parks.canada.ca/jasper-biking





Only pull over where it is safe to do so.

Observe, take photographs, and move on.

Do not stop in driving lanes. It is illegal.

Do not feed wildlife. It is illegal.

Help us protect wild animals.

Safety is your responsibility.

If a traffic jam develops,

move on immediately.



# Lower your chance of run-ins with bears:

- Travel in groups and supervise children.
- Make noise while traveling.
- Stay alert for bears; do not wear headphones or earbuds.
- Do not approach or surround bears.
- Maintain a safe distance (100 m or 10 bus lengths) from bears at all times.
- Keep your dogs on leash.
- Do not leave food or garbage unattended.

You can run into bears anywhere and anytime in Jasper from spring to fall. This includes in and around town, on trails, roadways, picnic areas and campgrounds.





Learn more about bears and people: parks.canada.ca/bears-and-people





Check important bulletins for warning and closures: parks.canada.ca/jasper-alerts



### Stay alert and stay safe







### **Understand the dangers**

- Elk are wild. They are unpredictable animals, even if they appear tame.
- Elk may be aggressive any time of year, but more so during spring and fall.
- In Jasper, elk have caused more serious harm and injury to people than any other wildlife.
- Do not underestimate elk.

# Elk may warn you or may not. Warning signs:

- Teeth grinding
- Curled lips
- Flattened ears
- · Appears agitated
- Antlers lowered towards you or beating bushes
- Kicking and charging

#### **Elk calving season I May and June**



- Female elk separate from the herd to give birth.
- Females may have young hidden nearby.
- Protective moms will attack.

### **Elk breeding season I September and October**



 Male elk aggressively protect their females during breeding season.

### Vehicles damaged by elk





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## **Park regulations**









You are responsible to know and follow national park rules. For a complete list, visit: parks.canada.ca/jasper-regulations



### Report infractions to Jasper Dispatch 780-852-6155



#### DO NOT ENTER CLOSED AREAS.

Respect all closures and notices.



#### DO NOT LITTER.

Put all garbage in garbage bins. If bins are full, take your garbage with you and dispose of it later.



#### NO DRONES ALLOWED.

Jasper National Park is a no drone zone.



#### NO CAMPFIRES OUTSIDE OF METAL FIREPITS.

This helps prevent wildfires. Always stay with campfires and extinguish them before leaving.



#### NO CAMPING EXCEPT IN A DESIGNATED PARK CAMPSITE WITH A VALID CAMPING PERMIT.

No camping at roadside pullouts, trailheads, and day use areas.



#### DO NOT FEED OR APPROACH WILDLIFE.

All wildlife is potentially dangerous. Park animals are wild even if they appear tame.



#### DO NOT COLLECT NATURAL OBJECTS.

Natural objects are sources of food and shelter for wild animals and plants.



#### KEEP DOGS ON A LEASH. COLLECT AND DISCARD THEIR WASTE IN GARBAGE BINS.

This is for your safety, the safety of your pet, and the safety of other visitors.

## Note: Offenders are charged and must go to court. Based on the offence, they can be fined up to \$25 000 or go to jail.



Walking away from your picnic site?

- Clean up to protect wildlife.
- Wild animals see and smell human food and garbage.
- · Animals can become aggressive or sick if they
- Animals who get into human food or scented items are often put down to keep people safe.

Secure your food and items with a smell in your vehicle or in a food locker.









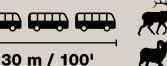


## Safe wildlife viewing distances













## **Safety is your responsibility**





## **Know before you go:**

- 1. Visit the web for current reports on weather, roads, trails, fire and avalanche conditions
- 2. If you must stop while on the road, pull over where it is safe to do so.
- 3. Respect speed zones, trail signs, warning signs, closures, and hazards.
- 4. Don't blindly follow what others do. Assess the safety risk for yourself.
- 5. Keep in mind mountain conditions change often and without warning.
- 6. Do not exceed your level of knowledge and skill.



For more safety information: parks.canada.ca/jasper-visitor-safety









## **Safety in fire-damaged areas**



## Dangers exist in the park, particularly in burned areas.

Here are some tips to stay safe:

- → Follow closures and notices:

  They are for a reason. It's illegal to enter closed areas. (fines up to \$25,000).
- → Stick to trails: Marked paths are safer.
- → Respect wildlife: Animals need space. Stay at a safe distance to avoid disturbing them.
- → Be cautious of unstable ground: Loose debris can cause landslides and rockfalls.

- → Beware of flood risks: Burned areas absorb less water. Rain and snowmelt may cause flash floods and mudslides.
- → Carry a map: Some signs may be missing. Download or bring a map.



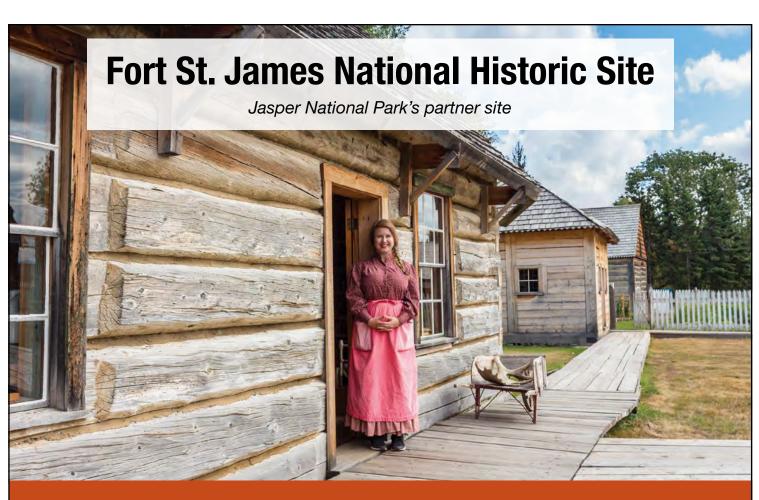
Be prepared to change your plans.

Report hazards to Parks Canada at 780-852-6155.











Travel back in time to 1896. Meet costumed interpreters and tour Canada's largest collection of wooden fur trade buildings.

### An ideal place for the whole family:

- Experience the ways of Indigenous people in the fur trade.
- Feed livestock in a fenced pasture.
- Watch "world class" chicken races.
- Take part in the fort's daily adventures.
- Try our legendary Homestretch Diner.
- Snap a Red Chair moment.
- Watch the sunset over Stuart Lake.



parks.canada.ca/fortstjames 🚯 🔉 FortStJamesNHS

Open mid-May to early September // 535 km from Jasper on Highway 16 West (6-hour drive)



### Ts'uhoont'i' Nekeyoh ts'e whusainya. Welcome to our territory.

The Fort St. James National Historic Site is located on the unceded territory of Nak'azdli Whut'en, Yekooche, Binche Whut'en and Tl'azt'en First Nations, who have been living on the shores of Nak'al Bun since time immemorial. The site is built on a landscape that is a gathering place for Dakelhne (Dakelh people) where pre-contact trails and trade routes converge by the mouth of the Nak'alkoh (Stuart River).









# **CLEAN, DRAIN & 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**

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

## Dry

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

Use inspection and decontamination station where available.

Winter in Jasper **Winter safety** 

#### Choose your winter fun!

Jasper National Park is a winter wonderland with so much to offer. You'll find a wide variety of activities and trails suitable for everyone.

New to winter sports? Book a local guide to get you started. Or rent gear and try one of the options below.



Check for updates on trail grooming and flat-packing:

parks.canada.ca/jaspertrails





Learn all about winter activities and where to go: parks.canada.ca/jasperwinter





#### Walking and snowshoeing

Put on your cleats for extra grip or try snowshoes to discover trails throughout the park.

#### **Cross-country skiing**

Enjoy a collection of groomed trails for both classic and skate skiing.

#### Skating

Glide on two natural ice rinks near town. They are locally operated and kept smooth for you to enjoy.

#### Fat biking

Cruise along flat-packed trails near town.



## **Winter driving**



Snow tires (M&S) or chains are required by law for travel on the Icefields Parkway (93N) between November 1 and March 31.



## **Road closures and delays**

Roads may close due to extreme weather, driving conditions or avalanche risk.

No cell phone coverage on Icefield Parkway, Maligne Lake road and sections of Hwy 16.



risk. Safety is your responsibility.

Know and understand the risk. Even small slopes can avalanche. Make good, informed choices. Seek training or a guide when planning to enter avalanche zones.



Read more about winter safety: parksmountainsafety.ca





## Ice safety

Parks Canada does not monitor ice thickness. It is up to you to assess the thickness of the ice. The Canadian Red Cross recommends an ice thickness of at least 15 cm for safe skating on lakes and ponds.

REMEMBER: Ice over moving water is unstable!

## **Interpretive programs for all**



#### Reservation required

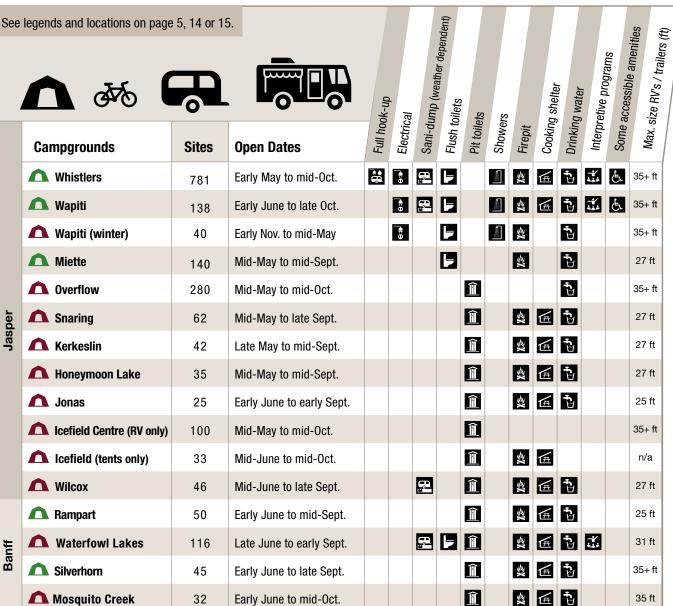
Campgrounds fill quickly. There are a limited number of large sites. Book ahead of time.

Parks Canada Reservation Service:

1-877-RESERVE (737-3783) or parks.canada.ca/reservation

### First come, first served

You must be on site to know if a site is available. These campgrounds are rustic. Arrive before mid-day for the best chance to get a site. Use a registration envelope supplied at the entrance kiosk. Pay with cash or credit card.





For more information on Jasper campgrounds and opening dates, visit: parks.canada.ca/jaspercamping





JasperNow (June to October) Check campsite availability: parks.canada.ca/iaspernow



Join an activity. Ask your questions. Share your highlights. Park interpreter services are included in your park entry fee:

- Drop in for a chat at the Heritage Fire Hall.
- Take in a pop up moment provided by park interpreters at high use areas in the park.
- Laugh along with a theatre show at Whistlers Campground.
- Play the wildlife safety guiz. Find all six animal exhibits in town.







## Directory

#### **Parks Canada Jasper Information Centre**

500 Connaught Drive 780-852-6176 parks.canada.ca/jasper

#### **Social Media**





#### **Friends of Jasper National Park**

Gift shop, maps and guide books: 780-852-4341 friendsofjasper.com

#### **Tourism Jasper**

Commercial accommodations, activities, attractions and dining: 780-820-1006 iasper.travel

#### **Trail conditions**

parks.canada.ca/jaspertrails

#### Weather

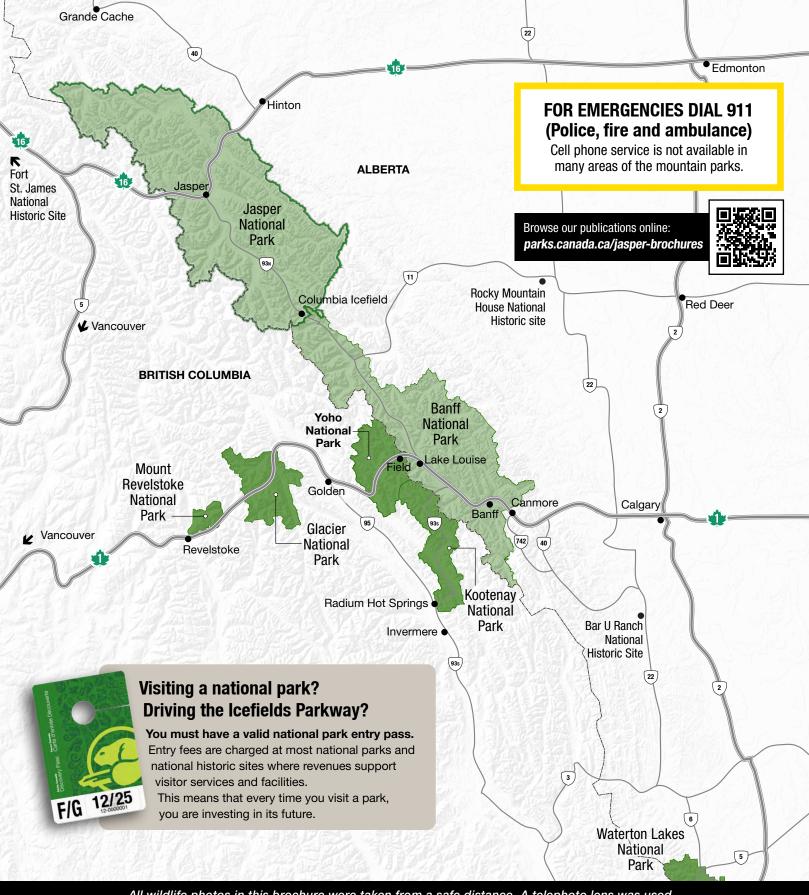
weather.gc.ca

#### **Road conditions**

Dial 511 511.alberta.ca drivebc.ca

#### **Emergency Dial 911**

Cellphone service is not always reliable 780-852-3100 (satellite phone)



All wildlife photos in this brochure were taken from a safe distance. A telephoto lens was used.



## Speeding kills. Slow down! Their life depends on you.

