





# MALIGNE PASS TRAIL


A remote, rugged trail over a high mountain pass with vast alpine meadows.


 Maintained trail, low priority

 48 km one-way

 160 2 – 3 days

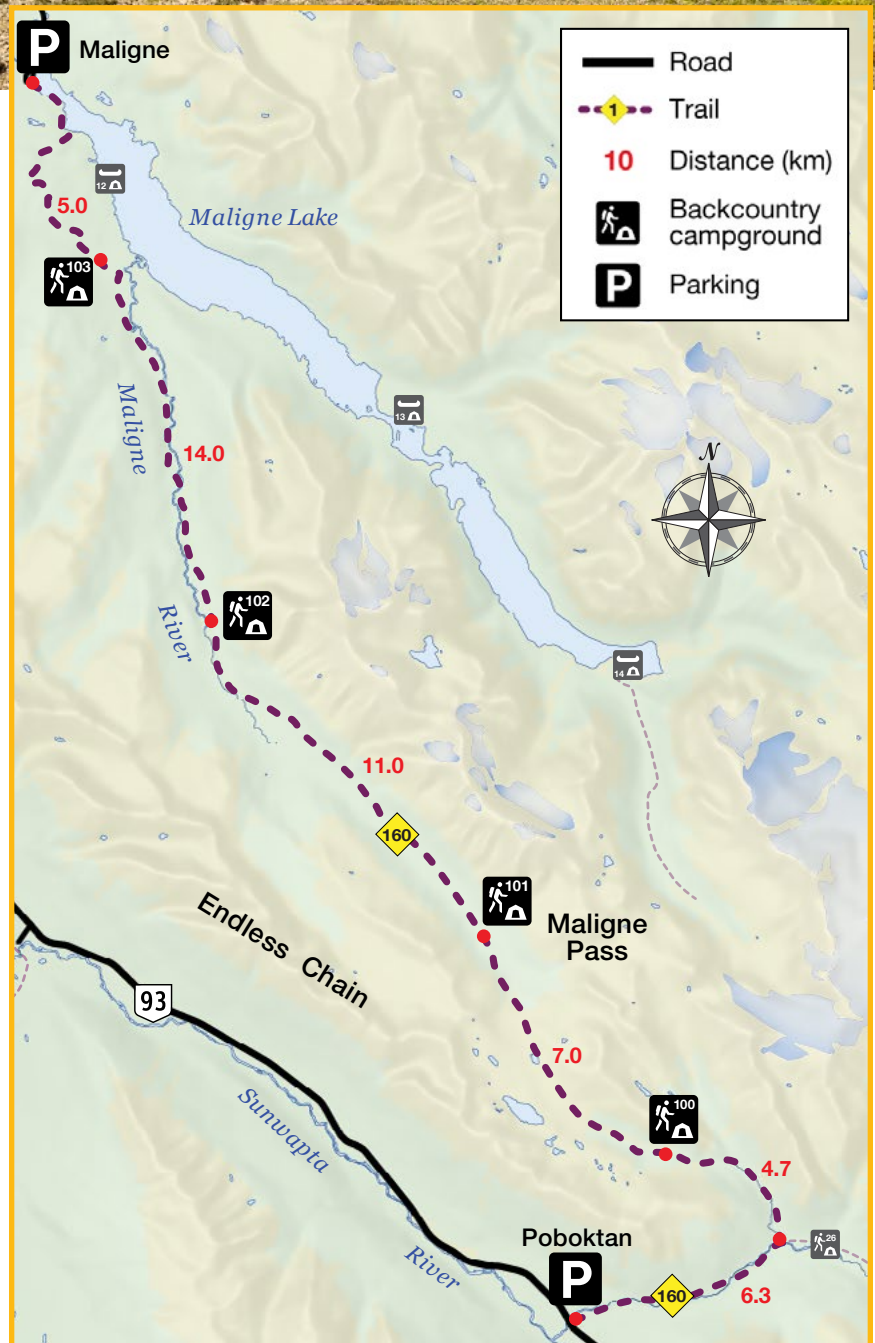
 No dogs

 No bikes

 No horses

## Is this trail for you?

Maligne Pass is well known for its spectacular wildflowers and incredible alpine meadows. River crossings are necessary and may be challenging during times of high water. The trail can be faint, boggy and muddy and require route finding. Much of the trail is through forest and willow meadows. Late summer and fall are the best times to hike this trail.



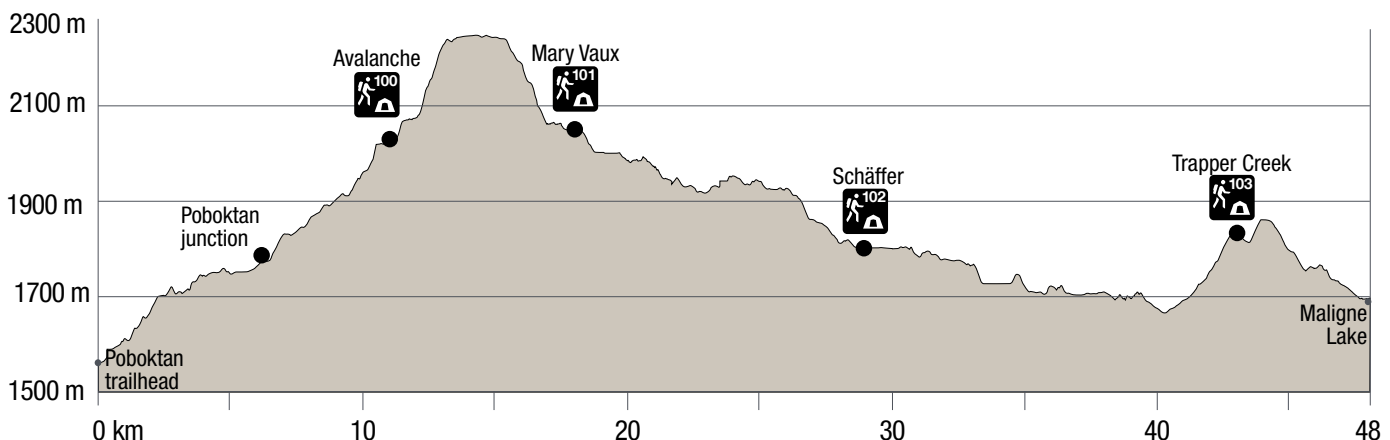
## The details

Starting from the Poboktan trailhead, the trail to Avalanche Campground (#100) steadily climbs 6 km up Poboktan Creek trail to the junction with the Maligne Pass trail. At this junction you will head north (left) up the Poligne Valley. The trail crosses Poligne Creek numerous times on a series of small bridges. These bridges are prone to wash outs and may be damaged. The trail levels out shortly before Avalanche Campground (#100) on the west side of the valley. Approximately 4 km further along an often boggy trail brings you to incredible views of Maligne Pass and an alpine lake. Beyond the pass, the trail descends to the Maligne River, requiring fords to get to Mary Vaux Campground (#101). From here, the trail can be faint with significant deadfall. Further river fords will be required. Continue down-valley through forest and willows past Schäffer Campground (#102), Trapper Creek Campground (#103) and finally to the trailhead at the end of the Maligne Lake Road.



- **Maligne Pass is high elevation. Snow can remain until late in the season.**
- **River fords are necessary, which can be challenging during high water.**
- **This trail is maintained with low frequency; watch for bridge washouts and poor sightlines.**
- **This area supports a high density of wildlife. Ensure safe practices while hiking and camping.**
- **Dogs are not permitted. This trail travels through woodland caribou habitat.**

## Elevation profile



## 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](https://parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails)

## MAPS

**NTS:** Sunwapta Peak 83 C/6

**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](https://reservations.pc.gc.ca) or by calling 1-877-737-3783.









### Distance to campgrounds from Poboktan trailhead (one way)

- Avalanche: 11 km
- Mary Vaux: 18 km
- Schäffer: 29 km
- Trapper Creek: 43 km

### Campground Information

Campground	Elevation (m)	Description	# of sites	Toilet Type	Food Storage	UTM
100 <b>Avalanche</b> 	2082 m	A beautiful campsite with great views, next to a creek.	1 group (max 6 people)	Throne	Cable	11U 472219 - 5815430
101 <b>Mary Vaux</b> 	2002 m	A basic camping area along the trail.	1 group (max 6 people)	Throne	Cable	11U 467374 - 5821347
102 <b>Schäffer</b> 	1804 m	A basic camping area along the east side of the Maligne River.	1 group (max 6 people)	Throne	Cable	11U 461150 - 5828622
103 <b>Trapper Creek</b> 	1724 m	A basic camping area along the trail.	1 group (max 6 people)	Throne	Pole	11U 457838 - 5837902

# HOW TO GET THERE

## From Jasper

- Travel 75 km south on Highway 93.
- Just after Sunwapta Station you will cross a small bridge across Poboktan Creek. Turn into the parking lot on the left.
- The trail itself starts behind Sunwapta Station.

