

Visitor Guide

2026 – 2027


WATERBODY CLOSURE

All watercraft and fishing are prohibited in Kootenay National Park. See p. 13.

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Parks Canada respectfully acknowledges that Kootenay National Park is located within the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc Peoples.

 Marble Canyon

Columbia Valley Métis Association

Kootenay National Park is an important place for British Columbia Métis based on a history of trade relationships and expeditions. In 1807, when Kootenae House was established as the first trading post in the region, a meeting place between cultures was born. Indigenous Peoples traded skills, furs, salmon and horses for European tools and cooking implements. Legendary explorer David Thompson and his wife Charlotte Small, a Métis woman, used the trading post as a home base.

Local Métis knowledge was central to the success of expeditions. For instance, in 1841 Sir George Simpson of the Hudson's Bay Company hired a Métis guide for the Rockies leg of his trip, further assisted by Métis interpreter Edouard Berland. That same year, Red River Métis James Sinclair led a large group of families through the region.

The legacy of Métis influence is marked by place names in Kootenay National Park: Mount Berland, Sinclair Pass, Sinclair Creek and Mount Sinclair.

To learn more, visit columbiavalleymetis.ca

Ktunaxa Nation

The Ktunaxa (pronounced k-too-nah-ha), also known as Kootenay, have occupied the lands adjacent to the Kootenay and Columbia rivers and the Arrow Lakes for more than 10 000 years. For thousands of years before settlers arrived, the Ktunaxa harvested flora and fauna in the area now recognized as Kootenay National Park, which lies within Kyawaç ʔamakʔis (Land of the Grouse).

The Traditional Territory of the Ktunaxa encompasses 70 000 km² within the Kootenay region of south-eastern British Columbia, and also includes parts of Alberta, Montana, Idaho and Washington.

Ktunaxa stories teach their generations about seasonal migrations that occurred throughout the area, across the Rocky Mountains and on the Great Plains; of war and trade interactions with other Nations; of place names and landmarks; and of lessons and values.

The Ktunaxa language is a language isolate, meaning that it is one of a kind and unrelated to any other language in the world.

To learn more, visit ktunaxa.org

Secwépemc Nation

Weyt-k (hello)

The Kenpesq't (pronounced ken-pesk-t) community, currently known as the Shuswap Band, is part of the Secwépemc (pronounced sah-wep-em) Nation occupying traditional lands in British Columbia and Alberta.


The Secwépemc People have used the areas now encompassed by Mount Revelstoke, Glacier, Yoho, Banff, Jasper and Kootenay national parks since time immemorial; long before the settlement of non-Indigenous peoples.

Many of the roads driven today are based on travel routes used by Indigenous Peoples for generations; Indigenous guides were used to create the horse trails that evolved into major highways like the Trans-Canada. Anthropological and archaeological evidence, such as the remains of semi-underground dwellings called pit houses or kekulis, can still be found inside park boundaries.

Parks Canada and the Secwépemc Nation continue to foster a better working relationship that informs the management of natural resources, and enhances the visitor experience for those exploring traditional lands.

To learn more, visit shuswapband.net



 Dog Lake Loop

Welcome to Kootenay National Park

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So much more than a scenic drive

In 1920, the Government of Canada agreed to build a road connecting the Bow and Columbia valleys. As part of the agreement, the province of British Columbia provided eight kilometres of land on either side of the road for a national park.

The first cars to travel along the new highway bounced over bumps and chugged up steep hills, but according to a 1924 guidebook, “every mile is a surprise and an enchantment.”

More than a century later, Kootenay National Park continues to surprise and enchant. Visitors can relax in the soothing mineral pools at Radium Hot Springs, stroll through canyons, picnic beside glacial-blue rivers or backpack along one of the Rockies’ most scenic hiking trails. The park’s diverse ecosystems support a variety of wildlife, and Burgess Shale fossils reveal exquisite details about life half a billion years ago.

A place of global importance

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recognizes four of the national parks – Kootenay, Banff, Yoho and Jasper – as part of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site. The parks are thus protected for the benefit of all nations and the enjoyment of all people.

World Heritage status was awarded based on the stunning landscapes of mountains, glaciers, lakes, waterfalls and canyons, as well as for the incredible soft-bodied remains found at the Burgess Shale fossil sites.



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

Organisation
des Nations Unies
pour l’éducation,
la science et la culture



**Canadian Rocky
Mountain Parks**
• inscribed on the World
Heritage List in 1984
• **Parcs des montagnes
Rocheuses canadiennes**
• inscrit sur la Liste du
patrimoine mondial en 1984

PLAN YOUR VISIT



Highway 93

Your support makes a difference

Entry fees are charged at all national parks. Every time you visit a national park you are investing in its future, and in a legacy for future generations. Pick up your pass at any park gate, visitor centre or staffed campground kiosk.

As part of the Canada Strong Pass, the Government of Canada is offering to all visitors **free admission** to national parks operated by Parks Canada and a **25% discount on camping fees** from **June 19 to September 7, 2026 inclusive**.

Daily entry pass

The daily entry pass is valid in Yoho, Kootenay, Banff, Jasper, Waterton Lakes, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks. Regardless of time of entry, the pass is valid until 4 p.m. the following day.

Adult (18-64)	\$12.25	Youth (0-17)	Free
Senior (65+)	\$10.75	Family/group (2 to 7 people in a vehicle)	\$24.50

Parks Canada Discovery Pass

This annual pass is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase, expiring on the last day of the month in which it was purchased. It gives you unlimited admission to over 80 Parks Canada administered places across the country.

Adult (18-64)	\$83.50
Senior (65+)	\$71.50
Family/group (2 to 7 people in a vehicle)	\$167.50



The Kootenay National Park Visitor Centre and gift shop

is located on Main Street East in the village of Radium Hot Springs. 7556 Main Street E.

250-347-9505 | kootenay.info@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/kootenay

  Free Wi-Fi available

Parks Canada counter hours:

May 1 - Oct. 12, 2026 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 13, 2026 - April 30, 2027 Closed

Hours of operation are subject to change.

The Tourism Radium counter and washroom facilities are open year-round.

Tourism Radium: 1-888-347-9331
radiumhotsprings.com

PARKS CANADA IS HIRING

Upgrade your office view! You don't need to be a scientist or a backcountry expert. People with diverse backgrounds and interests are encouraged to apply.



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parks.canada.ca/LLYK-jobs



Know before you go

Kootenay National Park has incredible natural and cultural heritage. It is a diverse landscape, a home to wildlife and a place of history.

We need your help to keep it this way. Take the pledge!

I will store my food and scented items safely, and never feed wildlife.

WHY? Wildlife need to find their own natural food sources. Feeding wildlife, littering, or leaving scented items or food unattended, attracts them to human use areas. This is very dangerous. Dispose of recycling, trash and food in designated areas. **It is illegal to feed wildlife!**

I will give wildlife space.

WHY? All wildlife can be dangerous, regardless of their size. Wild animals can lose their natural fear of humans after repeated interactions. If you see wildlife on the road: **Slow down, stay in your vehicle and move on.** Chance animal encounters can happen anywhere. Carry bear spray and know how to use it.

I will protect the lakes and rivers in the park.

WHY? Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that impact the land and waters of the park. National parks are home to many species at risk that rely on healthy ecosystems for their survival. To help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, see page 13.

I will leave plants, rocks, fossils, antlers and all other natural objects undisturbed.

WHY? Millions of people visit the mountain parks each year. A small act like picking a flower, when multiplied, can have lasting consequences for the ecosystem. To protect these natural and cultural treasures, always walk on marked trails and leave what you find for others to enjoy.

I will drive carefully and obey speed limits.

WHY? Slow down to prevent deadly collisions with animals. In high risk areas, no stopping zones are used to protect motorists and wildlife. Respect roadside signage, and only park in designated areas to avoid blocking traffic.

I will keep my dog on a leash and pick up after it.

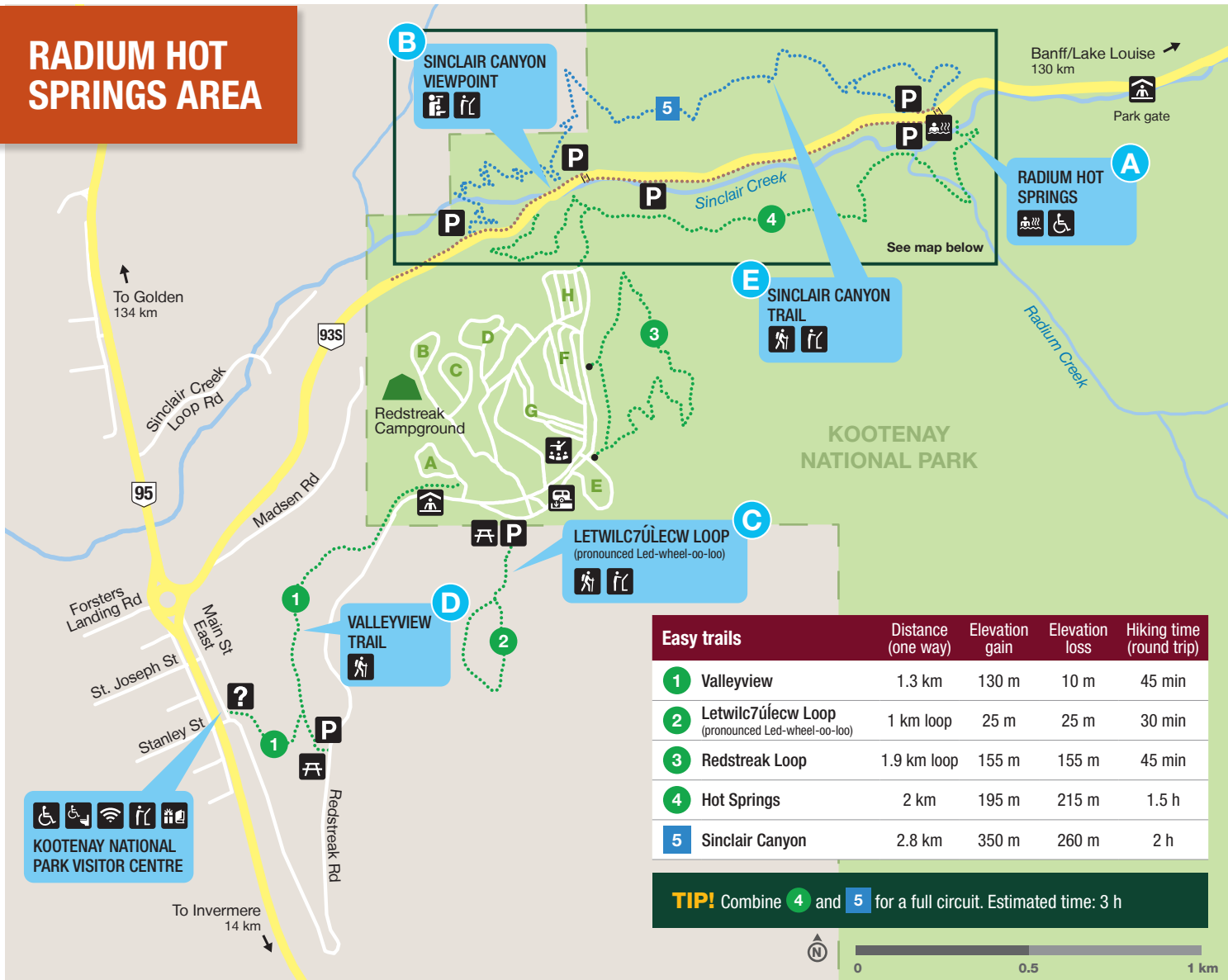
WHY? To a wild animal, your pet is potentially a predator or prey. Wildlife may flee, endangering themselves or their young. An aggressive response from a wild animal could put you or your pet in danger.

I will follow park regulations.

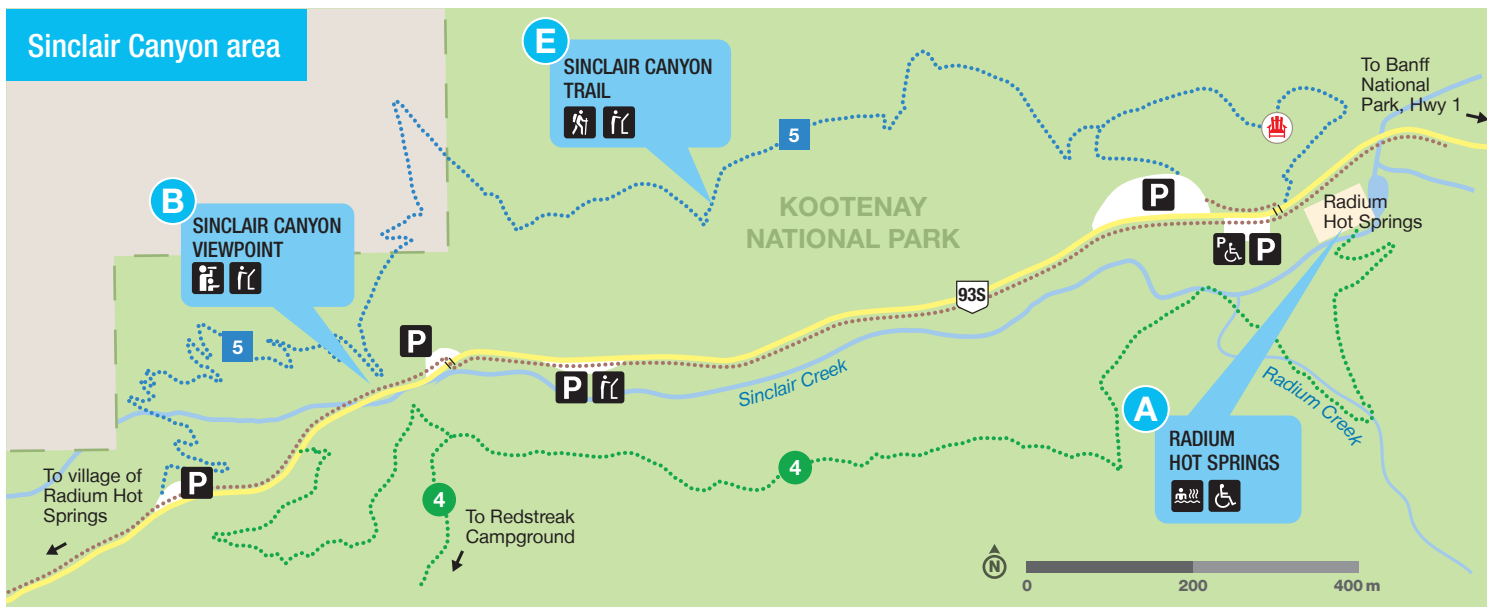
WHY? The summer draws a high volume of visitors to the national parks. Please respect regulations for the safety and enjoyment of everyone. To learn about park regulations, see back page.

Your pledge makes a big difference.
THANK YOU FOR TAKING ACTION!

RADIUM HOT SPRINGS AREA



Sinclair Canyon area



TIP! Learn about the history of Sinclair Canyon from interpretive signs, made in collaboration with the Village of Radium Hot Springs.

- Visitor centre
- Gate/kiosk
- Viewpoint
- Sani dump
- Parking
- Accessible parking
- Accessible
- Wi-Fi
- Interpretive signs
- Gift shop
- Accessible toilets
- Interpretive program
- Red Chairs
- Picnic area
- Radium Hot Springs
- Campground
(all sites reservable)

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Radium Hot Springs



Relax in odorless natural hot springs beneath the vibrant rock cliffs of Sinclair Canyon. This family-friendly facility offers plenty of space to relax and soak in the expansive hot pool or cool off with the kids in the swimming pool.

2026/27 RATES

Adult (ages 18-64)	\$19.75
Senior (65+)	\$17.25
Youth (3-17)	\$17.25
Child (under 3)	Free
Family (two adults and two youths)	\$84.50

Check parks.canada.ca/radium-springs for hours, trip planning, and safety information before your visit.

A national park entry pass is required.

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Sinclair Canyon Viewpoint



Get an up-close look at one of the most iconic entrances to a national park. The paved and flat sidewalk takes you to the Sinclair Falls viewpoint and through the steep canyon walls.

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Letwilc7ùlecw Loop (pronounced led-wheel-oo-loo)



1 km loop

Elevation gain/loss: 25 m / 25 m. Estimated time (return): 30 min

Walk through a meadow that has been restored by fire. Discover Secwépemc uses of medicinal plants along this interpretive trail.

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Valleyview Trail



1.3 km (one way)

Elevation gain/loss: 130 m / 10 m. Estimated time (return): 45 min

Hike up a steep hill for rewarding views of the Columbia Valley, then meander along a flat trail at the top. Take a break at the scenic Valleyview picnic area.

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Sinclair Canyon Trail



2.8 km (one way)

Elevation gain/loss: 350 m / 260 m. Estimated time (return): 2 h

Descend into the gorge for a stop at Sinclair Canyon Falls, then head back up to the canyon's rim. Relax in the Red Chairs at the end.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT

Highway 93 South is the backbone of Kootenay National Park. Enjoy an uninterrupted scenic drive or turn off the highway to relax at a day-use area, take in the views or venture out on a hike. Recommended stops and trails are listed in order from south to north.

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Olive Lake Day-use Area
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 A forested picnic area at the summit of Sinclair Pass.

Olive Lake Trail
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 0.3 km (one way)
 Elevation gain/loss: minimal
 Estimated time (return): 15 min
 Enjoy a lakeshore stroll on the boardwalk.



Note: This area may be closed during spring due to bear activity.


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Kootenay River Day-use Area
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 A great place to get out of the vehicle, stretch your legs and soak up the mountain views.

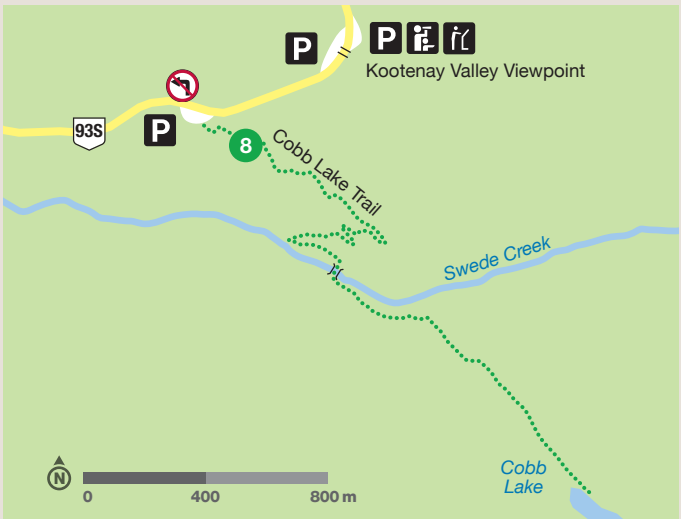
TIP! Check trail conditions at parks.canada.ca/kootenay-trails before you drive into the park. Bring water, snacks, sunglasses, sunscreen, warm clothes and a rain jacket. The weather can change rapidly in the mountains!

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Kootenay Valley Viewpoint
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 Enjoy breathtaking views of the Mitchell and Vermillion mountain ranges, and read the interpretive signs to discover the importance of wildlife corridors in this area.

Cobb Lake Trail
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 2.7 km (one way)
 Elevation gain/loss: 155 m / 260 m
 Estimated time (return): 2 h
 Descend to Swede Creek, then continue along to a quiet lake encircled by forest.



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Dog Lake Day-use Area
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 Take advantage of this cool, shaded picnic area on a hot day.

Dog Lake Loop
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 7 km loop
 Elevation gain/loss: 195 m / 195 m
 Estimated time (return): 2.5 h
 A lovely family hike! Cross two bridges over the Kootenay River and meander through old-growth forest to a beautiful lake.



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Dolly Varden Day-use Area
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 Enjoy the self-guided activities and learn more on how wildlife fences and underpasses protect both motorists and wildlife. Fun for kids!

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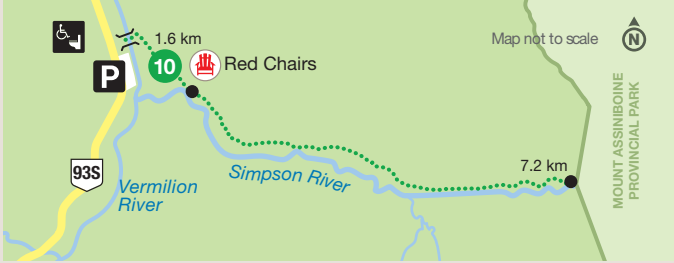


Simpson River Interpretive Trail



1.6 km (one way)
Elevation gain/loss: 30 m / 25 m
Estimated time (return): 1 h

Walk through a valley marked by fire. Check out the interpretive signs along the first 1.6 km of the trail. Learn about the incredible forces of nature. Past the Red Chairs, the trail continues for 7.2 km (one-way) to the park boundary.



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Vermilion Crossing Day-use Area



Enjoy a picnic lunch close to the scenic banks of the Vermilion River.

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Numa Falls Day-use Area



Stop to admire the roaring waterfalls and look down into the canyon from the bridge.

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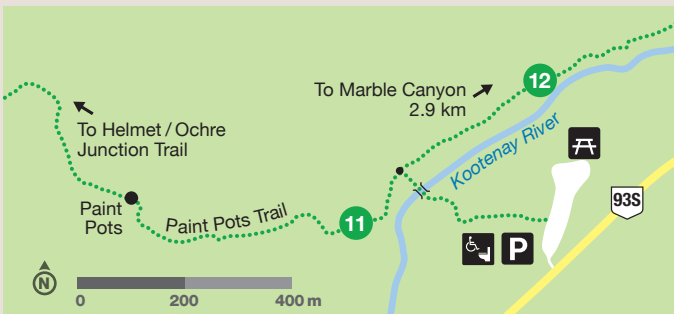


Paint Pots Trail



1 km (one way)
Elevation gain/loss: 35 m / 20 m
Estimated time (return): 40 min

An easy walk takes you to three iron-rich mineral springs that stain the surrounding earth. Enjoy the new boardwalk!



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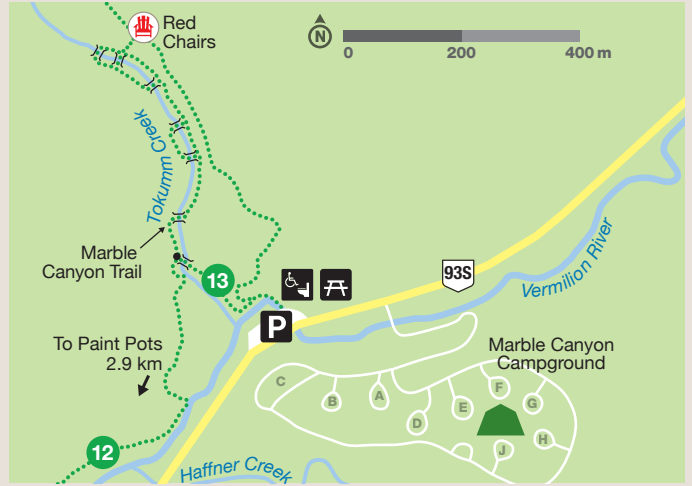


Marble Canyon Trail



0.9 km (one way)
Elevation gain/loss: 65 m / 35 m
Estimated time (return): 30 min

The trail connects seven bridges across a canyon. Signs reveal canyon inhabitants and how the canyon formed over thousands of years. Relax in the Red Chairs at the end.



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Stanley Glacier Trail



4.9 km (one way)
Elevation gain/loss: 405 m / 115 m
Estimated time (return): 3 h

Hike up to a stunning alpine basin and watch glacier meltwater tumble down massive rock walls. See page 10 for info on Burgess Shale guided hikes.

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Continental Divide

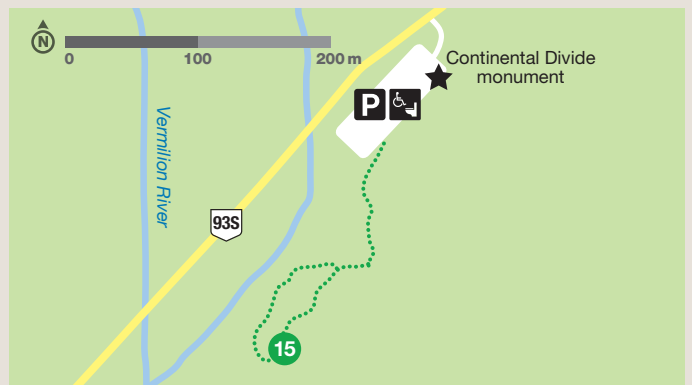


Stand on the dividing line between the Pacific and Atlantic watersheds.

Fireweed Loop

0.2 km loop
Elevation gain/loss: minimal
Estimated time (return): 15 min

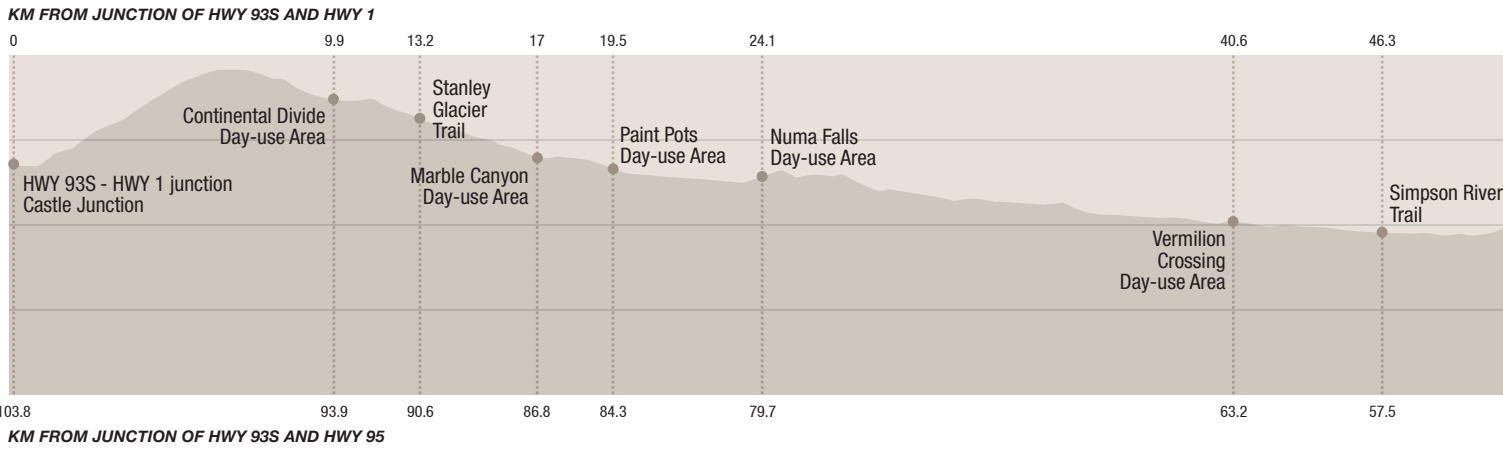
Walk through a quiet, shaded forest. The Vermilion Pass wildfire swept through this area in 1968. Can you spot any marks left by this fire?



KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK

TIP! Set your odometer to 0 in Radium Hot Springs or at Castle Junction and don't miss any of the highlights along Hwy 93S! Just follow the diagram on the right hand side.

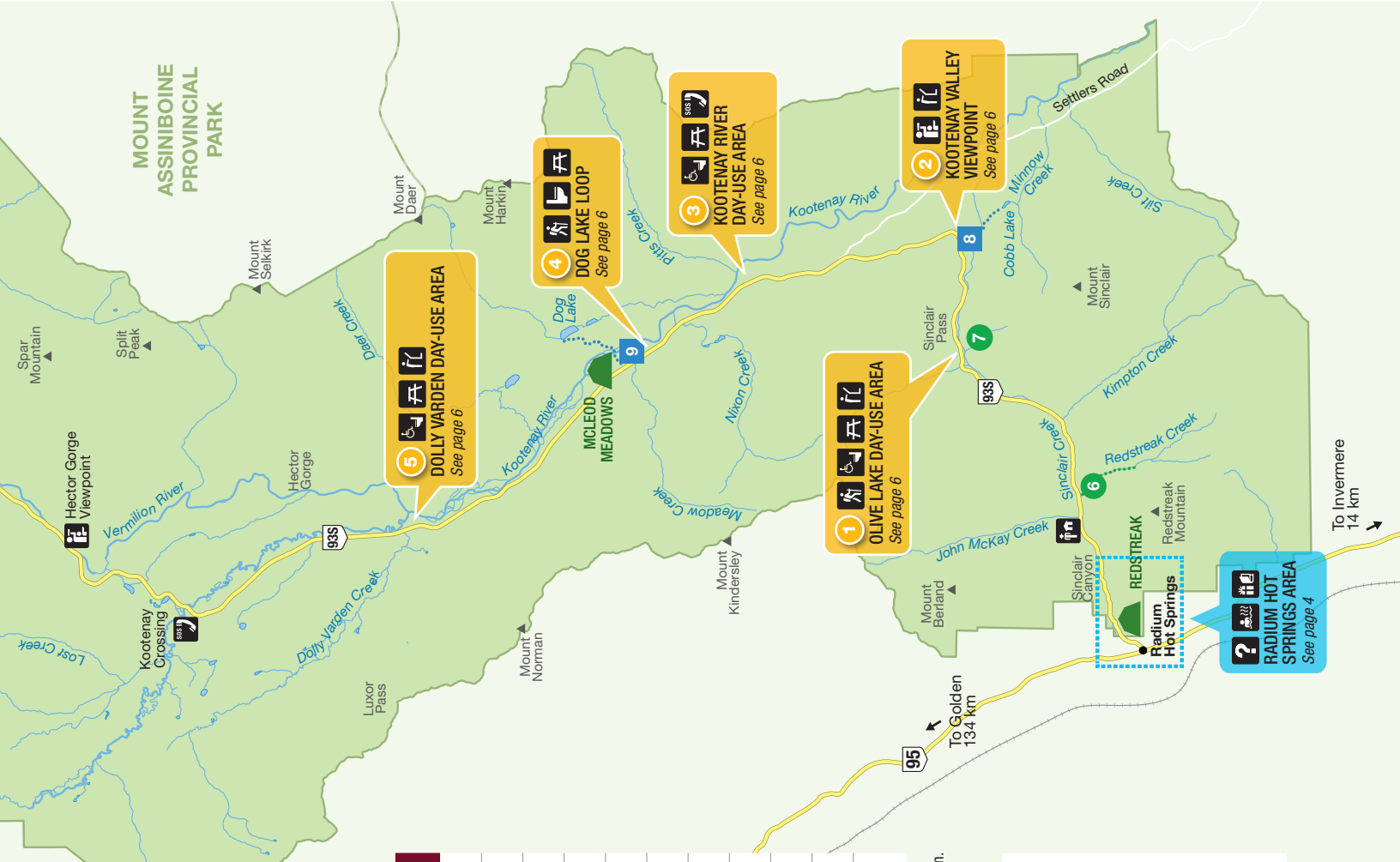
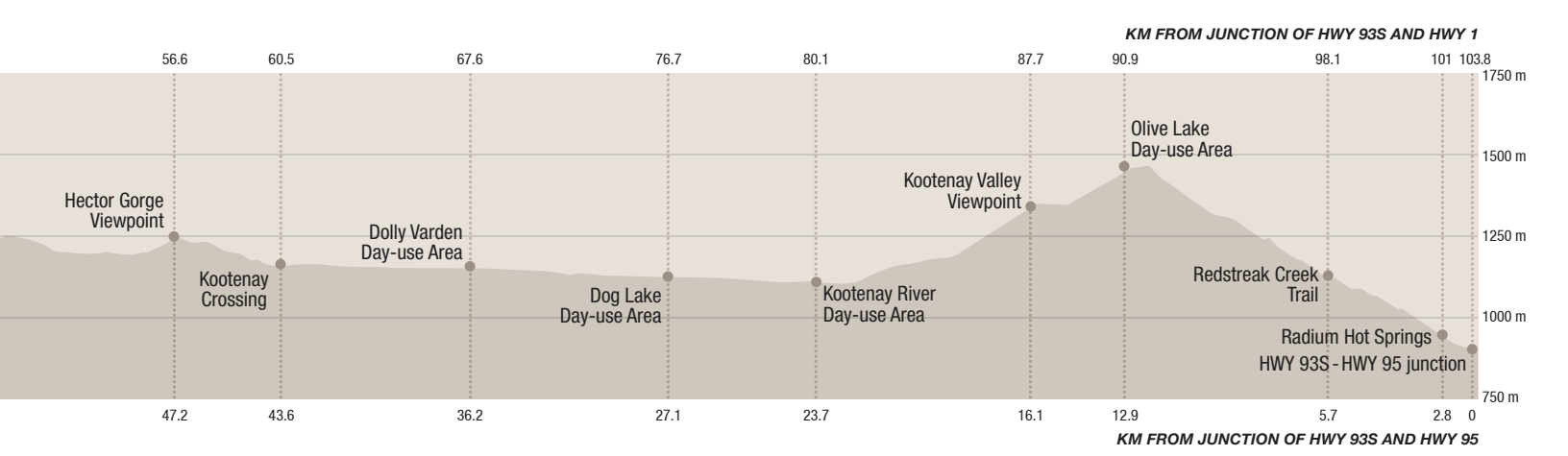
NEW! Download the new Kootenay guided audio tour. Go to p. 10 to find out more.



Important information:

Driving time through Kootenay National Park is about 1 hour without stopping.

- Obey posted speed limits and drive with caution. Weather and driving conditions can change quickly.
- Cell phone coverage is not available in Kootenay National Park.
- There are emergency phones at four locations throughout the park.
- Winter tires (M+S) or chains are required by law for travel on Hwy 93S through Kootenay National Park between Oct. 1 and April 30.
- The use of drones/micro drones/UAVs without a valid permit is prohibited anywhere in the national parks.



Scan the code for a full hiking map:
parks.canada.ca/kootenay-brochures

Hiking trails	Distance (one way)	Elevation gain*	Elevation loss**	Hiking time (round trip)
6 Redstreak Creek	2.3 km	200 m	30 m	1.5 h
7 Olive Lake	0.3 km	minimal	minimal	15 min
8 Cobb Lake	2.7 km	155 m	260 m	2 h
9 Dog Lake Loop	7 km loop	195 m	195 m	2.5 h
10 Simpson River	1.6 km	30 m	25 m	1 h
11 Paint Pots	1 km	35 m	20 m	40 min
12 Vermilion River	2.9 km	65 m	110 m	2 h
13 Marble Canyon	0.9 km	65 m	35 m	30 min
14 Stanley Glacier	4.9 km	405 m	115 m	3 h
15 Fireweed Loop	0.2 km loop	minimal	minimal	15 min

● Easy ● Moderate

*On most hiking trails you will gain and lose elevation before you reach your destination. Elevation gain represents all the up and elevation loss all the down you will experience on a one-way hike.

	Visitor centre		Exhibit
	Toilets		Radium Hot Springs
	Accessible toilets		Parks Canada station
	Picnic area		Emergency telephone
	Viewpoint		Gift shop
	Hiking		Red chairs
	Interpretive trail		Campground (reservations required)



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES



Stanley Glacier fossil beds

Kootenay guided audio tour

Enjoy the Kootenay guided audio tour as you travel on Highway 93 South, one of BC's most scenic highways.

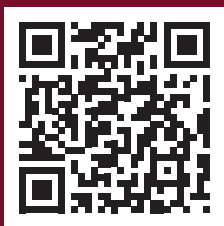
This audio tour is your perfect travel companion on the 94-km drive as you twist and turn through valleys and over two mountain passes.

Mobile guided tour features:

- Behind-the-scenes stories that play automatically as you drive through the park.
- Suggested stops to get out and stretch your legs.
- Insider's tips of things to do.
- Quiz questions to challenge your knowledge and observation skills.

Remember to download the app and tour before you start your drive. There is no cell coverage or Wi-Fi in Kootenay National Park.

DOWNLOAD APP HERE



pc.gc.ca/en/multimedia/apps

Guided hikes to the Burgess Shale fossils

Ages 8+, moderate hike, 10 km return

Join us on the scenic Stanley Glacier Trail and experience the Burgess Shale fossils first-hand. This family-oriented hike provides an excellent introduction to the Burgess Shale on a moderate trail. Along the trail your guide will reveal the deep connections between past and present.

These fossils are so globally important that they have been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Burgess Shale is part of the larger Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site. **It is illegal to break rocks or take fossils!**

Reserve a guided hike
with Parks Canada!

parks.canada.ca/burgess-shale
1-877-RESERVE (737-3783)

Explore. Learn. Connect.

Explore the natural and cultural heritage of Kootenay on a series of family-friendly interpretive trails!

- Discover Secwépemc uses of medicinal plants along Letwilc7úlecw (led-wheel-oo-loo) Loop (see page 5).
- Explore themes of wildlife, regeneration and succession on the Simpson River Trail (see p. 7).
- Uncover the geological forces that shaped the canyon over thousands of years on the Marble Canyon Trail (see p. 7).

Park interpreters are here to share fun experiences with park visitors. Look for us at popular day-use areas like Marble Canyon!

Programs are available to **all visitors with a valid park entry pass**. For more details and a schedule of interpretive programs, check parks.canada.ca/kootenay-interpretation



Listen now!

Connected: A Parks Canada Podcast
Episodes about animals and plants in danger, and the Parks Canada specialists who protect them.

parks.canada.ca/connected

STAY SAFE AND PROTECT WILDLIFE

Keep human food away from animals

- **DO NOT LITTER.** Use the wildlife-proof garbage bins for all unwanted items and food scraps.
- Store all food, food-related items and scented products in vehicles or storage lockers.
- Non-food related items such as lawn chairs, tables or lanterns may be left outside.
- Pour out dish water at designated sinks or sani dumps.



Never leave food or scented items unattended or in a tent for even a minute.



Parks Canada staff may enter open and plainly visible areas of an unattended campsite to remove and secure plainly visible wildlife attractants.

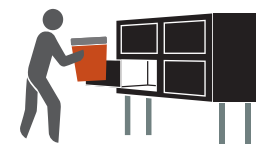
KEEP YOUR CAMPSITE AND PICNIC AREA CLEAN to reduce the risks to your personal safety and to wildlife.



ALL food-related and scented items **MUST** be stored away in a vehicle,



a hard-sided trailer or RV,



or in a campground food storage locker.



📷 American badger



📷 Westslope cutthroat trout

The American badger – An expert digger at risk

The American badger *jeffersonii* subspecies is listed as Endangered under the federal Species at Risk Act. There are only about 100-160 individuals remaining in BC's eastern population that includes areas of Kootenay National Park. The most significant threats to their population are road mortality and habitat loss. Badgers play a key role in the grassland ecosystem by digging up and mixing the soil, helping plants to grow. Their abandoned holes are often used as homes by other animals.

Redstreak Campground is within important habitat for badgers, and your support is crucial in safeguarding these remarkable animals. Parks Canada is actively contributing to the conservation of badgers by restoring grassland ecosystems through practices like forest thinning and prescribed fire.

5 things you can do to help badgers survive

1. Follow speed limits and be an attentive driver.
2. Always keep your pets on leash. It's the law.
3. NEVER feed or entice a badger. Keep a clean campsite or picnic area.
4. If you see a badger, keep at least 30 m away to avoid disturbing them. NEVER approach badgers or their burrows.
5. Report all badger sightings to llyk.wildlife@pc.gc.ca.

Friends of the fish

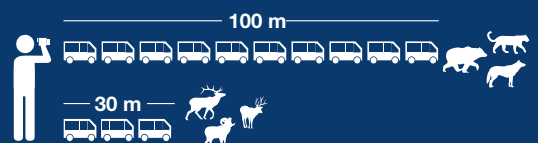
Meet the westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout – two important fish in Kootenay National Park. Habitat loss, climate change and historical fish stocking practices have put pressure on these fish causing them to decline. Parks Canada is exploring different options to protect these species before it's too late.


If you see wildlife by the road:


- **Slow down** and use hazard lights to alert other drivers.
- Only stop when and where it is safe to do so. Pull over and do not block traffic.
- **Stay in your vehicle.**
- Watch for a few moments, take a photo from a safe distance and **move on.**


Photograph wildlife from a vehicle or safe distance:

- 100 m for bears, wolves, coyotes and cougars
- 30 m for deer, elk, moose and bighorn sheep



 **Do not feed wildlife, it is illegal.** This includes littering and leaving food or scented items unattended. Fines of up to \$25,000 may apply.

 **Do not approach wildlife.** When taking photos, do not surround, crowd or follow an animal.

 **A no stopping zone** protects wildlife and motorists in high risk areas. Watch for signs along the roadside and **do not stop to view wildlife in this zone.**



📷 Letwlc7ulecw Loop

Dry Gulch Grassland Restoration Project

The grasslands in Kootenay National Park provide important winter habitat for elk, deer and sheep. Unfortunately, Douglas-fir forests are encroaching on this delicate ecosystem.

Parks Canada has been restoring grassland habitats in Kootenay National Park with forest thinning and prescribed fire for decades. Currently, restoration work is occurring in the Dry Gulch area of the park, close to the village of Radium Hot Springs. This work will help shift these sensitive ecosystems back to a more natural state. In turn, it will also reduce wildfire risk and help restore critical badger habitat.

PROTECT PARK WATERS



Paint Pots Trail



All waterbodies in Kootenay and Yoho national parks are closed to watercraft and angling until March 31, 2027 to reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS), including whirling disease. The closure applies to all lakes, streams, and rivers in Kootenay and Yoho national parks.



Scan the QR code or check parks.canada.ca/kootenay-water-rules to find out about current closures and local regulations before planning your trip to a river or lake in Kootenay National Park.

Prohibited activities:



Padding and boating – This includes all watercraft such as canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, pack rafts, kiteboards, rowboats, and inflatable boats and toys (e.g. donuts, unicorns).



If it floats, it's a boat.

Angling and angling equipment such as fishing rods, tackle, nets, waders, and boots.



Violators may be charged and could pay fines of up to \$25,000 under the Canada National Parks Act.

Permitted activities:

Swimming – This includes the use of swimming aids and safety equipment, such as personal flotation devices, wetsuits, snorkel equipment, throw bags and water wings.

Accessing beaches and shorelines – This includes the use of beach toys and taking pets on leash.

Visitors and authorized commercial operators must Clean, Drain, Dry all equipment that comes into contact with water.

Parks Canada is committed to preventing aquatic invasive species from entering the park and regional waterways to maintain ecological integrity of the aquatic systems in the park and downstream areas.

Thank you for protecting these special places!



Floe Lake Trail



Winter in Kootenay

Some trails are suitable for winter activities, but usage is at your own risk. Parks Canada does not maintain or patrol trails in Kootenay National Park in winter.

You are in avalanche terrain

Avalanche season in the mountains extends from November to June, and even a short walk can take you into avalanche terrain. Whenever there is snow on a slope, there is potential for an avalanche. Check the current avalanche forecast at parks.canada.ca/avalanche

Safety is your responsibility

- Be prepared for any weather.
- Bring extra food and water.
- Pack a first aid kit.
- Know where you're going.
- Tell someone where you're going, and when you'll be back.
- Wear proper footwear.



Be safe in the mountains

Natural hazards are a part of the national park experience. Safety is your responsibility! Come prepared and informed.

Tell somebody where you're going, when you will be back and who to call if you don't return.

Parks Canada Dispatch

Non-emergency line: 403-762-1470

Backcountry travel and safety:

parks.canada.ca/mountain-safety

Trail condition reports:

parks.canada.ca/kootenay-trails

Road conditions:

drivebc.ca



There is no cell service in Kootenay National Park.



Emergency phones are available at the Kootenay River Day-use Area, Kootenay Crossing, Simpson River Trailhead and Marble Canyon Day-use Area.

CAMPING IN KOOTENAY



oTENTik at Redstreak Campground

Frontcountry camping

Redstreak provides the widest range of services and is located within walking distance of the village of Radium Hot Springs and the Radium Hot Springs' mineral pools. You can even enjoy some of the comforts of home with a night in an oTENTik tent-cabin.

For a more rustic experience, choose to stay at **McLeod Meadows** or **Marble Canyon**. McLeod Meadows is nestled beside the Kootenay River, while Marble Canyon sits in a quiet, forested area conveniently close to the park's most popular trails.

Visit parks.canada.ca/kootenay-camping to plan your stay at a Kootenay National Park campground. Reservations are required.

Backcountry camping

There are five backcountry campgrounds located along the Rockwall Trail; an iconic 54-km route that traverses through alpine passes and under hanging glaciers.

For more info: parks.canada.ca/kootenay-backcountry

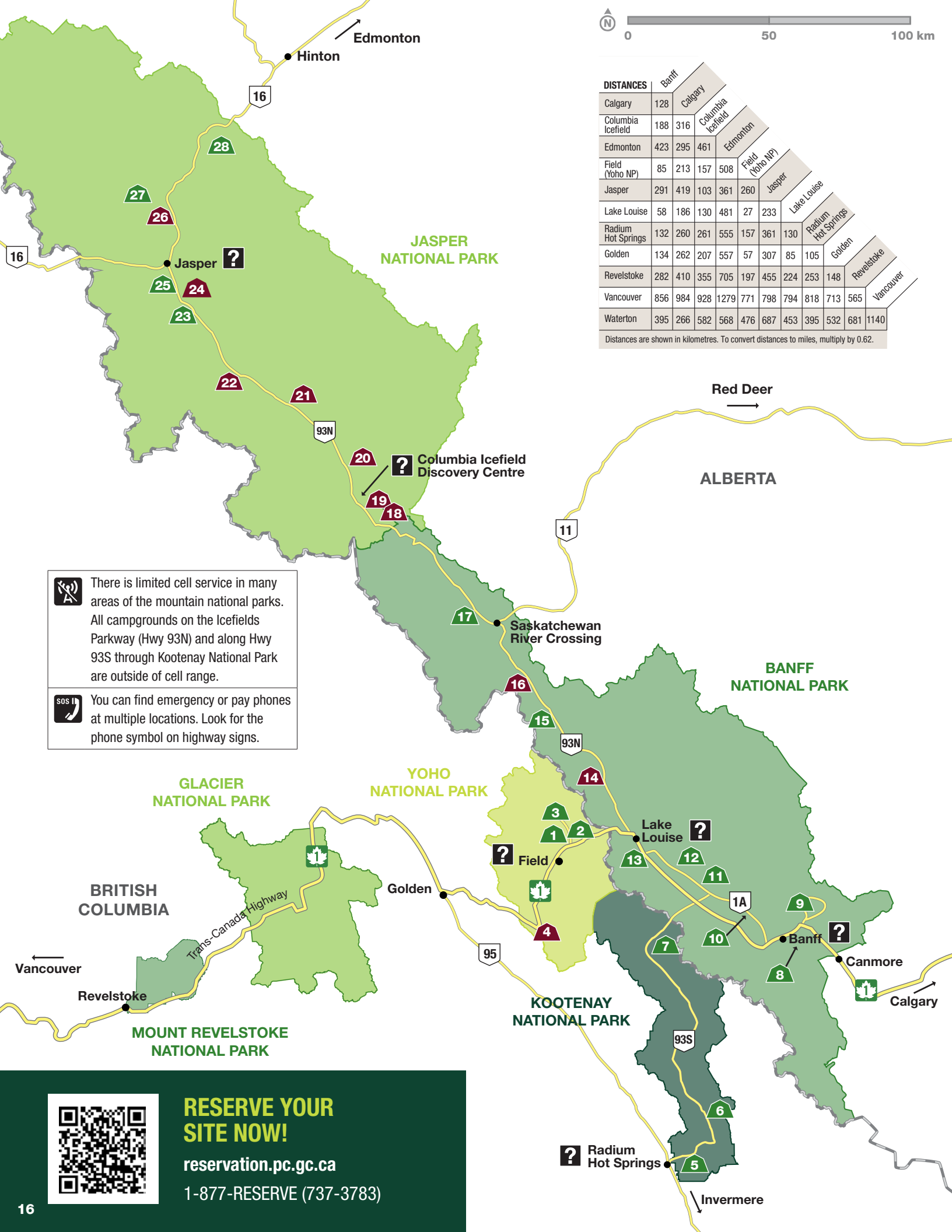
Camping is permitted in designated campgrounds only. A valid camping permit and national park entry pass are required. You must carry your camping permit with you at all times. There may be random patrol checks.

Brushing your boots before starting your backcountry travel helps reduce the spread of non-native vegetation.



Floe Lake Campground

RESERVE YOUR SITE HERE: reservation.pc.gc.ca | 1-877-RESERVE (737-3783)



There is limited cell service in many areas of the mountain national parks. All campgrounds on the Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93N) and along Hwy 93S through Kootenay National Park are outside of cell range.

You can find emergency or pay phones at multiple locations. Look for the phone symbol on highway signs.



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Camping in the mountain parks

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	CAMPGROUND	OPEN DATES	SITES	PRICES												
Yoho	1 Monarch	May 1 - Oct. 12	44	\$22.00												10.7+ m
	2 Kicking Horse	May 14 - Oct. 4	88	\$34.00												8.2 m
	3 Takakkaw Falls (walk-in)	June 11 - Oct. 12	35	\$22.00												N/A
	4 Hoodoo Creek	June 11 - Sep. 7	30	\$19.50												10.7+ m
Kootenay	5 Redstreak	May 6 - Oct. 12 oTENTiks May 15 - Sep. 20	242	\$34.00 - \$47.50												10.7 m
	6 McLeod Meadows	June 4 - Sep. 13	88	\$26.75												9.1 m
	7 Marble Canyon	June 18 - Sep. 7	61	\$26.75												4.6 m
Banff	8 Tunnel Mt. Village I	May 7 - Oct. 4	618	\$34.00												10.7+ m
	8 Tunnel Mt. Village II	Open year-round oTENTiks May 8 - Oct. 13	209	\$40.00												10.7+ m
	8 Tunnel Mt. Trailer Court	May 7 - Oct. 4	322	\$40.00												10.7+ m
	9 Two Jack Main	June 25 - Sep. 7	380	\$26.75												7.3 m
	9 Two Jack Lakeside	May 7 - Oct. 4 oTENTiks May 22 - Oct. 5	74	\$34.00												8.2 m
	10 Johnston Canyon	May 21 - Sep. 14	132	\$34.00												8.2 m
	11 Castle Mountain	May 21 - Sep. 21	43	\$26.75												7.3 m
	12 Protection Mountain	June 18 - Sep. 14	72	\$26.75												10.7 m
	13 Lake Louise Tent	May 29 - Sep. 28	206	\$34.00												7.3 m
	13 Lake Louise Trailer	Open year-round	189	\$40.00												10.7+ m
	14 Mosquito Creek	June 4 - Oct. 12	38	\$22.00												10.7 m
	15 Silverhorn Creek	May 28 - Sep. 27	45	\$22.00												10.7+ m
	16 Waterfowl Lakes	June 18 - Sep. 8	110	\$26.75												9.5 m
	17 Rampart Creek	May 28 - Sep. 20	51	\$22.00												10.7 m
	18 Wilcox	June 10 - Sep. 28	46	\$31.25												8.2 m
	19 Icefield Centre RV	May 13 - Oct. 12	100	\$19.50												10.7 m
	19 Icefield (tents only)	June 10 - Oct. 12	31	\$31.25												N/A
	20 Jonas	June 3 - Sep. 7	25	\$31.25												7.6 m
	21 Honeymoon Lake	May 13 - Sep. 14	34	\$31.25												8.2 m
	22 Kerkeslin	May 27 - Sep. 14	42	\$31.25												8.2 m
Jasper	23 Wabasso	Closed until further notice	231	\$35.00 - \$47.00												10.6 m
	24 Wapiti (winter)	Open until early May, 2026	40	\$40.00												10.6+ m
	24 Wapiti (summer)	May 13 - Oct. 28	150	\$36.00 - \$49.75												10.6+ m
	25 Whistlers	May 6 - Oct. 12 oTENTiks: June 3 - Oct. 12	781	\$25.00 - \$56.25												10.7 m
	26 Snaring	May 13 - Sep. 28	62	\$31.25												8.2 m
	27 Overflow	June 17 - Sep. 17	280	\$19.50												10.7 m
28 Miette	May 13 - Sep. 14	140	\$37.75												8.2 m	

All sites in the campground are reservable.

First-come, first-served sites only. Self-register at the campground. In summer months, arrive before mid-day for the best chance of getting a site.



How was your experience?

Scan the code to share your feedback with our team!

parks-parcs.simplesurvey.com/f/1/comment_card

 Simpson River Interpretive Trail

NATIONAL PARK REGULATIONS



Do not litter. Dispose of garbage or recycling in wildlife-proof bins, or pack it out.



No campfires outside of designated metal fire pits. Never leave a fire unattended unless it is completely extinguished. Be aware of national park fire bans.



Do not camp in pullouts, trailheads or day-use areas. Camp only in designated campgrounds with a valid camping permit and park entry pass. parks.canada.ca/kootenay-camping



Do not enter closed areas. Closures are implemented and posted when visitors are at risk or wildlife need protection. Visit parks.canada.ca/kootenay-bulletins



Do not remove natural objects. It is illegal to pick plants, to cut down trees and branches, to remove rocks, fossils and cultural artifacts or to otherwise cause damage.



Do not fly drones. The use of drones/micro drones/UAVs without a valid permit is prohibited anywhere in the national parks.



Firearms are prohibited in national parks. Firearms include pellet guns, bear bangers, bows, slingshots and similar items.



Do not consume alcohol and cannabis beyond your registered campsite or at the Radium Hot Springs pools. In campgrounds, there is a daily ban on alcohol and cannabis consumption during quiet hours, between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Be aware of extended bans during holiday weekends.



MOUNTAIN PARK CONTACT INFORMATION

KOOTENAY

Kootenay Visitor Centre: 250-347-9505 | kootenay.info@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/kootenay
Tourism Radium: 1-888-347-9331 | radiumhotsprings.com

YOHO

Yoho Visitor Centre: 250-343-6783 | yoho.info@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/yoho
Accommodations and attractions in Field: field.ca

BANFF

Banff Visitor Centre: 403-762-1550 | banffinfo@pc.gc.ca
Lake Louise Visitor Centre: 403-522-3833 | ll.info@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/banff
Banff Lake Louise Tourism: 403-762-8421
banfflakelouise.com

JASPER

Jasper Information Centre: 780-852-6176 | jasperinfo@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/jasper
Tourism Jasper: 780-852-6236 | jasper.travel

MOUNT REVELSTOKE AND GLACIER

250-837-7500 | mrg.information@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.ca/glacier
parks.canada.ca/revelstoke

WATERTON LAKES

Waterton Lakes Visitor Centre: 403-859-5133
parks.canada.ca/waterton



Law Enforcement

Park wardens enforce regulations as required by the **Canada National Parks Act**.
Violators may be charged and could pay fines of up to \$25,000.

To report violations, call 24 hours, 7 days per week:

1-888-WARDENS (927-3367) (Banff, Yoho and Kootenay)

1-877-852-3100 (Jasper, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier)

FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911 (police, fire and ambulance)

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