



Welcome
Jasper National Park is the largest and most northerly of Canada's mountain national parks.

Many of the park's 1000 km of trails were established by early people, on foot and horseback, including Indigenous Peoples, fur traders, explorers and adventurers.



Trail Etiquette



- What can you expect?
Wildlife. Trails in Jasper are frequently used by animals. Always make noise in the backcountry to avoid surprising wildlife on the trail.
Horses. Many backcountry trails in Jasper are historical horse routes and still see frequent horse traffic.

Backcountry trails in Jasper

Two-Day/One-Night Trips

Saturday Night Lake Loop
24.3 km loop; elevation gain/loss over entire loop: 990 m/-990 m; maximum elevation: 1652 m
Trailhead • (P2) Southwest end of the Jasper townsite.
Campsgrounds • (39) Saturday Night Lake (40) Minnow Lake

Big Bend
12.6 km return; elevation gain/loss to campground: 94 m/-162 m; maximum elevation: 1404 m
Trailhead • Sunwapta Falls, 54.5 km south of the Jasper townsite on the Icefields Parkway.
Campground • (49) Big Bend

Whirlpool
13.2 km return; elevation gain/loss to campground: 162 m/-157; maximum elevation: 1269 m
Trailhead • Km 6.4 at end of Moab Lake Road, off of Highway 93A South.
Campground • (55) Whirlpool

Jacques Lake
24.4 km return; elevation gain/loss to campground: 345 m/-271 m; maximum elevation: 1588 m
Trailhead • 28 km from the Jasper townsite on Maligne Lake Road at the south end of Medicine Lake.
Campground • (38) Jacques Lake

Utopia
12.6 km return; elevation gain/loss to campground: 312 m/-350 m; maximum elevation: 1688 m
Trailhead • Miette Hot Springs
Campground • (51) Utopia

Hidden Cove
8 km return
Trailhead • Parking lot at the end of Maligne Lake Road.
Campground • (12) Hidden Cove



Three-Day/Two-Night Trips

Skyline
44 km through hike; elevation gain/loss from Maligne Lake: 1595 m/-2123 m; maximum elevation: 2534 m
Trailhead • Parking lot at the end of Maligne Lake Road.
Campsgrounds • Night One: (28) Little Shovel, (29) Snowbowl; Night Two: (30) Currator, (31) Tekarra

Tonquin Valley
43 km through hike; elevation gain/loss from Astoria Trail: 1437 m/-1635 m; maximum elevation: 2232 m
Trailheads • Km 12.7 on Cavell Road (Astoria Trailhead) and km 6.3 on Marmot Basin Road (Portal Creek Trailhead).
Campsgrounds • Night One: (44) Clitheroe, (46) Amethyst Lake, (45) Surprise Point; Night Two: (47) Maccarib, (48) Portal

Fryatt Valley to Brussels
35.4 km return; elevation gain/loss to Brussels: 302 m/-158 m; maximum elevation: 1677 m
Trailhead • Km 2 of the Geraldine Road, off Highway 93A North just north of Athabasca Falls.
Campsgrounds • (34) Lower Fryatt (bikes allowed), (35) Brussels

Four-Day/Three-Night Trips

Poboktan Creek and Jonas Pass
54 km one way; elevation gain/loss from Sunwapta Station: 1695 m/-2044 m; maximum elevation: 2492 m
Trailhead • Sunwapta Station, 72 km south of the Jasper townsite on the Icefields Parkway (93N).
Campsgrounds • Night one: (26) Poboktan, (25) Waterfalls; Night two: (23) Jonas Cutoff; Night three: (16) Four Point, (15) Boulder Creek

Brazeau Loop
80 km loop; elevation gain/loss over entire loop: 2145 m/-2145 m; maximum elevation: 2492 m
Trailhead • Nigel Creek, 112 km South of Jasper townsite on the Icefields Parkway.
Campsgrounds • Night one: (16) Four Point, (19) Brazeau River, (21) Brazeau Lake; Night two: (22) John-John, (23) Jonas Cutoff; Night three: (16) Four Point, (15) Boulder Creek

Planning Your Trip

When and where to go
Early May to late June: Spring in the mountains means snow in the alpine, and sometimes muddy trails in the valleys.
Early July to mid-September: Alpine trails are typically snow free at this time of year.

Backcountry camping permits
A backcountry camping permit is required for all overnight trips. It can be obtained online at parksCanada.ca/bookjasperbackcountry

Refunds and cancellations
If you cancel your backcountry reservation at least three days prior to your start date, you will receive a full refund of your camping fee less the original, non-refundable reservation fee and cancellation fee.

Backcountry Etiquette

Campfires
All backcountry travellers should carry a portable stove for cooking. Campfires are not permitted in some areas.

Garbage
You are responsible for everything you take into the backcountry and this includes garbage. Do not dispose of garbage in pit toilets or bear lockers—it attracts animals.

Camping
Please camp only at the campsites indicated on your backcountry camping permit, and use the tent pads (where provided) to minimize impact on vegetation.

Food storage
To reduce your campsite's attractiveness to bears and other wildlife, all food, garbage, toiletries and cooking equipment must be hung from the food storage cables.



Other Ways to Explore

Horseback riding
Park information centres have information about guided day or overnight horse trips in the park. For overnight trips, a backcountry permit and grazing permit are required.

Mountain biking
Mountain biking is allowed on select backcountry trails (see map). If planning an overnight trip, you must have a backcountry permit.

Climbing, mountaineering and glacial travel
Mountaineering parties can apply at a Parks Canada information centre for a permit to bivouac in non-vegetated areas.

Random camping
Random camping is permitted in designated areas only. Visit or call an information centre (780-852-6177, Ext. 2) for more information and to reserve.

Weather
Rain or snow can fall any time of year in the mountains. Pack for all weather conditions and be aware that daily weather in the mountains often differs from the forecast.

Self-serve backcountry guides
Visit parksCanada.ca/jasperbackcountryguides to view and download detailed guides on Jasper's backcountry trails.

- Some of the information you can find in these guides are:
More suggested itineraries
Detailed trail maps
Distances between major trail junctions and campgrounds



Managing Our Use

Humans have an impact in all areas of the park. The backcountry is especially vulnerable to our use. Park management regulations are in place to minimize our environmental impact.

- Uniformed Parks staff you encounter in the backcountry may ask to see your backcountry camping permit.

Checklist

- Select a trip that best suits your party's abilities and experience, interests, equipment and the time you have available
Familiarize yourself with the trail you have selected. This includes using additional reference guides, our self-service guides and topographical maps

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Remember, you are responsible for your own safety.
Rapidly changing weather, steep, rugged or unfamiliar terrain, avalanches (at any time of year), cold, swift-flowing streams, canyons, rapids and waterfalls, glacial crevasses, falling rocks and wild animals are all hazards visitors may encounter in the backcountry.

Giardia lamblia is a water-borne parasite that can be present in any surface water. Boil, filter or chemically treat all water before drinking.

Ticks carrying Lyme disease may be present in the park. Visit health.alberta.ca for more information.

Wild animals see dogs as either prey or predator. They can provoke confrontations with wildlife and affect your safety. Dogs must be kept on a leash while in a national park.

Both black and grizzly bears are of special concern to backcountry travellers. Carry bear spray with you in the backcountry and note that it is safer to travel in groups of three or more.

If travelling into the backcountry for extended periods of time, it is recommended to carry a personal locator such as a SPOT device or an inReach.

More Information

- JASPER INFORMATION CENTRE: 780-852-6177 Ext. 2 pc.sentiarsjasper-jaspertrails.pc@canada.ca
ICEFIELD CENTRE: 780-852-6288, open early may – end of September
WEBSITE: parksCanada.gc.ca/jasper
JASPER TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT: parksCanada.ca/jaspertrails
WEATHER: weather.gc.ca
AVALANCHE INFORMATION: parksmountainsafety.ca
BEAR INFORMATION: parksCanada.ca/bears-and-people
MAPS AND GUIDE BOOKS: Friends of Jasper National Park at 780-852-4767 or www.friendsofjasper.com

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Call 911 or, if using a satellite phone, call the park dispatch office at (780) 852-3100. Cell phone reception is unreliable.

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CAMPGROUND	Coordinates ZONE 11U		User Type	# of Tent Pads	Toilet Type	Food Storage	Fires Allowed	Dogs Allowed
	Easting UTM	Northing UTM						

<b>Athabasca River</b>								
11 Athabasca Island	427733	5879954		2	Privy	Locker		
<b>Maligne Lake</b>								
12 Hidden Cove	458351	5839334		4	Barrel	Lockers		
13 Fisherman's Bay	465958	5833854		8	Barrel	Lockers		
14 Coronet Creek	471337	5827442		8	Barrel	Lockers		

<b>Brazeau</b>								
15 Boulder Creek	492962	5790100		4	Privy	Locker		
16 Four Point	494770	5792240		8	Privy	Locker		
18 Wolverine South	498120	5797503		-	Privy	Cable		
19 Brazeau River	499608	5804813		4	Privy	Cable		
20 Brazeau Meadows	500993	5804885		4	Privy	Pole		
21 Brazeau Lake	497590	5805604		8	Privy	Cable		
22 John-John	491965	5803508		4	Privy	Cable		
23 Jonas Cutoff	485891	5805050		8	Barrel	Locker		
24 McCreedy	484688	5806028		-	Privy	-		
25 Waterfalls	479517	5810723		4	Privy	Cable		
26 Poboktan	476187	5813156		4	Privy	Cable		

<b>Skyline</b>								
27 Evelyn Creek	452481	5843006		4	Privy	Cable		
28 Little Shovel	450711	5843015		8	Barrel	Lockers		
29 Snowbowl	447486	5844389		8	Barrel	Lockers		
30 Curator	442160	5848882		8	Barrel	Lockers		
31 Tekarra	437972	5855684		8	Barrel	Lockers		
32 Signal	433941	5858434		4	Barrel	Lockers		
33 Watchtower	444843	5851566		4	Barrel	Cable		

<b>Fryatt Valley</b>								
34 Lower Fryatt	444505	5825366		4	Privy	Lockers		
35 Brussels	441868	5820614		8	Barrel	Lockers		
36 Headwall	440486	5818059		4	Barrel	Cable		

<b>Geraldine Lakes</b>								
37 Second Geraldine Lake	435994	5826817		4	Barrel	Cable		
<b>Jaques Lake</b>								
38 Jacques Lake	449874	5865109		8	Privy	Cable		

<b>Saturday Night Lake</b>								
39 Saturday Night Lake	420677	5860961		4	Privy	Lockers		
40 Minnow Lake	417830	5860690		4	Privy	Cable		

<b>Tonquin Valley</b>								
42 Astoria	422639	5837539		4	Privy	Lockers		
43 Switchback	418802	5837175		8	Privy	Lockers		
44 Clitheroe	416199	5838929		8	Barrel	Lockers		
45 Surprise Point	415549	5837364		4	Barrel	Lockers		
46 Amethyst	414457	5840086		8	Barrel	Lockers		
47 Maccarib	414561	5842975		8	Barrel	Lockers		
48 Portal	421730	5843293		4	Barrel	Lockers		

<b>Fortress Lake</b>								
49 Big Bend	455399	5815118		4	Privy	Lockers		
50 Athabasca Crossing	455238	5807900		4	Privy	Cable		

<b>Fiddle River</b>								
Amenities may be in poor condition.								
51 Utopia	451970	5883747		4	Privy	Cable		
52 Slide Creek	5807900	5880502		4	Privy	Cable		
53 Slide Creek Horse	458490	5879728		-	Privy	Pole		
54 Whitehorse	462466	5876799		4	Privy	Cable		

<b>Athabasca Pass</b>								
Beyond Whirlpool (55) amenities not guaranteed, expert hikers only.								
55 Whirlpool	432757	5831240		4	Privy	Lockers		
56 Tie Camp	429859	5828494		-	Bar	Pole		
58 Middle Forks	427613	5822011		-	Bar	Pole		
59 Scott Camp	424019	5814972		-	Bar	Pole		
60 Kane Meadows	418614	5809695		-	Bar	Pole		
61 Athabasca Pass	419003	5804471		-	Bar	Pole		

<b>North Boundary</b>								
Beyond Celestine Lake (41) facilities not guaranteed, expert hikers only.								
41 Celestine Lake	429339	5893687		8	Privy	Cable		
62 Shalebanks	420005	5899584		-	Bar	Pole		
63 Seldom Inn	416077	5904935		-	Bar	Pole		
64 Seldom Inn Horse	414574	5906355		-	Privy	-		
65 Horseshoe	411954	5912951		-	Bar	Pole		
66 Willow Creek	410612	5914645		-	Privy	Pole		
67 Willow Creek Horse	400723	5911153		-	Privy	-		
68 Welbourne	400416	5911090		-	Bar	Pole		
69 Welbourne Horse	400723	5911153		-	Privy	Pole		
70 Blue Creek	390934	5910240		-	Privy	Cable		
72 Three Slides	380306	5905296		-	Bar	-		
73 Oatmeal	371608	5905189		-	Bar	Cable		
74 Byng	365288	5914360		-	Bar	Cable		
75 Twintree	357430	5919640		-	Privy	Pole		
76 Donaldson Creek	352417	5916365		-	Bar	Cable		
77 Chown Creek	349209	5912358		-	Bar	Pole		
78 Chown Creek Horse	348971	5912531		-	Bar	Pole		
79 Timothy Slide	349685	5909167		-	Privy	Pole		
80 Wolverine North	353440	5903140		-	Bar	Pole		
81 Adolphus	358730	5894746		-	Privy	Pole		
82 Adolphus Horse	359119	5895530		-	Privy	Pole		
84 Little Heaven	396428	5917532		-	Bar	-		
85 Spruce Tree	388697	5922116		-	Bar	-		
86 Ancient Wall	382686	5915583		-	Privy	-		
87 Natural Arch	376081	5920440		-	Privy	Pole		



### WOODLAND CARIBOU

The woodland caribou found in Jasper are a threatened species. Less than 50 caribou are left in south Jasper.

What can you do to help woodland caribou?

- Stay on designated trails
- If you see caribou give them space. Especially during calving (June - early July) and the rut (late September - early October)

To find out more about caribou conservation in the mountain parks, visit [www.parksCanada.gc.ca/caribou](http://www.parksCanada.gc.ca/caribou)

### Bring a carabiner

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### FOOD STORAGE

Lockers  
Pole  
Cable

### TOILET TYPES

Privy  
Barrel  
Bar