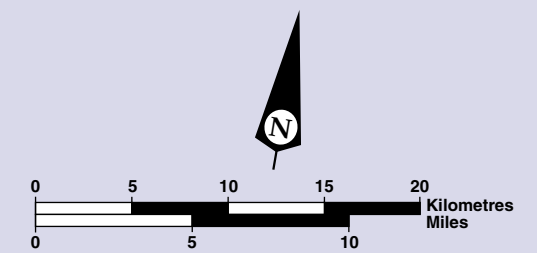


Sharing the Trail

Hikers often share trails and campsites with horse parties and/or mountain bicyclists in certain parts of the park. Respect for others can go a long way toward reducing conflicts. Move off the trail to allow horse parties to pass, and avoid sudden movements. Cyclists must dismount and walk their bicycles when they encounter horses or hikers.



LEGEND

TRAILS	
Hiking Only
Hiking, Horse Use	- - - - -
Hiking, Horse, Mountain Biking
Trail with infrequent or no maintenance	- - - - -

CAMPGROUNDS	
Horse Camps - Fires Permitted	●
Hiker/Horse Camps - Fires Permitted	▲
Hiker - Fires Permitted	▲
Hiker - Fires Not Permitted	▲
Hiker/Horse - Fires Not Permitted	▲
Roadside Campground	▲

Alpine Huts	↑
Glacier	~~~~~
Mountain Peak	●
Caribou Range - no dogs allowed.	■

THIS IS NOT A TOPOGRAPHIC MAP. IT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR ROUTE FINDING.

LOOKING FOR TRIP IDEAS?

The following trail descriptions briefly outline the park's main hikes. For detailed information and further trip planning there are several excellent guidebooks available, including *The Canadian Rockies Trail Guide* by Brian Patton and Bart Robinson, Graeme Pole's *Classic Hikes in the Canadian Rockies* and *Jasper-Robson: A Taste of Heaven* by Don Beers. Information centre staff are also pleased to offer advice on trip selection.

Interested in hiking for just a few hours? Day hiking opportunities are highlighted in Jasper National Park's *Summer Trails* brochure.

TWO-DAY HIKES (distance less than 34 km)

SATURDAY NIGHT LAKE LOOP - 27.4 km. Elevation gain 540 m. Maximum elevation 1700 m. A good novice trail on a plateau, beginning and ending in the Jasper townsite. The route is all below timberline making it a good selection for the novice or early season hiker. Campsites are at Saturday Night Lake, High Lakes and Minnow Lake. **Map:** Jasper 83D/16.

JACQUES LAKE - 12 km one way. Elevation gain 90 m. Maximum elevation 1555 m. A good choice for novice hikers. The trailhead is at the south end of Medicine Lake, 28 km from Jasper townsite. An easy hike, the trail begins with a walk along a fire road for 1.6 km to Beaver Lake. The remaining 10.4 km follow a well-defined trail to the campsite at the far end of Jacques Lake. Camping is not permitted at Beaver Lake. **Map:** Medicine Lake 83C/13.

WATCHTOWER BASIN - Caribou range - no dogs allowed. 9.8 km one way. Elevation gain 985 m. Maximum elevation 2375 m. Trailhead about 18 km from Jasper townsite on Maligne Road. A relatively steep climb leads to a wet alpine meadow. Hikers must ford the main creek to reach the campsite. Access to the Skyline trail is 3.5 km beyond the campsite. **Note:** Route finding is tricky between campsite and Skyline trail. **No open fires.** **Map:** Medicine Lake 83C/13.

THREE-DAY HIKES (distance 34-50 km)

FORTRESS LAKE - 24.2 km. Elevation gain nil. Maximum elevation 1400 m. Trailhead is at Sunwapta Falls, about 55 km south of the townsite on the Icefields Parkway (Highway 93). The trail travels along the valley bottom to a bridged crossing of the Athabasca River. **Note:** Fording of the Chaba River is necessary and can be dangerous (or impossible) especially when the river is high. **Maps:** Athabasca Falls 83C/12, Fortress Lake 83C/5.

MALIGNE PASS - Caribou range - no dogs allowed. 48 km. Elevation gain 700 m. Maximum elevation 2240 m. Trailheads are at Maligne Lake (50 km from Jasper townsite) and at km 72 on the Icefields Parkway (Highway 93). The trail tends to remain wet throughout the season but all major crossings are bridged. The pass area is a lovely alpine meadow, but the remainder of the trail lies in heavy timber. Some horse use. **Note:** Rugged and isolated. **Maps:** Sunwapta Peak 83C/6, Southesk Falls 83C/11, Athabasca Falls 83C/12.

SKYLINE - Caribou range - no dogs allowed. 45 km. Elevation gain 1380 m. Maximum elevation 2490 m. Trailheads are at Maligne Lake (50 km from Jasper townsite) and just before Maligne Canyon (about 8 km from Jasper on the Maligne Road). Snow in higher areas may remain until mid-July. While the route passes through some wet and boggy areas, its entire length is very scenic. Since most of the trail is above treeline, firewood is unavailable and use of a stove is mandatory. **Note:** No open fires. **Maps:** Medicine Lake 83C/13, Athabasca Falls 83C/12.

TONQUIN VALLEY - Caribou range - no dogs allowed. 42 km. Elevation gain 700 m. Maximum elevation 2210 m. Trailheads are at km 12.7 on the Cavell Rd and at km 6.3 on the Marmot Basin Rd. This is a beautiful alpine region although in rainy seasons the trail gets muddy. There are several good day hikes in this area. Seasonal fishing is permitted in Amethyst and Moat Lakes. Regular horse use during July and August can make trails difficult for hikers. **Note:** No open fires. Use of a stove is mandatory. **Maps:** Amethyst Lakes 83D/9, Jasper 83D/16.

FRYATT VALLEY - 20 km one way. Elevation gain 760 m. Maximum elevation 1980 m. Access to the trailhead is via Highway 93A and the Geraldine fire road just north of Athabasca Falls. The trailhead is approximately 2 km up the fire road. The first 10 km are very flat with the majority of the elevation gain occurring after the Lower Fryatt campsite. Additional camping is available at Brussels and Headwall campgrounds or visitors can book the alpine hut in advance. **Note:** Biking allowed to ▲36. **Map:** Athabasca Falls 83C/12.

FOUR-DAY HIKES (distance 50-80 km)

FIDDLE RIVER - 25 km one way. Elevation gain 1025 m. Maximum elevation 2120 m. The trail begins behind the old pool building at Miette Hot Springs (60 km from the townsite). It is relatively primitive and has few bridged crossings. Some short sections of trail may be very muddy. Beyond scenic Fiddle Pass a well-defined trail continues down to a provincial campground near Cadomin. **Map:** Miette 83F/4.

POBOKTAN-BRAZEAU-NIGEL - Caribou range - no dogs allowed. 80 km. Elevation gain 750 m. Maximum elevation 1950 m. Trailheads are 72 km and 112 km south of Jasper townsite on the Icefields Parkway. The trail passes through extensive alpine meadows and three passes. Seasonal fishing in Brazeau Lake. Snow levels may hinder travel until mid-July. Some horse traffic. **Note:** No camping is allowed in Jonas Pass. Campsites are located at the beginning and end of the 20 km pass section. Horse use prohibited. **(No open fires ▲13)** **Maps:** Sunwapta Peak 83C/6, Columbia Icefield 83C/3.

JONAS PASS - Caribou range - no dogs allowed. 53 km. Elevation gain 555 m. Maximum elevation 2470 m. Trailheads are the same as for Poboktan-Brazeau-Nigel. This is an impressive hike with over 13 km of travel above treeline. Good views and prime habitat for park wildlife including hoary marmot and woodland caribou. **Note:** No camping is allowed in Jonas Pass. Campsites are located at the beginning and end of the 20 km pass section. Horse use prohibited. **(No open fires ▲13)** **Maps:** Sunwapta Peak 83C/6, Columbia Icefield 83C/3.

SEVEN-DAY HIKES (distance approx. 100 km)

ATHABASCA PASS - 51 km one way. Elevation gain 560 m. Maximum elevation 1800 m. Access to the trailhead is via Highway 93A south, then follow Moab Lake fire road for 6.4 km. The trail follows the Whirlpool River valley, the traditional route of early fur traders crossing the Rocky Mountains. Large gravel flats and glaciers dominate the scenery in sections. Most major crossings are bridged as you climb toward Athabasca Pass National Historic Site. Some horse traffic. **Maps:** Athabasca Falls 83C/12, Amethyst Lakes 83D/9, Athabasca Pass 83D/8.

TEN-DAY HIKES (distance less than 200 km)

These are lengthy wilderness hikes that require careful planning and extensive preparation.

NORTH BOUNDARY - 192 km. Elevation gain 1055 m. Maximum elevation 2019 m. Trailheads are located at the Celestine Lake parking lot (limited access), 53 km from Jasper townsite; Rock Lake off Hwy 40 to Grande Cache and at Mount Robson, 88 km west on Highway 16. The trail is rugged in places although all major river crossings are bridged. A variety of side trips are possible. Some horse traffic. **Note:** Very remote. **Maps:** Snaring 83E/1, Rock Lake 83E/8, Blue Creek 83E/7, Twintree Lake 83E/6, Mt. Robson 83E/3.

SOUTH BOUNDARY - 176 km. Elevation gain 790 m. Maximum elevation 2255 m. Trailheads are at Medicine Lake (28 km from townsite) on the Maligne Rd and at Camp Parker (112 km from townsite) on the Icefields Parkway. The trail is marked and most major crossings are bridged. A few side trips are possible. **Note:** Overlaps popular Jonas Pass trail. Check on campsite availability. **Maps:** Columbia Icefield 83C/3, Sunwapta Peak 83C/6, Job Creek 83C/7, George Creek 83C/10, Southesk 83C/11, Mountain Park 83C/14, Medicine Lake 83C/13.

BACKCOUNTRY TRAILS AND CAMPSITES

Semi-primitive Areas		Primitive Areas	
ATHABASCA RIVER	1. Athabasca Island-canoes 2. Brule-canoes	FIDDLE RIVER TRAIL	31. Utopia Creek 32. Slide Creek 33. Slide Creek-horse 34. Whitehorse Pass
MALIGNE LAKE	3. Fisherman's Bay-canoes 4. Coronet Creek-canoes 116. Henry McLeod	FORTRESS LAKE TRAIL	34. Big Bend 35. Athabasca Crossing
BRAZEAU TRAIL SYSTEM	5. Boulder Creek 6. Four Point 7. Cline-horse 8. South Wolverine 9. Brazeau River 10. Brazeau-Meadows-horse 11. Brazeau Lake 12. John John Creek 13. Jonas Cutoff 14. McCready Horse Camp 15. Waterfalls 16. Poboktan Creek	FRYATT VALLEY TRAIL	36. Lower Fryatt 37. Brussels 38. Headwall
MALIGNE PASS TRAIL	17. Avalanche 18. Mary Yaux 19. Old Horse 20. Schaffer Camp 21. Trapper Creek	GERALDINE LAKES TRAIL	39. Second Geraldine
SKYLINE TRAIL	23. Evelyn Creek 24. Little Shovel 25. Snowbowl 26. Curator 27. Tekarra 28. Signal 29. Watchtower	JACQUES LAKE TRAIL	40. Jacques Lake
		SATURDAY NIGHT LAKE LOOP	41. Saturday Night Lake 42. High Lake 43. Minnow Lake
		TONQUIN VALLEY TRAIL	44. Astoria 45. Slide Creek-back 46. Clitheroe 47. Surprise Point 48. Amethyst 49. Maccarib-horse/hiker 50. Portal
		ATHABASCA PASS TRAIL	51. Whirlpool 52. Tie Camp 53. Simon Creek 54. Middle Forks-horse/hiker 55. Scott Camp-horse/hiker 56. Kane Meadows-horse/hiker
		NORTH BOUNDARY TRAIL	57. Celestine Lake 58. Shalebanks 59. Seldom Inn 60. Seldom Inn-horse 61. Horseshoe 62. Willow Creek 63. Willow Creek-horse 64. Welbourne 65. Welbourne-horse 66. Blue Creek 67. Blue Creek-horse 68. Three Slides 69. Oatmeal-horse/hiker 70. Byng 71. Twintree-horse/hiker 72. Donaldson Creek 73. Chown Creek 74. Chown Creek 75. Timothy Slides-horse 76. Wolverine 77. Adolphus 78. Adolphus-horse
		SOUTH BOUNDARY TRAIL	89. Grizzly-horse/hiker 90. Cline Creek-horse/hiker 91. Rocky Forks 92. Rocky Forks-horse 93. Medicine Tent 94. Medicine Tent-horse 95. La Grace 96. Cairn Pass-horse/hiker 97. Cairn River 98. Southesk 99. Isaac Creek-horse/hiker 100. Arête
		MOOSEHORN AREA	101. Lower Moosehorn-horse/hiker 102. Ronde Creek 103. Moosehorn-horse/hiker 104. Wolf Pass
		SNARING AREA	105. Vine Creek 106. Elysium Pass-horse/hiker 107. South Fork-horse/hiker 108. Idaleen Lakes-horse/hiker 109. Calumet-horse/hiker 110. Upright Pass-horse/hiker 111. Colonel Pass-horse/hiker 112. Miette Lake-horse/hiker
		SOUTHESK AREA	113. Dean Pass-horse 114. Southesk Lake-horse/hiker 115. Burnt Timber-horse/hiker
		NORTH BOUNDARY SIDE TRAILS	80. Little Heaven-horse 81. Little Heaven 82. Spruce Tree-horse 83. Glacier Pass 84. Upper Blue Creek 85. Ancient Wall-horse 86. Topaz 87. Natural Arch-horse 88. Caribou Inn

Unless otherwise indicated, sites are for hikers only.