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Jasper National Park of Canada
^{6th annual}
Wildlife Festival
Schedule of Events

**August
27-29**

Festival feature species:
Woodland caribou, Rangifer tarandus caribou

You can reach into your wallet and touch a caribou (they're featured on the Canadian quarter), but in many areas of Canada these animals are just a memory on the landscape. Even in places like national parks, the future for this threatened species, a symbol of Canadian wilderness, is uncertain...

Check out the festival kickoff for a special evening of 'blues and news' on this species at risk!



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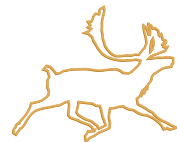


Welcome to the 6th Annual Wildlife Festival!

During this weekend celebration of Canadian Rocky Mountain wildlife, we hope the many exhibits, presentations, guided walks and hands-on demonstrations will help you, your family and friends better understand the interconnectedness of everything that surrounds us.

I am confident you will enjoy the activities of the Wildlife Festival and your time in Jasper National Park of Canada, a part of the Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site – a place for all people, for all time!

Greg Fenton
Superintendent
Jasper National Park of Canada



ONGOING EVENTS

Wildlife Den

Whistlers Inn (105 Miette Ave.) 8 am–10 pm daily
Life-like wildlife dioramas provide great examples of what you may see while in Jasper!
Cost: Free (obtain a token at the front desk)

EXHIBIT: David Thompson: 200 Years Later

What effect did the fur trade have on Canadian wildlife?
Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives (400 Pyramid Lake Rd.)
10 am – 5 pm daily
Admission: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors and students, \$12 families (2 adults and up to 3 children under 18)

Shadows of David Thompson at 11 am, **Digging Water** at 3 pm

Hotel Habitat

Participating Jasper hotels have checked in a special guest this week. Each lobby has become the executive suite to one of Jasper's native species!

Amethyst Lodge, Astoria Hotel, Athabasca Hotel, Bear Hill Lodge, Chateau Jasper, Jasper House Bungalows, Jasper Inn, Lobstick Lodge, Marmot Lodge, Pine Bungalows, Pochahontas Cabins, Coast Pyramid Lake Resort, Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre, Tekarra Lodge, Tonquin Inn and Whistlers Inn
If you are staying at one of these hotels, be sure to pick up a wildlife quiz and schedule at the front desk, track down the answers and enter your completed quiz at the festival to win great prizes. Prizes include weekend stays in Jasper with park entry, dinner, accommodation and attractions. Quiz can be submitted to the ballot box found at the Information Centre. Winners will be drawn at the end of the weekend and notified directly.

Bears in the Library!

Jasper Municipal Library, 500 Robson Street
Bring the children by for a look at wildlife displays and a wild selection of books, dvds and web boards. Monday-Saturday 10-5 pm

Oceans

Chaba Theatre, 2 for 1 admission with coupon
Disney nature does it again! French filmmaker Jacques Perrin's stunning cinematography of ocean wildlife and their habitat will whisk you away from the mountains to the sea! Matinees: Saturday and Sunday, 3:30 pm. Admission coupons available at the Chaba Theatre and the registration tent on the Information Centre lawn on Saturday during Wildlife Fair, 8-4pm.

Wildlife photography contest

Calling all local and visiting photographers! If you think your wildlife photo should be at the top of the food chain, enter it to win at Tekarra Color Lab, tekarra@telusplanet.net or 600 Patricia Street before August 22. Winners receive prizes, not to mention fame and glory.

Colour a Caribou

Pick up your colouring page at the Super A grocery store. Judging will be by age category. Win prizes (Aug. 22-28).

Wild Sale

Friends of Jasper National Park
Follow the wild tracks to the Friends of Jasper National Park store (located in the Information Centre) for one wild sale. The entire store is 10% off (20% off for members).



FRIDAY

Festival KICK OFF EVENT!

Caribou got the blues, 7 pm-11 pm

Royal Canadian Legion, corner of Geikie St. and Cedar Ave.
The renowned "queen of slide guitar" Ellen McIlwaine is teaming up with park biologists for a special concert in support of Caribou recovery in Jasper National Park. Speakers, rare film footage and an amazing night of blues music. \$15.00 at the door. Come early, seating is limited. Doors open at 6:15 pm. Don't miss this!
Parks Canada and the Jasper Folk and Blues Society

SATURDAY

DAYTIME EVENTS

WILDLIFE FAIR! 11 am – 3 pm
Information Centre Lawn
Parks Canada showcases native species big and small, mean and meek—bears, cougars, elk, moose, caribou, Bighorn sheep, mountain goats, birds and fish. Park staff will be on hand to answer your questions, to update you about ongoing wildlife research, how fire improves their habitat and to hear your stories.

ALSO:

- Tipi raising workshop (10 am)
- Traditional crafts and culture
- Wildlife guardians
- Bighorn wildlife technologies
- Wildlife painting demo with JAG artists
- Carnivore Grill – Fundraising Barbeque for MS Society
- Vote for your favourite wildlife photo

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Follow the call of the wild to the Friends of Jasper National Park kids' booth to find fun for the whole family. Members of your pack can make a plaster animal track or share a tale in the story tent.

Meet the author! *Carol McTavish, the author of "Never Bug a Bear" will help you explore animal habitats and inspire you to do your part to help preserve wilderness. Don't forget to bring your book to get it autographed.*

Join a Wolf Pack! *Follow the corridor of a wolf pack, dodge human-made obstacles and discover what you can do to give wolves the space they need to move through the valley. Approximately 20 minutes, start times will be posted at the registration tent.*

Sweet caribou! *Learn all about this amazing (and endangered) animal AND build a caribou treat to take home and eat.*

Face painting – *Wear the face of your favourite Jasper animal.*

EVENING EVENTS

Tales with Ale

Whistle Stop pub, Whistlers Inn
"Canada's next top comic" Brian Stollery performs his very own brand of wildlife comedy and hosts an evening of true life storytelling by retired/former park wardens. Sip on a Big Rock brew and listen to men and women who collectively have over 100 years of experience with bears, cougars and other wildlife. Must be 18 years or older.
Time: 7-9 pm
Cost: Free

Man, Nature and Spirit

Wabasso Campground, campfire circle
Time: 7:30 pm
An introduction to the relationship of humans with the natural world with Joe Fromhold of the Asini Wachi (Mountain) Cree Band. Smudging and pipe ceremony, creation myths of the spirits, humans and animals. Note: Crystal Mountain will lead a Woman's Circle at the same location.
Cost: Free

Mountain WIT Variety Show!

Whistlers Outdoor Theatre
Join Parks Canada's very own theatre troupe for a family-friendly hour of info-tainment! Songs, stories and hilarious sketches reveal the wild side of Jasper National Park.
Time: 8 pm
Cost: Free

SUNDAY

DAYTIME EVENTS

Go Rove!
Check out park interpreters who will be 'roving the park' to answer your questions.
Bears: 9:30–11:30 am, Medicine Lake
Species at Risk: 9:30–11:30 am, Mt. Edith Cavell
Horns and Antlers: 2-4 pm, Athabasca Falls
Species at Risk: 2-4 pm, Jasper Tramway

Mountain WIT Variety Show!

Miette Hot Springs
Join Parks Canada's very own theatre troupe poolside for a little info-tainment! Songs, stories and hilarious sketches reveal the wild side of Jasper National Park.
TIME: 11-1 pm
Cost: Poll entry fee

Bear Jam

Whistle Stop Pub, Whistlers Inn
Sunday is jam day at 'the Stop'. Bring along a musical instrument, your singing voice or just your enthusiasm for this local favorite. Must be 18 years or older.
Time: 2–5 pm
Cost: Free

EVENING EVENTS

Whistlers Outdoor Theatre:
Finger on the Pulse of the Park
Getting a check up doesn't have to be painful! Join a park interpreter to find out how Jasper National Park staff monitor local wildlife populations.
Time: 8 pm Cost: Free



Photo: Parks Canada

GUIDED WALKS

REGISTRATION

Space is limited and you MUST register to book your space. Early-bird registration on Friday, August 27, Parks Canada Information Centre, 500 Connaught Drive, noon-9 pm. Regular registration on Saturday, August 28 at the registration tent during Wildlife Fair, Parks Canada Information Centre lawn starting at 8 am.

FREE GUIDED WALKS

SATURDAY

The Forest Near YOU
Time: 10 am Distance: 3 km
Take advantage of this rare treat! Fire and Vegetation Specialist Alan Westhaver gives you an insider's tour of a special project that is restoring forests, adapting restoration techniques for the needs of wildlife AND protecting the town of Jasper from catastrophic wildfire.
Difficulty: Moderate

Extreme (Habitat) Makeover: Wildfire!

Time: 11 am Duration: 3-4 hrs
When the Syncline Ridge fire burned close to 28,000 hectares of forest in the summer of 2003, it was actually good news for area wildlife. Find out why with Fire and Vegetation specialist, Dave Smith.
Difficulty: Moderate+ (some bushwhacking/uphill and downhill hiking on wildlife trails)



Photo: Parks Canada

SUNDAY

Nature-Mystery Hunters!
Time: 10-12 pm Duration: 2 hrs
Anne Williams, The Jasper Naturalist, needs your (and your family's) help solving some nature mysteries that naturally haunt the forest and grassy meadow at Lake Annette. Who can come? Families with kids aged 5 and older. Difficulty: Easy family fun

Jasper Trails: A Critter and Corridor Conversation

Time: 10:30 am Distance: 5km, Duration: 1.5-2 hrs
Jasper National Park trails are used by hikers, bikers and horses, as well as by bears, wolves and cougars. Find out how we are all learning to share the valley Difficulty: Easy

Extreme (Habitat) Makeover: Prescribed Fire

Time: 11:00 am Duration: 2 hrs
Meeting place: Jasper Information Centre (front porch). Then short drive to the Jasper Airport.
Did you know that the Athabasca Valley was once a wide open savannah that would burn every 5 to 25 years? Join Fire and Vegetation specialist Dave Smith and learn why we burn, how we burn and the rejuvenating effect fire has on habitat for wildlife.
Difficulty: Easy (some bushwhacking on level terrain).

GUIDED WALKS (FEE)

Take advantage of festival pricing! These accredited Interpretive Guides Association members have tours on sale for the Wildlife Festival 50% or more off the regular price.

SATURDAY

On Top of the World with CARIBOU
Jasper Tramway, Whistlers Mountain
Time: 4 pm
Meeting place: Meet biologist at the lower terminal, 15 minutes prior to departure.
Explore the world of Woodland caribou, Jasper's species at risk, from the upper trails of Whistlers mountain with one of the park's passionate caribou biologists.
Cost: Free event except Tramway ticket required \$15 (½ price)

SUNDAY

Jasper Adventure Centre's Animal Safari—Behind the Scenery
Time: 6:30 am Duration: 3 hrs
Departs from the Chaba Theatre (604 Connaught Drive across from the Train Station) and from your downtown hotel. Come join Jasper National Park's recently retired warden and wildlife conflict specialist Wes Bradford for an educational, informative, picturesque and fun-filled 3 hour wildlife discovery tour. After 35 years of observing and managing wildlife (and people) in one of Canada's largest parks, Wes knows his topic.
Cost: \$20

Morning Birding, Beavers and Wildlife with Walks and Talks Jasper

Time: 6:45 am Duration: 2 hours
Join our knowledgeable IGA professional level certified guide for an early morning nature walk and drive. We go where the beavers, elk, moose, osprey and eagles live. Learn about the animals in their habitat. Binoculars provided.
Cost: \$20

A Taste of the Wild with Mahikan Trails

Time: 1 pm Duration: 1.5-2 hrs
Join your guide Jordan Ede for a chance to look through native eyes into the traditional plant use of aboriginal people. Come along and learn about how plants are used for food, medicine, tools and clothing and understand how native people view wildlife.
Difficulty: Easy
Cost: \$20

On Top of the World with CARIBOU

Jasper Tramway, Whistlers Mountain
Meeting place: Meet biologist at the lower terminal, 15 minutes prior to departure Time: Noon
Explore the world of Woodland caribou, Jasper's species at risk, from the upper trails of Whistlers mountain with one of the park's passionate caribou biologists.
Cost: Free event except Tramway ticket required \$15 (½ price)

Thank you!

Thank you for attending Jasper National Park's 2010 Wildlife Festival. We hope to see you next year!

Behind the Scenery is a special education and outreach program that gives locals and visitors a behind-the-scenes look at your park and some of its conservation issues.

