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JASPER NATIONAL PARK Winter Guide

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WELCOME TO WINTER IN JASPER

You have entered into a real winter wonderland. Jasper offers a wide range of exciting winter activities to suit the whole family. From snowshoeing to fat biking, you can always find an adventure that is sure to please. **Welcome to the magic of winter in Jasper!**

DIRECTORY

JASPER INFORMATION CENTRE

500 Connaught Drive

WINTER HOURS: Nov. 1 - Mar. 21

Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

After Mar. 22, open daily.

PARKS CANADA

780-852-6176 • www.pc.gc.ca/jasper

Jasper trail conditions report:

www.pc.gc.ca/jaspertrails

TOURISM JASPER

780-852-6236 • www.jasper.travel

FRIENDS OF JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Maps and Guide Books:

780-852-4341 • www.friendsofjasper.com

GENERAL

Jasper weather: 780-852-3185

weather.gc.ca

Road conditions: 780-852-3311

alberta511.ca

JasperNP

EMERGENCY

Dial 911

Cell phones are not always reliable.

780-852-3100 (satellite)

1 SNOWSHOE PAGE 4

We have expanded our trails for more opportunities to explore and venture further into our picturesque winter playground. Catering to all levels and abilities, snowshoeing is an activity for the whole family! Rentals and guided trips are also available.



2 WILDLIFE PAGE 15

We put the wild in wildlife. With very little traffic, top-notch highway maintenance crews and incredible scenery, wildlife sightseeing in the park is a must! Our road condition information is updated daily. Winter tires are mandatory on the Icefields Parkway.

3 SKI PAGES 10 AND 12

Enjoy an exhilarating descent down a Marmot Basin alpine ski run or a tranquil tour on one of our many groomed cross-country ski trails. New this year, beside Whistlers Campground, is the Marmot Meadows Winter Hub with an intermediate trail that ventures into the forest.



4 WINTER WALKING PAGE 15

Explore more with Jasper's extensive trail network where you can hike many of the valley bottom trails year-round. If conditions are slippery, you can buy or rent ice cleats at many local shops.

5 MALIGNE CANYON PAGE 8

Whether you're a winter walker or climber, Maligne Canyon offers beauty and adventure like no other. Frozen waterfalls and surreal ice formations make it a magical place to explore. Local tour companies offer guided walks, or take it up a notch and try ice climbing with a certified mountain guide.



6 SKATE PAGE 8

What's more Canadian than pond skating? Pyramid and Mildred lakes offer free-skating ovals with rinks, perfect for a game of shinny. If you are looking to try somewhere new, check out our new manmade ice rink at Marmot Meadows Winter Hub.



7 BIKE PAGE 8

What's the skinny on fat biking? Well it's a fast growing winter sport that allows beginner to advanced cyclists to bike on snow covered terrain. If you do not have a fat bike, there are many shops in town that rent.



8 BACKCOUNTRY PAGE 12

On skis or snowshoes, hardy travellers can visit remote areas of the park. Not sure about winter camping? Local companies and the ACC offer backcountry lodges. **Winter backcountry travel requires training, knowledge and self-reliance.**

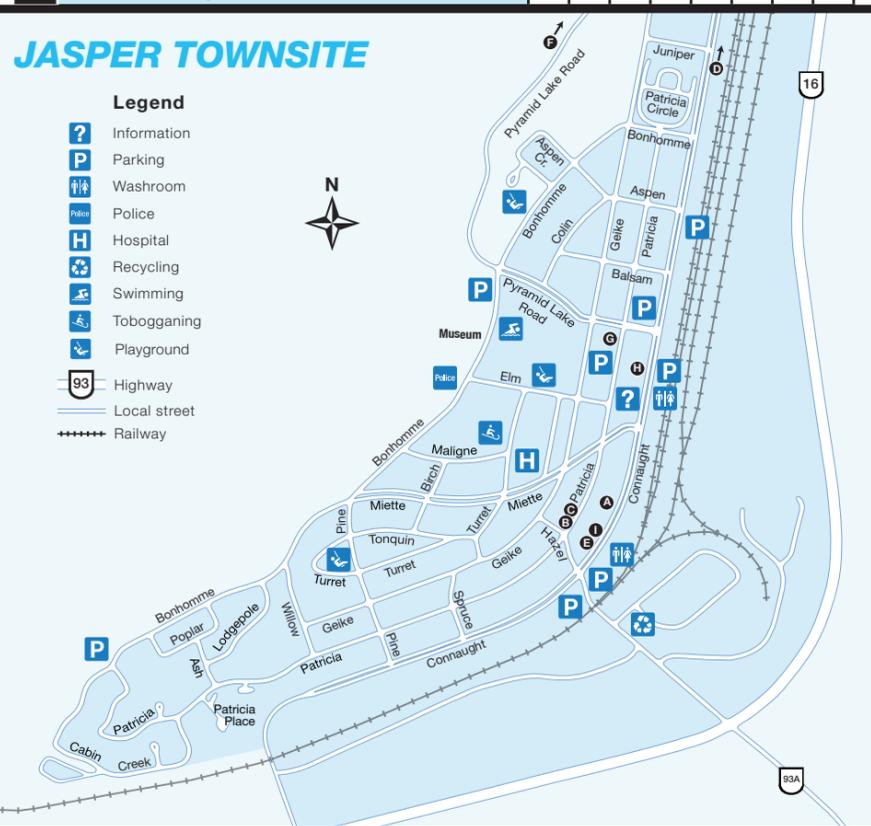
9 HISTORY PAGE 4

Aboriginal travellers, fur-traders, explorers and early tourists have left their mark on Jasper National Park. Find out more about these early inhabitants by visiting the Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives or by visiting one of Jasper's national historic sites.

10 RELAX

Whether wild or tame, creatures instinctively slow down when the temperature falls. Take advantage of this quiet time in Jasper by slowing yourself down. Relax and enjoy the many restaurants, pubs, shops and spas our quaint mountain town has to offer.

Winter Gear Rentals		Downhill Skis	Snowboards	Snowshoes	X-country skis	Fat Bikes	Skates	Alpine Touring	Splitboards
A	EDGE CONTROL 626 Connaught Dr. 780-852-4945	X	X	X	X			X	
B	FREEWHEEL CYCLE 618 Patricia St. 780-852-3898	X	X			X			X
C	GRAVITY GEAR 618 Patricia St. 780-852-3155			X				X	
D	JASPER PARK LODGE 1 Old Lodge Rd. 780-852-3301			X	X	X	X		
E	PURE OUTDOOR 632 Connaught Dr. 780-852-4717	X	X	X	X			X	
F	PYRAMID LAKE RESORT 5km up Pyramid Lake Rd. 1-888-852-7737			X		X	X		
G	SOURCE FOR SPORTS 406 Patricia St. 780-852-3654	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
H	TOTEM SKI SHOP 408 Connaught Dr. 780-852-3078	X	X	X	X				
I	VICIOUS CYCLE 630 Connaught Dr. 780-852-1111		X			X			X



Suggested Itineraries

(See map on pg. 9)

HALF DAY GO FOR A SKATE!

Pick up the skates and head to one of our picturesque frozen lakes. There are three great skating rinks that are cleared for you to enjoy. Experience iconic **Pyramid Lake (#24)**, head out to Jasper Park Lodge for a skate and a hot chocolate on **Mildred Lake (#25)** or visit our newest rink at **Marmot Meadows (#26)**.

EXPLORE THE MALIGNE VALLEY VISIT THE MALIGNE CANYON

A true Jasper gem, the idyllic Maligne Valley offers up a range of great activities for the whole family. Check out the frozen waterfalls and surreal ice formations at the Maligne Canyon. **Local tour companies offer guided ice walks, or take it up a notch and try ice climbing with a certified mountain guide.**

ENJOY A LAKESIDE SNOWSHOE

Grab your snowshoes and head up to either **Medicine (#5-6)** or **Maligne Lake (#7-9)** to explore the peaceful wintery landscape. Enjoy some great beginner snowshoe trails, or if the lake is safely frozen, explore the shoreline and take in the surrounding wide open views.

HEAD DOWN THE PARKWAY SKI TO LEACH LAKE

Take your cross-country skis up to the **Leach Lake Trail (#30)**. Enjoy the stunning views of Mount Kerkeslin as you ski along gentle rolling terrain.

GLACIER-SIDE SNOWSHOE

Strap on the snowshoes, layer up and get up close and personal with the magnificent Athabasca Glacier on the **Toe of the Glacier Trail (#13)**. **Be sure to check road conditions prior to heading out (see page 19).**

FULL DAY NEW! MARMOT MEADOWS WINTER HUB

Marmot Meadows is a new winter hub with activities for the whole family. A great place to spend the day, featuring a new 4 km intermediate groomed cross-country ski trail through the forest, an easy loop through the meadow, a skating rink and a warming shelter. **On weekends park interpreters offer programs and activities around the campfire, at the traditional tipi and on snowshoes.**

EXPLORE THE PYRAMID BENCH AREA

Bring the family along and venture up the Pyramid Road. There are several trailheads along the way to Pyramid Lake that offer access to an extensive trail system perfect for snowshoeing and winter walking. Follow the snowshoe trail markers and take off from Pyramid Lake to try the **Pyramid Overlook Trail (#1)** or check out the **Edge of the Bench Trail (#3)** and take in the stunning views.

RIVERSIDE HIKE OR FAT BIKE

Head out on the **Red Squirrel (#17)** to **Big Horn Alley (#23)** by foot or fat bike and use the Easy Trail System to get across the river at Old Fort Point. Enjoy stunning Athabasca River views, don't forget the camera! **Sections of trails are flat-packed and ideal for fat biking and walking.**

NEW! WHIRLPOOL WINTER HUB

In addition to over 25 km of groomed cross-country ski trails, this new hub (#29) has a warming shelter and winter camping. Camping is available on a first come, first serve self-registration basis. There are sites for tents as well as RVs. What's better than waking up, cooking your breakfast and then hitting the cross-country trail directly from your tent or RV? It's the ultimate winter camping experience! **Note: there is no power or water on site.**

Winter Activities

SNOWSHOEING

A great way to get the whole family out! Inspiring the exploration of untracked territory, snowshoeing is one of winter's most accessible activities. With such a variety of winter areas, Jasper is the perfect place to explore and create your own personal adventures.



Trail & Users	Distance	Description
PYRAMID BENCH		
1 Pyramid Overlook 	5.5 km return	A loop trail with tremendous views.
2 Virl Dorothy Christine Lakes 	8.6 km return	A beautiful forested trail with great lake views.
3 Edge of the Bench 	4.2 km return	Enjoy spectacular townsite views.
MOBERLY HOMESTEADS		
4 Moberly Meadows 	Variable	Blaze your own trail in a wide open meadow and explore historic buildings.
MALIGNE LAKE AREA		
5 Medicine Lake 	3 km return	Follow the lakeshore for beautiful open views.
6 Beaver Lake 	4 km return	A charming forested trail with lake views.
7 Little Moose Lake Loop 	2.6 km loop	This trail will take you through scenic forest, over an old landslide and to Moose Lake.
8 Big Moose Lake Loop 	6 km loop	Travel through forest then down to the lake.
9 Mary Schaeffer Loop 	3.2 km loop	A beautiful loop to a scenic viewpoint looking down Maligne Lake.
ICEFIELDS PARKWAY		
10 Athabasca Falls River Trail 	5 km return	Travel along the upper section of the Athabasca River offering great views of Mount Kerkeslin.
11 Lower Sunwapta Falls 	2.6 km return	Walk along the river to a set of stunning falls.
12 Big Bend 	14 km return	A forested trail with phenomenal views of Dragon Peak and surrounding mountains.
13 Toe of the Glacier Trail 	4 km return	Magnificent views of the massive Athabasca Glacier.
14 Wilcox Viewpoint 	4 km return	A short climb to an incredible view of the Athabasca and Dome glaciers.

Winter Driving Map



LEGEND

- ? Information Centre
- ▲ Camping
- 🏠 Hostel
- ❄️ Glacier
- Mountain peak
- Road Closed
- 🚻 Washroom
- A** Marmot Meadows
- B** Wabasso Campground
- C** Pyramid Fire Road
- D** Whirlpool Winter Hub
- E** Decoigne
- 2** Virl, Dorothy, & Christine Lake
- 4** Moberly Meadows
- 5** Medicine Lake
- 6** Beaver Lake
- 7** Little Moose Lake Loop
- 8** Big Moose loop
- 9** Mary Schaffer Loop
- 10** Athabasca Falls River Trail
- 11** Lower Sunwapta Falls
- 12** Big Bend
- 13** Toe of the Glacier Trail
- 14** Wilcox Viewpoint
- 19** Valley of the Five Lakes
- 20** Maligne Canyon
- 34** Pipeline
- 36** Cavell Road (Open Feb. 16, 2016)
- 37** Summit Lakes
- 38** Trapper Creek

DISTANCES

Jasper Townsite to...	MI	KM
BANFF	178	281
CALGARY	256	404
EDMONTON	234	370
HINTON	50	79
LAKE LOUISE	143	226
MOUNT ROBSON	57	88
PRINCE GEORGE	230	363
PRINCE RUPERT	697	1101
VANCOUVER		
...VIA ROGERS PASS	680	1074
...VIA COQUIHALLA HWY	523	805
...VIA TRANS CANADA HWY	540	853

Trail Etiquette

- Please respect dog restrictions and closures
- Do not walk or snowshoe on groomed ski tracks
- Skiers going downhill have the right-of-way
- Keep to the right when meeting oncoming skiers
- When resting or visiting, move off the trail
- When passing say "track please" and pass on left side
- **Leave no trace:** pack out all of your garbage

DRIVING ITINERARIES

PYRAMID ROAD - 7 KM

A short drive leaving from the back of town. Stop at Patricia Lake to take in some interpretation and views. Enjoy a short walk at Pyramid Island for incredible views of Pyramid Mountain. Keep your eyes open for wildlife!

MOBERLY HOMESTEADS - 19 KM

Accessed from the Snaring Road off Hwy 16 East. About 6 km after the campground, you will find the old homestead of Ewan Moberly (1910). Follow the trail past two historic cabins, a gravesite and interpretive panels about the area.

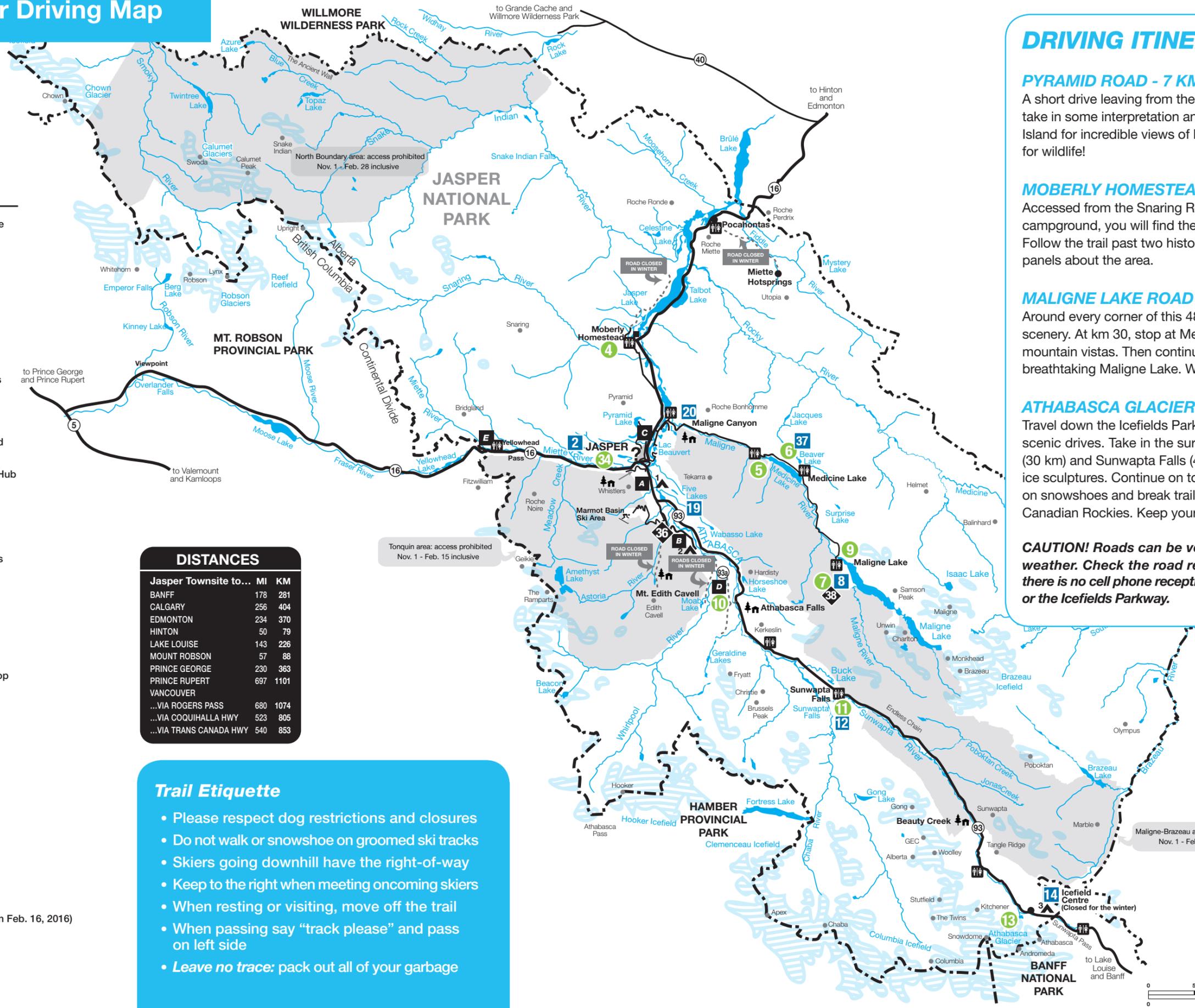
MALIGNE LAKE ROAD - 48 KM

Around every corner of this 48-km road you'll find picturesque scenery. At km 30, stop at Medicine Lake to take in the stunning mountain vistas. Then continue to the end of the road to discover the breathtaking Maligne Lake. Watch for wildlife along the way!

ATHABASCA GLACIER - 103 KM

Travel down the Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93), one of the world's most scenic drives. Take in the surreal ice formations at Athabasca Falls (30 km) and Sunwapta Falls (45 km), transformed by winter into frozen ice sculptures. Continue on to Athabasca Glacier, where you can strap on snowshoes and break trail below some of the highest peaks in the Canadian Rockies. Keep your eyes open for wildlife!

CAUTION! Roads can be very slippery or closed during bad weather. Check the road report before heading out. Please note there is no cell phone reception along the Maligne and Snaring roads or the Icefields Parkway.



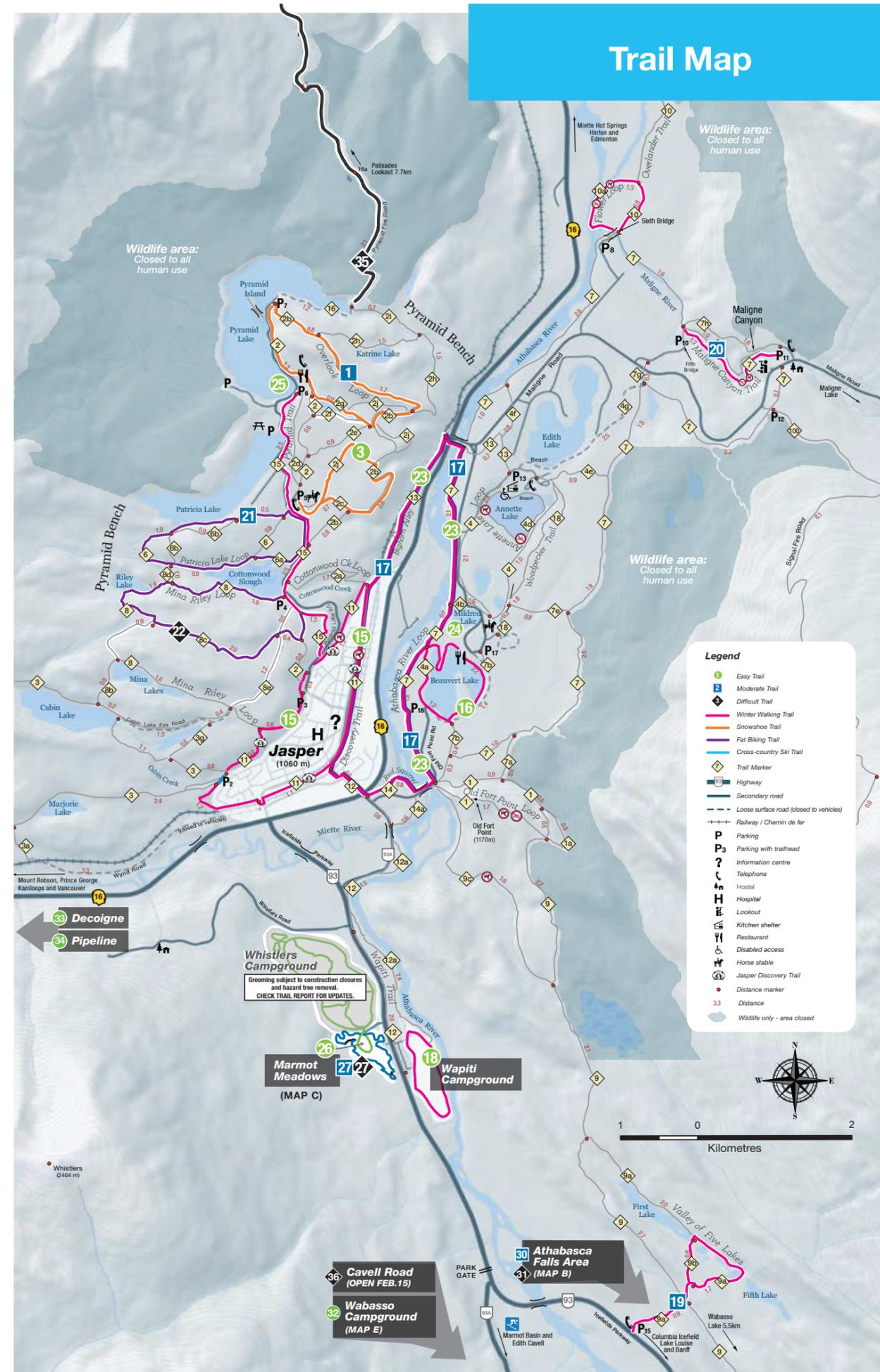
Winter Activities

WINTER WALKING, FAT BIKING AND ICE SKATING

Hit the trails for a snowy hike and take in the winter splendor, or hop on a fat bike for a more cruisy ride around our easily accessible trail network. Make your winter adventure complete with skating: be sure to check out one of our picturesque frozen lakes.

Trail and Users	Distance	Description
WINTER WALKING		
15 Jasper Discovery Trail	8.3 km loop	An interpretive loop trail with beautiful town views.
16 Beauvert Lake Loop	3.4 km loop	A loop trail around a lake with spectacular views.
17 Red Squirrel to Big Horn Alley	10.6 km loop	A loop with varied terrain along the Athabasca River.
18 Wapiti Campground	Variable options	A forested trail with views of the Athabasca River.
19 Valley of the Five Lakes	4.1 km loop	A loop trail with a series of beautiful frozen lakes.
20 Maligne Canyon	Varied route options	Walk along the top of the canyon.
FAT BIKING		
21 Patricia Lake Loop	4.6 km return	A wide trail overlooking the Cottonwood Slough.
Trail 8 to 8c	8.2 km loop	Great terrain for experienced riders.
23 Red Squirrel to Big Horn Alley	10.6 km loop	Great for beginners, a loop with varied terrain along the Athabasca River.
ICE SKATING		
24 Mildred Lake	approx. 1 km loop	Head out to Jasper Park Lodge and skate on stunning Mildred Lake.
25 Pyramid Lake	approx. 0.25 km loop	Skate on iconic Pyramid Lake.
26 Marmot Meadows	approx. 0.25 km loop	Our new man-made rink at Marmot Meadows.

Trail Map



Winter Activities

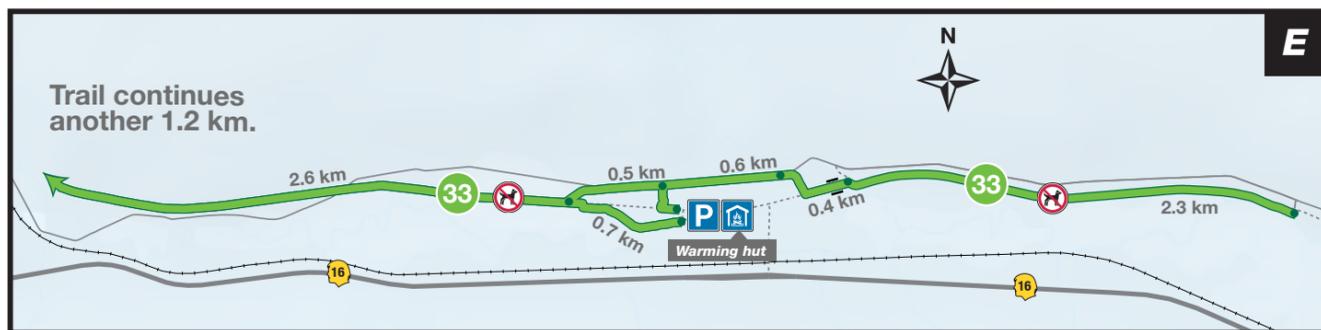


CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

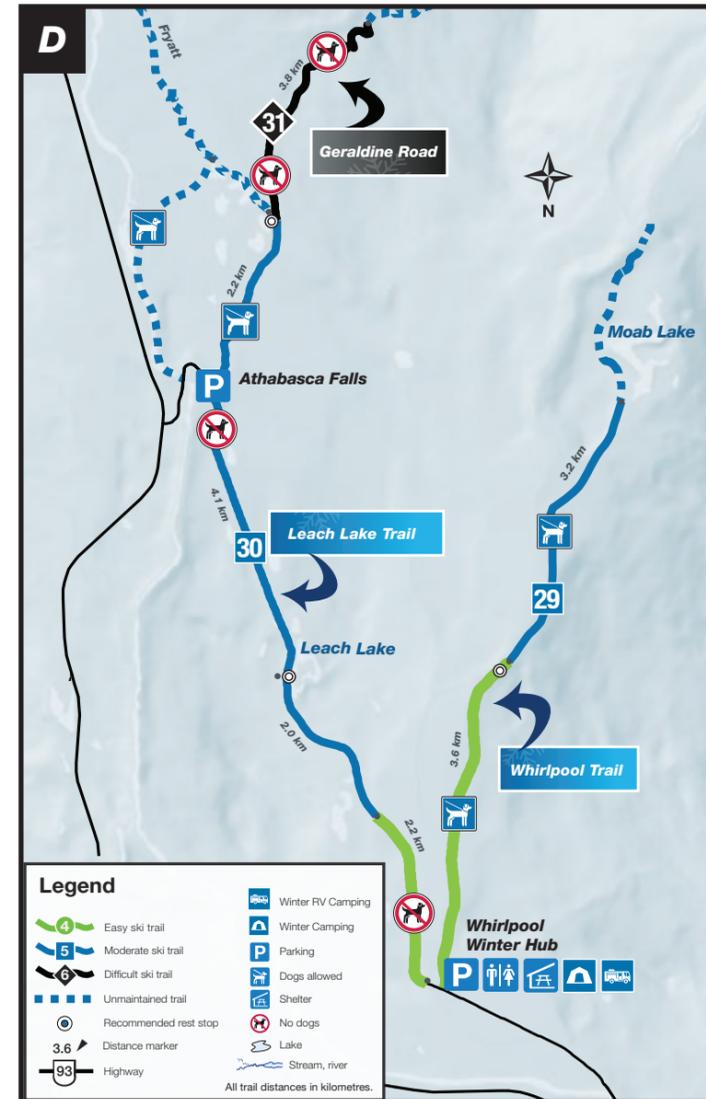
Jasper offers up a great mix of cross-country ski trails with something for everyone. Relax with the whole family on a casual ski around one of our easy campground trails or get your heart pumping up one of our steeply-ascending fire roads.

Trail and Users	Distance	Description
MARMOT MEADOWS WINTER HUB		
27 Re Run	4 km loop	Forested loop with challenging hills.
28 Whistlers Loop*	Variable options	Forested loop through the campground. *Tracksetting varies due to construction.
WHIRLPOOL WINTER HUB		
29 Whirlpool Trail	14 km return	Gentle terrain with river views.
ATHABASCA FALLS AREA		
30 Leach Lake Trail	8.4 km return	Beautiful mountain and lake views.
31 Geraldine Road	11.8 km return	Winding, challenging road with some views.
OTHER AREAS		
32 Wabasso Campground	3.6 km loop	Gentle terrain along the river.
33 Decoigne	Variable options	Open meadows with rolling terrain.
34 Pipeline	11 km return	Gentle terrain with subtle ups and downs.
35 Pyramid Fire Road	15 km return	A steep climb with nice views.
36 Cavell Road*	23.2 km return	A steep climb with stunning views. *Opens Feb. 16

DECOIGNE



WHIRLPOOL AND ATHABASCA FALLS

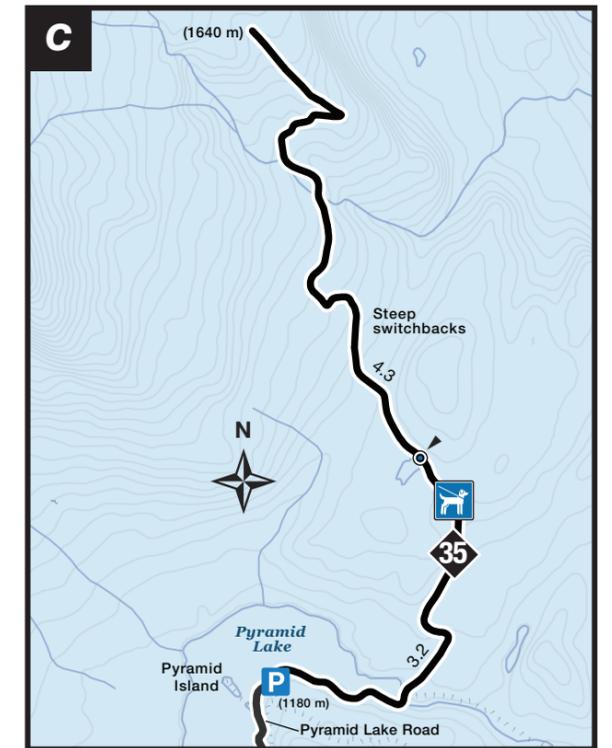


Cross-Country Ski Maps

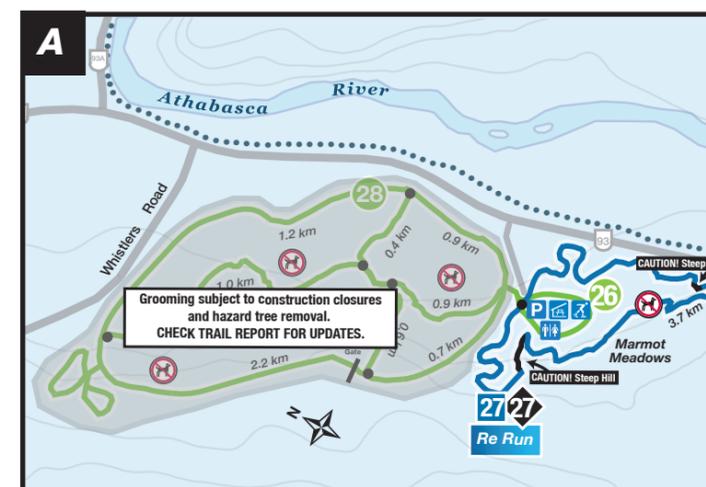
GETTING AROUND

Plan your trip using our maps and check out our suggested itineraries on page 2 for trip ideas. For more info visit the Jasper Information Centre (contact details on inside cover).

PYRAMID FIRE ROAD



MARMOT MEADOWS WINTER HUB



WABASSO CAMPGROUND



Winter Activities

Winter Safety

DOWNHILL AND LIGHT TOURING

Jasper offers up spectacular skiing opportunities, whether you're into hammering down smooth corduroy runs at the ski hill or enjoying the quiet solitude of backcountry touring. For the keen adventurer, try spending a wintery night at one of our unique winter camping destinations.

DOWNHILL

MARMOT BASIN

With short line-ups, wide open groomed runs, high alpine bowls and dry powdery snow, Marmot Basin offers world class skiing and snowboarding in the heart of Jasper. Sitting at an elevation of 1,698 m with a vertical drop of 914 m, Marmot Basin offers a varied range of terrain for all abilities. Boasting 6 chairlifts (including three high-speed quad chairs), a terrain park, three day lodges and a daycare, there's something for the whole family. skimarmot.com

LIGHT TOURING

Light touring skis are one of the best ways to explore Jasper's backcountry. From short to full day trips, take in breathtaking views as you wind your way along valley bottoms and over gentle rolling terrain. If you're looking for a longer adventure, bring along some camping gear and try spending a wintery night out at Big Bend.

Trail and Users	Distance	Description
LIGHT TOURING		
 Summit Lakes	9.6 km return	Old road with gentle rolling terrain. Enjoy breathtaking lake views.
 Trapper Creek	13.4 km return	Ski to the campground (5.9 km one way) or head south and return along the lake.
 Big Bend	14 km return	Forested trail that leads to stunning views. Option to winter camp.

WINTER SAFETY

Unpredictable mountain winter weather can change road and avalanche conditions in an instant. These simple precautions will help ensure you have a safe and enjoyable time in the park.



What to Bring:

- * Trail guide and map
- * Water bottle, thermos and high energy food
- * Sunscreen and sunglasses
- * First aid kit
- * Headlamp or flashlight
- * Extra clothes
- * Waterproof matches or lighter
- * Ski wax, cork and scraper
- * Camera and binoculars

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO INTO THE BACKCOUNTRY:

- ✓ Does your group have the skills, knowledge and training to travel in avalanche terrain?
- ✓ Do you have enough warm clothes, food and water?
- ✓ Can you self-rescue? Do you have a plan?
- ✓ Do you know the emergency number?
- ✓ Have you checked the current avalanche bulletin and weather forecast?
- ✓ Did you tell someone where you are going?
- ✓ Do you have any other route options?

PLANNING

- Visit the Jasper Information Centre.
- Study trail information before starting.
- Choose a trail suitable for your group.
- Check weather forecast and trail conditions.
- Do not travel alone.
- Tell somebody where you are going, when you'll be back and who to call if you don't return.
- Be prepared for sudden weather changes.
- Trails are not patrolled—use them at your own risk.

INFORMATION

Alpine touring and mountain safety visit: parksmountainsafety.ca.

Daily avalanche bulletin: pc.gc.ca/avalanche or Parks Canada Visitor Safety: 780 852 6155

EMERGENCY: Call 911

Woodland Caribou

A true winter specialist, woodland caribou's large "snowshoe" hooves, warm fur and ability to survive on a diet of lichen help them avoid predators by staying high in the mountains through winter.

Woodland caribou are a Species at Risk and Parks Canada is taking action to protect them. You can help too!

IN WINTER:

- Areas of important caribou habitat are closed from November 1st until late February to prevent packed trails from helping predators reach these areas. Respect the seasonal caribou closures; choose other areas for winter recreation during this time.
- If you see caribou, please keep your distance to minimize disturbance.
- On highway 93 from Sunwapta Station area through to Beauty Creek Hostel, a reduced speed zone is in effect in from February 1st – May 1st. Drive with care and watch for wildlife on Jasper's roads.



Jasper's vast mountain landscape – more than 11,000 square kilometres – supports both diverse winter recreational opportunities and significant protection of caribou habitat. To learn more visit: pc.gc.ca/caribou.

CAMPGROUNDS AND SERVICES (MAP PG. 6)	Electrical	Sani Dump	Flush Toilets	Pit Toilets	Showers	Firepit	Cooking Shelter	Drinking Water	Disabled Access	OPEN DATES	FEES	# OF SITES
JASPER												
1 Wapiti Winter	☑		☑		☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Oct. 12 - May 6	\$32.30* \$27.40	40 with elec.* 40 tent
2 Whirlpool Campground				☑		☑	☑			Dec. 15 - April 1	\$15.70	10 tent-6 RV
3 Wilcox Winter				☑						Oct. 12 - May 15	\$9.80/ per person	N/A
BANFF												
Tunnel Mt. Village II	☑	☑	☑		☑		☑	☑	☑	Open year round	\$32.30	188
Lake Louise Trailer	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑		☑	☑	Open year round	\$32.30	189
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK												
Rogers Pass Discovery Centre Parking Lot				☑						Late Nov. until end of avalanche season	FREE with park pass	15 vehicles no tents

Camping season dates are approximate. Please confirm at information centres prior to heading out. Arrive early. Daily fire permits cost \$8.80 extra. Non-reservable sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Camping permitted in designated campgrounds only. **Note: All winter campgrounds are self-registration.**

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

HIDDEN COVE

8 km return • Trailhead: End of Maligne Lake Road

Located 4 km down Maligne Lake, Hidden Cove can be reached by fat bike, snowshoes and skis. A great family campground with four tent pads, a fire pit, picnic tables, a grey water pit, a cook shelter and food storage lockers. **Safe ice travel between mid-January and early April.**

BIG BEND

14 km return • Trailhead: Sunwapta Falls, 54.4 km south on Highway 93

Rolling along the upper Athabasca Valley, this trail follows a wide fire road. The campground is accessible by skis, snowshoes or fat bike. This trail takes you to a campsite with incredible views of Dragon Peak and the Athabasca River. **There are four tent pads, picnic tables, a fire pit and food storage cables.**

HOW TO BOOK YOUR BACKCOUNTRY EXPERIENCE

A backcountry permit is required to camp in Jasper's backcountry. For more information or to obtain a permit contact the Jasper Information Centre **780-852-6177**.



NEW! MARMOT MEADOWS WINTER HUB

Join us at the Marmot Meadows Winter Hub at Whistlers Campground for fun, learning and adventure. You can ski or skate on your own then join an interpreter around the fire for stories and try your hand at new skills – like making a fire with flint and steel or cooking bannock on a stick.

A traditional tipi welcomes you to the meadows and provides the setting for Aboriginal programs and cultural teachings. There will be a variety of programs, including a Wildlife Camera Safari where you will do a bit of hiking or snowshoeing to check out one of the park's wildlife trail cameras and also guided Dark Sky snowshoe hikes in the evenings.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE OFFERED EVERY WEEKEND JANUARY 2 – MARCH 27, 2016. Generally from 11 am – 3 pm and in the evening at 7 pm. A detailed schedule is available on our website, or stop by the Visitor Information Centre for more information.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

DEC 27, 2015 - JAN 3, 2016

11 am – 3 pm daily:

We will be on site every day with fireside stories and activities.

7 pm nightly:

Join us for a Dark Sky Program and warm drinks around a crackling campfire.

NOTE : The New Year's Eve Dark Sky Program will be at Marmot Meadows this year.

JASPER IN JANUARY

Jan 14 – 17: We will be featuring outdoor adventures and activities – watch for us on Pyramid Lake at Winterstruck.

Jan 21 – 24: Try your hand at cooking over the campfire at Marmot Meadows. Bannock, s'mores and lots more – yum!

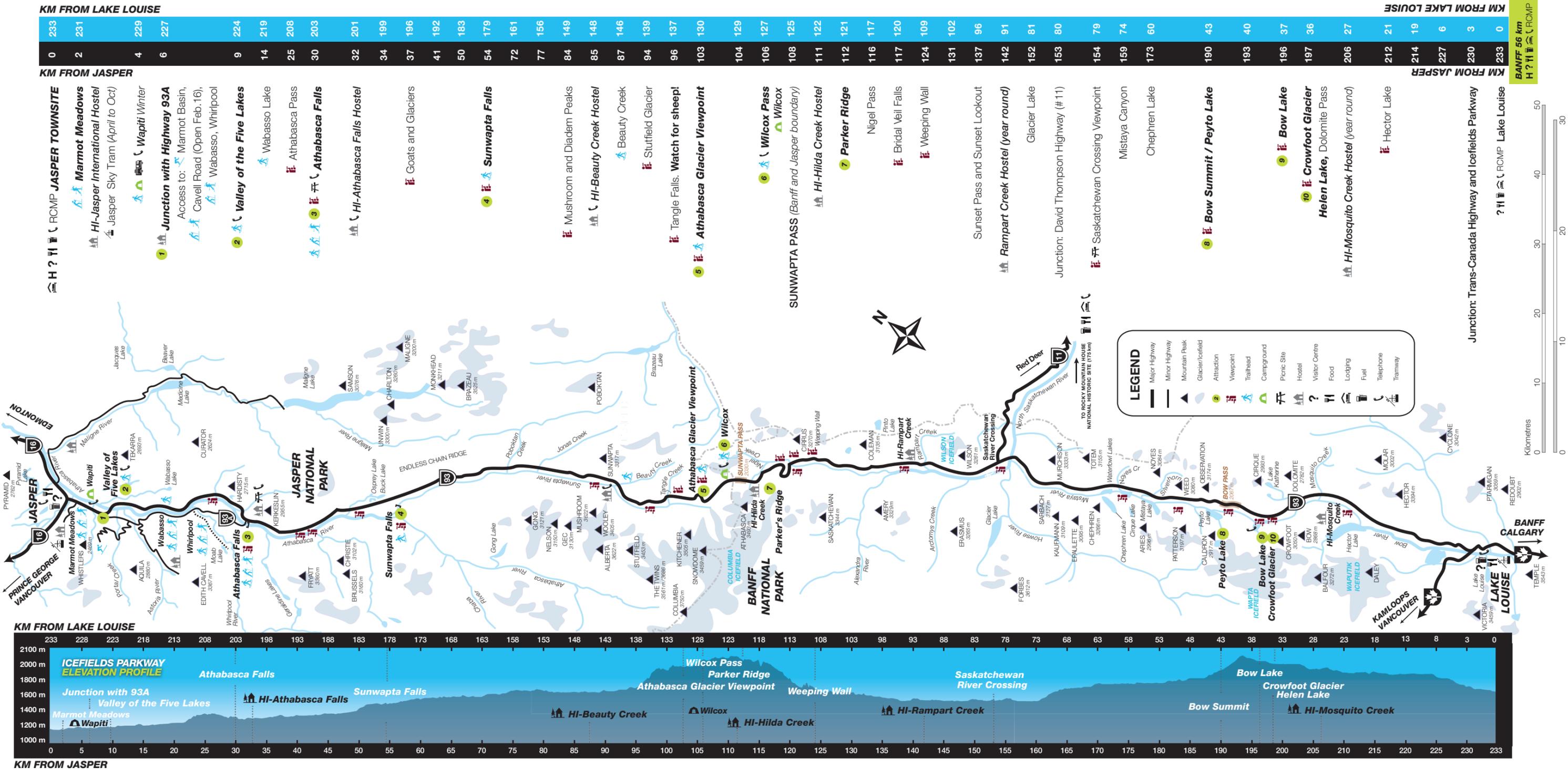
Jan 28 – 31: Join us for a series of arts and crafts workshops at Marmot Meadows in the tipi and warming shelter.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Check out the programs offered every weekend that help you learn to love winter and extended programming for Family Day weekend and Easter.

NOTE: Check online at pc.gc.ca/jasper-interpretation for a detailed program schedule.

THE ICEFIELDS PARKWAY Winter Driving Guide



Winter Wildlife



Coyote



Characteristics

Medium-sized dog. Thick, bushy tail. Greyish-brown in colour.

Where to find

Valley bottoms, well adapted to humans.

Characteristics

White rump, males: thick curved horns, females: narrow horns, short light brown fur.

Where to find

Near steep rocky terrain.



Bighorn Sheep



Characteristics

Brown body, darker neck and large tan rump patch. Backwards slanting antlers.

Where to find

Valley bottoms and open areas. Commonly found in town.



Elk

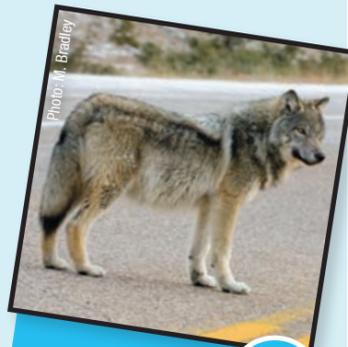


Characteristics

Built like a large German Shepherd, with longer legs. Colour can vary from white to black.

Where to find

Throughout the park but particularly in valley bottoms.



Wolf



WINTER WILDLIFE

Learn how to identify a few tracks and find out whose habitat you're sharing. It is a challenge for wildlife to survive in the winter, but you can help make it easier by giving them lots of space.



Cougar

Wolf

Elk

Squirrel

SAFE VIEWING TIPS

Winter wildlife viewing provides exciting and educational opportunities for the whole family. Here are a few tips to make sure your viewing experience is safe for your family and the wildlife.

If you stop...

- Pull over where it is safe to do so.
- Use your hazard lights to alert other drivers.
- Observe and photograph wildlife from the safety of your car.
- Remain a respectful distance from wildlife.
- **NEVER feed wildlife, a fed animal is a dead animal.**

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

If you find yourself out on the trail and happen to surprise an animal, here are some tips to help you stay safe.

If you encounter a cougar, coyote or wolf...

- **Immediately pick up small children and pets.**
- **Do not turn your back. Back away slowly while maintaining eye contact.**
- **Do not run; it may trigger an attack.**
- **Do not play dead.**
- **Make yourself appear as large as possible; wave an object above your head.**

Winter Driving Safety



WINTER SAFETY

To experience the beauty of winter in Jasper, winter-worthy vehicles, warm clothing, patience and a little preparation will help ensure a safe and exhilarating journey.

MORE INFORMATION

JASPER INFORMATION CENTRE: 780-852-6176

LAKE LOUISE VISITOR CENTRE: 403-522-3833

BANFF VISITOR CENTRE: 403-762-1550

pc.gc.ca/jasper

pc.gc.ca/banff

CHECK THE ROAD CONDITIONS AND THE WEATHER FORECAST BEFORE YOU LEAVE TOWN:

ROAD CONDITIONS: Call 511 • alberta511.ca
drivebc.ca

WEATHER FORECAST

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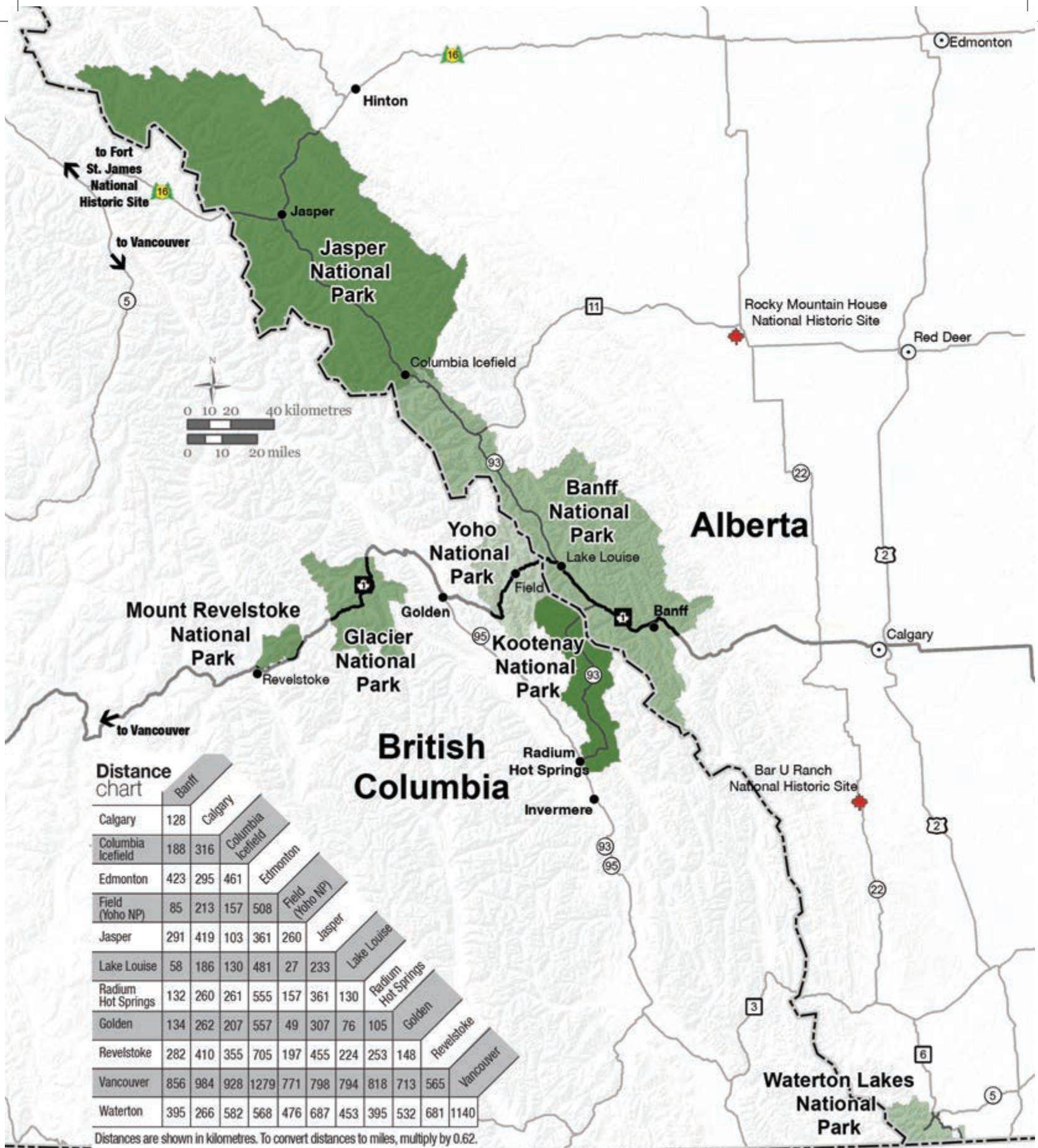
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YOUR PARKS PASS

The Icefields Parkway was built by Parks Canada as a scenic drive to showcase the powerful natural landscape of Jasper and Banff national parks. A valid national parks pass is required to drive the Icefields Parkway. Revenues from pass sales support maintenance, plowing, sanding and avalanche control. If you're a frequent visitor to Canada's national parks and historic sites, consider purchasing a Discovery Pass for unlimited access to many of Canada's extraordinary treasures. Details and fees are listed at: pc.gc.ca/jasperfees.

DRIVE SAFELY: PLAN AHEAD

- Plan to start early and complete your drive (with time for exploration and stops along the way) during daylight hours. Snow clearing and maintenance begins at 7 am and ends at 3:30 pm. Plus, you'll want lots of daylight to take in all the epic views!
- Ensure your car has snow tires—look for the snowflake symbol. Snow tires are mandatory from November 1 to April 1.
- Fill your gas tank and bring extra windshield washer fluid. There are no services along the Icefields Parkway in winter.
- Have a safety kit in your vehicle that includes: a cell phone (service available on each end of the Parkway but not en route), water, energy bars, candles, extra clothing and blankets.
- Tell someone your route, when you are leaving and when you plan on arriving.
- Ensure you are comfortable with winter driving conditions. Drivers should travel based on comfort level and experience.
- The parkway is not salted so it can often be covered in compact snow. During long periods of stable weather, even sanded compact snow can result in challenging driving conditions.
- Road reports are based on the worst condition that a driver may encounter over the road's entire 230 kilometre length. As in any mountain environment, weather can change very quickly, often changing the road conditions.
- Don't forget your winter-worthy play gear (warm waterproof clothing, boots, snowshoes, skis, etc.). You will want to stop and explore the magic of winter along the way!



Please slow down,
for your safety
and ours.



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(Police, Fire and Ambulance)

Cell phone coverage is not reliable
in all areas of the mountain parks.