Guide to
Jasper National Park
Visit Jasper National Park!


On September 14, 1907, the Canadian government set aside 12,950 sq km for Jasper Forest Park of Canada, making it Canada's fifth national park. In 1930, the park was reduced to 10,878 sq km. For more info, visit: JasperNationalPark.com

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JASPER MUNICIPALITY
The town of Jasper is a friendly community in the heart of Jasper National Park.
Population: 4,643

YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY
Speed limit: 90 km/hr (55 mph)
This scenic highway stretches east to west across Jasper National Park. On the way there are three historic site plaques: Jasper House, Henry House, and Yellowhead pass. Drive with care and watch for reduced speed limits in areas frequented by wildlife.

HIGHWAY 93A
This is a scenic route that leads to Mount Edith Cavell in summer and the Marmot Basin Ski Area in winter. Note that from late October to mid-May a portion of the road is closed to vehicles, making way for cross-country skiing tracks.

THE ICEFIELDS PARKWAY
Speed limit: 90 km/hr (55 mph)
One of the most scenic drives in the region, the parkway spans 230 km along some of the most breathtaking vistas in the Canadian Rockies. With its high altitude terrain, the road was created between 1931 and 1940 by unemployed men from the Great Depression. Watch for reduced speed limits where wildlife is prevalent. With severe and unpredictable driving conditions, snow tires or chains are required during winter weather. There are no services from November to March. No commercial trucks are allowed and a park pass is required for travel.

ATHABASCA FALLS
30 km (30 min) from Jasper
With its 23-metre waterfall, Athabasca Falls has the most powerful flow of all the falls found in any of the Canadian Rockies mountain parks.

SUNWAPTA FALLS
55 km (40 min) from Jasper
The mountaineer A.P. Coleman named these falls in 1892. The name “Sunwapta” is the Stoney Indian word meaning “turbulent.”

COLUMBIA ICEFIELD AND ICEFIELD CENTRE
103 km (75 min) from Jasper
Here you will find glacial tours and exhibits as well as a hiking trail that takes you to the Athabasca Glacier.
Parks Canada Information Desk: 1-780-852-6288
Ice Explorer Tours: 1-877-423-7433
Guided Ice Walks 1-800-565-7547
POCAHONTAS MINE

INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

4 km (50 min) from Jasper

In 1910, with the discovery of coal in the area, a second community in Jasper National Park was created. The mining town of Pocahontas still has remnants of its past. Enjoy the forest as you roam around the ruins.

Miette Hot Springs

61 km (1 hour) from Jasper

1-800-767-1611

Towels, bathing suits, and lockers for rent with a restaurant on site.

Miette Road

Speed limit: 60 km/hr (37 mph)

Maligne Valley Road

Speed limit: 60 km/hr (37 mph)

With its 50-metre deep canyon, a stunning lake that disappears down sinkholes, and a plethora of wildlife, it is a pleasure to travel along this scenic Canadian Rockies route.

Maligne Canyon

11.5 km (15 min) from Jasper

No one knows how old this canyon is, nor how it took on its form. Extremely narrow and 50 metres deep, you can take a tour inside the gorge during the winter months and enjoy the tea house from April to October 30.

MEDICINE LAKE

27 km (30 min) from Jasper

This stunning lake is drained by one of the largest underground river systems in North America.

Maligne Lake

48 km (1 hour) from Jasper

At 22-km long, the lake is a magnificent example of alpine beauty.

Chalet

May to October

Boat tours

From opening day (as ice conditions permit) to June 30.

Reservations recommended:

1-780-852-3370
Open dates are weather dependent. Arrive early—sites are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Campsite reservations can be made for the highlighted campgrounds. To make a reservation, visit www.pccamping.ca or dial toll-free **1-877-737-3783** (1-877-RESERVE) or (12 hr/day) TTY: **1-866-787-6221**. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Fire permit required where fireboxes and firewood are provided. Boil water advisories may be posted. **FULL HU** = full hook-up **DIS ACC** = disabled access **INTERP PROG** = Interpretive program

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*Tents only*
The Town of Jasper

The town of Jasper was named for Jasper Hawes, an employee of the North West Company. Hawes operated a fur trading post known as “Jasper House” in the eastern area and by the time the post was vacated, the name “Jasper” was used to designate the area. When the time came for a new town in 1913, the name stuck.
Jasper Attractions

1. **Jasper Park Information Centre**
   - **National Historic Site**
   - This landmark was built in 1914 and served as the superintendent’s residence as well as the park’s administration offices. Since the 1970s, the building has functioned as the Parks Canada Information Centre.
   - **Closed Sundays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year’s Day.**
   - Parks Canada information: 780-852-6176
   - Jasper Tourism and Commerce: 780-852-3858
   - Friends of Jasper gift shop: 780-852-4767

2. **Jasper-Yellowhead Museum and Archives**
   - **Accessibility**
   - 400 Pyramid Lake Rd; 852-3013
     - www.jaspermuseum.org
   - Permanent exhibits feature Jasper’s history. Monthly exhibits in the Showcase Gallery.

3. **Patricia Lake & Pyramid Lake**
   - **Distance:** 5 & 7 km (10/15 min drive) from Jasper
   - During WWI, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill imagined a fleet of artificial icebergs deployed as airfields in the North Atlantic Ocean. A prototype of his idea was tested in Patricia Lake. Visit the interpretive plaque that provides information about this event. In addition, enjoy the many outdoor activities at this beautiful site, including swimming, fishing, boating, biking, and hiking.

4. **Lakes Annette, Edith and Beauvert**
   - **Distance:** 5 km (10 min) from Jasper
   - Known as the Kettle lakes, these three bodies of water were formed at the end of the ice ages. Fed by springs, lakes Annette and Edith have beautiful sandy beaches and are ideal for swimming in July and August.

5. **Old Fort Point**
   - **Distance:** 1.5 km (5 min) from Jasper
   - Though no one can say which “old fort” it was, this historical site provides excellent views of the town as well as the Athabasca River.

6. **Town Trail**
   - **Accessibility**
   - This hiking trail can be accessed at several points throughout Jasper. The downtown section is wheelchair accessible. The Pyramid Bench section is unpaved.

7. **The Whistlers**
   - **Distance:** 7 km (15 min) from Jasper
   - In 1937 the Jasper Ski Club created ski runs on this mountain. Today you can take a modern tramway to the summit.
   - Jasper Tramway is open from April to October. 1-780-852-3093

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