



Yoho  
National Park

# Visitor Guide

2023 — 2024



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 Parks Canada guided hike to the restricted Walcott Quarry fossil site.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Yoho National Park lies within the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa and Shuswap.



## Ktunaxa Nation

The Ktunaxa (*k-too-nah-ha*), also known as *Kootenay*, have occupied the lands around the Kootenay and Columbia rivers and Arrow Lakes for more than 10 000 years. Their Traditional Territory encompasses 70 000 km<sup>2</sup> of south-eastern British Columbia, and includes parts of Alberta, Montana, Idaho, and Washington.

For thousands of years, and long before settlers arrived, the Ktunaxa harvested flora and fauna in the area that is now managed as Yoho National Park. The park lies within *?aknuqiu?am ?amak?is* (Land of the Eagle).

Ktunaxa stories teach their generations of seasonal migrations that occurred across the Rocky Mountains and on the Great Plains; of war and trade interactions with other Nations; of place names and landmarks; and of lessons and values.

The Ktunaxa language is a language isolate, meaning that it is one of a kind and unrelated to any other language in the world.

To learn more, visit [ktunaxa.org](http://ktunaxa.org)

## Shuswap Band

Weyt-k (hello)

The Kenpesq't (*ken-pesk-t*) community, currently known as the Shuswap Band, is part of the Secwépemc (*seck-wep-em*) Nation. The Nation occupies traditional lands in British Columbia and Alberta.

The Secwépemc people traditionally fished, hunted and camped in the areas we now know as Yoho, Kootenay, Mt. Revelstoke, Glacier, Banff and Jasper national parks since time immemorial; long before settlers arrived.

Many of today's roads and trails are Secwépemc travel routes. They served as connections to trade partners and areas for food and medicinal plant gathering. Indigenous guides created horse trails that evolved into major highways such as the Trans-Canada Highway in Yoho National Park. Today, the area encompassed by Yoho National Park continues to be an important site of oral history and Shuswap cultural practice.

Parks Canada and the Secwépemc Nation continue to foster a better working relationship that informs the management of natural resources and enhances the visitor experience for those exploring traditional lands.

To learn more, visit [shuswapband.net](http://shuswapband.net)

# Welcome to Yoho National Park



 Kicking Horse to Amiskwi Trail

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## **The Rocky Mountains have been part of Indigenous peoples' homelands for thousands of years.**

Only in very recent history did European settlers move into the area that we now know as Yoho National Park. A British expedition in 1858 relied on the help of Indigenous guides to navigate the challenging terrain. Back then, Dr. James Hector became the first European to map the pass that we know as Kicking Horse Pass today. This spectacular route received its name after Hector's horse had knocked him over with a kick to the chest.

In the late 1800s, the Canadian Pacific Railway built a luxury hotel to welcome the first railway tourists in the community of Field. This is where Mount Stephen Reserve was established in 1886. The reserve became Yoho National Park in 1911.

Charles Walcott discovered the Burgess Shale fossils on Mount Wapta around the same time, in 1909. Read more about the fossils that are older than dinosaurs on page 11.

## **You are in a very special place.**

Yoho National Park will take your breath away and you will want to come back. That's a promise.

We invite you to explore the park's natural and cultural treasures. Experience roaring waterfalls, the history of Canada's railway and world-famous fossil beds, or bring a picnic and enjoy your beautiful surroundings. Whatever it is you came to Yoho for, we are glad you are here.

# Plan your adventure

## WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION?

Keep this guide for travel inspiration and maps, and come chat with Parks Canada staff at the Yoho National Park Visitor Centre in Field, B.C. You can find us next to the Trans-Canada Highway.

See page 5 for a map of Field.

Call or email us:  
250-343-6783 | [yoho.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:yoho.info@pc.gc.ca)

   Free Wi-Fi available

May 1 - June 7	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
June 8 - Sept. 27	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sept. 28 - Oct. 9	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Oct. 10, 2023 - Apr. 30, 2024	Hours of operation are subject to change

Washroom facilities are open year-round.

**COVID-19** Parks Canada is following the guidance of health authorities. Learn more about national and provincial guidelines, and respect posted signage in the park.



## YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Entry fees are charged at all national parks. Every time you visit a national park you are investing in its future, and in a legacy for future generations. Pick up your pass at any park gate, visitor centre or staffed campground kiosk.

### DAILY ENTRY PASS

The daily entry pass is valid in Yoho, Kootenay, Banff, Jasper, Waterton Lakes, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks. Regardless of time of entry, the pass is valid until 4 p.m. the following day.

Adult (18-64)	\$10.50
Senior (65+)	\$9.00
Youth (0-17)	Free
Family/group (up to 7 people in a vehicle)	\$21.00

### PARKS CANADA DISCOVERY PASS

This annual pass is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase, expiring on the last day of the month in which it was purchased. It gives you unlimited admission to over 80 Parks Canada administered places across the country.

Adult (18-64)	\$72.25
Senior (65+)	\$61.75
Family/group (up to 7 people in a vehicle)	\$145.25



## DID YOU KNOW?

You must have a valid entry pass if you stop anywhere in a national park, and if you drive Yoho Valley Road or Emerald Lake Road.

## WHAT'S YOUR TRAVEL STYLE?

Select your favourite activities:

- Scenic driving and sightseeing
- Camping and relaxing
- Hiking, biking and other outdoor activities
- History, fossils and learning opportunities

Good news - Yoho ticks all your boxes!

Visit [parks.canada.ca/yoho](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho) and click on "Activities and experiences".



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Canadian Rocky  
Mountain Parks  
inscribed on the World  
Heritage List in 1984

Parcs des montagnes  
Rocheuses canadiennes  
inscrit sur la Liste du  
patrimoine mondial en 1984



# Take the pledge

You play an important role in the future of the park. Yoho National Park has incredible natural and cultural heritage. It is a diverse landscape, a home to wildlife and a place of history.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP IT THIS WAY!**

**I will store my food and scented items safely, and never feed wildlife.**

**WHY?** Wildlife need to find their own natural food sources. Feeding wildlife, or leaving scented items or food unattended, attracts them to human use areas. This is very dangerous. Dispose of recycling, trash and food in designated areas.

**I will give wildlife space.**

**WHY?** All wildlife can be dangerous regardless of their size. Wildlife can lose their natural fear of humans after repeated interactions. If you see wildlife on the road; **slow down, stay** in your vehicle and **move on**. Chance animal encounters can happen anywhere. Carry bear spray and know how to use it.

**I will protect the ecological integrity of the park.**

**WHY?** Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that impact the land and waters of the park. National parks are home to many species at risk that rely on healthy ecosystems for their survival. Help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, see p.13.

**I will leave plants, rocks, fossils, antlers and all other natural objects undisturbed.**

**WHY?** Millions of people visit these special places each year. A small act like picking a flower, when multiplied, can have lasting consequences for the ecosystem. To protect these natural and cultural treasures, always walk on marked trails and leave what you find for others to enjoy.

**I will drive carefully and obey speed limits.**

**WHY?** Slow down to prevent deadly collisions with animals. In high risk areas, no stopping zones are used to protect motorists and wildlife. Respect roadside signage, and only park in designated areas to avoid blocking traffic.

**I will keep my dog on a leash and pick up after it.**

**WHY?** To a wild animal, your pet is potentially a predator or prey. Wildlife may flee, endangering themselves or their young. Alternatively, they may respond aggressively, endangering you and your pet.

**I will follow park regulations.**

**WHY?** The summer draws a high volume of visitors. Please respect regulations for the safety and enjoyment of everyone. Did you know that drones are prohibited for personal use in the national parks? They disturb wildlife and interfere with park operations. To learn about park regulations, see back page.

Your  
pledge  
makes a big  
difference.

**THANK YOU FOR  
TAKING ACTION!**

# Mountain safety



Takakkaw Falls

## BE SAFE IN THE MOUNTAINS

Natural hazards are a part of the national park experience. You can reduce the impact of an unfortunate circumstance by being well informed and well prepared. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

As you plan your trip, please do your research BEFORE you head out. Tell somebody where you're going, when you will be back and who to call if you don't return.

### PARKS CANADA DISPATCH

(non-emergency line):

403-762-1470

### BACKCOUNTRY TRAVEL AND SAFETY:

[parks.canada.ca/mountain-safety](https://parks.canada.ca/mountain-safety)

### TRAIL CONDITION REPORTS:

[parks.canada.ca/yoho-trails](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho-trails)

### ROAD CONDITIONS:

[drivebc.ca](https://drivebc.ca)



## WINTER IN YOHO

Winter is a special time of the year to visit Yoho National Park. From snowshoeing to cross-country skiing, discover trails for all levels of ability. Get your winter activity fix and venture out on our simple network of winter trails. Visit [parks.canada.ca/yoho-winter](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho-winter) to find out more.

### BE PREPARED

- Be prepared for any weather
- Bring extra food and water
- Pack a first aid kit
- Know where you're going
- Tell someone where you're going, and when you'll be back
- Wear proper footwear



## YOU ARE IN AVALANCHE TERRAIN

Avalanche season in the mountains extends from November to June, and even a short walk can take you into avalanche terrain. Whenever there is snow on a slope, there is potential for an avalanche.

Check the current avalanche forecast at [parks.canada.ca/avalanche](https://parks.canada.ca/avalanche)



Emerald Lake

# Community of Field

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## FIELD

In the centre of Yoho National Park is Field. It is a charming community with fewer than 200 residents. It was established in the 1880s by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Field is an authentic mountain community with year-round accommodation, local art stores and lively restaurants. Don't forget to check out the interpretive signs by the big water tower to learn about the history of Field. Visit [field.ca](http://field.ca) to find out more.



# Park highlights

## HIKES, WALKS, WATERFALLS, AND HISTORIC SITES.

Create unforgettable memories. See pages 8-9 for a map of Yoho National Park.

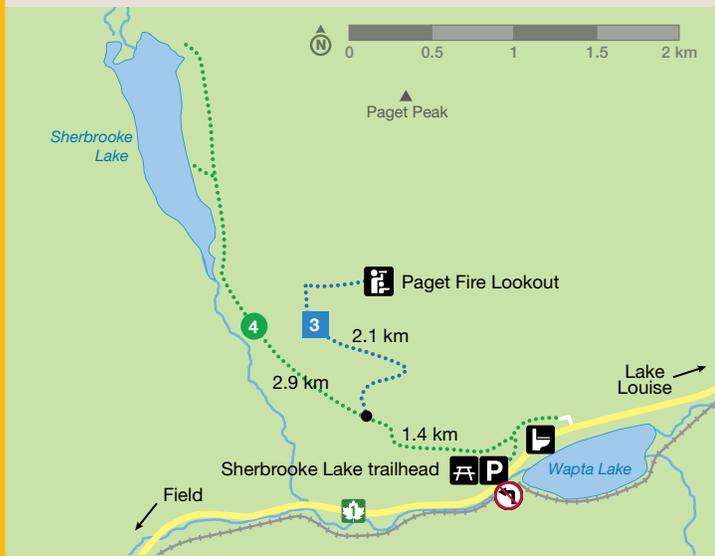
### A PAGET LOOKOUT TRAIL



One-way distance: 3.5 km Estimated time (return): 3 h  
Elevation gain: 525 m Elevation loss: 15 m

Take the steep but rewarding trail to an old fire lookout with the option to add on a side-trip to Sherbrooke Lake (up to 2.9 km one-way). Or join us on a guided conservation hike (see p. 11) to learn about Whitebark pine, a species at risk.

Park at Sherbrooke Lake trailhead. Eastbound traffic must turn around at Lake O'Hara parking area.



### B LAKE O'HARA BUS PARKING

Access to the Lake O'Hara area is limited to protect its sensitive alpine environment. Advance bus reservations for day use or overnight accommodation reservations are required. Plan ahead and reserve as soon as reservations open for the season. Visit [parks.canada.ca/lakeohara](https://parks.canada.ca/lakeohara) to find out about the four ways to visit the Lake O'Hara area. Lake O'Hara Road is closed to vehicles year-round.

### C SPIRAL TUNNELS VIEWPOINTS AND KICKING HORSE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



The Spiral Tunnels are a pair of railway loops that were built over 100 years ago to get trains through the difficult mountain terrain. You will get a great view of the Lower Spiral Tunnel from the viewpoint on the Trans-Canada Highway and the Upper Spiral Tunnel from Yoho Valley Road.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Kicking Horse Pass National Historic Site is a rail and highway transportation corridor from Lake Louise to Field. At 1,627 m, it is the highest point on the entire Trans-Canada Highway!

### D TAKAKKAW FALLS

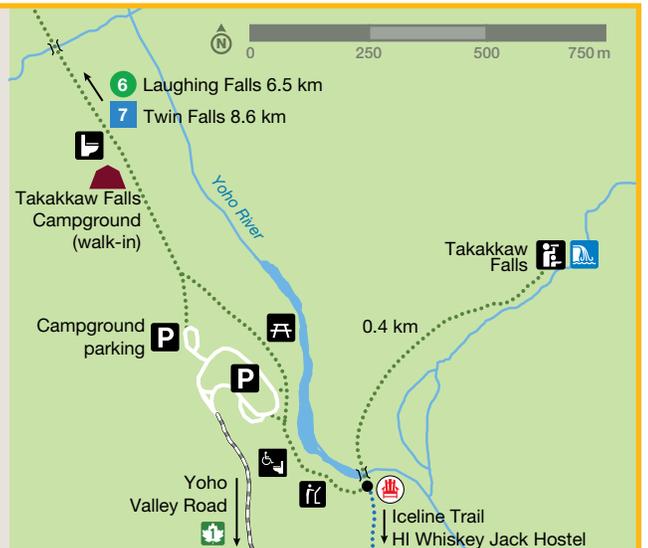


*"Feels so good to be back in Yoho."  
- Sylvie L.*

One of the highest waterfalls in Canada (approx. 380 m), Takakkaw Falls is an impressive sight. On a sunny afternoon or evening you may get lucky and see a rainbow at its base. This area is your starting point for many longer hikes in the Yoho Valley area, such as Laughing Falls (6.5 km one-way) and Twin Falls (8.6 km one-way).

**Note:** The road up to the Takakkaw Falls parking lot (Yoho Valley Road) is closed from early October to late June.

Longer vehicles must reverse to make it around tight switchbacks. No trailers!



## E EMERALD LAKE



Walk along the Emerald Lakeshore Trail (5.2 km loop, 2 h return) for great photo opportunities (and to sneak away from the busy area by the bridge). Best time of the day to visit? Early morning and late afternoon. If you are looking for an easy hike, check out Hamilton Falls (0.8 km one-way, 100 m elevation gain, 30 min return).



## G FAEDER LAKE DAY-USE AREA



Sometimes you don't have to go far off the highway to find a beautiful mountain scene. Bring your lunch and enjoy a picnic with a view at this lovely day-use area.

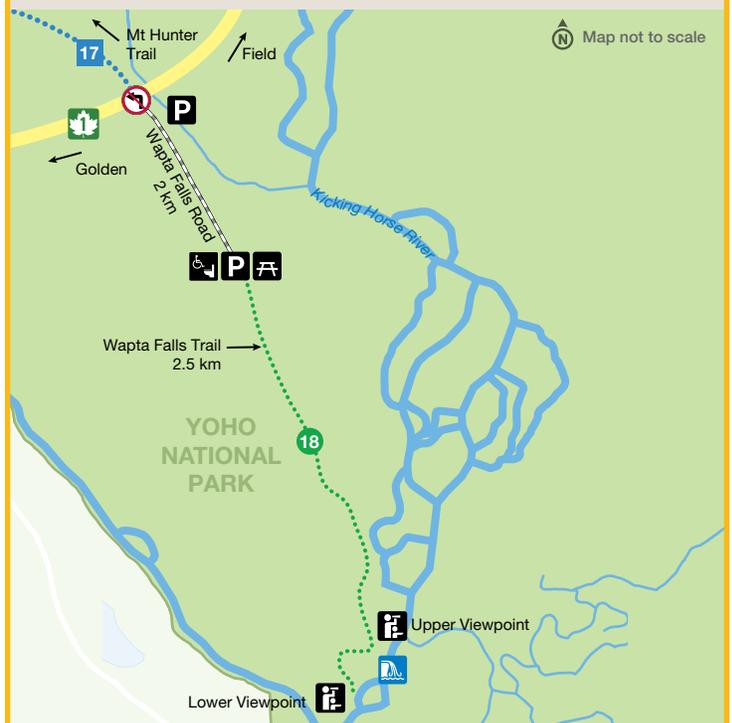
**Note:** The parking area is not suitable for large RVs or trailers. Westbound access only.

## H WAPTA FALLS TRAIL



*One-way distance: 2.5 km One-way distance (winter): 4.5 km*  
*Estimated time (return): 1.5 h Elevation gain: 120 m Elevation loss: 115 m*  
 Check out the widest waterfall on the Kicking Horse River! Hike to the viewpoint at the top, or continue down the trail to the base of the falls; just close enough to feel the mist on your face.

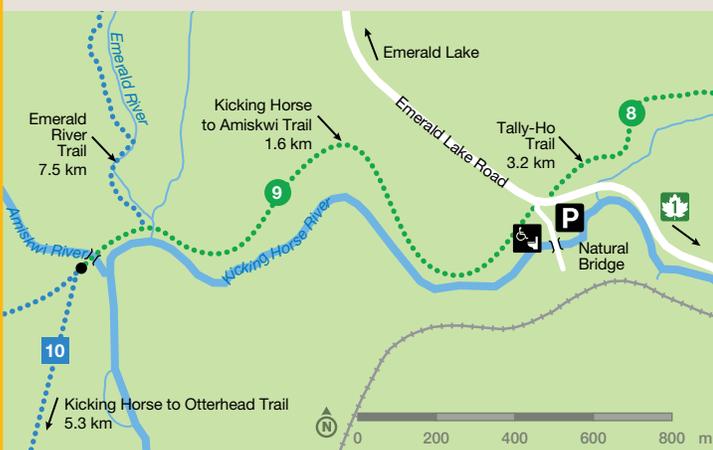
Westbound highway traffic must turn around at Beaverfoot Road. 2 km access road closed in the winter.



## F NATURAL BRIDGE



Make sure you plan a stop here to experience this impressive rock formation and the water rushing underneath it. Please be safe and stay on marked trails at all times! If you want to go for a nice stroll, start at the north end of the parking lot and walk about 1.6 km along an old fire road to the where the Emerald River and the Amiskwi River merge with the Kicking Horse River.



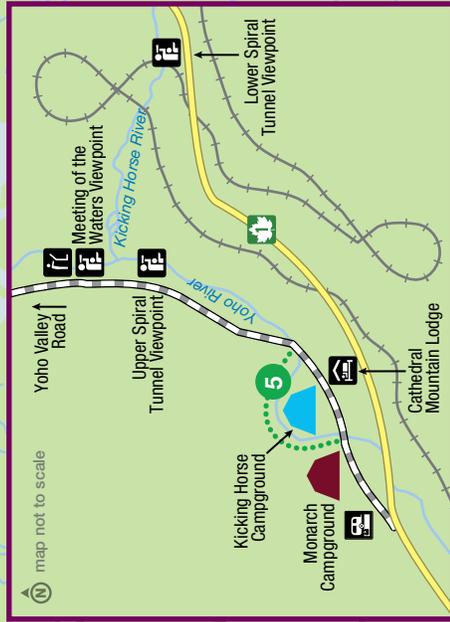
# Explore the park

**HIKES, WALKS, HISTORIC SITES AND SCENIC STOPS.**  
 Create unforgettable memories with your family and friends.  
 See pages 6-7 for details.

## ALBERTA



**Yoho Valley Road:** Vehicles over 7 m (23 ft) in length must reverse in order to navigate around the tight switchbacks. No trailers. Open late June to early October, weather permitting.

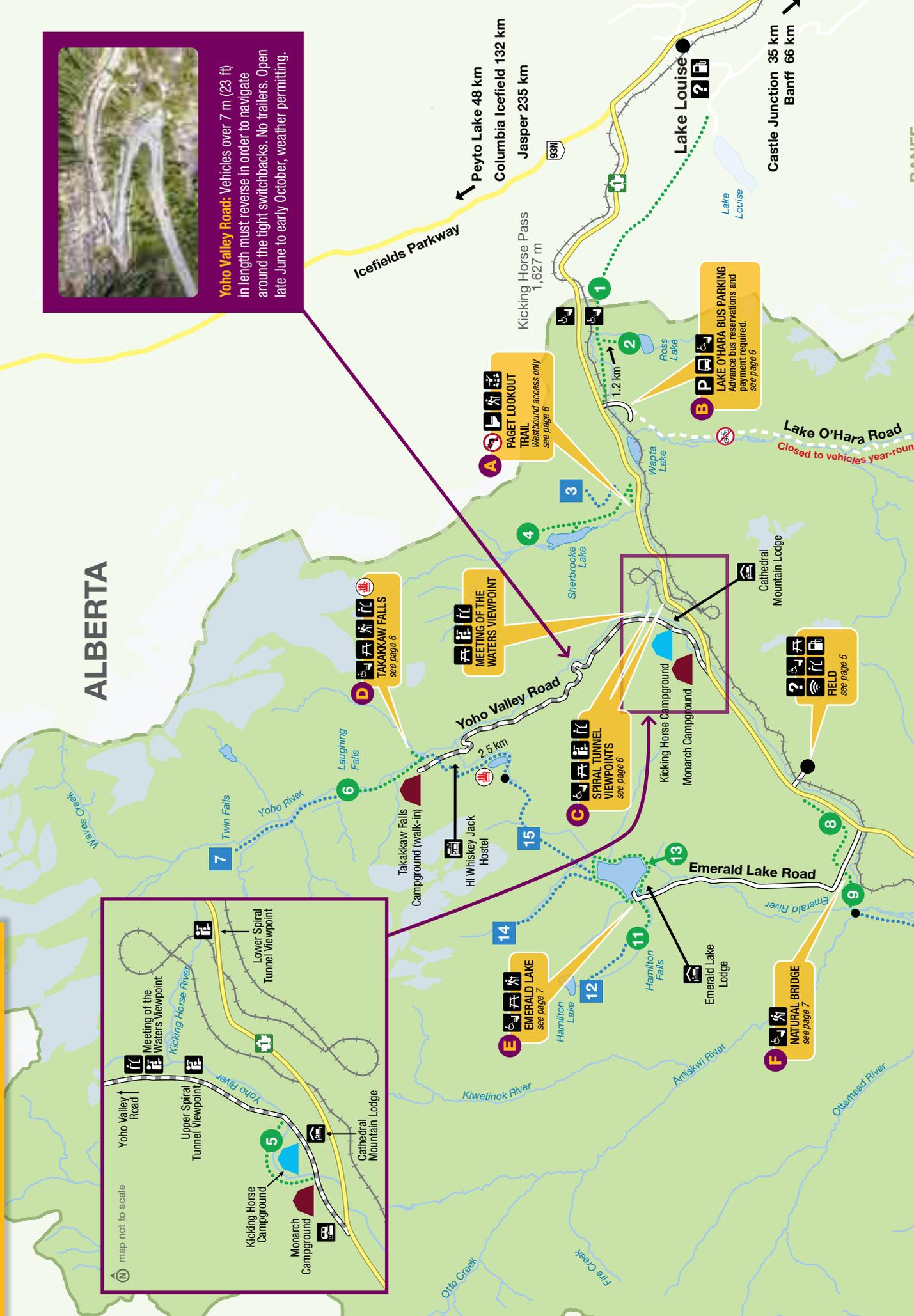


**Icefields Parkway**

Peyto Lake 48 km  
 Columbia Icefield 132 km  
 Jasper 235 km

Castle Junction 35 km  
 Banff 66 km

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**D TAKAKKAW FALLS**  
 see page 6

**MEETING OF THE WATERS VIEWPOINT**

**C SPIRAL TUNNEL VIEWPOINTS**  
 see page 6

**B LAKE O'HARA BUS PARKING**  
 Advance bus reservations and payment required.  
 see page 6

**FIELD**  
 see page 5

**A PAGET LOOKOUT TRAIL**  
 Westbound access only  
 see page 6

**Lake O'Hara Road**  
 Closed to vehicles year-round

**E EMERALD LAKE**  
 see page 7

**F NATURAL BRIDGE**  
 see page 7

Takakkaw Falls Campground (walk-in)

HI Whiskey Jack Hostel

Kicking Horse Campground

Monarch Campground

Cathedral Mountain Lodge

Emerald Lake Lodge

Kiwetinok River

Amiskwi River

Ottermead River

Otto Creek

Fire Creek

Yoho Valley Road

Emerald Lake Road

Lake Louise

Lake Louise

Lake Louise

Wapta Lake

Ross Lake

Kicking Horse Pass 1,627 m

93N

Icefields Parkway

Yoho River

Laughing Falls

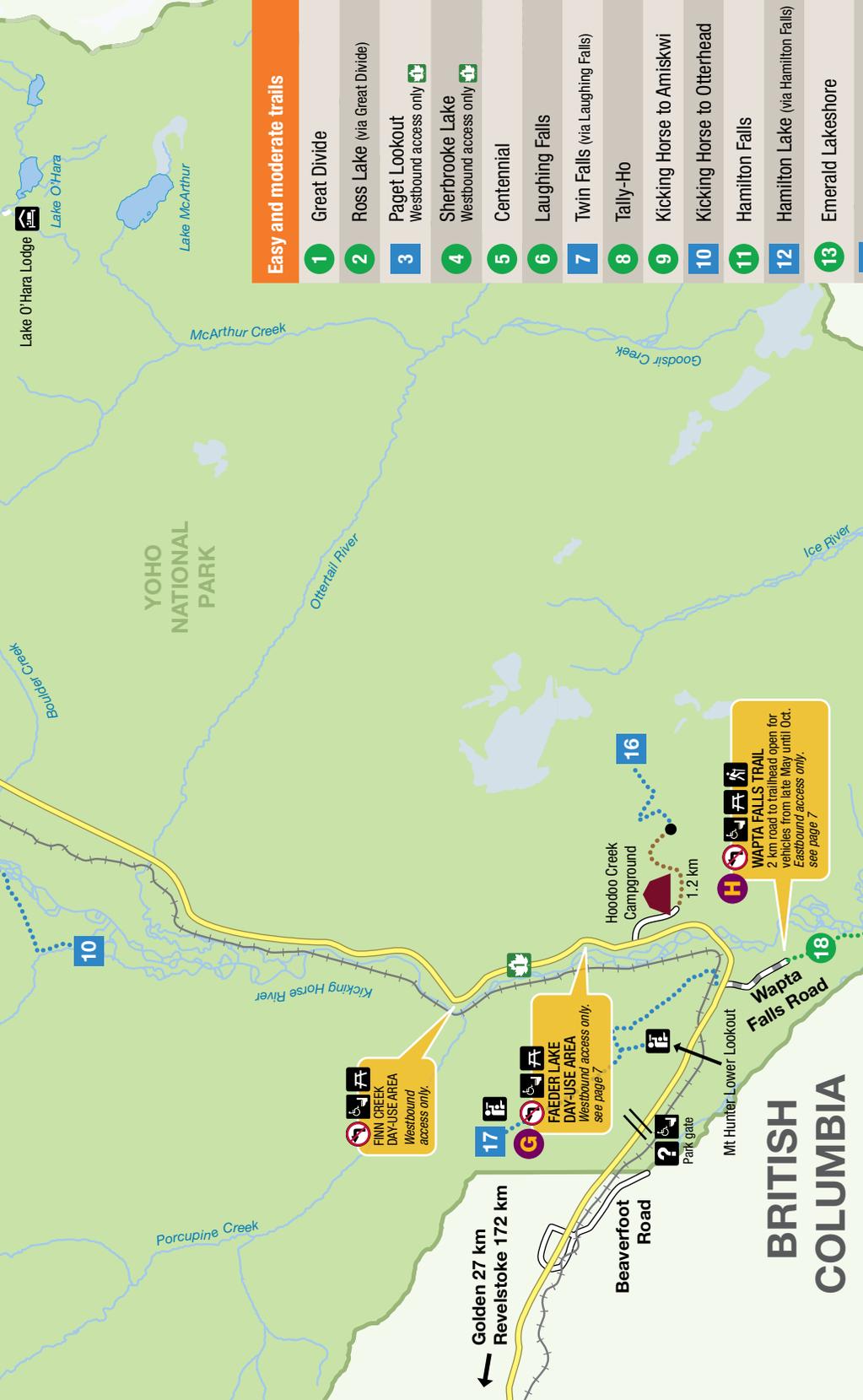
Twin Falls

Waters Creek

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05 km

10 km



Easy and moderate trails		Distance (one-way)	Elevation gain	Elevation loss
1	Great Divide	9.8 km	90 m	120 m
2	Ross Lake (via Great Divide)	2.9 km	120 m	110 m
3	Paget Lookout Westbound access only	3.5 km	525 m	15 m
4	Sherbrooke Lake Westbound access only	4.3 km	280 m	75 m
5	Centennial	1 km	20 m	35 m
6	Laughing Falls	6.5 km	275 m	115 m
7	Twin Falls (via Laughing Falls)	8.6 km	425 m	190 m
8	Tally-Ho	3.2 km	90 m	115 m
9	Kicking Horse to Amiskwi	1.6 km	65 m	10 m
10	Kicking Horse to Otterhead	6.9 km	60 m	140 m
11	Hamilton Falls	0.8 km	100 m	5 m
12	Hamilton Lake (via Hamilton Falls)	5.1 km	915 m	70 m
13	Emerald Lakeshore	5.2 km loop	120 m	120 m
14	Emerald Basin	3.2 km	265 m	60 m
15	Yoho Pass	5.1 km	565 m	70 m
16	Hoodoos	2.0 km	400 m	55 m
17	Mt Hunter Upper Lookout Eastbound access only	8.0 km	1,365 m	60 m
18	Wapta Falls Eastbound access only	2.5 km	120 m	115 m

●●●●● Easy ●●●●● Moderate

**Not all trails are listed here or displayed on the map.** For more information on difficult and multi-day hikes, pick up a Yoho National Park Trail Guide at the park gate or Yoho National Park Visitor Centre.

**On most hiking trails you will gain and lose elevation before you reach your destination.** Elevation gain represents all the up and elevation loss all the down you will experience on a one-way hike.

**⚡ Drones/UAVs are prohibited for personal use anywhere in the national parks.**

**❄ Winter tires (M&S) or chains are required by law for travel in B.C. from Oct. 1 to April 30 and on Hwy 93N (Icefields Parkway) from Nov. 1 to March 31.**

**📱 Scan the code for a hiking map:**  
parks.canada.ca/yoho-brochures



**⚠ Parking at Emerald Lake and Takkakaw Falls is limited and fills quickly.** Park in designated parking areas only and come prepared with a backup plan if your destination is full.

**📶 Cell phone coverage is not reliable.** Free Wi-Fi at the visitor centre in Field.

**🚫 Some trailheads and picnic areas are only accessible from one direction on the Trans-Canada Highway. Left hand turns are only allowed at signed intersections.**

# BRITISH COLUMBIA

Visitor information	Gas
Parking	Hostel
Bus parking	Hotel
Toilet	Sani dump
Barrier-free toilet	Red Chairs
Picnic area	No left hand turns
Viewpoint	Bikes not allowed
Exhibit	Campground first-come, first-served
Hiking	Campground reservable and first-come, first-served
Biking	Road closed year-round
Wi-Fi	Road closed in winter

Golden 27 km  
Revelstoke 172 km

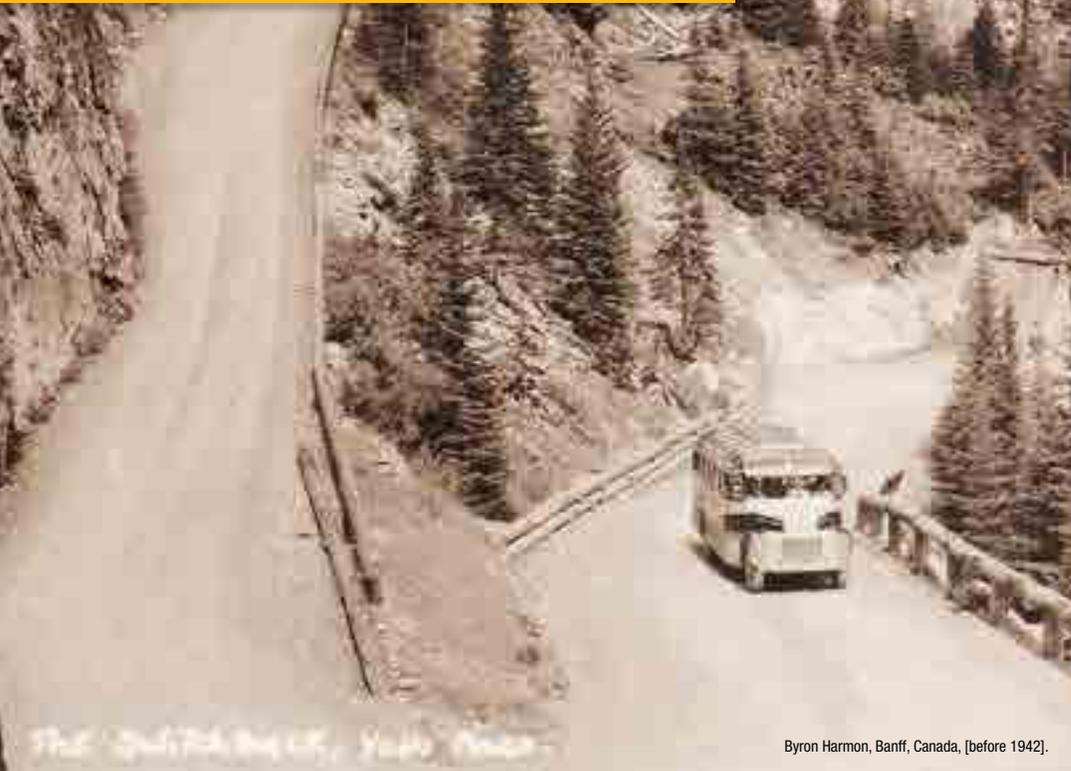
**17** FINN CREEK DAY-USE AREA  
Westbound access only. see page 7

**16** WAPTA FALLS TRAIL  
2 km road to trailhead open for vehicles from late May until Oct. Eastbound access only. see page 7

**18** WAPTA FALLS LOOKOUT

Hoodoo Creek Campground  
1.2 km

# Interpretive activities



Byron Harmon, Banff, Canada, [before 1942].

## YOHO VALLEY ROAD

Enjoy a scenic drive on the Yoho Valley Road. Then, cool off at the base of at Takakkaw Falls - one of the highest waterfalls in Canada. Fun fact! The mist on your face could be melting ice that is hundreds of years old. **New interpretive signs** will help answer questions like: Where is all that water coming from? What does the Daly Glacier look like now compared to hundreds of years ago? How are wolverines and mountain goats adapted to the cold?

**TOP TIPS!** Find your location on the 3D map table. It's humbling to see that you are surrounded by mountains and ice. Take a photo with the new waterfall sculpture as a souvenir. Perhaps you'll get lucky and see a rainbow at the base of the falls.

- Yoho Valley Road is closed from early October to Late June.
- Longer vehicles must reverse to make it around tight switchbacks.
- No trailers.

## CLUB PARKA ages 3-5

This busy little beaver is ready to welcome you and your family to Yoho National Park. Parka encourages kids to explore the world around them, whether on a hike along wilderness trails or a step back in history. Challenge yourself and discover new things in an activity booklet.

## XPLORERS ages 6-11

Do you like to hike or bike, complete a quiz or crossword puzzle, or use your GPS to find a mystery location? Then the Xplorers program is just the right adventure for you!

Xplorer kids and their families discover cool facts about Yoho National Park by completing activities from the Xplorers Booklet. Complete 6 of the 14 activities for a souvenir.

## GEOCACHE CHALLENGE all ages

Participate in a treasure hunting game! Pick up an activity booklet at any visitor centre. Who knows what treasures you may find. Available mid June to September 1.

## EXPLORE. LEARN. CONNECT.

Park interpreters can't wait to share fun and inspiring experiences with you. Join us for an evening program in campgrounds or an activity at popular day-use areas.

## EVENING PROGRAMS

Discover Yoho's natural and cultural heritage. Interpretive programs are offered at Kicking Horse Campground at 8 p.m. every evening. From game nights to speaker series and theatre shows, there's something for everyone!

Programs are available to **all visitors**. You don't need to be staying in the campground to join in the fun!

## LIVING WITH WILDLIFE INTERPRETERS

These specialized interpreters are here to help you have safe experiences in the parks. Learn about human-wildlife coexistence, aquatic invasive species and more. Find interpreters at busy trailheads, day-use areas and on the road patrolling for wildlife jams.

Find out what's on:

[parks.canada.ca/yoho-interpretation](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho-interpretation)



# Guided hikes



 Guided conservation hike to Paget Fire Lookout

**WHITEBARK PINE** plays an important role in subalpine forests; it provides food, habitat and snowpack regulation. Unfortunately, the impacts of disease, pests and climate change are threatening its survival. This is why Whitebark pine is listed as “Endangered” under the Species at Risk Act. These trees need our special attention.

Parks Canada collaborates with other organizations to conserve the species across the landscape and beyond park boundaries. This is what we do:

- **Habitat restoration:** We improve growing conditions by using prescribed fire and forest thinning.
- **Reproduction:** We collect cones from disease-resistant trees, grow seedlings and plant them back in the park.
- **Insect pest management:** We put pouches that release a special smell on some whitebark pine trees. This smell is what beetles use to communicate with each other, and we use it to tell them: “Go away, this tree is already occupied.”

## PAGET LOOKOUT: GETTING CONNECTED

Guided conservation hike. Ages 8+, 7 km return

Hike to the Paget Fire Lookout as your guide tells the story of whitebark pine. Discover the connections between the main characters of this fascinating story, from grizzly bears to fungi. Advance reservations and payment are required. **For more information and to reserve a hike:**



[parks.canada.ca/yoho-conservation-hikes](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho-conservation-hikes) | 1-877-RESERVE (1-877-737-3783)

## THE BURGESS SHALE FOSSILS ARE...

**Old** – Over five hundred million years. Way older than dinosaurs!

**Well preserved** – You can see all sorts of really fine details like eyeballs and guts, brains and more.

**Your relatives** – Our human ancestry can be traced back to these diverse ocean creatures.

These fossils are so globally important that they have been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Burgess Shale is part of the larger Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site.

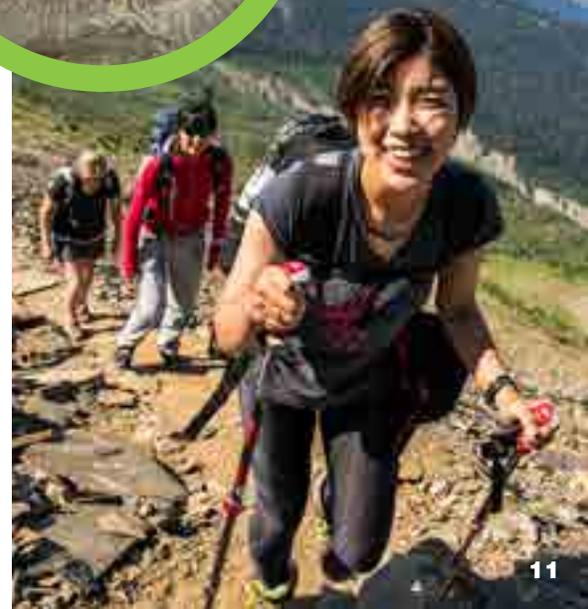
## BURGESS SHALE FOSSILS IN YOHO – GUIDED HIKES

Ages 8+, up to 21 km return

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Meet your ancient ancestors and hold a piece of earth’s history on a guided hike to the restricted **Walcott Quarry** or **Mount Stephen** fossil sites. Advance reservations and payment are required.

**For more information and to reserve a hike:**

[parks.canada.ca/burgess-shale](https://parks.canada.ca/burgess-shale)  
1-877-RESERVE (1-877-737-3783)



# Wildlife and you



Female elk with a GPS collar



## SCIENCE IN THE PARK

Parks Canada has teamed up with Marie-Pier Poulin, a MSc student at the University of Wyoming. She studies how food resources and traffic volumes influence how elk interact with the Trans-Canada Highway in Yoho National Park.

There are 15 adults in the local elk herd. Most of them have been fitted with GPS collars that record their exact location every hour. In her research, Marie-Pier uses this movement data to understand where, when and why elk cross the Trans-Canada Highway. This information is important for the work of resource conservation scientists and highway engineers at Parks Canada. Their goal is to maintain and improve:

- **Safe elk movement** across this major road
- **Access to food** resources on either side of the highway
- **Connectivity** between elk winter and summer ranges



Elk crossing the Trans-Canada Highway near Field, BC

## MOUNTAIN GOATS ON THE MOVE

Although mountain goats are common in Yoho National Park, they can be hard to spot - even for Parks Canada staff! They prefer to hang out in some of the park's steepest terrain, away from curious eyes.

In 2018, wildlife cameras captured the mountain goats' first use of a wildlife crossing in a Canadian national park. The photos captured them walking through a new underpass and standing on top of Yoho's first overpass.

Mountain goats are sensitive to human disturbance. Since 2017, our specialists radio-collared over 20 mountain goats. Tracking the goats using radio collars shows us when and where these animals move so we can manage human activity in their habitat.

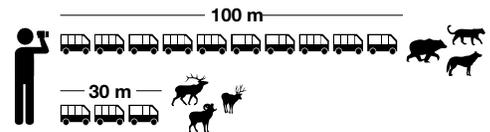
How sensitive are mountain goats to human disturbance? Their poop might hold the answer. A pilot project is underway to use new technology to analyze goat pellets – also known as poop - for stress hormones. We will compare pellets gathered both near and far from human activity.

### IF YOU SEE WILDLIFE BY THE ROAD:

- **Slow down** and use hazard lights to alert other drivers.
- Only stop when and where it is safe to do so. Pull over and do not block traffic.
- **Stay in your vehicle.**
- Watch for a few moments, take a photo from a safe distance and **move on.**

### PHOTOGRAPH WILDLIFE FROM A VEHICLE OR SAFE DISTANCE:

- 30 m for deer, elk, moose and bighorn sheep
- 100 m for bears, wolves, coyotes and cougars



Seeing wild animals in the park can be a thrilling and rewarding experience, but remember:



**Do not approach wildlife.** When taking photos, do not surround, crowd or follow an animal.



**Do not feed wildlife.** This includes littering and leaving food or scented items unattended.



**A no stopping zone protects wildlife and motorists in high risk areas.** Watch for signs along the roadside and do not stop to view wildlife in this zone.

# Protect park waters



## HEALTHY AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS ARE VITAL TO THE HEALTH OF THE NATIONAL PARKS.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native plants, animals and diseases that can be harmful to park waters. Once established, AIS can cause irreversible damage.



**Clean Drain Dry practices and AIS prevention permits are mandatory in Yoho National Park.** To comply with AIS Prevention Permit requirements, **you must:**



- **CLEAN** all mud, sand, plant and animal materials from your watercraft or water-related gear. This includes boats, paddleboards, fishing gear, etc.



- **DRAIN** coolers, buckets, compartments and other items that may hold water.

- **DRY** completely and for 48 hours before entering any river, lake, or stream if used in Alberta or BC. Dry for a minimum of 30 days after use in other provinces or in the United States.



AIS Prevention Permits are available at visitor centres and shoreline kiosks. Download a permit at [parks.canada/yoho-self-certification](https://parks.canada/yoho-self-certification) prior to your visit. You can also visit a staffed inspection station to receive a free inspection and permit. This is located 6 km east of Lake Louise on Hwy 1.

Report AIS sightings to Parks Canada Dispatch (403-762-1470) or email [ReportAIS-SignalerEAE@pc.gc.ca](mailto:ReportAIS-SignalerEAE@pc.gc.ca). For more information, please visit [parks.canada.ca/yoho-fishing](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho-fishing) (click on FAQs for Clean Drain Dry).

## BUY A NATIONAL PARK FISHING PERMIT

**Catch and release only.** Provincial licenses are not valid. Permits are available at Parks Canada visitor centres.

# Stay safe and protect wildlife

## KEEP HUMAN FOOD AWAY FROM ANIMALS

- **DO NOT LITTER.** Use the wildlife-proof garbage bins for all unwanted items and food scraps.
- Store all food, food-related items and scented products in vehicles or storage lockers.
- Non-food related items such as lawn chairs, tables or lanterns may be left outside.
- Pour out dish water at designated sinks or sani dumps.



Parks Canada staff may enter open and plainly visible areas of an unattended campsite to remove and secure plainly visible wildlife attractants.

**KEEP YOUR CAMPSITE AND PICNIC AREA CLEAN** to reduce the risks to your personal safety and to wildlife.



**ALL** food-related and scented items **MUST** be stored away in a vehicle,



a hard-sided trailer or RV,



or in a campground food storage locker.

# Camping in Yoho National Park

Visit  
[parks.canada.ca/yoho-camping](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho-camping)  
for more information.



## RESERVE YOUR SITE TODAY!

[reservation.pc.gc.ca](https://reservation.pc.gc.ca)  
1-877-reserve (737-3783)



Enjoy the family-friendly atmosphere of a Yoho National Park campground. Catch the evening show at the Kicking Horse Campground theatre. Want to go further? Strap on a backpack and hit the trails for a wilderness camping experience at one of the backcountry campsites.

### FRONTCOUNTRY CAMPING

Sleep under the stars at one of four scenic frontcountry campgrounds between mid-May and mid-October. Advance reservations for Kicking Horse Campground are strongly recommended.

Campground	Reservable sites	First-come, first-served sites	Total sites	Staffed check-in kiosk
Kicking Horse	✓	✓	88	✓
Monarch		✓	44	
Takakkaw Falls (walk-in)		✓	35	
Hoodoo Creek		✓	30	

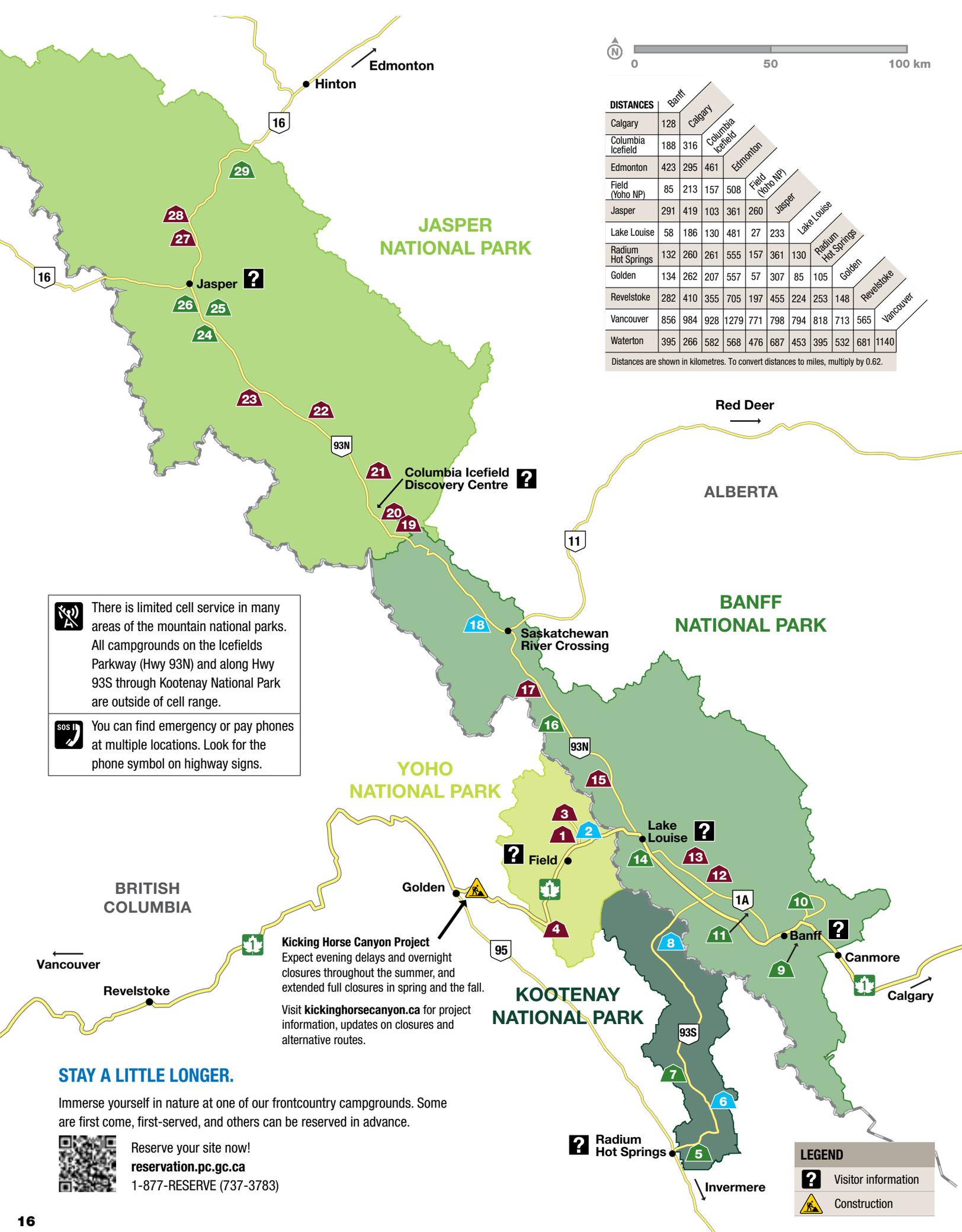
### BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

You need a reservation to stay at one of Yoho's backcountry campgrounds: Yoho Lake, Laughing Falls, Twin Falls, Little Yoho and McArthur Creek. Same-day backcountry reservations can be made at a visitor centre.

Visit [parks.canada.ca/yoho-backcountry](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho-backcountry) for more information.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Camping is only permitted in designated campsites.
- A valid park pass is required to camp in any national park.
- Check-out time at all campgrounds is 11 a.m.
- Quiet hours are from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.



DISTANCES	Banff	Calgary	Columbia Icefield	Edmonton	Field (Yoho NP)	Jasper	Lake Louise	Radium Hot Springs	Golden	Revelstoke	Vancouver
Calgary	128										
Columbia Icefield	188	316									
Edmonton	423	295	461								
Field (Yoho NP)	85	213	157	508							
Jasper	291	419	103	361	260						
Lake Louise	58	186	130	481	27	233					
Radium Hot Springs	132	260	261	555	157	361	130				
Golden	134	262	207	557	57	307	85	105			
Revelstoke	282	410	355	705	197	455	224	253	148		
Vancouver	856	984	928	1279	771	798	794	818	713	565	
Waterton	395	266	582	568	476	687	453	395	532	681	1140

Distances are shown in kilometres. To convert distances to miles, multiply by 0.62.

There is limited cell service in many areas of the mountain national parks. All campgrounds on the Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93N) and along Hwy 93S through Kootenay National Park are outside of cell range.

You can find emergency or pay phones at multiple locations. Look for the phone symbol on highway signs.

**Kicking Horse Canyon Project**  
 Expect evening delays and overnight closures throughout the summer, and extended full closures in spring and the fall.  
 Visit [kickinghorsecanyon.ca](http://kickinghorsecanyon.ca) for project information, updates on closures and alternative routes.

**STAY A LITTLE LONGER.**

Immerse yourself in nature at one of our frontcountry campgrounds. Some are first come, first-served, and others can be reserved in advance.

Reserve your site now!  
[reservation.pc.gc.ca](http://reservation.pc.gc.ca)  
 1-877-RESERVE (737-3783)

**LEGEND**

- Visitor information
- Construction

# Camping in the mountain parks

	CAMPGROUND	OPEN DATES	SITES	PRICES	Full hook-up	Electrical	Sani dump	Flush toilets	Pit toilets	Showers	Firepits	Cooking shelter	Drinking water	Interpretive prog.	oTENTiks	
Yoho	1 Monarch	May 4 – Sept. 18	44	\$18.75												
	2 Kicking Horse	May 18 – Oct. 9	88	\$29.25												
	3 Takakkaw Falls (walk-in)	June 15 – Oct. 9	35	\$18.75												
	4 Hoodoo Creek	June 15 – Sept. 4	30	\$16.75												
Kootenay	5 Redstreak	Apr. 28 – Oct. 9 oTENTiks May 11 – Oct. 9	242	\$29.25 – \$34.50												
	6 McLeod Meadows	June 8 – Sept. 11	80	\$23.00												
	7 Crook's Meadow Non-profit and school groups	Email <a href="mailto:kootenay.info@pc.gc.ca">kootenay.info@pc.gc.ca</a> for reservation information.														
	8 Marble Canyon	June 22 – Sept. 4	61	\$23.00												
Banff	9 Tunnel Mt. Village I	May 11 – Oct. 2	618	\$29.25												
	9 Tunnel Mt. Village II	Open year-round oTENTiks May 11 – Oct. 9	209	\$34.50												
	9 Tunnel Mt. Trailer Court	May 11 – Oct. 2	322	\$40.75												
	10 Two Jack Main	June 22 – Sept. 5	380	\$23.00												
	10 Two Jack Lakeside	May 11 – Oct. 2 oTENTiks May 11 – Oct. 2	74	\$29.25												
	11 Johnston Canyon	May 25 – Sept. 25	132	\$29.25												
	12 Castle Mountain	Closed until further notice	43	\$23.00												
	13 Protection Mountain	June 21 – Sept. 4	72	\$23.00												
	14 Lake Louise Tent	June 1 – Sept. 24	206	\$29.25												
	14 Lake Louise Trailer	Open year-round	189	\$34.50												
	15 Mosquito Creek	June 8 – Oct. 9	38	\$18.75												
	16 Silverhorn Creek	June 2 – Oct. 9	45	\$16.75												
	17 Waterfowl Lakes	June 22 – Sept. 4	110	\$23.00												
	18 Rampart Creek	June 2 – Sept. 24	51	\$18.75												
	Jasper	19 Wilcox	Mid June - Mid Sept.	46	\$26.00											
		20 Icefield Centre RV	Mid May - Early Oct.	100	\$16.75											
		20 Icefield (tents only)	Mid June - Early Oct.	33	\$26.00											
		21 Jonas	Mid June - Early Sept.	25	\$26.00											
22 Honeymoon Lake		Mid May - Mid Sept.	35	\$26.00												
23 Kerkeslin		Mid May - Early Sept.	42	\$26.00												
24 Wabasso		Mid May – Mid Sept.	231	\$32.25 – \$38.50												
25 Wapiti (winter)		Oct. 10 - April 30, 2024	75	\$34.50												
25 Wapiti (summer)		Early May - Mid Oct.	364	\$34.50 – \$43.75												
26 Whistlers		Early May - Mid Oct.	781	\$24.00 – \$50.00												
27 Snaring		Mid May - Mid Sept.	62	\$26.00												
28 Overflow	Mid May – Mid Sept.	280	\$16.75													
29 Miette	Late June - Earl Sept.	140	\$32.25													

All sites in the campground are reservable.

First-come, first-served sites only. Self-register at the campground.  
In summer months, arrive before mid-day for the best chance of getting a site.

Mix of reservable and first-come, first-served sites.

Campground is undergoing upgrades. Check online for the latest information and opening dates: [reservation.pc.gc.ca](https://reservation.pc.gc.ca)



Laughing Falls Trails

## National park regulations



**No campfires outside of designated metal fire pits.** Never leave a fire unattended unless it is completely extinguished. Be aware of fire bans.



**Do not camp in pullouts, trailheads or day-use areas.** Camp only in designated campgrounds with a valid camping permit and park entry pass. [parks.canada.ca/yoho-camping](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho-camping)



**Do not enter closed areas.** Closures are implemented and posted when visitors are at risk or wildlife need protection. Visit [parks.canada.ca/yoho-bulletins](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho-bulletins)



**Do not remove natural objects.** It is illegal to pick plants, to cut down trees and branches, to remove rocks, fossils and cultural artifacts or to otherwise cause damage.



**Drones/UAVs are prohibited** for personal use anywhere in the national parks.



**Firearms are prohibited** in national parks. Firearms include pellet guns, bear bangers, bows, slingshots and similar items.



**Do not consume alcohol and cannabis** beyond your registered campsite or at the Radium Hot Springs pools. In campgrounds, there is a daily ban on alcohol and cannabis consumption during quiet hours, between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Be aware of extended bans during holiday weekends.



Park wardens enforce regulations as required by the **Canada National Parks Act**.

**Violators may be charged and could pay fines of up to \$25,000.**

## Mountain park contacts

### KOOTENAY

Kootenay Visitor Centre: 250-347-9505 | [kootenay.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:kootenay.info@pc.gc.ca)  
[parks.canada.ca/kootenay](https://parks.canada.ca/kootenay)  
Tourism Radium/Radium Chamber of Commerce: 1-888-347-9331  
[radiumhotsprings.com](https://radiumhotsprings.com)

### BANFF

Banff Visitor Centre: 403-762-1550 | [banffinfo@pc.gc.ca](mailto:banffinfo@pc.gc.ca)  
Lake Louise Visitor Centre: 403-522-3833 | [ll.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:ll.info@pc.gc.ca)  
[parks.canada.ca/banff](https://parks.canada.ca/banff)  
Banff Lake Louise Tourism: 403-762-8421  
[banfflakelouise.com](https://banfflakelouise.com)

### YOHO

Yoho Visitor Centre: 250-343-6783 | [yoho.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:yoho.info@pc.gc.ca)  
[parks.canada.ca/yoho](https://parks.canada.ca/yoho)  
Accommodations and attractions in Field: [field.ca](https://field.ca)

### MOUNT REVELSTOKE AND GLACIER

Rogers Pass Discovery Centre: 250-837-7500  
[parks.canada.ca/glacier](https://parks.canada.ca/glacier)  
[parks.canada.ca/revelstoke](https://parks.canada.ca/revelstoke)

### WATERTON LAKES

Waterton Lakes Visitor Centre: 403-859-5133  
[parks.canada.ca/waterton](https://parks.canada.ca/waterton)

### JASPER

Jasper Information Centre: 780-852-6176 | [jasperinfo@pc.gc.ca](mailto:jasperinfo@pc.gc.ca)  
[parks.canada.ca/jasper](https://parks.canada.ca/jasper)  
Tourism Jasper: 780-852-6236 [jasper.travel](https://jasper.travel)

Cell phone service is not reliable in the mountain parks.

Road reports: [drivebc.ca](https://drivebc.ca) or **511.alberta.ca**

**FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911** (police, fire and ambulance)

## Law Enforcement

To report violations, call 24 hours, 7 days per week:

**1-888-927-3367** (Banff, Yoho and Kootenay) | **1-877-852-3100** (Jasper, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier)