A national park fishing permit is required when angling in Canada’s national parks. Provincial fishing licenses are not valid.

### Banff National Park (BNP)

**Open Seasons – Fishing**

- **Fishing Regulations**
  - Banff National Park regulations apply to the outlet stream from Beaver Lake to its junction with the Maligne River.
  - All other waters except closed waters.

#### CLOSED WATERS

- Lake Minnewanka, Two Jack Lake, Annette Lake, Beaver Lake, Dragon Lake, Long Lake, Medicine Lake.
- Lakes Lorette, Lillian, and Lillian’s Creek.
- The part of Maligne Lake situated within a 180 m radius of a point in the middle of the outlet stream from the Maligne Lake reservoir, Vermilion Lakes (3) and adjacent inflow channels, Pocahontas Ponds and other connected wetlands.
- The part of Lake Minnewanka reservoir, Lorette Lake and Talbot Lake, Edna Lake.
- **Year Round**
  - Ban on Felt-Soled Wading Boots

#### OPEN SEASONS - LAKES

- **Banff National Park Fish Management Plan** requires a separate fishing permit from other mountain parks.
- Open Seasons: August 15 to October 31.
- All other lakes except closed waters.

### Jasper National Park (JNP)

**Open Seasons – Fishing**

- Ban on Felt-Sold Wading Boots

#### CLOSED WATERS

- Lake Annette, Turtle Mountain, CIS.
- The part of Maligne Lake situated within a 180 m radius of a point in the middle of the outlet stream from the Maligne Lake reservoir, Vermilion Lakes (3) and adjacent inflow channels, Pocahontas Ponds and other connected wetlands.
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#### OPEN SEASONS - LAKES

- **Year Round**
  - Ban on Felt-Soled Wading Boots
  - Motor boats (gas or electric) are allowed on Lake Minnewanka (excluding closed waters).

**SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS**

- **July 1 to August 15**
  - Motor boats (gas or electric) are allowed on Lake Minnewanka (excluding closed waters).

**FOR CURRENT INFORMATION**

parkscanada.gc.ca/banff-fishing

### Yoho National Park (YNP)

**Open Seasons – Fishing**

- **Year Round**
  - Kicking Horse River and the Kicking Horse River: year-round closed.
  - All other lakes except closed waters.

#### CLOSED WATERS

- Railway Valley, Mountain Lake, Arrow Lake, Locke Lake, Upper and Lower Goose Lake, Icefields Parkway.
  - Lakes Moraine, Abraham, Jasper, Medicine, Whitefish, and Maligne.
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- **Year Round**
  - All other lakes except closed waters.

#### CLOSED WATERS

- **Kootenay National Park (KNP)**
  - Kootenay Lakes National Park requires a separate fishing permit from other mountain parks.

**Open Seasons – Fishing**

- **Year Round**
  - All other lakes except closed waters.

**FOR CURRENT INFORMATION**

parkscanada.gc.ca/yoho-fishing

### Waterton Lakes National Park (WLNP)

**Open Seasons – Fishing**

- **Year Round**
  - All other lakes except closed waters.

**FOR CURRENT INFORMATION**

parkscanada.gc.ca/waterton-fishing

**Didymo**

Didymo is a freshwater algae that has the appearance of white silt or spume and can coat aquatic plants. Didymo can be spread in live-wells, pumps, motor and bilges. It kills off native fish species and becomes unpalatable because of its sharp shells and colour.

**Bladder Worms**

Bladder worms are a parasite that causes internal deformities of an infected fish’s body or head, usually in pike, and they may appear dark or white in colour. This disease is not harmful to humans or wildlife but it can have significant effects on some fish populations.

**Invasive Mussels**

Invasive mussels such as Quagga and Zebra mussels are small, fan-shaped, and attach themselves to objects. They can clog boats, make locks and locks unsafe, and harm native fish species. Some contain diseases or toxins that can be harmful to humans or wildlife.

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Disclaimer
• Fishing without a national park fishing permit.
• Fishing spills or possess within (100) review of park waters or within national park waters.
• Natural bait and chemical attractants.
• Invasive species.
• More than 5 gang hooks.
• Harass fish by throwing objects or impeding their waters.
• Leave a fishing line unattended.
• Continue fishing on any day after having caught and retained the maximum daily catch and possession limit.
• Fish with more than one line at a time.

Limitation of the Maximum Daily Catch

Maximum daily catch and possession limits for Banff, Yoho and Kootenay National Parks reduced to zero except for Lake Minnewanka lake trout, Trout Point Lake whitefish, and Lake Minnewanka lake whitefish. You must correctly identify your catch.

9 TIPS FOR FISHING SAFETY

1. Minimize the time you play a fish. A fish played too long may not survive... (see fishing tips).
2. Keep the fish in the water at all times when handling and releasing.
3. Handle the fish with care to avoid injuring it. (see fishing tips).
4. Remove the hook gently with needle-nosed pliers. If the fish is bleeding excessively, it will likely not survive... (see fishing tips).
5. Continue to hold the fish in the water gently... (see fishing tips).
6. If the fish is breathing excessively... (see fishing tips).
7. Use a barbless hook to reduce time spent fighting the fish and releasing... (see fishing tips).
8. Angling for trout in waters exceeding 18°C reduces... (see fishing tips).
9. Use artificials to make it easier for the fish to die... (see fishing tips).

HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR CATCH

DEFINITIONS

Fishing license: you can only use lures made of feathers, flake, rubber, wood, metal, or plastic. No edible material (plant or animal products), scented lures or chemical attractants are permitted. Release all zero-possession species.

Bull Trout
- pale yellow spots on back, red slash for proper identification.

Rainbow Trout
- NO black line white leading edge, black spots from under jaw for proper identification.

Arctic Grayling
- NO black line white leading edge, black spots from under jaw for proper identification.

Kokanee Salmon
- NO black on tail and NO black line white leading edge, black spots from under jaw for proper identification.

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