DAY HIKING

What is your responsibility?

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Easy

SHARE THE TRAILS

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For those hikes, travel south from the Jasper townsite along the Icefields Parkway, Highway 93N. The Icefield Centre is 155 km from Jasper.

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PARKER RIDGE

3.5 km return; elevation gain/loss: 200 m; 2 hrs

Trailhead • 3.1 km south of the Icefield Centre in Banff National Park

After climbing a series of steep switchbacks, you’ll be rewarded with panoramic views of the Saskatchewan Glacier. This trail is typically snow-covered in June and wet in July.

NIGEL PASS

5.6 km return; elevation gain/loss: 305 m; 3 hrs

Trailhead • 15 km south of the Icefield Centre in Banff National Park

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WILCOX PASS

6.9 km return (2.6 km return to red chains); elevation gain/loss: 325 m; 2 hrs

Trailhead • 3.1 km south of the Icefield Centre at the entrance of Wilcox Creek Campground

This trail starts off steep but quickly opens into a relatively flat alpine meadow. Once the trail is once over-covered in June and wet until mid-July. Be on the lookout for mountain sheep. Additional 2-3 km return to viewpoint.

SULPHUR SKYLINE

2.3 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 50 m; 1 hr

Trailhead • The parking lot at the end of Maligne Lake Road

Be prepared for one of Jasper’s steepest hikes. After hiking upwards for a few kilometres, the trees give way to a beautiful subalpine meadow with brilliant views of Maligne Lake. This trail often has snowfall or ice-covered during late-November and June. Be sure to check trailhead signs for up-to-date information.

BOULDER FALLS

0.9 km return; elevation gain/loss: 75 m; 30 min

Trailhead • The trailhead is the highest parking lot north of Maligne Lake

This steep trail is typically one of the first snow-free alpine hikes in the park. The trail is often the only way to the top, for the views of Ursula Mountain, the Middle Ridge and Asilah Ridge are well worth the sweat.

Caution: This area is well-known for afternoons where a hail storm can change the forecast in a matter of minutes with thunder and ice.
These easy multi-use trails provide opportunities to explore and access areas close to the town of Jasper.

Jasper Discovery Trail 2.2 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 60 m; 1 hr
Trailhead: 0.5 km from the Jasper Discovery Trail (S1) at the intersection of Connaght Drive and Highway 83 North/Kincaid
This trail will introduce you to the nature and history of Jasper. Look for signs, maps, markers and guides to guide your way.

Wapiti Trail 4.0 km one way; no elevation gain/loss; 1-2 hrs
Trailhead: 0.3 km from the Jasper Discovery Trail (S1) at the intersection of Connaght Drive and Highway 83 North/Kincaid
This trail provides access from town to Lakes Edith and Annette. Be careful when crossing Highway 16.

Bighorn Trail 4.9 km one way; minimal elevation gain; 1 hr
Trailhead: From Wapiti Trail (S1) at the intersection of Highway 16 and Getato Loop
This trail provides access from town to Old Fort Point and Jasper Park Lodge. Part of the trail is adjacent to the Athabasca River, while part is on the lakefront access road.

Pyramid Trail 5.4 km one way; elevation gain/loss: 110 m; 1-2 hrs
Trailhead: Jasper Activity Centre parking lot (P9)
Follow the Jasper Discovery Trail (S1) for 1 km before connecting to the Pyramid Trail (G5). The trail dives gently but continues up the Pyramid Bench and is a great access route to other trails.

Woodpecker Trail 2.0 km one way; minimal elevation gain; 1 hr
Trailhead: Jasper Activity Centre parking lot (P9)
This easy stroll connects Jasper Park Lodge to Lake Annette. It is great for casual exploration and birding.

PYRAMID BENCH
The trail routes described below are on the Pyramid Bench—a lake-dotted terrace adjacent to Jasper.

Mina-Riley Lakes Loop 4.8 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 100 m; 2.5 hrs
Trailhead: Jasper Activity Centre parking lot (P9)
Start on trail 16 and then head onto trail 11. This route takes you through a thriving wetland ecosystem. Between Mina and Riley Lakes, you will find Cottonwood Creek. Follow the loop by continuing back to the parking lot on trail 16.

Cottonwood Creek Loop 6.0 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 75 m; 1-2 hrs
Trailhead: Jasper Activity Centre parking lot (P9)
Follow trail 15 to the Pyramid Bench and across Pyramid Road. From here you can enjoy views of the Athabasca Valley.

Lookout Loop 6.0 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 75 m; 1-2 hrs
Trailhead: Jasper Activity Centre parking lot (P9)
This trail has a steep ascent to the trailhead, which offers amazing views of Jasper. The trail ends at the trailhead.

Jasper’s Connector Trails
Be careful when crossing the railroad tracks.

These trails lie south of Jasper and are accessible from Highway 93.

Valley of the Five Lakes 4.6 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 85 m; 2 hrs

Trailhead: (P5) 9 km south on Highway 93
This trail includes two loops, stay on trail up to the lake then return to the parking lot at last lake. For a longer loop continue on trail, or along the first lake and loop back on trail (5 km). Mainly gently inclines with some short but steep sections.

Wabasso Lake 6.0 km return; elevation gain/loss: 36 m; 2-3 hrs
Trailhead: (P10) 14.4 km south on Highway 93
This trail crosses several low ridges providing views of the Athabasca Valley and Mount Edith Creek. From Wabasso Lake you can continue on trail to connect to the Valley of the Five Lakes Trail (P5).

The Whistlers Summit Trail 1.1 km one way; elevation gain: 100 m; 1 hr
Trailhead: Stay here above summit
Venture up for a 360-degree view of the Athabasca Valley and surrounding peaks.

The Whistlers Trail 1.2 km one way; elevation gain: 50 m; 2-3 hrs down.
Trailhead: (P1) 6.4 km up Whistlers Road
The effort required to hike this steep trail is well rewarded by panoramic views of the Athabasca and Jasper Valleys.

These trails lie on the east side of the Athabasca River.

Lake Annette Loop 4.6 km return; no elevation gain/loss; 1-2 hrs
Trailhead: Lake Annette parking lot
This wheelchair-friendly interpretative trail offers a peninsa loop along the shores of Lake Annette.

Lac Beauvert Loop 3.5 km loop; no elevation gain/loss; 1-2 hrs
Trailhead: (P16) 7.4 km east on Lac Beauvert parking lot
This trail along the perimeter of beautiful Lac Beauvert provides amazing views of Jasper Park Lodge and the surrounding valley.

Flower Loop 2.2 km loop; no elevation gain/loss; 30 min - 1 hr
Trailhead: (P15) 4 km south on Highway 93
This short and flat trail follows the shore of Athabasca River and provides excellent bird and wildflower viewing opportunities.

Old Fort Point Loop 3.4 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 100 m; 1-2 hrs
Trailhead: (P1) 16 km south on Highway 93A North turn onto the Old Fort Point/Lac Beauvert access road. After crossing the bridge the trail leads into the right.

Old Fort Point is a prominent bedrock hill. This trail is steep in places but provides an excellent view of Jasper. Horses and bikes are not permitted on some sections of this trail. Watch for bighorn sheep!

Maligne Canyon 2.2 km one way; elevation gain/loss: 150 m; 1 hr
Trailhead: (P14) 16 km south on Highway 93A North turn onto the Old Fort Point/Lac Beauvert access road. After crossing the bridge the trail leads into the right.

There are many bridges along this trail, allowing you to make this trek as short or long as you’d like. First and second bridges provide quick access to the views, while third bridge further down provides a different perspective. Horses and bikes are not permitted on some sections of this trail. The trail is steep in places.

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