

Lake O'Hara 2019

To protect this sensitive alpine area and maintain a wilderness experience, a quota system is in place to limit the number of visitors using the public bus service into Lake O'Hara. The daily quota allows 42 day users, along with overnight visitors staying at the park's 30 site campground, two Alpine Club of Canada huts, and a small private lodge.

Reservations for licenced guiding companies

All companies licenced to guide in Yoho National Park are able to conduct commercial trips in Lake O'Hara area. To ensure fair access to bus seat reservations for both the public and commercial interests, a maximum of eleven commercial bus seats per day have been allocated. Six of these may be reserved up to three calendar months in advance of your visit on a first come, first serve basis. The remaining five seats within the commercial limit are to accommodate the needs of local alpine guides who have traditionally used the area as a poor weather mountaineering alternative. These five seats may only be reserved 24 hours in advance, on a first-come, first served basis.

What you need to know

- Licenced companies will be limited to no more than **ten reservation bookings per calendar month**.
- Modifications cannot be made less than seven days prior to the original booking date.
- **Maximum group size is six.**
- Licenced companies may only reserve space on the public bus within the licenced guides quota.
- The quota is **for licenced guides and their paying clients only**. Commercial reservations may only be made under respective company names.
- Companies that have obtained commercial sector reservations **shall not sell or trade** the space to any other commercial or private interests.

Bus Schedule Day Users

Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

Please arrive at the bus staging area 20 minutes prior to departure June 19 to October 4, 2019	
Ingoing	Outgoing
8:30 am	9:30 am
10:30 am	11:30 am
	2:30 pm
	4:30 pm
	6:30 pm

Lake O'Hara Day Use Fees

Fee	Adult	Youth (6-16)	Child (0-5)
Bus: return trip	\$14.70	\$7.30	No charge
Bus: return only	\$9.75	\$4.75	No charge
Reservation fees	\$11.70 (non-refundable)		
Cancellation fees	\$11.70		

Note: All fees are subject to change.

Hours of operation (Mountain Time)

Lake O'Hara Reservation Line: 1-250-343-6433

Phone hours: 8 am to 12 pm / 1 pm to 4 pm MDT

April 1 to May 24, Monday-Friday

May 25 to June 16, Daily

June 17 to October 4, Monday-Friday*

*Commercial reservations can be made by calling the Field visitor center during our Monday to Friday schedule at 1-250-343-6783

Cancellation and Refund Policy for guided groups

Cancellations are received by an answering machine at **250-343-6433**. Please leave your name, reservation number, credit card number and expiry date.

- Cancellations and modifications made less than seven days prior to the planned date of the trip will forfeit refunds.
- An \$11.70 cancellation fee applies.

Checklist

The Lake O'Hara Valley is a high-elevation backcountry area with trails that are often snow-bound, muddy or inaccessible. Come prepared for all weather conditions and to be self-sufficient. Here's a checklist to help you get ready:

- Extra clothing, sunscreen, hat, gloves, rain gear
- Sturdy shoes or hiking boots
- Valid National Park Pass (for purchase at any Parks Canada Visitor Centre or from the Lake O'Hara bus attendant)
- Bus confirmations required at arrival
- Guiding licence
- Arrive at the bus staging area at least 20 minutes prior to departure
- Cash to buy snacks at *Le Relais* day use shelter!
- Please note that **no valuables should be left in your parked vehicle**.
- Please stay on the trails to minimise your impact.

Pets and Bicycles

You may walk your pet on leash into the valley, but pets are not allowed on the bus or at the campground.

Cycling is not permitted on the Lake O'Hara road.

Important reminder

- You will be required to show your guiding licence to the Lake O'Hara attendant at the bus.
- Arrive at the bus staging area at least 20 minutes prior to departure
- For licenced guides and their paying clients only

Stewardship

Please stay on trails to minimize your impact. Research has identified important grizzly bear habitat and a regional wildlife corridor in the area.

- To ensure wildlife can move freely through McArthur Pass, please **voluntarily limit** your use of the Odaray Highline trail, which cuts across the wildlife corridor at this narrow pass.
- McArthur Valley (from McArthur Pass to the Ottertail River) is closed to hikers until August 15. After August 15, when seasonal plant foods favoured by grizzly bears have peaked, McArthur Valley is opened to two hiking parties per week. A hiking permit is required to hike this unmaintained wilderness route. It can be obtained by phoning the Yoho National Park Visitor Centre at **250-343-6783**.
- Please don't feed wildlife and stay on the trails.
- Don't move any natural objects in the park.
- Read the brochure **Bears and People**. It is available on the Yoho National Park website, at the bus and at *Le Relais*.

The Lake O'Hara Trail Club

The Lake O'Hara Trails Club operates *Le Relais* day use shelter during the hiking season. Here, you may warm up, receive trail information, buy a hot drink or snack (cash only).

Park trail crew, with support from the Lake O'Hara trails Club www.lotc.ca, maintain a vast network of trails at Lake O'Hara.

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