

JASPER'S CONNECTOR TRAILS

SOUTH OF JASPER

ACROSS THE RIVER

1 AROUND TOWN

These easy multi-use trails provide opportunities to explore and access areas close to the town of Jasper.

Jasper Discovery Trail ●●● P2 P3 ●●● 8.3 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 120 m; 2-3 hrs

Trailhead • This trail loops around Jasper and can be started from nearly anywhere in town. Partly paved

This trail will introduce you to the nature and history of Jasper. Look for signs, maps, markers and kiosks to guide your way. There are a few steep inclines on the northwest section of trail.

Wapiti Trail ●●● 12 ●●● 4.6 km one way; no elevation gain; 1-2 hrs

Trailhead • From the Jasper Discovery Trail (11) at the intersection of Connaught Drive and Highway 93A North/Hazel Ave

This flat trail is a great way to walk or bike from town to Whistlers or Wapiti Campground.

Bighorn Trail ●●● 13 4.4 km one way; elevation gain/loss: 33 m; 1-2 hrs

Trailhead • At the northeast end of the Jasper Discovery Trail (11) This trail provides access from town to Lakes Edith and Annette. Be careful when crossing Highway 16.

Red Squirrel Trail ●●● 14 2.8 km one way; minimal elevation gain; 1 hr

Trailhead • From Wapiti Trail (12) at the intersection of Highway 16 and 93A North

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 lac Beauvert access road.

Pyramid Trail ●●● P3 15 5.4 km one way; elevation gain/loss: 118 m; 1-2 hrs

Trailhead • Jasper Activity Centre parking lot (P3)

Follow the Jasper Discovery Trail (11) for 600 m before connecting to the Pyramid Trail (15). This trail climbs gently but continuously up the Pyramid Bench and is a great access route to other trails.

Woodpecker Trail ●●● P3 P7 18 2.8 km one way; minimal elevation gain; 1 hr

Trailhead • Lake Annette parking lot (P13) or Jasper Park Lodge (P17) This easy stroll connects Jasper Park Lodge to Lake Annette.

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

Valley of the Five Lakes ●●● P3 9a 9b 9c 9d 9e 4.6 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 66 m; 2 hrs

Trailhead • (P15) 9 km south on Highway 93

This trail includes two loops. Stay on trail 9a to pass lakes five through two, and loop back on 9b to the parking lot (4.6 km). For a longer loop continue on trail 9a along the first lake and loop back on trail 9 (9.3 km). Mainly slight inclines with some short but steep sections.

Wabasso Lake ●●● P3 9 6.4 km return; elevation gain/loss: 38 m; 2-3 hrs

Trailhead • (P16) 14.6 km south on Highway 93

This trail crosses several low ridges providing views of the Athabasca Valley and Mount Edith Cavell. From Wabasso Lake you can continue on trail 9 to connect to the Valley of the Five Lakes Trail (6.3 km).

The Whistlers Summit Trail ●●● 5a 3c 3d 1.1 km one way; elevation gain: 150 m; 1 hr

Trailhead • SkyTram upper terminal

Venture up for a 360-degree view of the Athabasca Valley and surrounding peaks.

The Whistlers Trail ●●● P3 5 3c 3d 7.3 km one way; elevation gain: 1200 m; 3-5 hrs up, 2-3 hrs down.

Trailhead • (P14) 2.8 km up Whistlers Road

The effort required to hike this steep trail is well rewarded by panoramic views of the Miette and Athabasca Valleys.

Warning: there is avalanche danger when the upper part of this trail is snow-covered.

PYRAMID BENCH

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

Mina-Riley Lakes Loop ●●● P3 11 8 2 8.2 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 172 m; 3-4 hrs

Trailhead • (P3) Jasper Activity Centre parking lot

Start on trail 11 and then head onto trail 8. This route takes you through a thriving wetland ecosystem. Between Mina and Riley Lakes you can shortcut back to town on 8c, or finish the loop by connecting back to the parking lot on trail 2.

Cottonwood Creek Loop ●●● P3 2 2a 11 5 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 75 m; 1-2 hrs

Trailhead • (P3) Jasper Activity Centre parking lot

Follow trail 2 up the Pyramid Bench and across Pyramid Road. From here trail 2a rewards you with exceptional views of the valley. Use trail 11 to complete the loop.

Overlook Loop ●●● P7 2b 21 2g 2 6 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 75 m; 1-2 hrs

Trailhead • (P7) North end of Pyramid Lake

This trail is steep at the start, but rewards you with some of the best views of Pyramid Lake. Take trail 2b and follow it along the ridge. Follow trail 2f for 200 m, and then use 2g and 2 to get back.

WEST OF JASPER

West of Jasper, the Pyramid Bench is bordered by the Miette River and more lakes.

Saturday Night Lake Loop ●●● P4 3 24.3 km loop, 4.2 km one way for Caledonia Lake; elevation gain/loss: 540 m; 7-9 hrs.

Trailhead • (P2) Southwest end of Jasper

A gentle uphill walk takes you past Marjorie Lake to Caledonia Lake. From there the grade steepens toward Minnow Lake and the rest of the Saturday Night Lake Loop; a long day hike, or an easy overnight backpack. (Backcountry permit required).

Dorothy and Christine Lakes ●●● P3 60 60a 8.6 km return; elevation gain/loss: 250 m; 4-6 hrs

Trailhead • (P26) 11.5 km west of Jasper on Highway 16

This hike is steep in places but beautiful Christine Lake is worth it. Be careful when crossing the railroad tracks.



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

Lake Annette Loop ●●● P3 4a 2.4 km return; no elevation gain; 1-1.5 hrs

Trailhead • Lake Annette parking lot

This wheelchair-friendly interpretive trail offers a paved loop along the shores of Lake Annette.

Lac Beauvert Loop ●●● P3 4a 3.5 km loop; no elevation gain; 1-2 hrs

Trailhead • (P18) 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 ●●● P3 10a 10 3c 2.2 km loop; no elevation gain/loss; 1-1.5 hrs

Trailhead • (P8) Sixth Bridge parking lot, 7.5 km east of Jasper via Highway 16 and Maligne Road

This short and flat trail follows the shore of Athabasca River and provides excellent bird and wildflower viewing opportunities.

Old Fort Point Loop ●●● P1 1 1a 3.8 km loop; elevation gain/loss: 130 m; 1-2 hrs

Trailhead • (P1) from Highway 93A North turn onto the Old Fort Point/Lac Beauvert access road. After crossing the bridge the trailhead is on 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 ●●● P11 7 71 2.2 km one way; elevation gain/loss: 100 m; 1-2 hrs

Trailhead • (P11) Maligne Canyon upper parking lot, 8 km east of Jasper via Highway 16 and Maligne Road

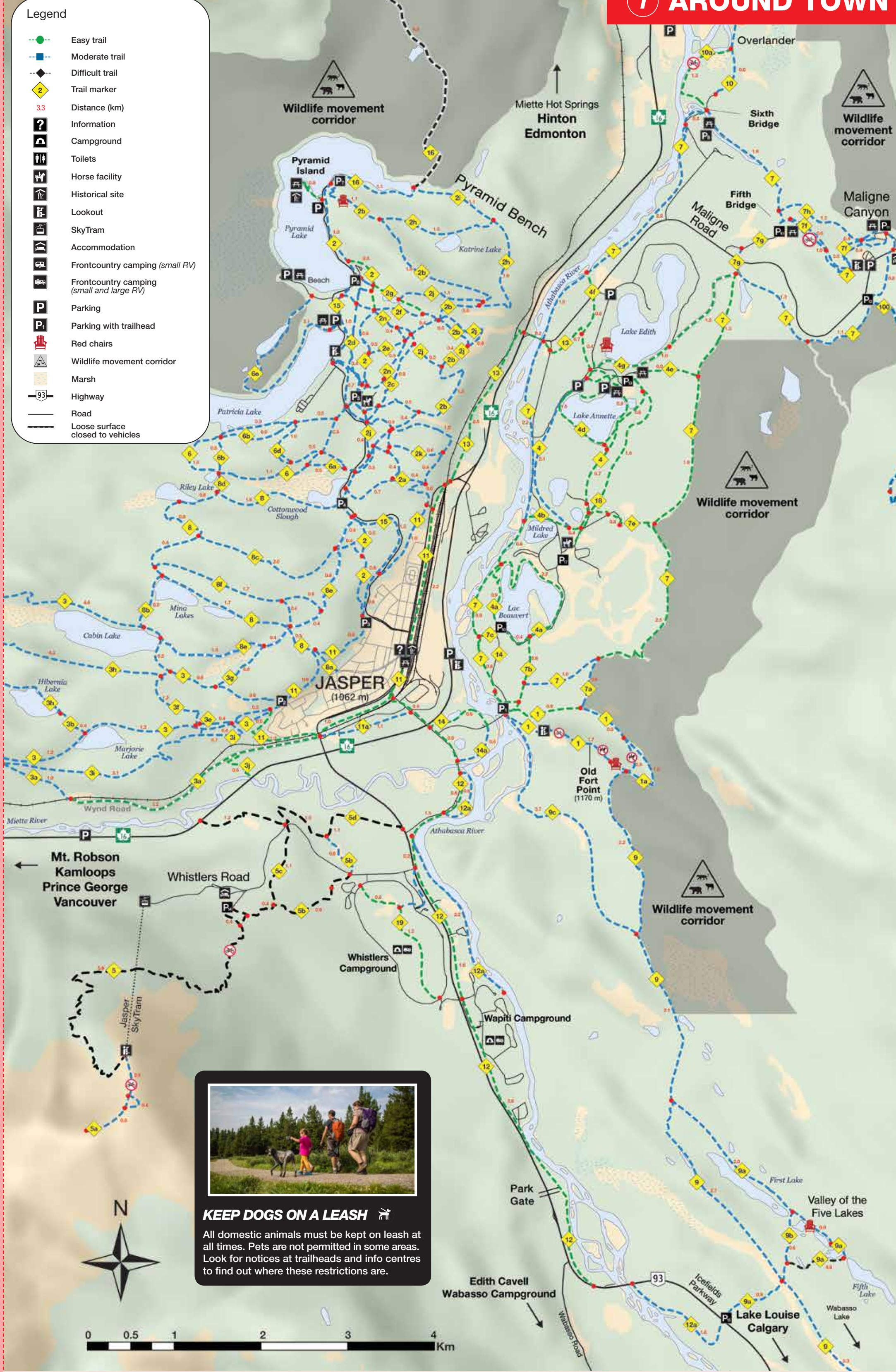
There are many bridges along this trail, allowing you to make this trek as short or long as you'd like. First and second bridges provide quick access to the best views, while bridges further down provide a different perspective. Horses and bikes are not permitted on some sections of this trail. The trail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

Overlander Trail ●●● P3 10 15.5 km one way; elevation gain/loss: 65 m; 5-6 hrs

Trailhead • (P8) Sixth Bridge parking lot, 7.5 km east of Jasper via Highway 16 and Maligne Road

The beginning of this trail is flat and winds its way to an historic Métis homestead. From here the forests and meadows yield to a steep hillside with amazing views of the Athabasca Valley.

OVERLANDER TRAIL



KEEP DOGS ON A LEASH ●●● All domestic animals must be kept on leash at all times. Pets are not permitted in some areas. Look for notices at trailheads and info centres to find out where these restrictions are.