

WOODLAND CARIBOU



TAKING ACTION FOR A SPECIES AT RISK

Woodland caribou are a threatened species in western Canada and in national parks they are at risk of disappearing altogether. Banff has only five caribou left. Jasper is the only mountain national park with viable herds, but the numbers are dwindling. In the southern part of Jasper National Park only about 150 caribou are left, so each one is valuable. It's not too late to help these herds recover to a healthy level. We can ensure there will always be opportunities to see caribou by simply changing what we do in caribou habitat.

Winter is a harsh season for woodland caribou. Food is scarce on the wind-swept alpine slopes where caribou stay, hoping to evade hungry wolves. Ski trails make it easy for people and wolves to travel into areas where caribou winter. To help caribou survive the winter without the added stress of people and wolves, Parks Canada is doing the following:

1. Instead of tracksetting in critical wintering areas like the Maligne Valley, Parks Canada will set ski trails in other areas of the park where there are no caribou.
2. To discourage wolves from following ski trails, barriers of ribbon that wave in the wind will be tied across some ski trails. This technique, called "fladry", is being tested on several trails this winter.
3. Dogs are not allowed on trails in critical caribou winter range – Skyline, Watchtower, Jonas Pass, Poboktan Pass, Maligne Pass, Bald Hills, Opal Hills, Cavell Meadows and Tonquin Valley trails and adjacent areas

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP CARIBOU SURVIVE?

- ◆ Avoid trails in critical wintering areas like the Maligne Valley.
- ◆ Reattach the rope across trails where fladry is in place.
- ◆ If you do see caribou, do not approach them and move by slowly.
- ◆ Report caribou sightings – 780-852-6155.

DOGS

If you are planning to take your dog out on a trail, please consider the following:

- ◆ **Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times in Jasper National Park.** Unrestrained dogs can upset other trails users and, because of their physical similarity to predators such as wolves and coyotes, are a real stress for wildlife. Please consider that just the sight of a dog can raise an animal's heart rate or displace it farther off the trail than you alone would.
- ◆ **Dogs are not allowed on track-set cross-country ski trails, except where noted.** Please wait at least one day after tracksetting before you take your dog on the trail. This will give the snow time to harden.
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- ◆ **You are responsible for keeping the trail clean** for other users. "Poop and scoop" rules apply to all trails in Jasper National Park.



LES CHIENS

Si vous voulez emmener votre chien sur les pistes, veuillez tenir compte des restrictions suivantes :

- ◆ **Les chiens doivent être tenus en laisse en tout temps dans le parc national Jasper.** Les chiens libres peuvent importuner les autres usagers des pistes. En outre, parce qu'ils ressemblent à certains prédateurs, comme le loup et le coyote, les chiens causent un véritable stress à la faune. Le seul fait d'apercevoir un chien peut faire monter en flèche la fréquence cardiaque d'un animal ou le faire fuir bien plus loin que si vous aviez été seul.
- ◆ **À moins d'avis contraire, les chiens sont interdits sur les pistes de ski de fond tracées.** Pour permettre à la neige de durcir aux endroits où ils sont autorisés, veuillez attendre une journée au moins après qu'une piste a été tracée pour y emmener votre chien.
- ◆ **Les chiens sont interdits sur les pistes qui traversent les zones d'hivernage importantes du caribou,** c'est-à-dire les sentiers Skyline, Watchtower, du Col-Jonas, du Col-Poboktan, du Col-Maligne, des Collines-Bald, des Collines-Opal, des Prés-Cavell, de la Vallée-Tonquin et les environs.
- ◆ **Vous êtes responsable d'assurer la propreté des pistes.** Vous êtes tenu de ramasser les excréments de votre chien sur tous les sentiers du parc national Jasper.

Beaver / Summit Lakes Trail

Rating: Easy

Dogs Permitted

Distance: 5 km one way

Trailhead: Park at the picnic area located at kilometre 27 on the Maligne Lake Road. Look for the trailhead sign on the left as the road makes a horseshoe turn at the far end of Medicine Lake.

Trail description: This trackset section of the Jacques Lake trail is generally uphill on the way in. Passing by Beaver Lake at km 1.5, and ending at the 1st Summit Lake, the trail offers fine valley bottom views of the Colin and Queen Elizabeth ranges.

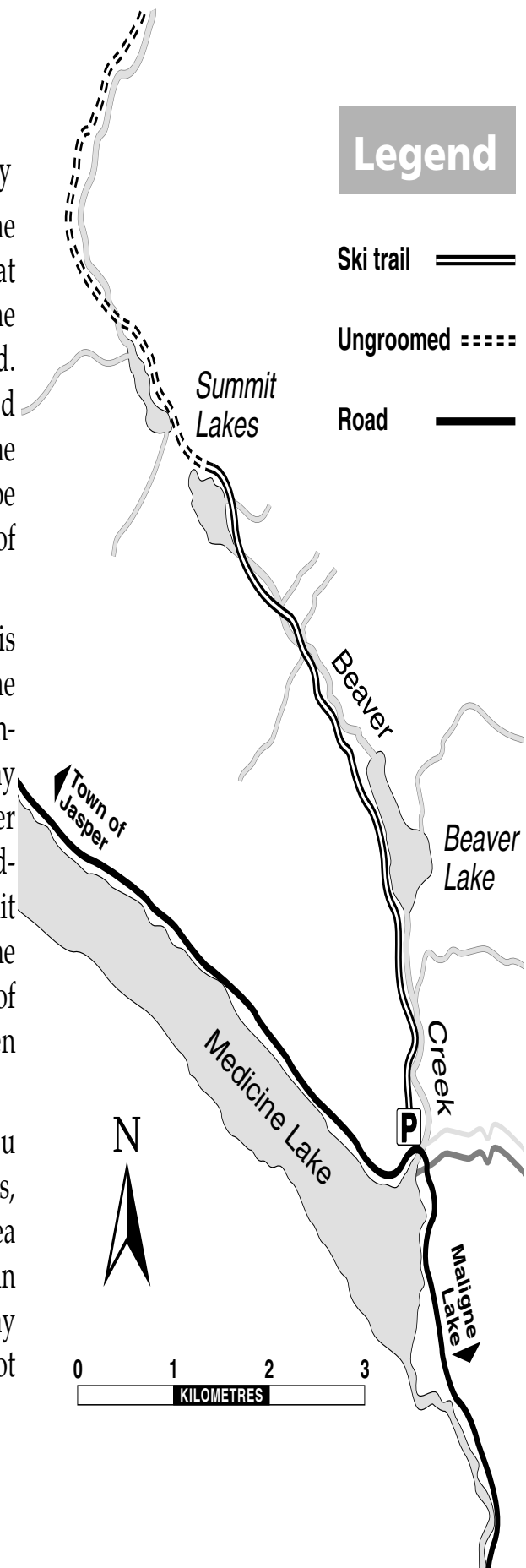
Caution! As you approach Summit Lakes, you will enter an area free of trees. This is an avalanche area. To stay on the safe side, do not stop in this area.

Legend

Ski trail

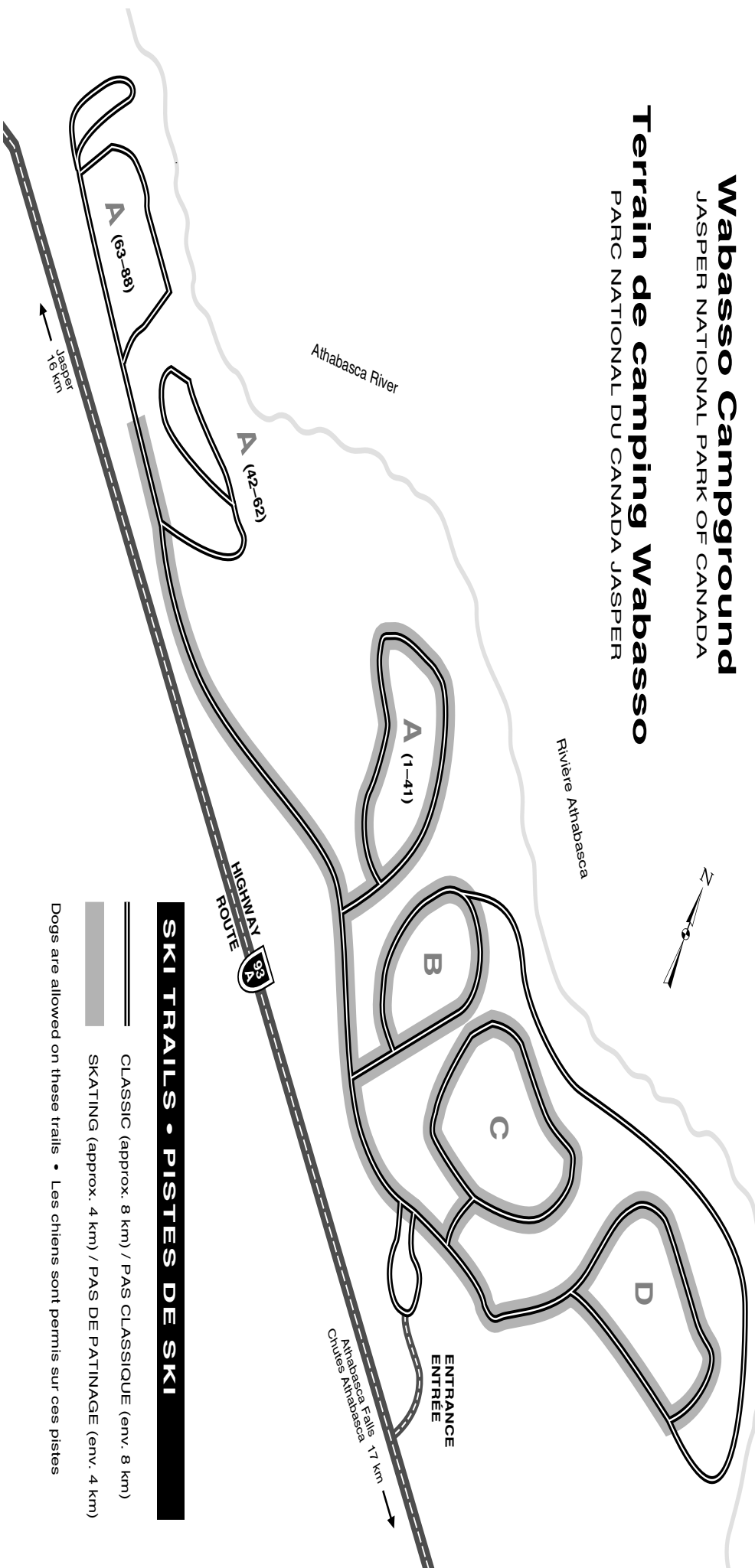
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Road



Wabasso Campground JASPER NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Terrain de camping Wabasso
PARC NATIONAL DU CANADA JASPER



SKI TRAILS • PISTES DE SKI

CLASSIC (approx. 8 km) / PAS CLASSIQUE (env. 8 km)

SKATING (approx. 4 km) / PAS DE PATINAGE (env. 4 km)

Dogs are allowed on these trails • Les chiens sont permis sur ces pistes

WINTER TRAILS

WELCOME TO WINTER IN JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Winter is a time of beauty. Snow and ice transform the mountains, forests, meadows, riverbanks and lakeshores of Jasper National Park. It's a quiet time. The summer crowds have gone, the leaves have fallen, migratory birds have headed south and the bears have retired to their dens. The pulse of nature does indeed beat slower at this time of year but the park is still very much alive.

The valleys become home to a variety of wildlife that have congregated at lower elevations for the season. Skiing, snowshoeing or just plain walking gives you an opportunity to observe these park residents in their winter habitat.

WINTER TRAIL ETIQUETTE

To make sure you and everyone else has a pleasant excursion here are a few things to keep in mind:

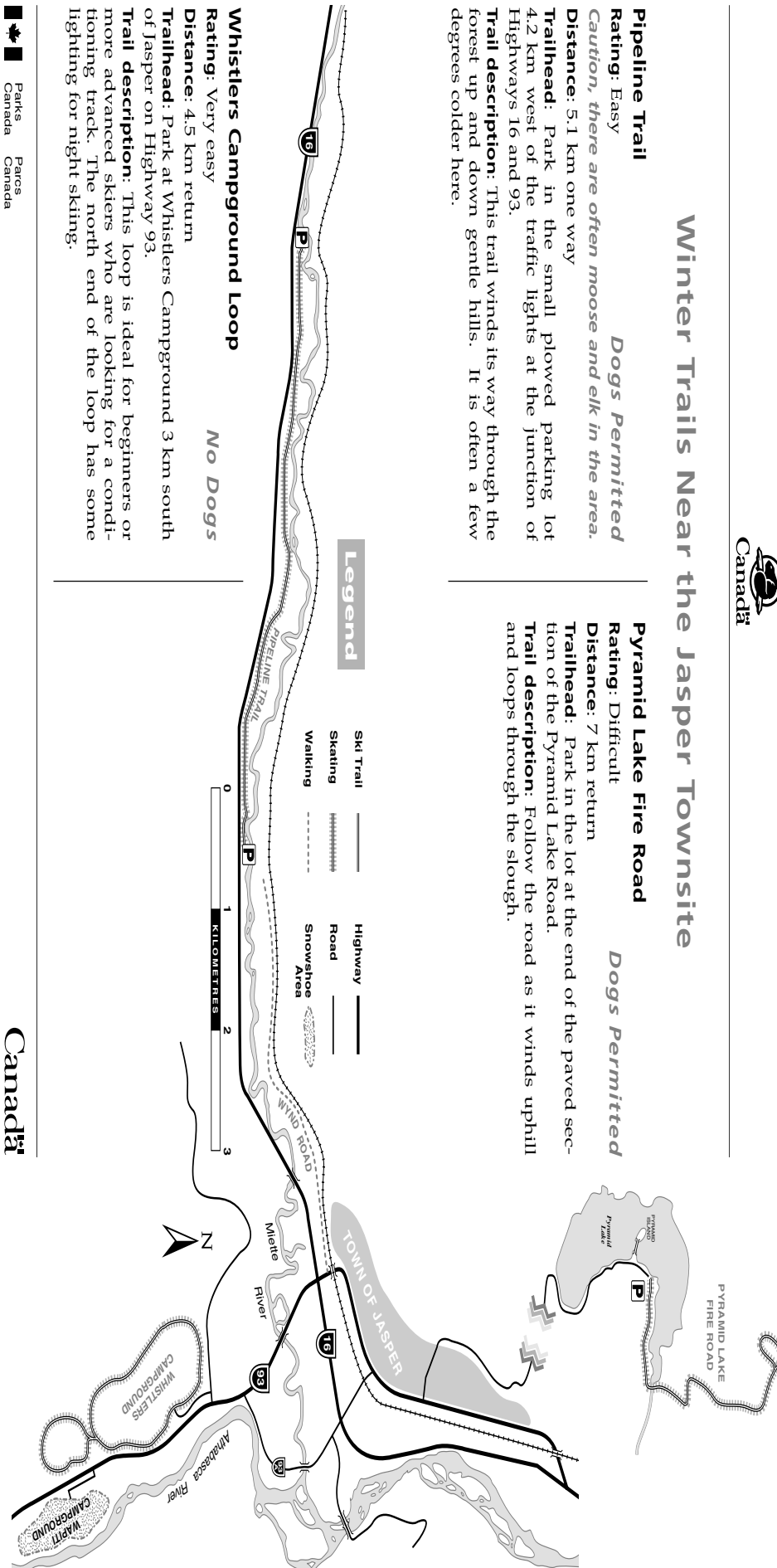
1. Dogs are not permitted on some park trails. Please consult with park staff for details.
2. Your garbage is your responsibility. Please pack it out with you.
3. Give wildlife lots of room. If a bedded animal stands up or a feeding animal stops chewing, you are too close.
4. Treat other trail users with courtesy. People going uphill should yield to downhill skiers. When overtaking others, slow down and call out to make them aware of your intentions.
5. Please walk or snowshoe beside the ski tracks, not on them.
6. On trackset trails, fill in any holes you make after a fall and stay clear of the trail during rest stops.
7. If you see someone in need of assistance, take the time to stop and help.

Hazards are part of the wilderness environment. Don't forget that you are responsible for your own safety and be prepared to be self-reliant. Mountain weather is very changeable, especially in winter! To learn more about staying safe, drop by the Information Centre. Staff will be happy to assist you.

SAFETY TIPS

1. Assess your ability and then choose your trail. Doing it the other way around leads to trouble. Don't go beyond your physical abilities, experience or equipment.
2. Check the weather forecast, the trail report and the avalanche hazard:
 - Weather Forecast: 780-852-3185; www.ec.gc.ca
 - Avalanche Bulletin: 1-800-667-1105; www.avalanche.ca
 - Trail Report: 780-852-6181 (Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm); www.pc.gc.ca/jasper
3. Travel with others and keep your group together.
4. Tell someone where you are going and when you will be back. Make sure they know whom to call if you don't return on time. Be prepared to stay out overnight. A search takes time.
5. Bring along a map, water or hot tea and extra food and clothing. Plan on one litre of fluids per person, two if you will be out all day. Surface water may be contaminated with *Giardia*, an intestinal parasite, and must be boiled or treated.
6. Dress in layers. Begin with synthetic underclothes followed by a turtleneck and a wool or pile sweater. On top, wear a windproof jacket and pants. Adjust these layers as you go to prevent overheating or overcooling. Try to keep your mitts and socks dry.
7. Wear a toque or hat. You can lose up to 50% of your body heat through your head.
8. Be alert for frostbite, particularly on cold, windy days.
9. Be aware that travelling off established trails may expose you to avalanche danger. Trail users lacking avalanche awareness skills and associated safety equipment are encouraged to stay on established trails. Please consult with Information Centre staff for more details.

Remember how short the days are in winter. Don't get caught out after dark.



Whistlers Campground Loop
Rating: Very easy
Distance: 4.5 km return
Trailhead: Park at Whistlers Campground 3 km south of Jasper on Highway 93.
Trail description: This loop is ideal for beginners or more advanced skiers who are looking for a conditioning track. The north end of the loop has some lightning for night skiing.
No Dogs

Pipeline Trail
Rating: Easy
Caution, there are often moose and elk in the area.
Distance: 5.1 km one way
Trailhead: Park in the small plowed parking lot 4.2 km west of the traffic lights at the junction of Highways 16 and 93.
Trail description: This trail winds its way through the forest up and down gentle hills. It is often a few degrees colder here.
Dogs Permitted

Pyramid Lake Fire Road
Rating: Difficult
Distance: 7 km return
Trailhead: Park in the lot at the end of the paved section of the Pyramid Lake Road.
Trail description: Follow the road as it winds uphill and loops through the slough.
Dogs Permitted

Winter Trails Near the Jasper Townsite

Athabasca Falls / Moab Lake / Meeting of the Waters Area

Athabasca Falls/Meeting of the Waters

Rating: Moderate **No Dogs**

Distance: 10.5 km one way

Trailhead: This trail has two access points. One is the Athabasca Falls parking lot, 30 km south of Jasper on Highway 93. The other is the Meeting of the Waters picnic area 20 km south of Jasper on Highway 93A.

Trail description: This trail provides great views of the Athabasca and Whirlpool valleys. It is mostly flat with a few hilly sections.

Moab Lake Trail

Rating: Easy **Dogs Permitted**

Distance: 9 km one way

Trailhead: Park at the Meeting of the Waters picnic area, 20 km south of Jasper on Highway 93A.

Trail description: Follow the Athabasca Falls/Meeting of the Waters Trail from the parking area until the Moab Lake Road junction at km 2.

Whirlpool Camp Loop

Rating: Easy **No Dogs**

Distance: 4.5 km return

Trailhead: Same as for Moab Lake.

Trail description: This trail follows the Athabasca Falls/Meeting of the Waters Trail from the parking area to the Whirlpool group camping site 2.2 km away. At this point the trail circles left through the campsite and follows the Whirlpool River back to the parking area.

Athabasca Falls Loop

Rating: Moderate **No Dogs**

Distance: 7 km return

Trailhead: Park at the Athabasca Falls parking lot, 30 km south of Jasper on Highway 93.

Trail description: Follow the Athabasca Falls/Meeting of the Waters Trail to the junction of the Geraldine Lakes fire road. Swing left following the road for 2 km to the trailhead for Fryatt Valley. Turn left again and follow the Fryatt Trail for 1 km. Another left takes you through a frozen marsh. One kilometre beyond the marsh the trail emerges onto the Athabasca River returning 2 km along its shore to the Athabasca Falls parking lot.

Geraldine Lakes Fire Road

Rating: Difficult (steep in places) **No Dogs**

Distance: 6 km one way

Trailhead: Park at the Athabasca Falls parking lot, 30 km south of Jasper on Highway 93.

Trail description: Follow the Athabasca Falls/Meeting of the Waters Trail to the junction of the hilly Geraldine Lakes Fire Road.

