

JACQUES LAKE

Photo: R Gruys

SEMI-PRIMITIVE

- 24.4 km return on the same trail, 1-2 days
- Elevation gain: 240 m, elevation loss: 185 m
- Maximum elevation: 1540 m

In summary

This unique trail travels through a narrow mountain valley, skirts four lakes, and crosses a watershed—all in less than 13 km and with little change in elevation.

The details

This is a great one-night backpacking trip. The trail has very little elevation (240 m) and starts out on a fire road for the first 4.8 km. At 1.6 km you will arrive at Beaver Lake, a beautiful small lake with nice views. Continue on the trail for 3.2 km and you will arrive at the Summit Lakes. Some people will choose to ride their bikes to these lakes, then lock them up and continue the final 7.6 km on foot. The trail from Summit to Jacques Lake is an easy hike through a dense forest with many small creeks. Once you arrive at the campground, which sits right next to Jacques Lake, you are rewarded with beautiful views of the Queen Elizabeth Range.

What you need to know

The Jacques Lake Trail is a great early or late season hike; it can be quite muddy throughout the season but is generally in good condition. Watch for moose at the campground at dusk and dawn, they are quite commonly seen here.

Special considerations

The trail east of Jacques Lake Campground is **impassable** due to trail damage and fallen trees due to a large forest fire. The campground is a wildlife travel corridor. Always hang your food from the bear pole and keep the eating area clean.

Suggested Itineraries

Two-day option

Hike to the campground (12.2 km) and return the following day.



Fires are permitted at Jacques Lake Campground.



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Trail Conditions

Please check the Jasper National Park trail report for up-to-date conditions before you leave.

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Trail distances (in km)

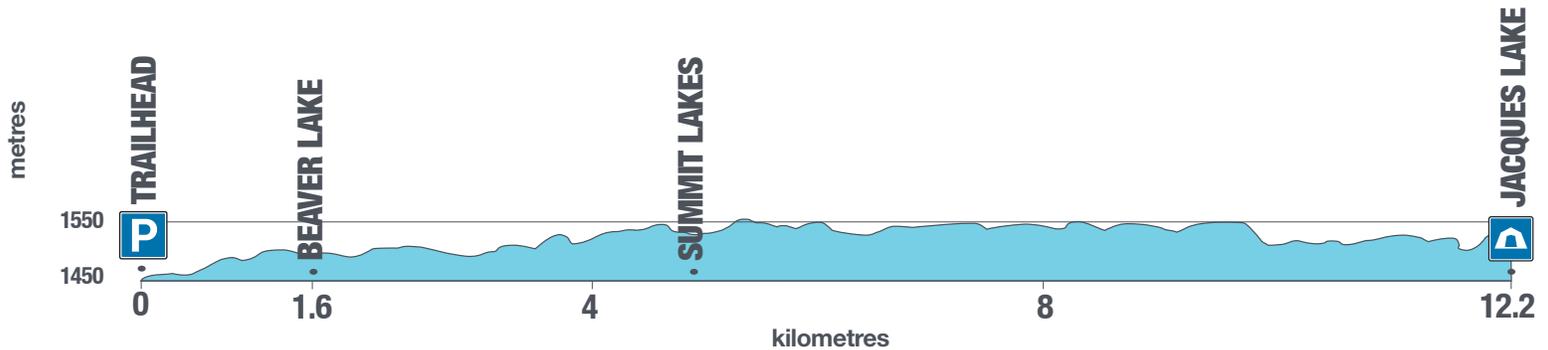
	Trailhead			
Beaver Lake	1.6	Beaver Lake		
Summit Lakes	4.7	3.2	Summit Lakes	
Jacques Lake	12.2	9	9	Jacques Lake

Directions to trailhead

From Jasper

Take Highway 16 east towards Edmonton. Two km from Jasper, turn right across the bridge onto Maligne Road. Continue for 28 km south on the Maligne Road to the south end of Medicine Lake. Turn left into the parking lot.

Elevation profile



Campground information

CAMPGROUND	DESCRIPTION	# OF SITES	FIRE PIT	UTM
Jacques Lake (Elevation: 1495 m)	This campground is located next to Jacques Lake. It offers wonderful views of the Queen Elizabeth Range.	8	yes	11U 449874- 5865109

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Legend

- All users
- Hiker only
- Hiker camping
- Boat launch
- Picnic Site
- Lookout
- Parking
- Trail number
- 5.8 Distance marker
- Secondary road
- Lake
- Wetland
- Stream, river
- 2694 • Summit & elevation point

All trail distances in kilometres,
all elevations in metres.
50 metre contour intervals.



SAFETY

You are responsible for your own safety. Be prepared for extreme weather and mountainous terrain. Cell phone coverage is unavailable in most areas.

TRAIL REPORT

Before leaving, check the Jasper National Park trail report for up-to-date conditions at

www.pc.gc.ca/JasperTrails.

TRAIL INFORMATION

780-852-6177

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RESERVATIONS

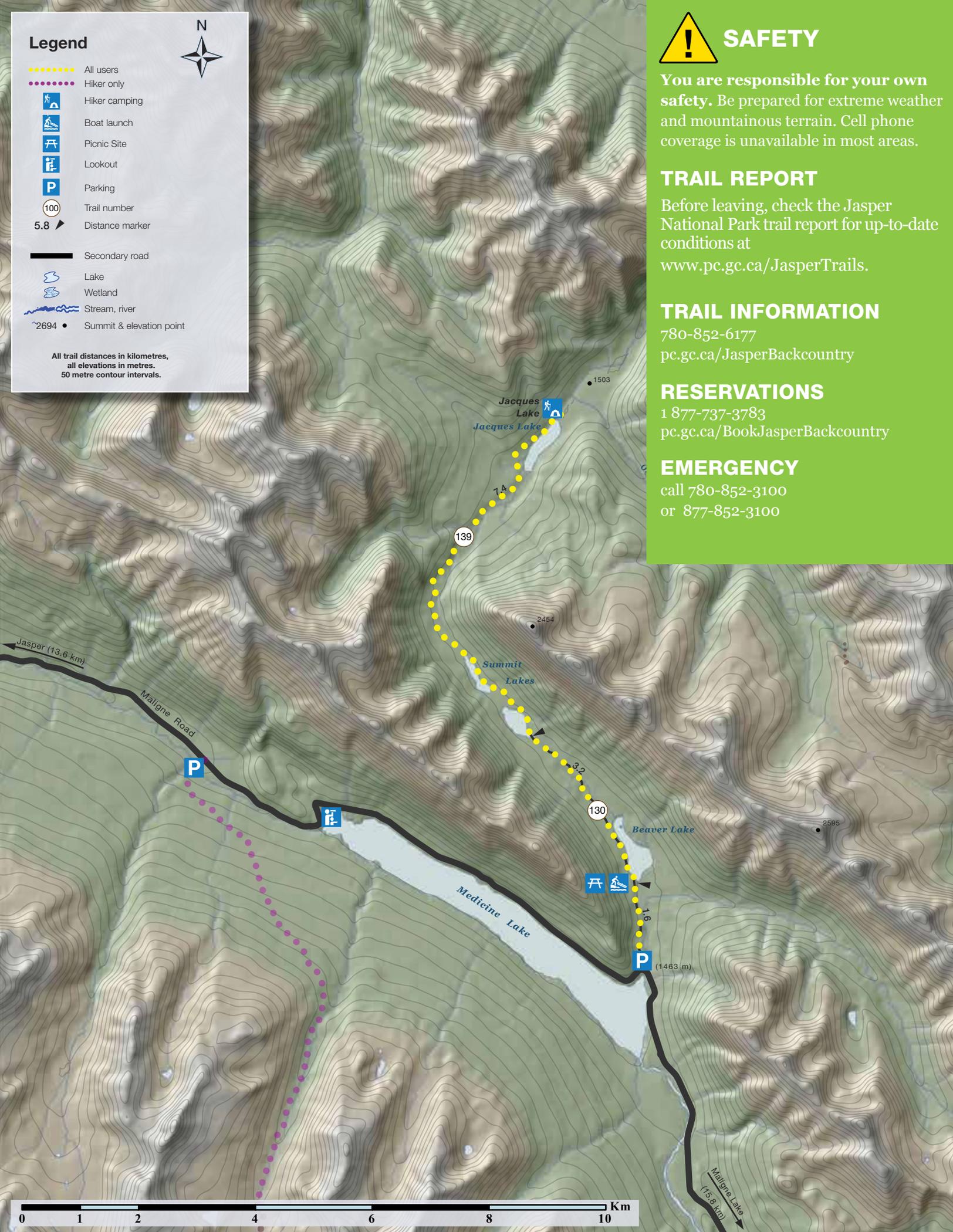
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EMERGENCY

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Jasper (13.6 km)

Maligne Road

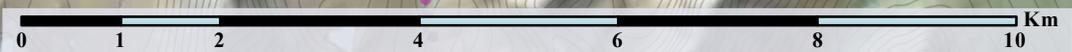
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Medicine Lake

Beaver Lake

(1463 m)

Maligne Lake (15.8 km)



LEAVE NO TRACE



FOOD STORAGE

To reduce your campsite's attractiveness to bears, **all food, garbage, toiletries and cooking equipment** must be hung from the food storage cables provided.



HUMAN WASTE

Use the pit toilet provided. When there are no facilities nearby, select a spot away from trails, campsites and at least 70 m from water sources. Dig a hole 12 to 16 cm into the dark-coloured, biologically active soil layer. Loosely fill the hole with soil afterward. Use as little toilet paper as possible.



WATER

Boil or treat all drinking water.



GARBAGE

Please—Pack it in and pack it out! You are responsible for everything you take into the backcountry and this includes garbage. Do not dispose of garbage in pit toilets—it may attract animals.



WASHING

To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 70 m away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Strain out those last bits of food waste and pack them out. Disperse strained water on land.



CAMPING

Please camp only at the campsites indicated on your Backcountry Camping Permit and use the tent pads.



CAMPFIRES

Use the metal fireboxes provided, keep your fire small and use only deadfall. Tend to your fire at all times and extinguish it completely before you move on. Gas stoves are cleaner and more efficient for cooking. We recommend you use one.



SHORTCUTTING TRAILS

Shortcutting between trail switchbacks damages both the soil and plant life. This not only ruins the look of an area, but makes it susceptible to further damage by erosion.



COLLECTING NATURAL OR CULTURAL OBJECTS

Rocks, fossils, horns, antlers, wildflowers, nests and all other natural or historical objects in a national park are protected by law. Leave them as you found them for others to enjoy.

BACKCOUNTRY EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Have you got it?

This is a list of suggested equipment for Jasper's backcountry trails. Visit www.parksCanada.gc.ca/jasperbackcountry for a comprehensive list. Mountain weather is unpredictable; be prepared for winter conditions at any time of the year. Snow may persist in high mountain regions into the summer and avalanche danger may occur in any season. This equipment list does not account for the special knowledge and equipment required to travel in avalanche terrain.

CLOTHING	SHELTER	OTHER ESSENTIALS	OPTIONAL
Long underwear	Tent with waterproof fly	Wilderness pass	Binoculars
Wool sweatvter, down vest or fleece jacket	Food should include enough for an extra day	Bear spray and the knowledge to use it	Altimeter
Raingear - pants and jacket, gaiters	Water filter, purification tablets or extra fuel for boiling your water	Topographic map	Field guide(s)
Hat and gloves / mittens	Waterproof bag to store food at campgrounds	Compass	GPS
Boots with ankle support and good soles		Waterproof matches and/or lighter	SPOT™ Device or satellite phone
Sandals or runners for fording streams and at camp		Insect repellent	
		Flashlight and extra batteries	
		First Aid kit	
		Signaling device (whistle or mirror)	
		Toilet paper	
		Rope - approx. 8 m	
		A throw bag works well	

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MAPS

NTS
Medicine Lake 83 C /13

Gemtrek
Jasper and Maligne Lake

National Geographic
Jasper South

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