

# AVALANCHE

*A day's hike rewards you with gorgeous views of alpine meadows.*

## WILDLAND

- **11 km to campsite**
- **Elevation from Poboktan Trailhead: 810 m gain, 289 m loss**
- **Maximum elevation: 2082 m**

## The details

Maligne Pass is well known for its spectacular wildflowers and incredible alpine meadows. Starting from the Poboktan trailhead, the trail to Avalanche Campground steadily climbs six km up Poboktan Creek Trail to the junction with the Maligne Pass Trail. At this junction you will head North up the Poligne Valley where you will cross a series of small bridges. Use caution as these bridges are prone to wash outs and may be damaged. The trail will start to level out once you are through the spruce pine forest and you will eventually arrive at the campsite on the west side of the valley. Continue 4 km beyond the campsite through overgrown willows and you will be rewarded with incredible views of Maligne Pass and a gorgeous alpine lake.

## What you need to know

The Maligne Pass holds a lot of snow. The typical hiking season here is mid-July to mid-September. This trail is no longer maintained; watch for bridge washouts and poor sightlines. This area has a high density of wildlife, so make sure you are being bear aware and keeping a very clean campsite.

## Special considerations

**This trail travels through woodland caribou range; dogs are not allowed.**

## Sidetrip

From the campsite take the 4-km one-way trip to Maligne Pass. This spectacular pass is known for its abundance of wildflowers and wildlife viewing opportunities.



No bikes permitted.



Caribou range.  
Dogs are not allowed.

## Expert hikers only

This is a rarely maintained, remote trail. The trail may be overgrown and hard to find in places. Old campsites north of Maligne Pass are not maintained. Advanced backcountry skills are required.

The unmaintained section north of Maligne Pass is very overgrown, and the bridge across the Maligne River is out. This section is only recommended after mid August when water levels are lower.



## 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](http://www.pc.gc.ca/JasperTrails).

## TRAIL INFORMATION

780-852-6177

[pc.gc.ca/JasperBackcountry](http://pc.gc.ca/JasperBackcountry)

## RESERVATIONS

1 877-737-3783

[pc.gc.ca/BookJasperBackcountry](http://pc.gc.ca/BookJasperBackcountry)

## EMERGENCY

call 780-852-3100

or 877-852-3100

## Directions to trailhead

From Jasper drive 75 km south on Highway 93. Just after Sunwapta Station you will cross a small bridge across Poboktan Creek. Turn into the parking lot on the left. The trail itself starts behind Sunwapta Station.

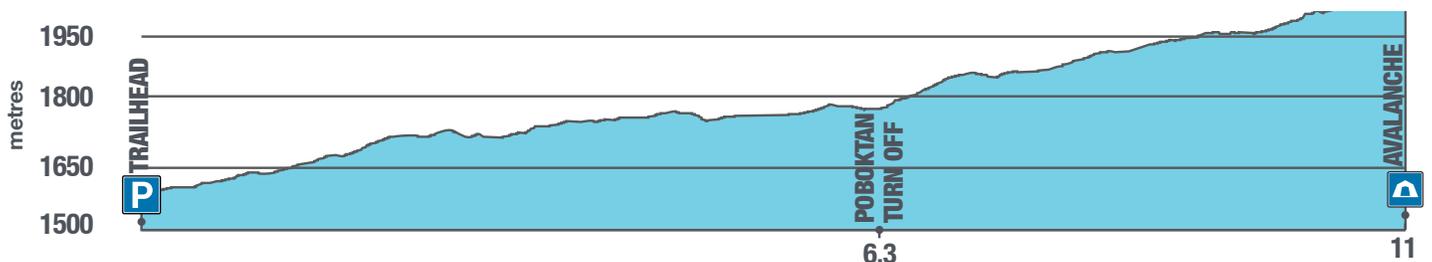
## Trail distances (in km)

	<b>Poboktan Trailhead</b>			
<b>Maligne Pass Turn off</b>	6.2	<b>Maligne Pass Turn off</b>		
<b>Avalanche Campground</b>	11.2	5	<b>Avalanche Campground</b>	
<b>Maligne Pass</b>	14.7	8.5	3.5	<b>Maligne Pass</b>

## Campground information

CAMPGROUND	DESCRIPTION	# OF SITES	FIRE PIT	UTM
<b>Avalanche (Elevation: 2082 m)</b>	A beautiful campsite with great views, next to a creek.	4	Yes	11U 472219-5815430

## Elevation profile

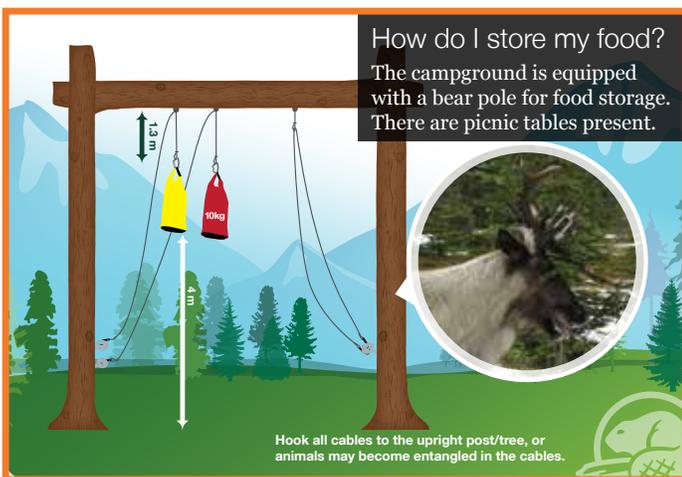


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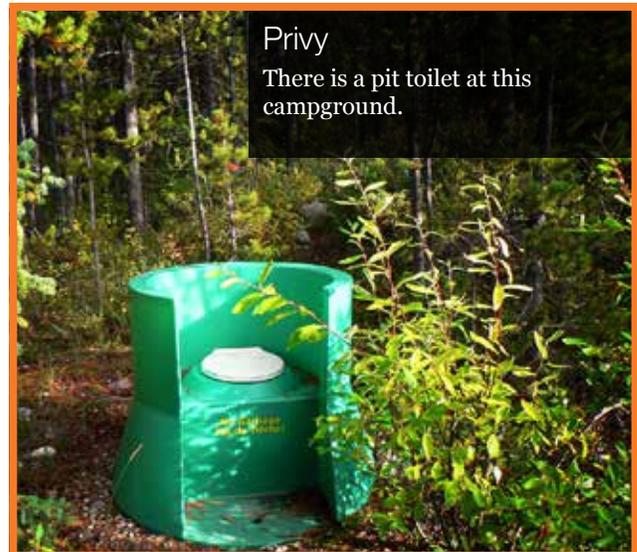
## FOOD STORAGE

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



## 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 (where provided).



## 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.

## EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

### Have you got it?

This is a list of suggested equipment for Jasper's backcountry trails. Visit [www.pc.gc.ca/jasperbackcountry](http://www.pc.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 sweater, 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	
Extra warm clothes in waterproof bag		Flashlight and extra batteries	
		First Aid kit	
		Signaling device (whistle or mirror)	
		Toilet paper	
		Rope - approx. 8 m A throw bag works well	
		Waterproof bags for all gear	

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## MAPS

NTS  
Sunwapta Peak 83 C/6

National Geographic  
Jasper South

For more information on low impact travel in the backcountry contact:

[leavenotrace.ca](http://leavenotrace.ca)  
1-877-238-9343



## Backcountry camping permits

**A backcountry camping permit is mandatory for all overnight trips. It can be obtained by visiting [pc.gc.ca/BookJasperBackcountry](http://pc.gc.ca/BookJasperBackcountry), calling 1-877-737-3783 or by visiting the Jasper Information Centre.**