

ROCKWALLS AND WATERFALLS



Yoho
National Park

Yoho National Park's towering peaks, expansive glaciers and impressive waterfalls have attracted visitors for over a century. These same features were the curse of railway engineers and inspired the construction of the Spiral Tunnels, a modern engineering marvel. Although many of its highlights are accessible by road, Yoho is a hiker's dream and a railway buff's delight.

DID YOU KNOW?

Yoho National Park is part of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks UNESCO World Heritage Site.

WORLD RENOWNED STONE BUGS

One of the world's most significant fossil finds lies hidden high in the mountains of Yoho National Park. The Burgess Shale fossils were discovered in 1909, by Dr. Charles Walcott. These exquisitely preserved fossils continue to inform us about life on earth half a billion years ago. Yoho National Park offers hikes to these famous fossils: the classic expedition to the Walcott Quarry and just out the door from the town of Field, to the Mount Stephen Fossil Bed.

QUICK FACTS

Area:

1310 km² (505 mi²)

Location:

200 km² (124 mi²) west of Calgary

Visitation:

>500,000 visitors in 2021/22

Activities:

Hiking, Guided Hikes, Camping, Picnicking,
Paddling, Stargazing, Sightseeing,
Snowshoeing, Ski Touring, Cross Country
Skiing, Ice Climbing

Wildlife Residents:

Elk
Mountain Goats
Black Bears
Grizzly Bears
Pika
Wolverines
Marmots
Lynx
Moose

SEASONAL SIGHTINGS



Spring

Hiking and wildflower viewing start in the west end of Yoho in mid-May. Dawn and dusk are great times to see wildlife feeding along park roads.



Summer

A popular time for hikers and campers to explore Yoho's trails and dramatic viewpoints. Interpretive programs are offered throughout the season and it's the season to hike up to the Burgess Shale Fossils.



Autumn

Colours peak in late September when sub-alpine larch trees turn gold. Listen for the fluting sound of elk bugling during the fall mating season and stop in for a warm beverage in the town of Field.



Winter

A magical time to watch for wildlife tracks while exploring the park's trails by skis or snowshoes. Full moons are an excellent time for an evening ski.



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FIND YOUR ADVENTURE IN YOHO NATIONAL PARK

STAY THE NIGHT!

Tenting or RVing? Yoho offers a choice of four rustic campgrounds to suit your needs. Kicking Horse, the park's largest campground, offers riverside and treed sites with access to modern washroom and shower facilities. Monarch, Hoodoo Creek and Takakkaw Falls campgrounds all offer primitive camping facilities with pit toilets. Campsites are available on a first come, first served basis. We also offer backcountry campgrounds to the more adventurous.

PACK A LUNCH!

On foot or by car, exploring Yoho National Park is a full day adventure. Enjoy your picnic lunch at the Emerald Lake, Finn Creek, Faeder Lake or Takakkaw Falls day use areas.

EXPLORE THE TRAILS!

Whether you are an experienced backcountry traveler or out for a stroll with the kids, Yoho National Park has over 400 km of hiking trails to explore. Stop by the Visitor Centre in Field to pick up a park map. Don't forget your hiking boots!

DID YOU KNOW?

Emerald Lake's deep green colour is caused by light hitting glacial sediment suspended in the lake.



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TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN YOHO NATIONAL PARK

- 1 Hold 505 million year old fossils on a guided hike to a world renowned Burgess Shale fossil site. Reservations can be made online at www.reservation.pc.gc.ca in March 2023.
- 2 Snap a selfie in one of Yoho's Red Chairs at Yoho Lake or Takakkaw Falls.
- 3 Admire incredible views and wildflowers on an afternoon stroll around Emerald Lake or hiking up the Iceline Trail.
- 4 Watch trains snake through the Spiral Tunnels from the viewpoint on the Trans-Canada Highway. Yoho's mountains provide inspiration for the stories of Kicking Horse Pass National Historic Site.
- 5 Drive or bike the scenic Yoho Valley Road to Takakkaw Falls. Cool off in the mist at the bottom of the falls – a five minute walk from the parking lot.
- 6 Stroll along the Wapta Falls trail and watch the Kicking Horse Heritage River's most powerful waterfall.
- 7 See Yoho from the perspective of the park's first fire wardens – hike Paget or Mount Hunter fire lookout trails. New to hiking or traveling solo? Go behind the scenes with a Parks Canada guide and experience conservation efforts first-hand on a Guided Conservation hike "Paget Lookout: Getting Connected"
- 8 Unplug and enjoy a quiet family getaway in one of Yoho's four rustic campgrounds.
- 9 Stroll the village of Field for a coffee or lunch break.
- 10 Make plans to visit in winter to ski on Emerald Lake's infamous Nordic ski trails.



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