

# CHABA TRAIL: Big Bend and Athabasca Crossing



Maintained trail,  
high priority



2 – 3 days return



6.3 km to Big Bend  
14.8 km to Athabasca Crossing



Bikes permitted



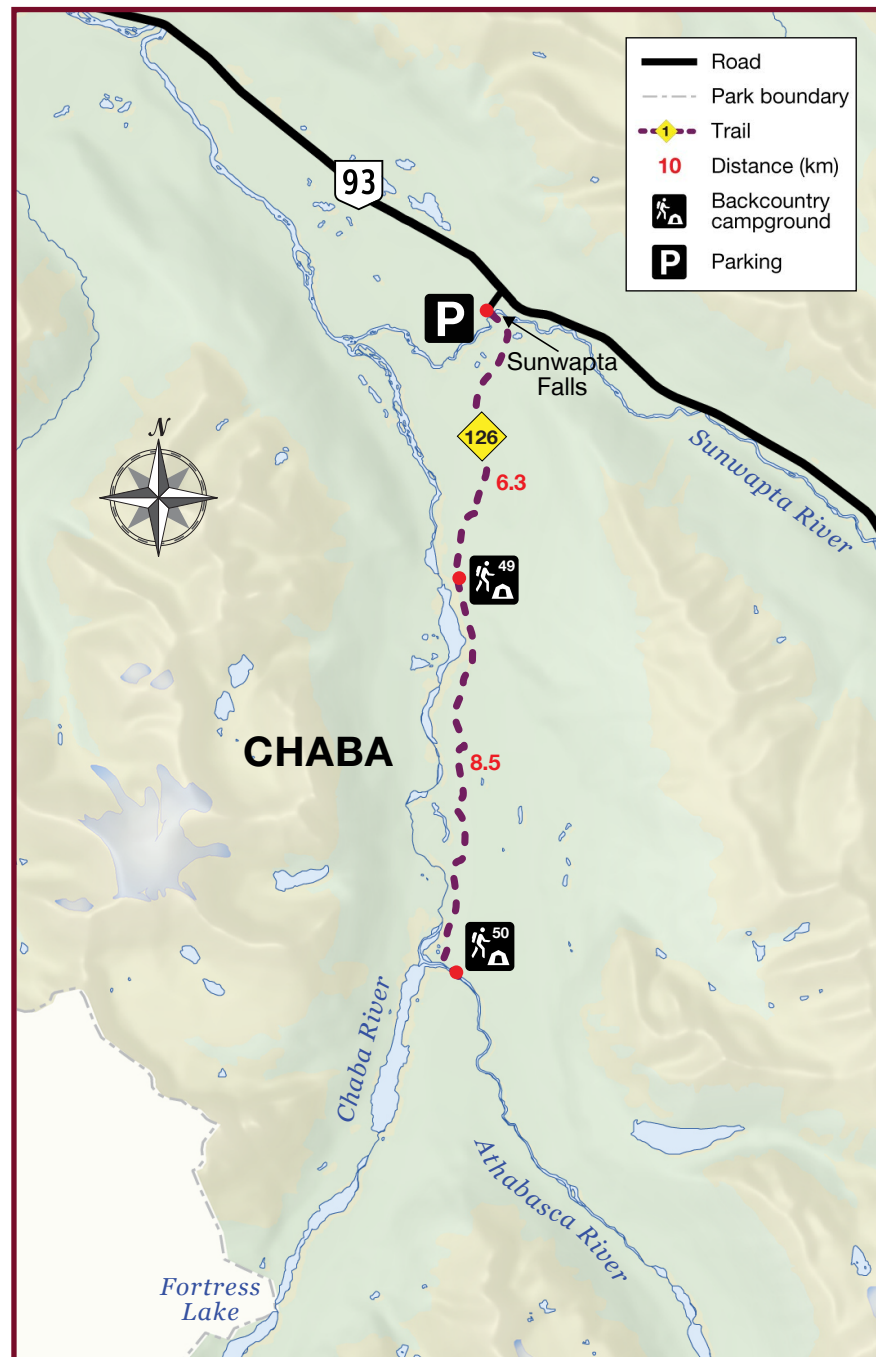
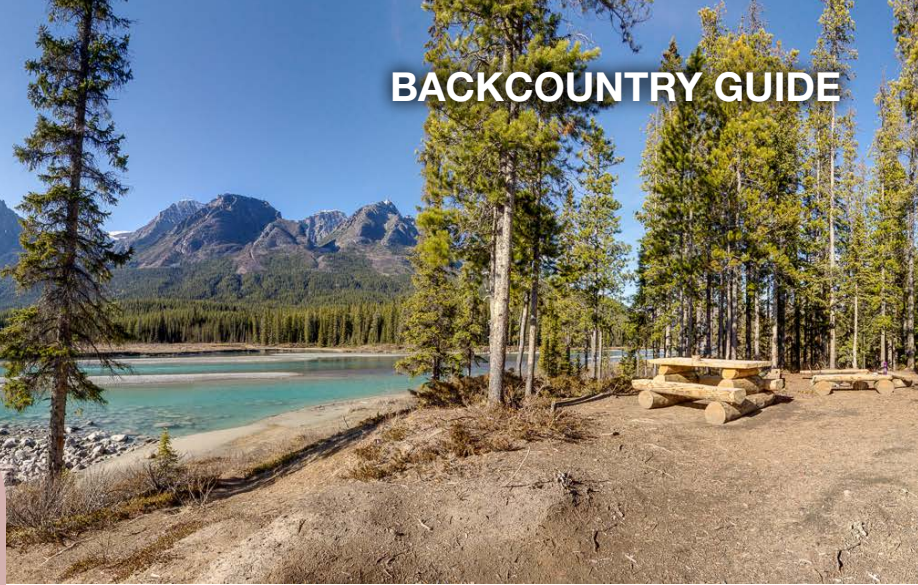
Horses permitted



Dogs permitted

## Is this trail for you?

Hike or bike through the forest along this old fire road and emerge at Big Bend Campground for spectacular views of the Athabasca Valley. Big Bend Campground is a great destination for first time backpackers or families. Stay overnight at the campground, or carry on to Athabasca Crossing campground, where you can glimpse the upper Athabasca River. This trail is an excellent early or late season choice.







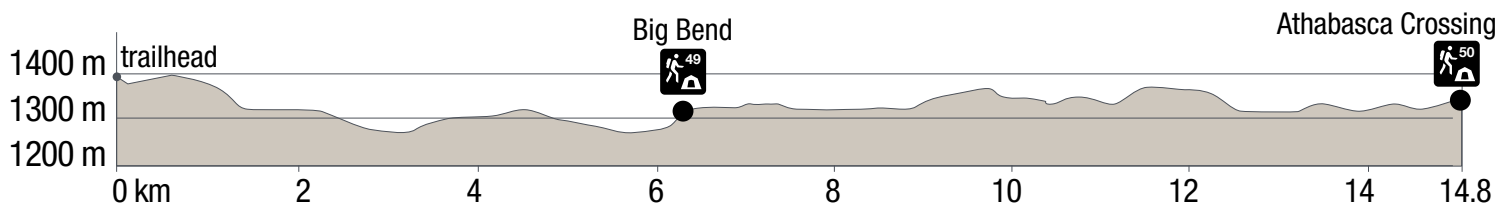
## The details

A 6.3 km hike or bike from Sunwapta Falls through the forest leads you to the Big Bend Campground, a beautiful campsite right on the river with great views of Dragon Peak. This campground is an excellent spot for beginner hikers and people who want to practice their backcountry skills. From here you can spend half a day exploring further along the trail towards Athabasca Crossing (great for bikes), or wander along the beautiful Athabasca River near the campsite. Those who want to go a bit further can continue another 8.5 km to Athabasca Crossing Campground, another nice spot near the river.



- Travel beyond the Athabasca Crossing campsite is not possible due to an unbridged crossing of the Athabasca River.

## Elevation profile



# ARE YOU PREPARED?

**Safety is your responsibility.**

Refer to the [Jasper National Park Backcountry Planning Guide](#):

- Descriptions of trail types and campground facilities;
- Equipment checklists;
- Responsible camping;
- Safety information.

Before heading out, check trail, weather and road conditions:

[parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/jaspertrails)

## MAPS

### NTS:

Athabasca Falls 83C/12  
Fortress Lake 83C/95

### National Geographic:

Jasper South

### Gem Trek:





Jasper and Maligne Lake

## PERMIT

A backcountry camping permit is mandatory for all overnight trips and can be obtained online at [reservations.pc.gc.ca](http://reservations.pc.gc.ca) or by calling 1-877-737-3783.



## Campground information

Campground	Elevation (m)	Description	# of sites	Toilet Type	Food Storage	UTM
<b>49</b> <b>Big Bend</b>  	1330 m	This campground is located next to the Athabasca River and has excellent views of Dragon Peak.	4	Throne	Lockers	455753-5814286
<b>50</b> <b>Athabasca Crossing</b>  	1365 m	A nice site next to the river with nice views.	4	Throne	Lockers	455310-5807841



# HOW TO GET THERE

## From Jasper: 54 km

- Take the Icefields Parkway south towards Banff for 54 km
- Turn right at Sunwapta Falls Resort and park at the end of the road.

## From Banff and Lake Louise: 235 km

- Follow the Icefields Parkway north towards Jasper
- Turn left at Sunwapta Falls Resort and park at the end of the road.

