

# GET INFORMED. GO EXPLORE!



Making the most of your Labour Day weekend in Jasper National Park



On September 4 and 5, 2015, Jasper National Park will welcome the first-ever mountain stage of the *Tour of Alberta*. Parks Canada is excited to co-host this international sporting event and welcome you to experience the incredible cycling and other visitor opportunities available in the park.

With over 100 cyclists winding through our scenic roads over two days in pursuit of the coveted yellow jersey, we anticipate temporary traffic delays and road closures. To help you plan around these disruptions, below are the highway and road closures, as well as tips and recommendations to make the most of your experience while visiting Jasper National Park this Labour Day weekend.

## Thursday SEPT. 03

### ? INFORMATION

If venturing to Jasper National Park for the Labour Day weekend, make this day your travel day and avoid the delays that Friday and Saturday will bring due to the race.

### ROAD AND HIGHWAY CLOSURES

There will be no highway or road closures today due to the Tour of Alberta. There may be bridge maintenance delays on Highway 16 east of Jasper with estimated wait times of 15-20 minutes.

### TIPS:

Start your days early. Leave the townsite and begin exploring Jasper National Park before 10:00 a.m. and return to town after 4 p.m. Make sure to gas up early before you leave!

If staying or residing in town, leave your vehicles parked in the driveway or on the side of the street and walk or bike in town.

A shuttle service to the Jasper townsite will be offered from both Wapiti and Whistlers campgrounds on Friday and Saturday. For more information contact: 780-852-6297.

## Friday SEPT. 04

### ? INFORMATION

The Tour of Alberta cyclists will travel to Jasper National Park and finish at the Miette Hot Springs. Due to the race, the Miette Road will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### ROAD AND HIGHWAY CLOSURES

#### SEE MAP A

If planning to travel to Jasper on this day via Highway 16 from Edmonton, ensure your arrival in Jasper is before 2:00 p.m. or after 6:00 p.m. to avoid traffic delays.

**Highway 16 westbound:** Closed west of Hinton at the junction with Highway 40 for 30 minutes between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Traffic will move at the speed of the cyclists.

**Highway 16 eastbound:** Closed at Pocahontas Cabins for one hour between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. There may be additional bridge maintenance delays on Highway 16 east of Jasper with estimated wait times of 20-30 minutes.

**Miette Road:** Closed from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with managed access for staff and visitors with reservations at Pocahontas Campground and Miette Hot Springs Bungalows.

## Saturday SEPT. 05

### ? INFORMATION

The Tour of Alberta cyclists will be heading south along the old Icefields Parkway (Highway 93A) to Athabasca Falls, and north along the Icefields Parkway (Highway 93) for three laps. The race will finish at Marmot Basin.

### ROAD AND HIGHWAY CLOSURES

#### SEE MAP B

**Highway 16:** Closed in both directions south of Jasper townsite around 11:30 a.m. for 10-15 minutes.

**Highway 93 and 93A:** Rolling closures from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Expect delays of up to 20-30 minutes. Northbound traffic will be able to follow cyclists on Highway 93 and southbound traffic can follow cyclists on Highway 93A. Normal traffic will resume at 4:00 p.m.

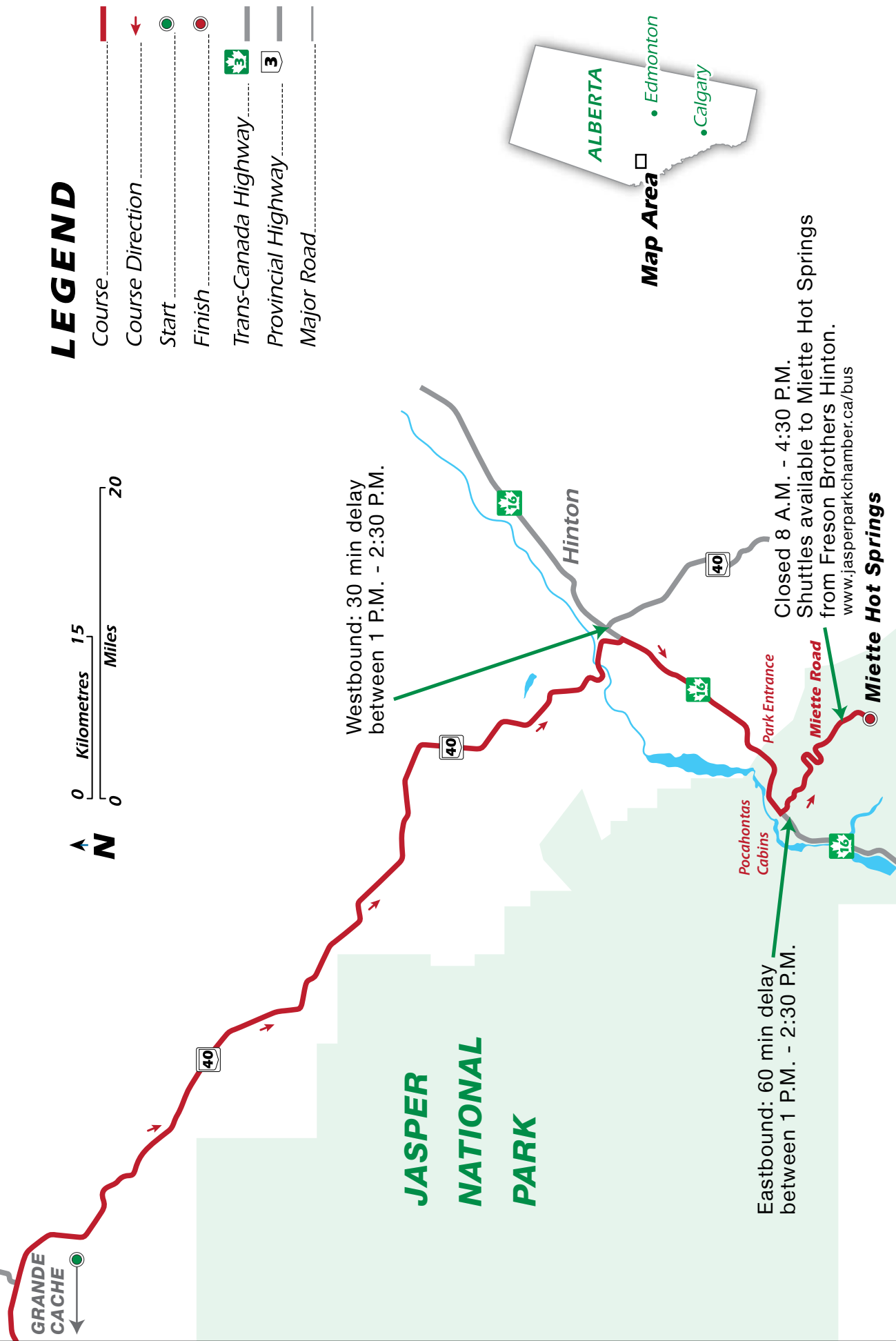


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Friday, September 4, 2015

# Highway and Road Closures

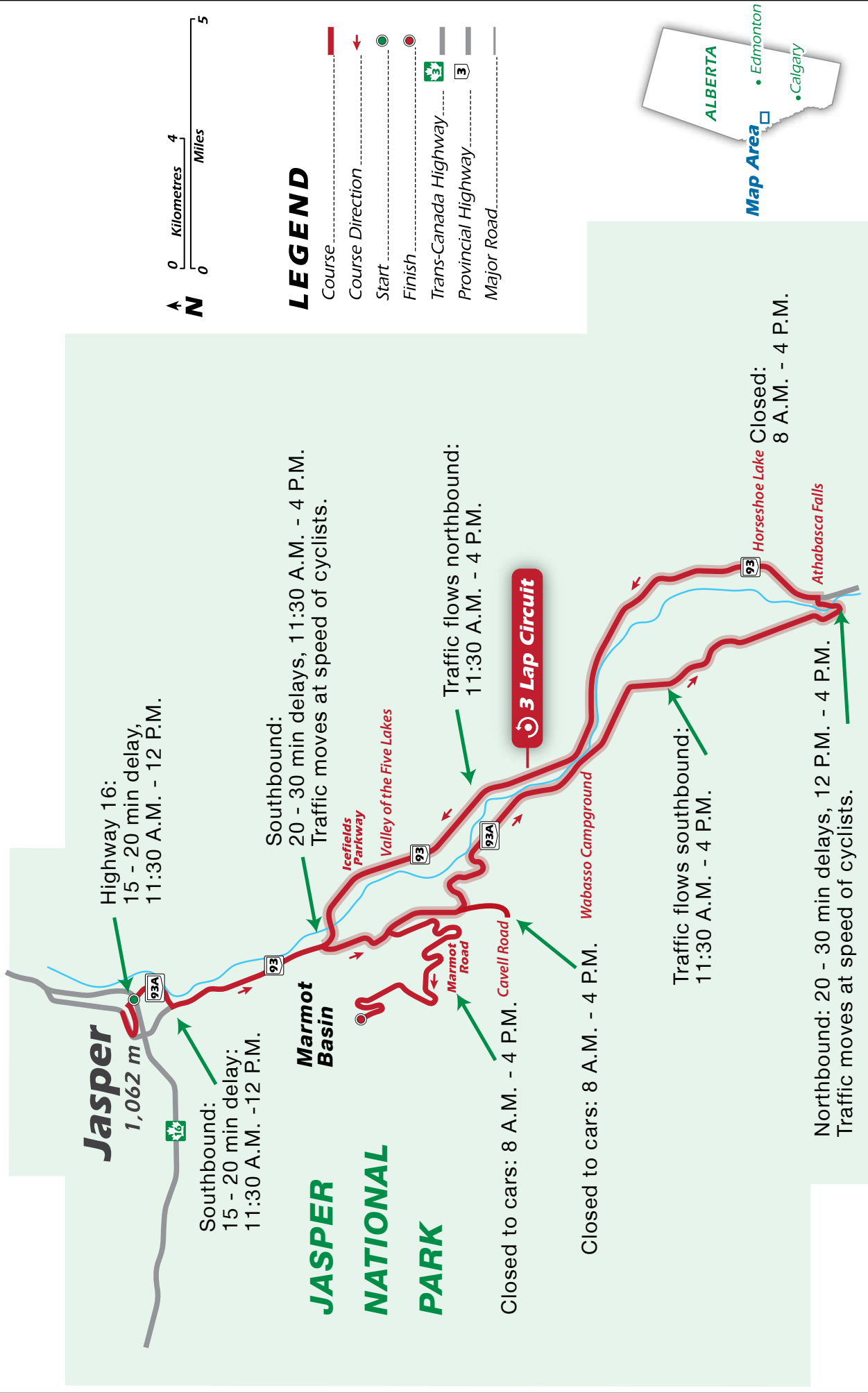
## MAP A



Saturday, September 5, 2015

# Highway and Road Closures

## MAP B



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Friday **SEPT. 04**

To avoid delays while exploring Jasper National Park, we recommend travelling to the south side of the park. Venture along the Icefields Parkway (Highway 93), voted one of the top 10 most scenic drives in the world and fill your day with these activities:

**Sunwapta Falls:** After taking in the falls from above, enjoy a short hike to the lower falls, a peaceful 2.6-km trail along the river. If you are looking for more adventure, take the Sunwapta Falls bridge for 7 km one way to the Big Bend. Stop here for a picnic lunch and enjoy the spectacular views of Dragon Peak and the Sunwapta River (55 km from town).

**Edith Cavell Meadows:** One of our most beautiful trails in the park, the Edith Cavell meadows has the best views of the angel glacier and the Cavell pond (29 km from town).

**Athabasca Falls:** One of the most powerful waterfalls in the Rockies, is a must see (30 km from town).

**Columbia Icefield Centre:** Arrive at the newly renovated centre in just over an hour from the Jasper townsite along the famous Icefields Parkway. Venture a few kilometres further to Wilcox Pass and hike up to the red chairs for the view of a lifetime. Take a picture and don't forget to **#sharethechair** (108 km from town).

**Tour of Alberta Festival Grounds:** Upon your return to the Jasper townsite, there will be festivities on the Visitor Information Centre lawn on Friday afternoon and early evening. If you choose to stay in town, watch the race live on the jumbotron beginning at 2:00 p.m. There will be live music, a beer garden and plenty of vendors to top off the celebration from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday **SEPT. 05**

To avoid any delays while exploring Jasper, we recommend staying on the east side of Jasper National Park today.

**Maligne Canyon:** Explore the remarkable limestone gorge and visit all six bridges (11.5 km from town).

**Medicine and Maligne lakes:** Take a trip to both lakes and witness the Excelsior wildfire's effect at Medicine Lake along your way to picturesque Maligne Lake. If you are up for a hike, the Bald Hills at Maligne Lake has one of the most spectacular views in the park (Medicine Lake: 27 km, and Maligne Lake: 48 km).

**Miette Hot Springs:** Make a day of it and hike the beautiful Sulphur Skyline and then soak in the hot springs afterwards (61 km from town).

**Tour of Alberta Festival Grounds:** Visit the Visitor Information Centre lawn on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.



## CONTACT INFORMATION:

### **Parks Canada**

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### **Partners**

**Municipality:** [www.jasper-alberta.com](http://www.jasper-alberta.com) (for townsite road detours and public parking)

**Tourism Jasper:** [www.jasper.travel/tourofalberta](http://www.jasper.travel/tourofalberta)

**Tour of Alberta:** [www.tourofalberta.ca](http://www.tourofalberta.ca)



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