



Areas, Trails and Activities with Restrictions for Commercial Guiding in the Mountain National Parks

Parks Canada encourages Canadians to visit their natural and cultural treasures and we look forward to continuing to welcome visitors from Canada and around the world to Parks Canada places. By building connections to nature and history, we can help foster the stewards of tomorrow – people who know and care about these special places.

Parks Canada uses many strategies to effectively manage visitation. This includes encouraging trip planning; promoting shoulder-seasons and less-sensitive areas of the parks; and informing visitors about appropriate behaviour in natural spaces and ways to avoid human-wildlife conflict. Another way that Parks Canada manages visitation and protects ecologically sensitive habitats is through managing commercial guiding activities.

National parks prohibit guided commercial activities from taking place in certain sensitive regions of parks. National parks have also assessed different categories of commercial activities and have determined that some types of commercial activities will not be permitted in certain parks because they may be detrimental to ecological integrity or visitor experience objectives. The following document lists each Mountain National Park and their areas where guided commercial activities are not permitted. It also lists commercial activities that are not permitted at any location in that park. Please note that guided day hiking and backpacking are generally permitted on designated trails only.

Any questions about the locations or activities identified on these lists can be directed to Chelan Egilson, Guided Business Liaison for the Mountain National Parks at guidelicences-permispourguide@pc.gc.ca.

Parks Canada reserves the right to make adjustments to this list as needed in response to changing circumstances, environmental considerations and assessments, public safety and other operational requirements and considerations.

Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures

In addition to the locations below, National Parks may implement area closures and or restrictions on activities in a given location in response to changing conditions or circumstances. For example, a park may implement a temporary area closure to protect the area around an eagle's nest from disturbance. It is always recommended to check the park website to determine if any Restricted Activity Orders or Area Closures have been put in place before departing.

Exceptions

This list is applicable to all guided activities. Considerations may be granted to mountaineering activities where traditional activities and careful management of the activity is taking place. Applicants are welcome to submit requests for exceptions for any location or activity for Parks Canada to review against policy and environmental considerations.



BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Locations where Commercial Guiding Activities are not permitted in Banff National Park
The following list consists of trails and areas in Banff National Park where new commercial guiding activities are not permitted to take place at this time.

- Bow River
- Lake Minnewanka Water Activities past Sheep Point
- Vermillion Lakes Environmental Sensitive Area
- Mt Norquay Road and Trails
- Upper Stoney and Lower Stoney Trail
- Sunshine Meadows (summer and winter*) **Winter mountaineering activity access is acceptable as a pass through the lease on the designated trail*
- Fairholme-Carrot Creek Benchlands Environmentally Sensitive Site
- All hiking trails and areas within East Slopes including:
 - Aylmer Pass
 - Any travel beyond Stewart Canyon (including lake access campsites)
 - C-level Cirque beyond 1.2km
 - Rockbound Lake
 - Cascade Valley trail
 - Cascade Amphitheatre
 - Elk Lake Trail
 - Mount Edith Trail
 - Cory Pass loop
 - Forty-Mile creek
 - Muleshoe
 - Johnston Canyon beyond upper falls
 - Castle Lookout
 - Sawback Trail
 - Upper and Lower Red Deer
 - Panther
 - Cuthead
 - Mosquito Creek
 - Lake Helen
 - Pipestone Pass
 - Molar Pass
 - Fish Lakes
 - Clearwater River
- All hiking trails and areas within North Saskatchewan Area including:
 - Siffleur River
 - Dolomite Creek
 - Cirque Lake
 - Howse River
 - Glacier Lake
 - Sarbach Lookout
 - Sunset Pass
 - Alexandra River
 - Nigel Creek
 - Parker Ridge

All Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures in effect in Banff National Park are listed at <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/banff/bulletins>.



Prohibited Commercial Activities in Banff National Park

Appendix A - Activity Chart (found at the bottom of this document) lists the types of guided business activities that are generally permitted in the Mountain National Parks, subject to approval via the guided business licencing process.

Notwithstanding Appendix A, the commercial activities listed below are not permitted to take place in any location in Banff National Park:

- Canyoning
- Guided Angling, unless under an existing licence
- Electric or motorized snow activities
- Electric or motorized water activities such as boating, canoeing, kayaking, and paddle boarding, with the exception of the existing commercial boating operation on Lake Minnewanka
- Paragliding
- Scuba Diving, except at Lake Minnewanka and Two Jack Lake
- Snow and water kiting
- Watercraft rentals at any waterbodies, unless under an existing licence
- Wind surfing and wind kiting

Any other activities not listed in Appendix A or the above list are subject to individual review and may not be permitted.





YOHO NATIONAL PARK

No specific locations are prohibited to commercial guiding activities, other than those subject to Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures.

All Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures in effect in Yoho National Park are listed at <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/bc/yoho/bulletins>.

Prohibited Commercial Activities in Yoho National Park

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KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK

No specific locations are prohibited to commercial guiding activities, other than those subject to Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures.

All Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures in effect in Kootenay National Park are listed at <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/bc/kootenay/bulletins>.

Prohibited Commercial Activities in Kootenay National Park

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JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Locations where Commercial Guiding Activities are not permitted in Jasper National Park

No new commercial activity permitted between April 1 – October 31 in the following areas:

- Maligne Canyon Trails #7, #7f
- Valley of the Five Lakes Trails #9, #9a, #9b
- Cavell Meadows #42 and Verdant Pass
- Old Fort Point Loop Trails #1, #1a
- Wilcox Pass Trail #50
- Opal Hills Trail #22
- Bald Hills Trail #23
- Sulphur Skyline Trail #30
- Wilcox Trail to Wilcox Lake and Nigel Shoulder
- Fryatt Meadows to Geraldine Lakes
- Athabasca Glacier (activities on the glacier)
- All wildland trails (trails not maintained by Parks Canada)

No trail running permitted in the following areas:

- Tonquin Valley
- Fryatt Valley
- Skyline Trail
- Brazeau Loop
- Chaba Trail

Overnight guided commercial hiking is not permitted in these locations:

- Brazeau Loop (all campgrounds)
- Big Bend Campground

Guided activity permitted in the following areas, if staying in commercial accommodations (no camping permitted):

- Tonquin Valley
- Fryatt Valley
- Skyline Trail

All Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures in effect in Jasper National Park are listed at <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/jasper/bulletins>.

Prohibited Commercial Activities in Jasper National Park

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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

No specific locations are prohibited to commercial guiding activities, other than those subject to Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures.

All Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures in effect in Glacier National Park are listed at <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/bc/glacier/bulletins>.

Prohibited Commercial Activities in Glacier National Park

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MOUNT REVELSTOKE NATIONAL PARK

No specific locations are prohibited to commercial guiding activities, other than those subject to Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures.

All Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures in effect in Mount Revelstoke National Park are listed at <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/bc/revelstoke/bulletins>.

Prohibited Commercial Activities in Mount Revelstoke National Park

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WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARK

Locations where Commercial Guiding Activities are not permitted in Waterton Lakes National Park

The following list consists of trails and areas in Waterton National Park where new commercial guiding activities are not permitted to take place at this time.

- Front Range Management Area
 - North side of Cloudy Ridge
 - Mount Dungarvan
 - Mount Galwey
 - Bellevue Hill
 - Horseshoe Basin
 - The Eskerine Grasslands in the north
- Blakiston Fan
- East of Vimy Ridge
- Sofa Creek
- Lineham Lakes
- Rowe Trail and Crandell Lake Trail (for horses)

Please note that Lakeshore Trail is closed at the US border.

All Restricted Activity Orders and Area Closures in effect in Waterton Lakes National Park are listed at <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/waterton/bulletins>

Prohibited Commercial Activities in Waterton Lakes National Park

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Notwithstanding Appendix A, the following commercial guiding activities are not permitted in Waterton Lakes National Park:

- Trail running
- Backpacking (multi-day hiking with overnight camping)



APPENDIX A: ACTIVITY CHART

Check off all activities you are proposing and the park in which you plan to offer the activity.

	BNP	YNP	KNP	JNP	GNP	MRNP	WLNP
Trail Running	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Day Guiding							
- Day Hike	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Winter Hike / Snowshoeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Cross-country Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountaineering:							
- Ski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Alpine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Top Roping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horse:							
- Day Rides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Sleigh or Carriage Rides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Multi-Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biking:							
- Road-Based Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Mountain Biking (Summer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Fat Biking (Winter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aquatic:							
- River	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Angling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Scuba Diving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>