Cruis[y, cross-country fun…

In most places, “Mountain Biking” either means one of two things; finding some dirt next to the sidewalk to ride on, or expert level downhill riding. However, if you bike in Jasper, you get that rare third option; cruising, cross-country fun.

Jasper has what might be the best trail system in the world. Ask any cyclist why they come back to Jasper and you will hear that it’s because the park’s well-connected, well-maintained trails are the perfect way to actually experience nature while at the same time avoiding crowds.

While most of the trails described are fun, flowing, valley bottom trails, Jasper does have some great climbing for riders looking for physical challenges and eye-popping alpine scenery.

### MAPS & GPS:
- **Palisades Lookout**: Distance: 11.9 km one way. Elevation gain: 965 m. Single speed/bikes only. Beware of this sustained uphill. Conclusion: strong effort + little reward. What you gain is a view of a world’s worth of beauty. What you take away: alpine views of the valley and some reward at the very top of Pyramid Mountain. If you’re prepared and have enough energy to spare, go for a surname up the rugged slope.
- **Pyramid Mountain**: Distance: 6.9 km one way. Elevation gain: 687 m. This trail is for those that want to stretch their legs with a rugged climb to the top of Pyramid Mountain. It’s perfect for anyone wanting a good ride in the mountains. Conclusion: strong effort + little reward. What you gain is a view of a world’s worth of beauty. What you take away: alpine views of the valley and some reward at the very top of Pyramid Mountain.

### Photos
- **Photo: N. Gaboury**
- **Photo: B. Catto**
- **Photo: B. Covey**

### Plan Ahead and Prepare
- **RIDE A MOUNTAIN**
- **JASPER NATIONAL PARK**
- **WILDERNESS RIDES**
- **INTERMEDIATE ROUTES**
- **DIFFICULT ROUTES**

### Rules of the Trail
- Most trails are multi-use. Please share them with other users, and follow these rules developed by the International Mountain Biking Association:
  1. **ride designated** trails: Mountain biking is allowed on only trail designated for cycling. If a trail is not signed, you might get caught.
  2. **respect trail closures**: Trails can be temporarily closed due to wildlife, weather, or safety reasons.
  3. **ride within your limits**: Trail conditions vary, so please choose your route to suit your ability.
  4. **yield appropriately**: Let other trail users know you’re coming. Move over and make sure the road is clear before passing.
  5. **respect hikers**: They, too, are out for a ride. Pass them carefully.
  6. **leave no trace**: Make muddy trails more sustainable by sharing them only once. When the trails wash out, consider other trails for your ride.

### Trail Signs
- **official trail signs** at the town of Jasper are marked with yellow diamond. The vehicle-free trail system is maintained by park staff.

**Wildland trails** are marked differently. You are welcome to use these trails, but they are not maintained for bike use. The trail is not signed, you are not allowed to ride. If you ride down the wrong side, you are responsible for your own safety.

- **• Tell a friend where you're going**
- **• Pack a full water supply**
- **• Make noise before bursting around a corner.**
- **• Carry basic, emergency gear.**

### Backcountry etiquette
- **• Stay on the marked trail.**
- **• Leave no trace.**
- **• Be courteous.**

### SAFETY
- **Emergency Call**: 911 or 1-800-665-5684 and ask for the nearest call box.
- **Speed limit**: 70 km/h on town roads, 60 km/h on backcountry roads. 
- **Cyclists** are subject to sudden wildlife encounters. Turtles, geese, elk, bears, and moose make noise when you pass. Leave nature and outdoor objects undisturbed for others to enjoy.

### More Information
- **Jasper Townsite Information Centre**: 780-852-6176 • 500 Connaught Drive
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- **WEBSITE**: w w w .j a s p e r .c a
- **WEATHER**
  - **www.weatheroffice.gc.ca**
  - **www.weatheroffice.gc.ca**
- **TOURS**
  - **www.wilderness-adventure.com**
- **MAPS & GUIDE BOOKS**
  - **Friends of Jasper National Park**
  - **www.friendsofjasper.ca**

### DONE WITH THIS BROCHURE?
- **Return** for re-use to a park facility or share it with others.
  - **Get the latest information** from www.jasperparks.ca and report trail conditions to the Information Centres.
**EASY ROUTE**

**TO THE SHORES OF LAC BEAUVERT**

3 KM ONE WAY (MAP A)

From Peace Avenue, cruise along the Wapiti Trail to the Red Squirrel Run (W) - no pedaling required down this easy slope into Old Fort Point (P1). Once across the Abraham Falls stay on the road, past the intermittent camp monument and to Lac Beauvert.

Sit along the shores of one of Jasper’s most picturesque lakes and take in the stunning view of the Colbin Range. Bring a picnic. When it’s time to pack up, return the way you came, or follow the road to Lake Annette (P18) and below Bighorn (10) to town.

**MODERATE ROUTES**

**THE TIME-CRUNCHED QUICKIE**

4.5 KM LOOP (MAP A)

Gear up at Church Hill (P3), Trail 2, and prep yourself for a 45min cruise to the top. Catch your breath and take in the best view of Jasper National Park and surrounding mountain ranges. Continue along Trail 2 as it flows through to the Cottonwood Slough Parking Area (P4).

Cross the road and bridge and hang a quick right on Trail 2a. The canopy opens and the views along the benches will take your breath away... if it isn’t already gone. As you glide along some sweet single track, approach the final switchbacks with caution (yes, excitement). Before you know it, you’re back in town!

**VIBRANT VALLEY VISTAS**

8.0 KM LOOP (MAP A)

From the trailhead at the west end of town (P2), Trail 3 immediately crosses Cabin Creek and climbs onto a low bluff with a view of the Athabasca Valley. From here, you have the option of two trails: one high and the other low, bringing you to Maligne Lake (3 km, 2.6 km).

As you continue towards Caledonia Lake, where the road fills and wild roses bloomed in early summer, this forest-enclosed single track steadily climbs. Take a quick left at Trail 3a and follow the winding downhill to the CN tracks. Once across, you’ll take an easy cruise along the Wynd Road and back into town.

**DIFFICULT ROUTE**

**THE BIG SWEAT**

32 KM RETURN (MAP A)

Start this epic tour at Old Fort Point (P4). Hop on Trail 1 (not the face of the cliff, no bikes here) and follow Trail 9 where you rise all the way to the shores of Wapiti Lake.

The trail is a mix of supa and down, wide and single track, with technical root and rock sections. On your way home, change your ride by adding Trail 8c. Watch for fiddlers during peak hours and wildlife during the cooler parts of the day.