

THE ICEFIELDS TRAIL (NORTH) – CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT



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Your feedback, along with the detailed impact analysis, will inform the decision on the overall project.

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THE ICEFIELDS PARKWAY

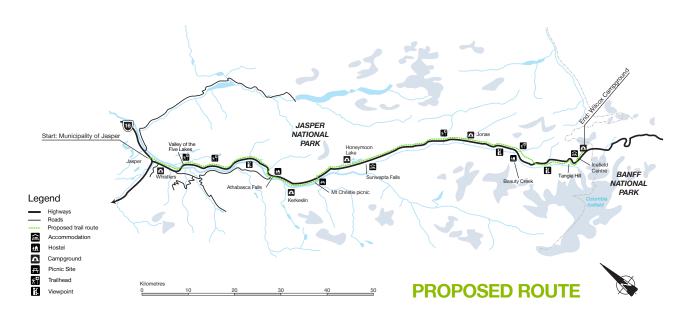
The Icefields Parkway is one of the most scenic drives in the world, offering visitors vistas of snow-capped peaks, glaciers, waterfalls, glacier-fed rivers and lakes. It also provides an opportunity to glimpse some notable Rocky Mountain wildlife, such as mountain goats, bighorn sheep, wolves, black bears and eagles.

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The trail concept calls for an environmentally-friendly recreational trail that will meet the needs of a range of users, particularly families with children who wish to leave their cars and explore the park. This trail would also improve visitor safety by moving cyclists away from the road and onto a trail.

The proposed route would wind through land already zoned for outdoor recreation (Zone 4, Outdoor Recreation), roughly parallel to the Icefields Parkway. For the most part, the trail would be 20 to 30 metres away from the highway, providing a comfortable and secure experience for visitors to enjoy beautiful views and vistas, while ensuring environmental impacts of important wilderness areas are minimized.

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BACKGROUND

The idea of the Icefields Trail project is based on the Icefields Parkway Strategic Concept (2009), which was guided by a public steering committee with Indigenous representation and included input from the public. The concept for the project is also part of the management plans for both Jasper National Park (2010) and Banff National Park (2010), which involved extensive public consultations.

