

## Special Regulations

- ▶ Help protect this parkland. Enjoy Mount Robson Provincial Park but leave it as you have found it so that future visitors may also enjoy the park.
- ▶ Flowers, trees, rocks and shrubs are part of the park's natural heritage. Do not damage or remove them.
- ▶ For backcountry users, good wilderness ethics are a must. Keep the water clean. Use wash basins, the drain pits provided and biodegradable soap. Pack out all garbage. Overnight hikers must register at the Visitor Centre. Supervise children. Natural hazards exist along the Berg Lake Trail.
- ▶ Cyclists use extreme caution. Hikers have right-of-way. No bicycles beyond kilometre 7 at Kinney Lake.
- ▶ Dogs are not allowed on overnight trips. Day hikers must keep dogs on a leash at all times.
- ▶ Backpacking stoves are mandatory for cooking. Fires are permitted in the shelter stoves for emergencies only.
- ▶ Ranger staff, first aid and emergency radios are located at Whitehorn and Berg Lake. Helicopter landings are only permitted at Robson Pass on Mondays and Fridays.



## Volunteer Hosts

Campground Hosts and Backcountry Hosts are available in many provincial parks. Anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer Host should contact BC Parks.

## Reservation Service

A number of campsites on the Berg Lake Trail are available for reservation. To reserve a site call the *Discover Camping* Reservation Service toll free at 1-800-689-9025. Internet users can visit the website at [www.discovercamping.ca](http://www.discovercamping.ca) for further information. Note: the majority of sites remain on a first-come, first-served basis.



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## For More Information

BC Parks  
<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>



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# Mount Robson Berg Lake Trail

PROVINCIAL PARK



Welcome. The monarch of the Canadian Rockies, Mount Robson, at 3,954 metres above sea level, is one of the spectacular scenic attractions preserved in this beautiful park. Picturesque waterfalls, massive blue glaciers, pristine lakes and lush valleys endow this special place. Berg Lake Trail is a world-renowned hiking and backcountry experience.

Robson

## Visitor Information

Berg Lake Trail begins in a forested valley of cedar, hemlock, birch, aspen, lodgepole pine and Douglas fir with an understory of thimbleberry, red-osier dogwood, bunchberry and queen's cup. As the trail ascends, the dense coast-like forest gives way to a sub-alpine terrain of Englemann spruce and sub-alpine fir. Mountain heather, forbs and sedges carpet the ground between the short, stunted, alpine trees.

Robson's wildlife include black and grizzly bear, mountain goat, pika, marmot, golden mantled ground squirrel, chipmunk and porcupine. Over 170 species of birds have been identified within the park, including the harlequin duck which makes the high alpine lakes and streams its home.

This brochure covers *Mount Robson Provincial Park – Berg Lake Trail*. Companion brochures are available for *Mount Robson Provincial Park – Visitor Centre & Viewpoint Area* and *Mount Robson Provincial Park – Highway Corridor*. They can be obtained from the Visitor Centre.

## Facilities



Two BC Parks vehicle and tent campgrounds are located near the Visitor Centre and Viewpoint. A variety of private services are available near the Visitor Centre including gasoline, food, souvenirs, meals and campsites. There are additional visitor facilities at the neighbouring communities of Tête Jaune Cache, Valemount, McBride and Jasper.



Camp only at designated wilderness campsites along the Berg Lake Trail. All sites have tent pads, bear poles, toilets, wash basins and grey-water pits. Campstoves are mandatory for all cooking. Access to hiking a multi-day trip is on a first-come, first-served basis. All multi-day hikes require registration and camping fee payment upon arrival at the Mount Robson Visitor Centre before you start your hike. There are a total of 75 tent sites on the Berg Lake Trail.



Picnic areas are available at Berg Lake Trailhead and at Kinney Lake (at kilometre 4.5).



Mountain biking is allowed on the first 7 kilometres of the Berg Lake Trail (see map).

## Trails

### Kinney Lake Trail (2.5 hours, return)

From the Berg Lake Trail parking lot, the trail winds through old-growth cedar/hemlock forest as it follows the Robson River to Kinney Lake. This gentle 4.5-kilometre (one way) hike offers incredible scenery and wildlife viewing opportunities.

### Berg Lake Trail (2 days)

This world-renowned trail takes hikers to some of the best scenery in the province. Beyond Kinney Lake, the trail enters the Valley of a Thousand Falls. Fed by the massive Mist, Berg and Robson glaciers, visitors often see huge sections of ice break off or "calve" into the blue/green, silt-laden waters of Berg Lake. Berg Lake campsite is 21 kilometres from the trailhead parking lot. Use one of the campgrounds as a base and take in some day hiking or continue past Robson Pass campground for a challenging excursion.

### Hargreaves Lake Route (1/2 day)

From Marmot campsite near Berg Lake, this route climbs to Hargreaves Lake and Glacier. From the viewpoint, the trail continues and crosses the Toboggan Falls Route on course to the Mumm Basin.

### Toboggan Falls Route (2 hours, return)

From the trailhead at the Toboggan Creek bridge near Berg Lake campsite the trail climbs to Toboggan Falls and the surrounding alpine basin. This route intersects the Hargreaves Lake and Mumm Basin routes. Continue up beyond this junction for an extra 45 minutes and you will reach a small cave.

### Mumm Basin Route (1/2 day)

A steep alpine trail leads to views of the alpine lakes, mountains and glaciers. The trail can start or end in Robson Pass or Berg Lake campsites.

### Snowbird Pass Route (1 day)

Snowbird Pass is closed May and June due to caribou calving. A challenging route marked by rock cairns (caution required), it provides spectacular views of the back of Mount Robson. From Berg Lake campsite the trip is 22 kilometres, return. Start north of Rearguard campsite, follow Robson River then travel up to Robson Glacier's moraine. Hike up to an alpine meadow, beyond which is Snowbird Pass.

### Moose River Route (7 days)

This route should be attempted only by well-equipped, experienced hikers as river crossings and route finding are required. This 105-kilometre route can be accessed via Berg Lake, through Robson Pass and onto Adolphus

Lake continuing on the Jasper National Park trail system. The route takes you over Moose Pass back into Mount Robson Park and down the Moose River to Hwy 16 near its confluence with the Fraser River. For day hikers, trips along this trail offer views of Adolphus Lake (7 kilometres, return, to Berg Lake), or Coleman Valley (26 kilometres, return, to Berg Lake). There are other extensive hiking routes throughout Mount Robson Park. Contact the Visitor Centre for more information.

## Climbing

Mount Robson is a world class climbing experience, but it is extremely hazardous. Unexpected changes in snow conditions, rapid weather changes, heavy snowfalls and avalanche hazards remain high throughout the year. Only experienced mountaineers properly roped and equipped (including emergency overnight gear) should attempt mountain climbing or venture onto glaciers and snowfields.

## Park Hazards

- ▶ Never feed or approach bears. Keep food away from animals. Use the bear poles where provided. Food storage boxes are available at the Berg Lake Shelter.
- ▶ Stay on marked trails for your safety and the protection of the park's resources. Alpine plants and soils are very delicate.
- ▶ It is easy to lose bearings in the forest, and some trails have steep sections with drop-offs that may be dangerous. Supervise children at all times.

