

Park Information

The park was named to honor the late Eric W. Hamber, lieutenant-governor of British Columbia from 1936 to 1941. Since 1991, Hamber Provincial Park has been part of the Canadian Rocky Mountain World Heritage Site. Grizzly and black bear habitats are extensive throughout the park. Vegetation around Fortress Lake is mostly thick spruce and balsam with a very heavy understory of false azalea and rhododendron.

Things To Do



A rustic campground is located at the east end of Fortress Lake and several traditional campsites are identifiable along the north shore of the lake.



Fortress Lake, home to brook trout, offers excellent angling opportunities. An air-accessed commercial fishing camp is situated on the Chisel Creek Fan midway down the lake's south shore.



A 22-kilometre trail, starting at Sunwapta Falls in Jasper National Park, leads hikers to Fortress Lake. A bridge crosses the Athabasca River, but hikers must still ford the Chaba River (see "Park Hazards"). An old trail accessing the campsites on the north shore of the lake is open for hikers' use. No other trails exist, but midway along the north shore of Fortress Lake, Washout Creek provides steep, rugged, but relatively open access to scenic alpine areas.

Commercial Services

Information on commercial services in the park may be obtained from the Fortress Lake Retreat:

5555 45th Ave.
Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 3L7
403-346-1698

Fishing licences are available from most sporting goods stores and government agents in British Columbia and some sports shops in Jasper, Alberta.

Please Be Careful

- Weather varies with the season. Almost half the summer sees rain and wind, hikers need to be prepared.
- Windfalls are common and blowdown is significant during high winds. Bushwacking in lower elevations.
- This is Bear Country; take necessary precautions when hiking, camping and storing food. Bear poles are available at the campsites.
- Stream fordings can be treacherous with seasonal daily run-off fluctuations, especially from mid-June to the end of August. The Chaba River is a major crossing and should only be attempted by experienced hikers.

Enjoy Your Stay

Park regulations protect the nature state of the park and ensure a quality experience for all visitors.

- Please pack out refuse and dispose appropriately.
- Campfires are permitted in the park but lightweight stoves are recommended for cooking.
- Horses are not permitted in the park.
- Vehicles may be left at the Sunwapta Falls parking lot in Jasper National Park but require registration with Parks Canada.
- Fishing is permitted with an appropriate license.
- Help preserve the park's natural heritage by not removing or damaging flowers, shrubs and trees.

Volunteer Hosts

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

Visit bcparks.ca for more information!

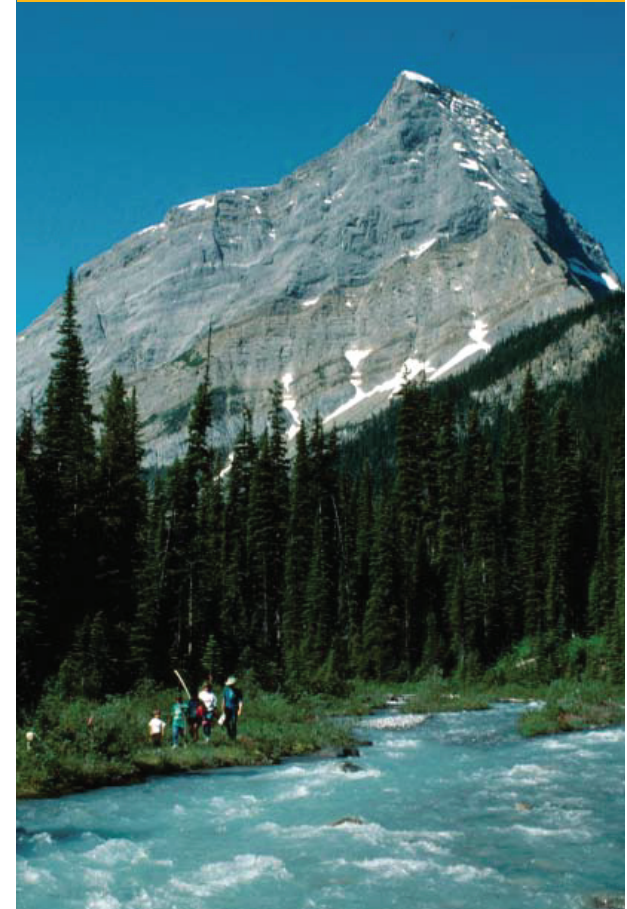


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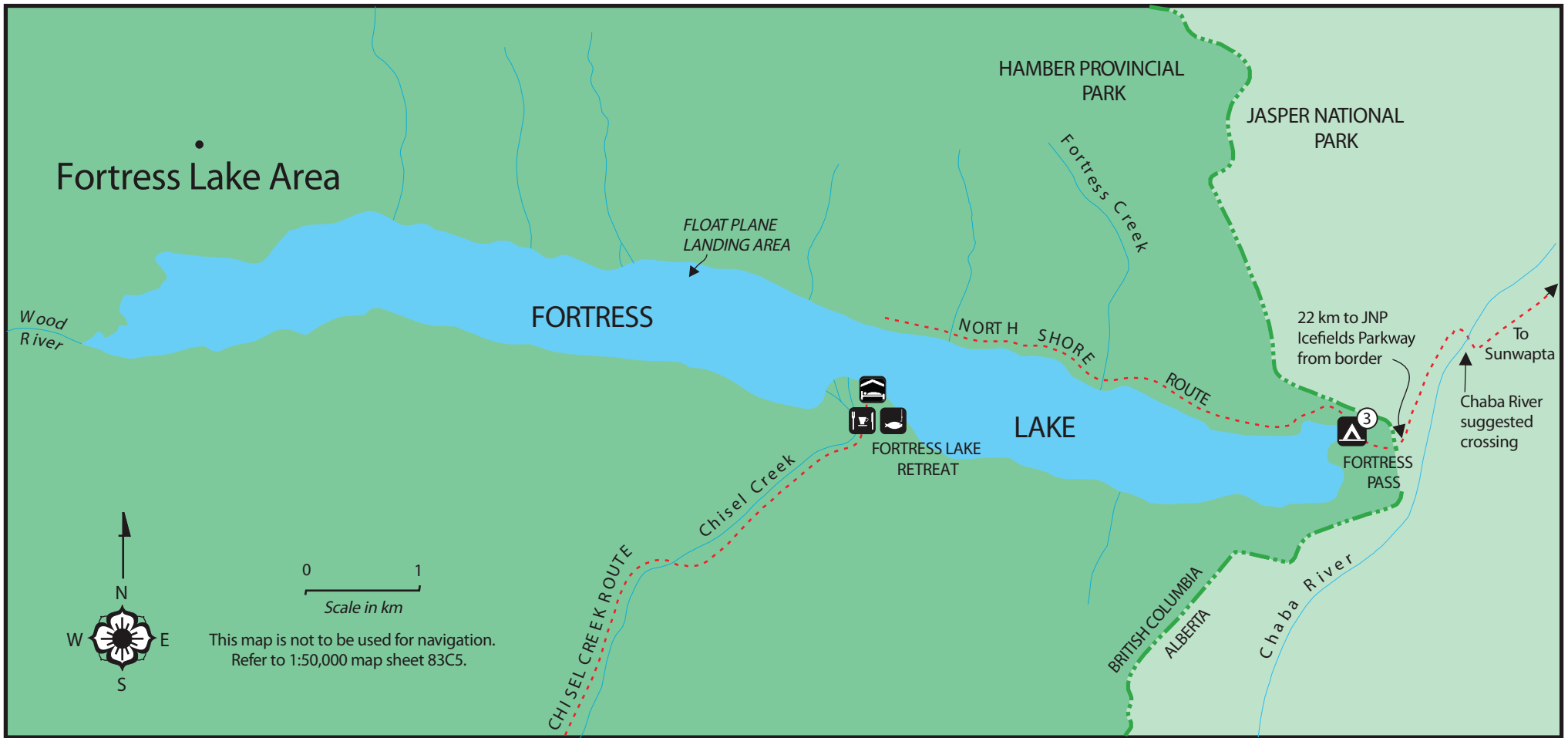
Hamber Provincial Park

Park Map and Information Guide




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HAMBER PROVINCIAL PARK






LEGEND

CAMPSITE
 East End

TOILET
 YES

BEAR POLE
 YES

FORTRESS LAKE RETREAT

-  Accommodation
-  Food
-  Fishing by prior arrangement

-  Trail
-  Parks Boundary

How to Get to the Park

The park is located 24 km from the trail head parking lot at Sunwapta Falls (Jasper National Park) to the campground at the east of Fortress Lake. The closest communities, towns and cities are Valemount and Jasper, Alberta.