

Visitor Information

In 1863, Viscount Milton and Dr. Cheadle travelled the Northwest Passage by land. On July 9 of that year they camped at Buffalo Dung Lake, known today as Yellowhead Lake. During their travels they named several of the peaks in Mount Robson Provincial Park. They gave the peak previously known as Mount Pelee the new name of Mount Fitzwilliam. Viscount Milton, who was the son of the sixth Earl of Fitzwilliam, named the peak for his family. Today, travellers on Hwy 16 cannot miss this dominant peak rising approximately 2,911 metres above sea level.

The Mount Fitzwilliam hiking trail starts at Yellowhead Lake and continues for 7.2 kilometres to the designated campsite at Rockingham Creek. An additional 7 kilometres takes visitors up Fitzwilliam Creek to the wilderness campsite and several unique day hike opportunities.

Trail Description

The Mount Fitzwilliam hiking trail begins across the highway from the Yellowhead Lake boat launch and information shelter.

- Kilometre 0.0** Trail starts. Follow the pipeline to the right.
- Kilometre 1.2** Trail branches off pipeline road to the left and switchbacks vigorously for two kilometres. A registration shelter is located where the trail leaves the pipeline. Register at this shelter prior to heading up the trail.
- Kilometre 3.2** Trail flattens out and goes through the pine-forested shoulder of the mountain.
- Kilometre 6.7** Last pitch to the first campsite at the junction of Rockingham and Fitzwilliam creeks.
- Kilometre 7.2** Designated campsite at Rockingham Creek. Elevation gain: 600 metres from trailhead. A bear pole, pit toilet and six tent pads are located at this campsite.
- Kilometre 9.2** Across the bridge a wilderness trail climbs gradually to open meadows.
- Kilometre 10.0** Trail wanders through open meadows. It may be wet early in the season.
- Kilometre 11.0** Trail skirts bottom of rock slides.
- Kilometre 11.7** Trail approaches base of headwall. Trail markers run up the left side of the gully.
- Kilometre 14.0** Wilderness camp. Elevation gain: 1,000 metres from trailhead. From this point three different wilderness day hikes branch off. A bear pole, open pit toilet and three tent pads are located at this campsite.

Park Hazards

- ▶ Weather in the Mount Fitzwilliam hiking trail area varies depending on the season. Hikers should come prepared for adverse conditions.
- ▶ This is bear country. Precautions are essential with respect to travel, camping and food storage. Practice bear safety at all times. Use bear poles provided to store food.

Special Regulations

- ▶ Hikers on the Mount Fitzwilliam Trail are asked to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with a wilderness area. This is a user-maintained trail. All garbage should be packed out and no traces left.
- ▶ Keep pets on a leash and under control at all times. Do not let them disturb other visitors or chase wildlife.
- ▶ Flowers, trees, shrubs and even rocks are part of the natural heritage. Do not damage or remove them. Enjoy the park, but leave it as you found it.
- ▶ Be extremely careful with fires. Build your fire only in designated pits and be sure to extinguish it before you leave. There are basic facilities past Rockingham campsite. Use your campstove beyond this point.

Commercial Services



A variety of visitor facilities including food, accommodations, gas, and souvenirs are available at the nearby communities of Tete Jaune Cache, Valemount, McBride and Jasper.

For More Information

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



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Welcome. Mount Robson Provincial Park is one of the oldest and largest parks in British Columbia. The Mount Fitzwilliam Trail was named for the son of the sixth Earl of Fitzwilliam.

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