



Things to Do Near Jasper Gates Resort

Town of Hinton Website: www.hinton.ca . Has links to many fun activities and helpful information.

ATV Country

ATV enthusiasts can look forward to beautiful scenery and challenging terrain on a network of seismic lines, old roads, and designated ATV trails.

- Popular areas near Hinton include trails in the Cache Percotte Forest
- The non-vegetated sand dunes on the south side of Brule Lake. Brule Lake Sand Dunes 16km west of Hinton, just east of the Jasper National Park gate on the south shore of Brule Lake. 12 km west of Hinton turn north on the Kinky Lake road, the road turns east then take the first turn north then turn left at a Y junction. Continue to staging area.
- Gregg Cabin, a Dominion of Canada Forestry Service log cabin built in 1917. A picnic shelter with a wood-burning stove has been built to help protect the cabin from overuse, and there is fishing in the nearby Gregg River. The site is also a starting point for the Pine Management Interpretive Trail, which is suitable for off-highway vehicles.
- <http://www.hinton.ca/index.aspx?NID=243> including:

Jarvis Lake

Only 20 minutes from Jasper Gates Resort, an awesome family beach and playground, picnic area and fishing by boat or off the dock. It is one of our favorite spots!

Beaver Boardwalk

The 3.0km Beaver Boardwalk is a unique, wooden pathway that winds its way through wetlands and a living, fully functioning beaver pond in the town of Hinton, Alberta.

Brule Sand Dunes

Located west of Hinton off of Highway 16. Trails can be used by all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), hikers, and horseback riders.

Fishing

A wide variety of lakes, rivers, and streams with a variety of fish exist in the Hinton area. Pick up an information guide when you purchase your fishing license and try to catch any of the following fish Hinton lakes boast:

- Arctic grayling
- Bull trout
- Burbot
- Eastern brook trout
- Lake trout
- Lake whitefish
- Pike
- Rainbow trout
- Rocky Mountain whitefish
- Walleye

Guided Trout Fishing or Learn to Fly Fish: fishonlinejasper.com

Golfing

Hinton Golf Club, Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge Golf Club

Geocaching

The real-world treasure hunt that's happening right now! There are hundreds of geocaches hidden within half an hour of Jasper Gates Resort: <http://www.geocaching.com>

Helicopter Tours

High Country Helicopter Tours

- They offer a variety of options on sightseeing flights from the (18 minute) "Rocky Mountain Odyssey" to their most popular: (1/2 hour) "Peaks & Passes". Our (1 hour) flight: The "Maligne Lake Adventure" and then their longest and most spectacular flight is the (1 1/2 hour) "Explore Mt. Robson".
- Their helicopters seat 4 guests in the Bell Jet Ranger or 5 guests in the Eurocopter A-Star.
- Discounts do apply to 3 or more guests per group flight.
- <http://www.hcheli.com/>

Hiking and Walking

Hinton's local trails are spectacular and provide lovely corridors throughout the community. Explore Hardisty Creek, Happy Creek, Thompson Lake, Maxwell Lake, and many other trails around the area. The trails are designed for walking and cycling.

- <http://www.hinton.ca/index.aspx?NID=249>
- Hinton's multi-purpose trail map is available at the Hinton Welcome Centre
- Several wilderness and wildland parks as well. <http://www.hinton.ca/index.aspx?NID=247>
- Pyramid Bench Trails near Jasper.
- Also stop in at the Jasper Information Centre. They will help you pick your trail, an easy stroll or a back country adventure. They also have the Kids Xplorers booklet.

Historical Information

If you're a history buff:

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hinton,_Alberta
- Alberta Forest Service Museum, which serves as a monument of sorts for the Alberta forestry and logging industry.
- The Hinton Municipal Library is also a wonderful tourist attraction in its own right because it's more of a convention center for workshops and art exhibits than an ordinary library.
- Hinton Museum of Culture and Heritage

Horseback Riding:

Explore for an afternoon or head out on a multiple day pack trip. Many tour operators to choose from including Old Entrance Trail Rides. Super nice people who know what they're doing, a high quality product. http://oldentrance.ab.ca/trail_rides/

Motorcycle Tours

Rent your own a bike (class 6 license required), or enjoy the scenery from a side car built for two. www.jaspermotorcycletours.com

Mountain Biking

- Hinton is becoming known as a biking hotspot in Western Canada.
- Hinton Bike Park: With over 30 acres of park and countless kilometers of trails, the Hinton Bike Park is the largest free access park in the province.

- The Hinton Mountain Bike Association (HMBA) completed two brand new builds in 2013; an advanced pump track and a new flow trail. Test yourself in the skills area, on the dirt jumps, the downhill trail, or go for a good ride on the countless trails in the area.
- Also of interest, the annual Hinton Beaver Bike Fest in late August.

Ogre Canyon

- Located just west of Hinton, it's the epitome of adventure trekking thanks to its many sinkholes, cliffs, and streams. You'll feel like you're on a quest for the Holy Grail when traversing the many obstacles of the rocky Ogre Canyon.
- To get to Orge Canyon, take Highway 40 north to the Brule turnoff. Drive straight through Brule and through the horse lease, leaving gates as found. Park at the staging area that is located approximately seven kilometres from Brule. Road conditions are weather dependent. Four-wheel drive vehicles are **highly** recommended. You can also walk or bike seven kilometres to get to the Ogre Canyon area.
- Off road vehicles aren't allowed in this area.
- First-hand account: <http://www.hintonparklander.com/2007/08/20/adventure-on-many-levels-at-ogre-canyon>

William A. Switzer Provincial Park

- William A. Switzer Provincial Park is a lovely, uncrowded alternative to the Rocky Mountain national parks. It is nestled in the foothills 21 kilometres northwest of Hinton on Highway 40. Switzer encompasses more than 63 square kilometres and is relatively undisturbed. Pine, spruce and aspen forests surround the park's chain of five small lakes.
- Many animals live in the park including grizzly and black bears, wolves, lynx, cougar, moose, elk, deer, beavers and 122 bird species.
- Go to the visitor centre to pickup your Family Adventure Pack:
 - Six different backpacks with fun activities. They contain all the necessary equipment to discover and explore the park's natural features
 - available from the [visitor centre](#) (monetary donations welcomed)
- Check out the many other visitor programs at <http://www.albertaparks.ca/william-a-switzer/activities-events/interpretive-visitor-programs.aspx>
- The park includes the following five lakes: Blue, Cache, Gregg, Graveyard and Jarvis
- Follow Highway 40 north approximately 20 minutes until you reach William A. Switzer Provincial Park. There is a visitor information centre located at Kelly's Bathtub to provide more information regarding hiking trails, canoeing, kayaking, wall climbing, day use areas
- First-hand account: http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North_America/Canada/Province_of_Alberta/Hinton-908243/Off_the_Beaten_Path-Hinton-TG-C-1.html
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 - <http://www.westfraser.com/responsibility/recreation/frma/campgrounds/gregg-cabin-recreation-area>

White Water Rafting

Many companies in Hinton and Jasper offer this experience. Choose from an informative, relaxing river tour. Or try something more thrilling and exciting. There are many companies to choose from in Hinton and Jasper.

Jasper Activities:

Animal Watching

Everywhere you turn! Scenery that is protected and largely untouched by development

Glacier Skywalk

Now open! Experience waterfalls, wildlife, fossils and more on an exciting cliff-edge walkway leading to a glass platform. Enjoy the view above the 918 foot drop.

Jasper Tramway

For an unforgettable view, the Jasper Tramway is the longest and highest guided aerial tramway in Canada and the only guided aerial ropeway in the Canadian Rockies.

Miette Hot Springs

Soak in Miette Hot Pools while taking in the amazing scenery. You won't soon forget the drive up the wild Fiddle valley to the hottest mineral springs in the Rockies.

Star-Gazing

A stargazer? You've come to the right place. Jasper National Park is one of the world's largest dark sky preserves. Information about upcoming viewing opportunities and the family friendly Dark Sky Festival can be found at jasperdarksky.org.

Water Activities

- Athabasca and Sunwapta Rivers
- Lake Annette: The shallow waters make this one of the warmest swims in the Canadian Rockies. Perfect for laying on the beach.
- Maligne Lake: Enjoy a 90 minute cruise to Spirit Island
- Pyramid Lake: Rent a canoe, kayak or rowboat
- Beaver Lake: Enjoy the silence. It's a designated Parks Canada soundscape and completely void of man-made noise. Relax and listen to the sounds of nature.
- Athabasca Falls: Water plunges off a quartzite plateau through softer limestone, carving out a spectacular collection of potholes and powerful white water.

Jasper to Prince Rupert – Via Rail

A very unique and unforgettable experience.

<http://www.viarail.ca/en/explore-our-destinations/trains/rockies-and-pacific/jasper-prince-rupert>