

Glorious Parks Of Saskatchewan And Alberta

[Calgary to Waterton Lakes National Park](#)

Today, when you travel to Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta's south, you will be mesmerised by the beauty of the natural landscape. Move via historic Fort Macleod, the site of western Canada's first North-West Mounted Police settlement. Take time to look for antelopes, coyotes, eagles, and moose in the area. You can choose between private and National Park campgrounds as a base for exploring the park and its surroundings. The Townsite campground is close to downtown Waterton, but it is popular during the summer months, and reservations are needed.

Driving Distance – 273 KM

[Waterton Lakes National Park to Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park](#)

Today you drive into Saskatchewan, one of Canada's prairie provinces, after crossing the provincial boundary. As you plan to explore Saskatchewan's Cypress Hills, you will be surrounded by evergreen splendour. The forested plateau rises abruptly above the prairie, forming a mountain-like oasis. In this idyllic atmosphere, relax and unwind in the comfort of your RV. The park, which sits at 1,392m and has some of the highest points East of the Rockies, is biologically special, with lodgepole pine forest, uncommon wild flowers, and animal species.

Driving Distance – 422 KM

[Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park to Grasslands National Park](#)

You'll arrive at Grasslands National Park, one of Canada's most unusual habitats, at the end of today's drive. Expansive land has been carved out of the rolling prairie landscape to conserve mixed prairie grasses and endangered species. A black-footed ferret, short-horned lizard, black-tailed prairie dog, or bison can be seen. When night falls, look up into the sky to see one of nature's most spectacular shows of starlight. Grasslands National Park is one of Canada's highest and darkest Dark Sky Preserves, with no light pollution. Frenchman Valley Campground and Rock Creek Campground do provide RV camping.

Driving Distance – 218 KM

[Grasslands National Park to Regina](#)

Today, when you drive north-east to rejoin the Trans Canada Highway on your way to Regina, you'll be passing through prairie towns. Take some time to visit the charming city of Moose Jaw and stroll through its charming downtown streets. It has the most tourist attractions per capita in Canada, so you're sure to find something to enjoy. It's just an hour's drive from Moose Jaw to Regina, where you'll spend the night. Overnight suggestion: Kings Acres Campground, located on the outskirts of Regina, about 15 minutes from the city centre.

Driving Distance – 397 KM

[Regina to Saskatoon](#)

Stop in the Lumsden Valley on your way to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan's largest city, to visit several farmers' markets along Highway 6. This is a perfect time to stock up on farm-fresh vegetables and homemade jams and pies as you head north.

Saskatoon is a charming city with a diverse range of restaurants and cultural attractions. Enjoy the sunset while strolling along the riverside walkway in the evening. Gordon Howe Campground, located within city limits and about a 5-minute drive from the city centre, is our recommendation for an overnight stay.

Driving Distance – 259 KM

Saskatoon to Prince Albert National Park

Prince Albert National Park's transitional landscape will take your breath away as aspen parkland gives way to boreal forest and grasslands. The grasslands are ecologically significant because they are rare, as most fescue grasslands have been lost to farming and urban growth outside of the park. Learn about the tranquil scenery and the animals that call this place home at the visitor centre, which is near to the Waskesiu Heritage Museum. Interpretive programmes, guided walks, and outdoor theatre performances are all available. Five front-country vehicle-accessible campgrounds in the park provide both serviced and unserviced camping.

Driving Distance – 231 KM

Prince Albert National Park to Edmonton

Today is a long day of driving as you travel west across Saskatchewan, following the southern boundary of the boreal forest. Enter Highway 3 west of Lloydminster and meander through small prairie towns before reaching the Yellowhead Highway (16). Further west on Highway 16, you'll come to Vegreville, which is home to the world's largest Ukrainian Easter egg. It's just another hour's drive from Vegreville to Edmonton, Alberta's capital city, and your home for the next two nights.

Driving Distance – 651 KM

Edmonton to Jasper

The Yellowhead Highway continues west from Edmonton, passing through flat prairie land before reaching Jasper National Park's stunning mountains. The eastern entrance to the Park is just past Hinton, but it's another hour's drive to Jasper townsite from there. Consider taking a detour along the way to Miette Hot Springs to relax in the hottest hot springs in the Canadian Rockies. During the peak summer months, the park's campgrounds, especially those close to Jasper, are usually fully booked, so it's a good idea to make a reservation ahead of time. Explore Jasper in the late afternoon and evening. If you don't feel like cooking, the town offers a variety of excellent dining choices.

Driving Distance – 365 KM

Jasper to Lake Louise and Banff

The drive from Jasper to Lake Louise and Banff is full of scenic highlights and must-see locations. Allow a full day to enjoy what this legendary road trip has to offer.

Athabasca Falls, located just outside of Jasper, is a must-see. Make a point of visiting the Columbia Icefields as well. The glacial fields south of the Arctic Circle are the highest in the



world. Keep an eye out for the Peyto Lake turnoff. This lake, which is best seen from Bow Summit, the highest point on the Icefields Parkway, is the most visited and photographed lake in the Canadian Rockies. Bow Lake and the Crowfoot Glacier are both close to Peyto Lake. Returning to the Trans Canada highway, Lake Louise is just a short distance away.

Driving Distance – 288 KM

Banff to Calgary

Given the short distance today, you might want to spend some time exploring Banff and the surrounding area before returning to Calgary. If you'd rather just go, consider taking a different path back to Calgary. Highway 1A is slower, but it provides more scenic views of the surrounding mountains, with plenty of photo opportunities. We suggest staying tonight at Calgary West Campground on the city's western outskirts, regardless of which path you select. It's just a quick ride back on Stoney Trail in the morning to drop off your RV.

Driving Distance – 129 KM