

GPS COORDINATES	
<b>A</b> Yoho Visitor Centre (Field) Trans-Canada Hwy, Field, BC VOA 1G0	51.397844 -116.491872
<b>B</b> Emerald Lake Lakeshore 1 Emerald Lake Rd, Field, BC VOA 1G0	51.439236 -116.541407
<b>C</b> Lake Louise Visitor Centre Samson Mall, 201 Village Rd, Lake Louise, AB TOL 1E0	51.426146 -116.179019

See reverse for trail descriptions and detailed map of Emerald Lake area.

**Yoho Valley Road.** Seasonal closure to vehicles from October to late May. The road is partly groomed.

See reverse for trail closure information on the Great Divide and the Ross Lake loop trails for winter 2023-2024.

The Yoho Visitor Centre is closed from mid-October to early-May. In winter, there is 24/7 free Wi-Fi and washroom access. You can buy your park pass at the self-service kiosk. For accommodations and attractions in the village of Field, visit [field.ca](http://field.ca)

The Lake Louise Visitor Centre is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the winter. You can buy your park pass here.  
403-522-3833  
[ll.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:ll.info@pc.gc.ca)

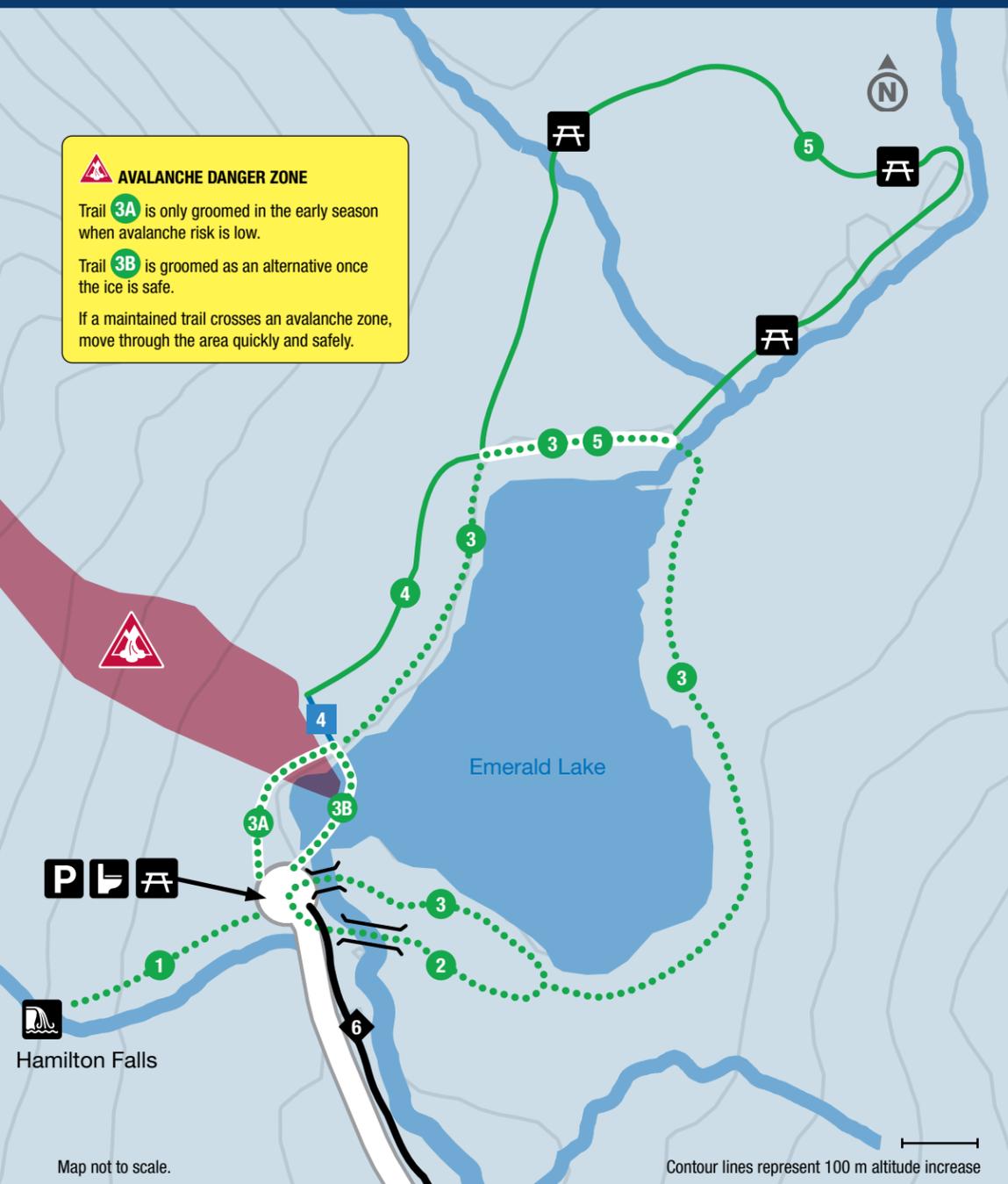
**Caution.** Beyond snowshoe trail 9, the Lake O'Hara Fire Road travels through avalanche terrain. You should be prepared with the appropriate knowledge, skills and rescue equipment.

Winter trails	Distance (one-way)	Elevation* (gain/loss)	Estimated time (return)	Trail description
<b>6</b> Connector	6.9 km 7.3 km to Natural Bridge	180 m / 105 m 190 m / 110 m	3-4 hrs	Access the trail from the Emerald Lake or Natural Bridge parking lots. At Natural Bridge, the trail starts across Emerald Lake Road. The trail has hilly and steep sections. It is recommended for advanced cross-country skiers.
<b>7</b> Tally-Ho – Old ski hill	2.3 km	80 m / 40 m	1-1.5 hrs	Park at the Natural Bridge parking lot and cross Emerald Lake Road to join the Tally-Ho Trail. Go straight at the junction. The trail climbs gradually and is followed by a short descent towards an area that was used as a small ski hill until the late 60s.
<b>8</b> Great Divide	8.5 km from Lake Louise	210 m / 120 m	3-4 hrs from Lake Louise	No access from the Lake O'Hara parking lot this winter due to fire management operations. Start from the eastern end in Lake Louise. This groomed trail 8 gently slopes downhill, and ends shortly after the Great Divide arch, or 8.5 km in. You will need to return the way that you came. Watch for area closure signs nearby.
See reverse for the 2023-2024 closure map of this area.				
<b>9</b> Ross Lake	5.2 km	390 m / 135 m	3-4 hrs	From the Lake O'Hara parking lot, follow Lake O'Hara Road until you reach the Ross Lake trailhead. Trail 9 takes you to a small rockbound lake at 3.2 km. You will need to return the way that you came. It is not possible to loop back to the parking lot via the Great Divide Trail 8 due to an area closure for fire management operations. In addition, Ross Lake Trail sections will temporarily close. Watch for area closure signs nearby.
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<b>10</b> Kicking Horse Fire Road	3.8 km to rest area 7 km to the end	60 m / 140 m	2-3 hrs to rest area 4-4.5 hrs to the end	Access the trail from the Natural Bridge parking lot. Ski 2.4 km down a gradual hill, past the Emerald River to the Amiskwi River bridge. Cross the bridge and continue left along the old fire road for 4.6 km to the Otterhead River.
<b>11</b> Yoho Valley Road	4.5 km	180 m / 85 m	2-3 hrs	Drive the Yoho Valley Road until you reach the winter parking lot near Monarch Campground. You will cross two bridges, and climb a steep hill before you reach the Upper Spiral Tunnel Viewpoint and pass the Kicking Horse River. The groomed trail stops before reaching avalanche terrain.
<b>12</b> Sherbrooke Lake	2.9 km	280 m / 75 m	3-4 hrs	From the Great Divide lodge parking lot, head toward the fence, climb a few stairs and open the gate to access the trail. The trail climbs steadily for 2 km and levels off before reaching the lake at 3.1 km. The lake sits in a narrow valley surrounded by steep avalanche slopes. Respect avalanche area warning signs.
<b>13</b> Wapta Falls Eastbound access only	3.8 km	160 m / 150 m	3-4 hrs	Park at the Wapta Falls winter parking lot just off the Trans-Canada Highway. The winter trail follows the access road then reaches the summer hiking trail after 2 km. There are a few rolling hills, and the trail continues to a lower viewpoint downstream of the falls. Be careful when walking as mist can make this lower section icy.

● Easy trail    ■ Moderate trail    ◆ Difficult trail    — Cross-country ski trail    ... Multi-use trail    ... Snowshoe trail

\*On most trails you will gain and lose elevation before you reach your destination. Elevation gain represents all the up and elevation loss all the down you will experience on a one-way hike.

# Emerald Lake in the winter



# Great Divide and Ross Lake this winter



## Winter trail closures in 2023-24

Due to fire management operations:

- The western end of the Great Divide Trail is closed for the winter.
- Two Ross Lake Trail sections will close temporarily throughout the winter.

Check for area closure signs. Trail closures are posted in advance at [parks.canada.gc.ca/yoho-bulletins](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/yoho-bulletins)

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<b>1</b> Hamilton Falls	900 m	100 m / 5 m	30 mins	Access the trail from the west side of the Emerald Lake parking lot. Quick and easy trip to the frozen Hamilton Falls.
<b>2</b> Peaceful Pond	900 m	30 m / 30 m	30 mins	Access the trail from the east side of the Emerald Lake parking lot. Hike in the forest near Peaceful Pond. When you arrive at the Emerald Lakeshore Trail junction, keep left to go back to the lodge and parking lot. Turn right for a longer adventure around Emerald Lake.
<b>3</b> Emerald Lakeshore	5.2 km loop	120 m / 120 m	2-3 hrs	In early season, the trail starts by the Emerald Lake public washroom (see <b>3A</b> ), and follows the perimeter of the lake clockwise. Once the lake surface is frozen, the trail starts on the lake (see <b>3B</b> ) to avoid the avalanche path.
<b>3A</b> Emerald Lakeshore	600 m	15 m / 15 m	20 mins	
<b>3B</b> Emerald Lake Crossing	500 m	n/a	20 mins	
<b>4</b> Classic Emerald	1 km (with <b>4</b> )	20 m / 20 m	1 hr	Access the trail by <b>3A</b> (early season) or <b>3B</b> (once the lake is frozen). The groomed forested trail, with gentle rolling hills, leads to the back of Emerald Lake. Continue on the Alluvial Fan Loop for panoramic views.
<b>4</b> Classic Emerald	50 m	10 m / 10 m	5-10 mins	Trail <b>4</b> is very short but steep.
<b>5</b> Alluvial Fan Loop	4.3 km loop	55 m / 55 m	1 hr	Access the trail by <b>4</b> . You can travel both ways on this loop of the alluvial fan at the back of Emerald Lake. Enjoy the views of the mountains at one of the rest areas along the trail. Continue until you merge back with <b>4</b> .

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### Avalanche safety

Avalanche season extends from November to June. Even a short walk from the parking lot can take you into dangerous terrain. If you are planning on traveling in areas beyond maintained trails, you should assume that you are in avalanche terrain, and you should be prepared with the appropriate knowledge, skills and rescue equipment.

Visit [pc.gc.ca/avalanche](https://pc.gc.ca/avalanche) for avalanche ratings, maps and forecasts.

### Trail safety

- When trails are icy, use hiking poles and ice cleats.
- Weather can change quickly in the mountains. Check the forecast and bring extra layers and snacks.

Check current trail conditions at [pc.gc.ca/yohotrails](https://pc.gc.ca/yohotrails) before you begin your winter adventure.

### Road safety

- Road conditions can change quickly in the mountains. Bring blankets and an emergency kit for your vehicle.
- Tell somebody where you're going, when you will be back and who to call if you don't return. Parks Canada Dispatch: 403-762-1470
- **Winter tires (M&S) or chains are required by law** for travel in B.C. from October 1 to April 30.

Check current road conditions at [drivebc.ca](https://drivebc.ca) BEFORE you head out.

### Trail etiquette

- The track set portion of the trail is for classic skiing only, no dogs are allowed on track set portions. The flat groomed lane is for other users.
- Dogs are only allowed on certain trails. Keep your dogs off the track set. Keep your dogs on leash at all times and pick up after them.
- Leave no trace! Pack everything out you pack in.

### Park information

- Parking at Emerald Lake and Natural Bridge is limited. Park in designated parking areas only and come prepared with a backup plan if your destination is full.
- Cell phone coverage is not reliable in the park.
- Some trailheads and day-use areas are only accessible from one direction on the Trans-Canada Highway. Left hand turns are only allowed at signed intersections.
- Drones/UAVs are prohibited for personal use anywhere in the national parks.

Avalanche ratings	Trail conditions	Road conditions

- Visitor centre
- Avalanche zone
- Parking
- Easy trail
- Toilet
- Moderate trail
- Rest area
- Difficult trail
- Waterfall
- Cross-country ski trail
- Fat biking
- Multi-use trail
- Cross-country skiing
- Snowshoe trail
- Snowshoeing
- Railway
- Skate skiing
- Park boundary
- Dogs allowed
- Provincial boundary
- No dogs allowed
- No left turns