2026 Hiking Schedule. Destinations may be changed before the start of the hiking season.

NOTE: Outings and destinations may need to be changed during the hiking season due to trail closures, conditions etc. at the discretion of the Hiking Director.

For more information about the hikes, check out our website's Bus Book pages and Trail Maps located at Bus Outings>Summer Hiking Library.

DATE	AREA	DESTINATION	DISTANCE	ELEVATION	TIME
6-May	West Bragg Creek- Alan Bill	Ranger Summit-Strange Brew-Boundary Ridge-Snagmore- Elbow (A1, A2, B1+)	16.7km	755m	5-6 hrs
		Boundary Ridge-Snagmore-Elbow (B1, B2+, B2)	11.2km	390m	4-5 hrs
		Elbow-Fullerton Loop (C1+, C1)	6.6km	220m	3-4 hrs
		Elbow (C2)	AFATP	100m	3-4 hrs
13-May	West of Millarville	Mesa Butte Loop-Curley Sand-Equestrian Centre (A1, A2, B1+)	14.4km	650m	5 hrs
		Mesa Butte Loop-North Fork (B1, B2+, B2)	10.4km	475m	4.5 hrs
		Equestrian Centre to Mesa Butte, return via Curley Sand to North Fork (C1+)	8.4km	450m	3-4 hrs
		Curley Sand to Mesa Butte Trail, and return to North Fork (C1)	8km	310m	3-4 hrs
		Equestrian Centre - Equestrian Centre (C2)	4km	140m	3-4 hrs
20-May	Banff	Sulphur Mountain, Cosmic Ray Station return (A1, A2, B1+)	14.7km	655m	4.5 hrs
		Sulphur Mountain, and return (B1, B2+, B2)	11km	655m	4.5 hrs
		Surprise Corner to Hoodoos and return to Banff. (C1+, C1)	Up to 12km	115m	5 hrs
		Cave and Basin to Banff Townsite (C2)	2km	Minimal	2 hrs
27-May	Sheep Valley	Green Mounatin - Spaulding Point (A1, A2, B1+)	17.1km	625m	5.5 hrs
		Mount Hoffmann (B1, B2+, B2)	8.4km	470m	4.5 hrs
		Dyson Falls (C1+, C1, C2)	9km	160m	4 hrs
3-Jun	Elbow Valley - **CANCELLED**				
10-Jun	Elbow Valley - **Rescheduled from previous week -** Replacing Kananaskis Valley (Barrier Lake area)	Rainy Summit-Powderface Ridge-Three Trail Pass-return on Powderface Creek (A1, A2, B1+)	15km	650m	5.5 hrs
		Prairie Creek to Prairie Link and Powderface Creek (B1, B2+ , B2)	12.4km	370m	5 hrs
		Prairie Creek to Prairie Link and Return (C1+)	12km	200m	4.5 hrs
		Powderface Creek to Prairie Link and return (C1)	6.6km	150m	4 hrs
		Powderface Creek AFATP (C2)	6.6km	150m	4 hrs

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17-Jun	Kananaskis Lakes	Kananaskis Fire Lookout (out and back from Boulton Trading Post) (A1, A2, B1+, B1)	13.8km	530m	4.5 hrs
		Kananaskis Fire Lookout (from Fire Lookout access road, return via Whiskey Jack) (B2+, B2)	10km	300m	4.5hrs
		Boulton Creek Trading Post to Wheeler & Amos & return (C1+, C1, C2)	Up to 7.2km	184m	4 hrs
24-Jun	Bow Valley	Yamunska - Beyond chimney (A1, A2, B1+)	10km	650m	5 hrs
		Yamnuska to base of chimney (B1, B2+, B2)	7.8km	530m	5 hrs
		Montane Interpretive Middle Lake Many Springs (C1+, C1, C2)	1.5km 6.6km	Minimal	5 hrs
8-Jul	Cataract	Raspberry Ridge Fire Lookout (A1, A2, B1+, B1, B2+)	13.6km	649m	5 hrs
		Raspberry Ridge to Meadows (B2)	10km	300m	4 hrs
		Raspberry Ridge to Meadows or AFATP and take bus to Cataract Creek (C1+, C1, C2)	Up to 10km	Up to 300m	4 hrs
15-Jul	Castle Junction	Stanley Glacier Ridge (A1, A2, B1+)	13.8km	670m	5 hrs
		Stanley Glacier to end of trail (B1, B2+)	10km	385m	4.5hrs
		Stanley Glacier Basin (B2)	8.4km	250m	4 hrs
		Paint Pots to Marble Canyon and Tokuum Creek (C1+, C1)	8.9km	185m	4.5 hrs
		Paint Pots to Marble Canyon (C2)	5.4km	Minimal	3-4 hrs
22-Jul	Highwood	Piper Pass (A1, A2, B1+)	21km	900m	5 hrs
		Rae Lake (B1)	16km	460m	5 hrs
		Rae Glacier (B2+, B2)	8.4km	400m	4.5 hrs
		Elbow Lake/Big Elbow to Edworthy Falls (C1+, C1)	9.5km	170m	4.5 hrs
		Elbow Lake (C2)	3km	150m	4 hrs
29-Jul	Banff	C-Level Cirque (A1, A2, B1+, B1, B2+, B2)	7.8km - 9.4km	455 -540m	5.5 hrs
		Johnson Lake Loop and trail to Cascade Ponds (C1+, C1)	8.8km	Minimal	4 hrs
		Johnson Lake Loop and bus to Cascade Ponds (C2)	3km	Minimal	2 hrs
		Cascade Ponds to Bankhead Interpretive Area and return (C1+, C1, C2)	5km	Minimal	2 hrs
5-Aug	Yoho	Yoho Pass Trail to Emerald Lake (A1, A2, B1+, B1, B2+, B2)	12.8km	530m	5-6 hrs
		Yoho Valley Trail to Laughing Falls (B2, C1+, C1)	8.8km	125m	3.5 hrs
		Takakkaw Falls (C1, C2)	5km	50m	5 hrs
		Emerald Lake Circuit for those doing Laughing Falls and Takakkaw Falls (B2, C1+, C1, C2)	5.6km	negligible	4 hrs

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12-Aug	Smith Dorrien	Buller Pass traverse to Galatea (A1, A2, B1+)	20km	1100m	6.5 hrs
		Buller Pass (B1)	14.8km	670m	5.5 hrs
		Buller Pass Meadows (B2+, B2)	10km	450m	5 hrs
		Watridge Lake/Karst Springs (C1+, C1)	7.5-12km	undulating	5 hrs
		Watridge Lake (C2)	7.5km	undulating	4 hrs
19-Aug	Icefields Parkway	Molar Pass (A1, A2, B1+)	20.6km	510m	6 hrs
		Molar Meadows (B1)	18km	482m	6 hrs
		Molar Pass Junction (B2+, B2)	13.8km	367m	4 hrs
		Bow Glacier Falls (C1+, C1)	9.4km	155m	4 hrs
		Bow Lake Shoreline (C2)	4km	Minimal	3-4 hrs
		Photo Hike Bow Lake	up to 6km		3-4 hrs
26-Aug	Smith Dorrien	Tent Ridge (A1, A2, B1+)	10.6km	800m	5.5 hrs
		Rummel Lake (B1,B2+, B2)	10km	400m	5 hrs
		Commonwealth Lake (C1+, C1, C2)	8.4km	198m	5 hrs
2-Sep	Moraine Lake	Wenkchenma Pass (A1, A2, B1+)	19.4km	733m	6 hrs
		Eifel Lake (B1, B2+, B2)	11.7km	370m	5 hrs
		Larch Valley (B1, B2+, B2)	9km	400m	5 hrs
		Consolation Lakes (C1+, C1, C2)	5.8km	65m	5 hrs
9-Sep	Smith Dorrien	Upper Headwall Lakes Valley (A1, A2, B1+)	16km	625m	5-6 hrs
		Headwall Lakes (B1)	14km	457m	5-6 hrs
		Chester Lake and Three Lakes Valley (B2+)	13km	450m	5 hrs
		Chester Lake and Elephant Rocks (B2, C1+, C1)	9-11km	300-350m	4-5 hrs
		Burstall Lakes (C2)	5km	100m	3 hrs
16-Sep	Elbow Valley	Forget Me Not Ridge (A1, A2, B1+)	11.5km	705m	5 hrs
		Nihahi Ridge (B1, B2+, B2)	9.6km	365m	4 hrs
		Ford Knoll Loop (B2, C1+, C1)	5.3km	130m	3-4 hrs
		Little Elbow to Waterfalls (C2)	3 -10km	50 -100m	3-4 hrs
23-Sep	Highwood Pass	Pocaterra Ridge Traverse (A1, A2, B1+)	10km	840m	6.5 hrs
		South Pocaterra Ridge (B1, B2+, B2)	8.6km	659m	5.5 hrs
		Ptarmigan Cirque (C1+, C1)	6km	230m	4 hrs
		Ptarmigan Cirque AFATP (C2)	Up to 6km	230m	4 hrs

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30-Sep	Kananaskis Lakes	Three Isle Lake to top of Headwall (A1, A2, B1+)	19km	625m	6 hrs
		Three Isle Lake to base of Headwall (B1)	17km	150m	5 hrs
		Forks Campground (B2+, B2)	14.4km	150m	5 hrs
		Falls and Bridge at Kananaskis River (C1+, C1, C2)	9.5km	undulating	4 hrs
7-Oct	Smith-Dorrien	Burstall Pass (A1, A2, B1+, B1, B2+)	15km	470m	5-6 hrs
		Burstall Pass Meadows (B2)	11km	300m	4-5 hrs
		French Creek Waterfall and Third Burstall Lake (C1+, C1)	10km	200m	3-4 hrs
		Third Burstall Lake (C2)	5km	100m	3 hrs
14-Oct	Canmore	Grassi Knob (A1, A2, B1+)	9.4km	750m	5 hrs
		Highline (B1, B2+, B2)	11.7km	534m	4.5hrs
		Three Sisters Parkway (C1+, C1)	up to 15km	275m	4.5 hrs
		Larch Loop, The Creeks (C2)	7.8km	Negilgible	4 hrs
21-Oct	Elbow Valley	Ridgeback Tom Snow Loop (A1, A2, B1+)	16km	300m	5 hrs
		Elbow Valley Sulphur Springs Loop (B1, B2+, B2, C1+, C1)	13.5km	230m	5 hrs
		Elbow Valley Trail (C2)	5km	minimal	5 hrs
28-Oct	Banff	Tunnel Mountain and Fenland (A1, A2, B1+, B1)	up to 20km	495m	5.5 hrs
		Hoodoos Trail via Surprise Corner (B2+,B2, C1+, C1) Fenland Trail (C2)	up to 14km AFATP	250 -300m Minimal	4.5 hrs
Replaced with June 3 Elbow Valley cancellation	Kananaskis Valley	Barrier Dam to Barrier Lake Lookout and return via Jewel Pass (A1, A2, B1+)	17.8km	625m	5.5 - 6 hrs
		Barrier Dam to McDonnell Ridge and return via Jewel Pass (B1, B2+)	15.4km	550m	6 hrs
		Barrier Dam to Jewell Pass and return (B2, C1+, C1)	13.6km	250m	5.5 hrs
		Barrier Dam to Jewel Bay and return (C2)	8km	50m	3.5 hrs
8-Jul - Replaced with Raspberry Ridge	Sheep Valley	Volcano Ridge (A1, A2, B1+)	14.3km	695m	5-6 hrs
		South Volcano Ridge (B1, B2+, B2)	11.8km	475m	4-5 hrs
		Gorge Ware Connector (C1+, C1)	10km	250m	4-5 hrs
		Ware Creek (C2)	5km	100m	3.5 hrs