

Welcome to William A. Switzer Provincial Park

This passport will guide you on a tour of Switzer Park's highlights and hidden gems.

Take a picture of yourself at each site and check them off as you go.
(If completing as a group, include everyone in your photos)

Bring your completed Passport into the Visitor Centre and show off your photos to receive a free Switzer Park postcard and a 30% discount in the gift shop*
*discount is limited to a one time purchase

Please contact the Visitor Centre at Kelley's Bathtub at 780-865-5600 for trail maps and general inquiries. In the winter, contact the Hinton Parks Office at 780-865-8395

More information: www.AlbertaParks.ca

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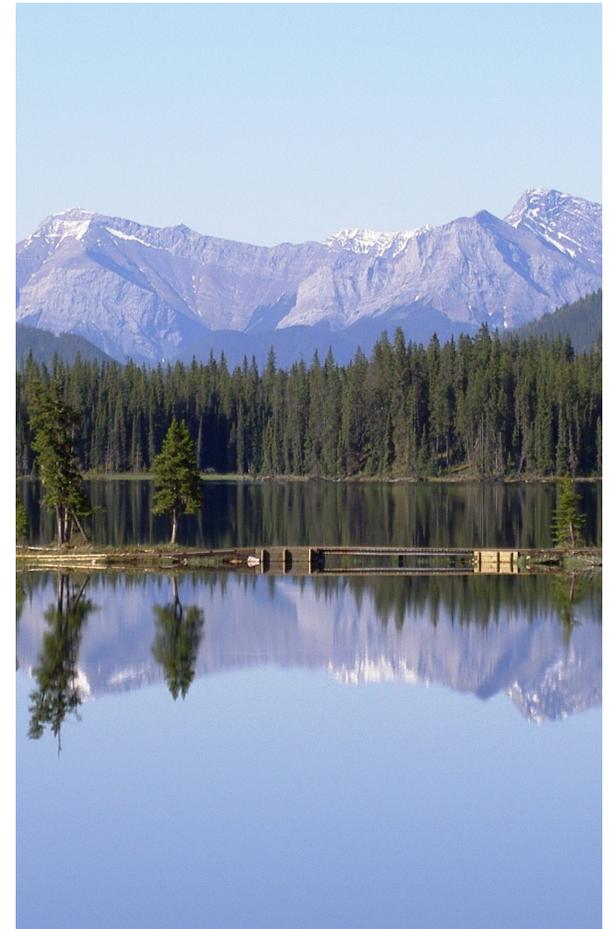
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Passport to Switzer Park



*"And into the forest I go, to lose my mind
and find my soul" - John Muir*

□ 1. Kelley's Bathtub Boardwalk

UTM: 447199.552 W 5924896.636 N

Take a walk around the 1km Kelley's Bathtub trail to the boardwalk and soak in the view of the Rock Lake Solomon mountain range across Jarvis Lake.

□ 2. Friendly Vista Trail

UTM: 447270.554 W 5924143.223 N

Departing from Kelley's Bathtub is the 2.5km Friendly Vista Trail. Enjoy this walk around Jarvis Lake and take a picture at one of the bench viewpoints.



□ 3. Jarvis Beach

UTM: 446838.675 W 5922225.55 N

Who doesn't love a beach day? Head to the Jarvis Lake Day Use area and soak up the sun on the sandy beach, take a dip in the cool lake water, or go pond dipping in the tall grasses and look for some wild water critters!

□ 4. Beaver Ranch Trail

UTM: 446801.566 W 5927667.183 N

Buff up on your history with the short and educational 1.5km Beaver Ranch Trail. Taking off from Graveyard Campground, learn more about failed beaver ranching operations that took place in this area. Snap a picture at the viewpoint.



□ 5. Jarvis Creek

UTM: 447025.244 W 5927525.171 N

The Jarvis Creek connects all 5 lakes in Switzer Park. Although your best view of the creek will come from a canoe, take a picture along any portion of the creek and keep an eye out for Northern Pike seeking a safe place along its banks.

□ 6. Joachim Valley Trail - Plane

UTM: 445827.037 W 5918875.137 N

The Joachim Valley trail begins across the road from the Jarvis Lake Campground parking lot. If you are feeling ambitious you can hike 13km and end up at Black Cat Ranch. For a shorter excursion, hike in about 3.5km to find the cockpit of an old Search and Rescue plane nestled in the valley on your right hand side.



□ 7. Trout Pond

UTM: 446330.389 W 5929086.717 N

Whether you are a pro angler or not, it is worth checking out this stocked trout pond along the Cache Lake road. You can often see rainbow trout swimming around in the shallow pond or seeking shelter underneath the dock.

□ 8. Wildlife Viewing Blind

UTM: 445585.804 W 5928303.654 N

Dusk and dawn are the best time to see wildlife anywhere in Switzer. Improve your chances by ducking into the shelter at the wildlife viewing blind and watch as ungulates and birds of prey pass through the grassy valley. You will find this hidden gem along the Cache Lake road.



□ 9. Athabasca Lookout

UTM: 447414.45 W 5918288.227 N

At the end of the road to the Hinton Nordic Centre lies a hike with the best view in Switzer Park. Hike the 1km trail up to a panoramic view of the mountain valley that will take your breath away. The trail continues along the ridge.

□ 10. Kettle Trail

UTM: 5927667.183 N 5930129.485 N

Behind the shower building at Gregg Lake Campground is a hidden gem, the Kettle Trail. Walk through this forested trail and snap a picture by the pond you will find along this 3.5km loop. Keep your eyes peeled for one of the local foxes that have a den back here.