

HIKING

PARKER RIDGE



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Rating: Strenuous

Distance: 5 km (3 mi) Round trip

Max. Elevation: 2255 m (7395 ft)

Elevation loss/gain: +216 m (708 ft)

Approx. time: 2.5-4 hrs

Footwear: Light hiking boot

Best months to hike: Early July-end September

Trail head: : Parking area 41 km (25 mi) north of The Crossing Resort on the Icefields Parkway



This hike allows you the most wonderful opportunity to experience high Alpine terrain in Banff National Park. The ridge was named after surveyor Herschel Parker who started a survey of the Continental Divide in the late 1800s. For about the first kilometer the trail switches through old avalanche areas and at the 2100 m (6800 ft) level you enter the Alpine zone. You may get a chance to see Pika at this altitude so keep your eyes open.

As the trail crosses the summit you will see stretching before you the 9 km long Saskatchewan glacier. This is the only location the Saskatchewan Glacier can be seen in its complete splendor. Photo opportunities do not get any better than this.

As you return keep an eye on the tree line below you, as sometimes there have been Mountain Goats in this area.



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