

HIKING

CIRQUE LAKE



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Rating: Moderate

Distance: 8.4 km (5.2 mi) round trip

Max. Elevation: 1755 m (5750 ft)

Elevation loss/gain: + 105 m (345 ft)

Approx. time: 3 hrs round trip

Footwear: Light to good hiking boot (trail can be muddy)

Best months to hike: Early June to Late September

Trail head: Waterfowl Lakes campground 19.3 km south of The Crossing Resort on the Icefields Parkway.



The trail starts at the Mistaya River footbridge at the back of Waterfowl Lakes campground. If you are not camping there then drive in the entrance and veer left down to the end of the service road and follow the signs around the back of the campground to the bridge. Cross the river and start your climb up through the forest for 1.3 km (0.8 mi.) to a junction where you can now follow the trail to the right that goes to Chephren Lake or to the left to continue to Cirque Lake. From that junction follow to the left and you very soon reach the lakes outlet stream, but continue climbing beside the stream through thick forest to the lake. It can tend to be muddy along here.

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