

HIKING

NIGEL PASS



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Rating: Strenuous

Distance: 16 km (10 mi)

Max. Elevation: 2220 m (7285 ft)

Elevation loss/gain: + 365 m (1198 ft)

Approx. time: 6 hrs

Footwear: Light hiking boot

Best months to hike: Early July-October

Trail head: 36.5 km (23 mi) north of The Crossing Resort on the Icefields Parkway.



This hike which borders the Banff and Jasper Parks reward you with not only the privilege of hiking among peaks topped with glaciers but with one of the most expansive views of the Brazeau River Valley. It was named after one of the members of an early exploration, Nigel Vavasour.

Follow the old gravel road and across the creek itself then continue to climb your way above the creek. After about 2 km (1.2 mi) you will come across an old camping area that was used by early explorers. From here follow the trail as you head north and ascend the upper Nigel Creek Valley. You will be able to see Parker Ridge from here. You now continue your climb (a little tougher now) to the peak. You will know you have arrived as there is a cairn marking the boundary between Banff and Jasper parks. You are now standing at 7200 ft in the heart of the Canadian Rockies!



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