

# WARDEN LAKE



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# HIKING

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**Rating:** Easy

**Distance:** 4.4 km (1.4 mi) round trip

**Max. Elevation:** 1426 m (4678 ft)

**Elevation loss/gain:** + 30 m (100 ft)

**Approx. time:** 2.5 hrs round trip

**Footwear:** Good walking shoe

**Best months to hike:** Early June to end September

**Trail head:** Saskatchewan River Crossing Warden station 2 km south of The Crossing Resort on the Icefields Parkway.



To begin the hike, park opposite the Warden Station and look for the trail sign on the highway just a few feet south of the entrance to the Warden's station. It will take you around the right side of the Wardens house. This is a very easy hike. Keep your eyes out for Bald Eagles as they are not uncommon to see once you enter the forest. The first little lake you come to is an unnamed lake. Continue past this one for about 5 minutes and you will then arrive at Warden lake. There is good fishing here (license required) and it is no more than about 3.0 meters deep anywhere. You can actually float in a canoe and watch the fish "Not" bite your hook. The mountain rising up behind the lake is Mt. Murchison and it rises 2 km above the valley bottom.

A huge forest fire went through this area in July of 2014 and although it is quite barren looking now, it will spur re-growth that will bring forth new and diverse forests in years to come.



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