

HIKING

WILCOX PASS



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Rating: Moderate

Distance: 8 km (5 mi) round trip

Max. Elevation: 2375 m (7800 ft)

Elevation loss/gain: + 335 m (1100 ft)

Approx. time: 3 - 3.5 hrs

Footwear: Light hiking boot

Best months to hike: Late June-Mid-September

Trail head: Left side of entrance to Wilcox Creek campground 47.4 km North of the Crossing.



Beginning close to tree line, the trail climbs through huge meadows and you will have a view of the Athabasca Glacier. This hike is one of the most popular day hikes in the area. The trail is not quite as steep as you come onto an open ridge that provides a spectacular view. But then again, in this part of the world, all these views are spectacular. As you move on you will have a steep climb but just a short one which when it flattens out takes you through a pass that is between Nigel and Wilcox peaks. Keep an eye out for Bighorn Sheep as they summer up in this area and may even have lambs with them. Although the pass is quite flat you will not even realize you are at the high point of the trail. There is a large rock cairn by the trail and this marks the spot as well as the spot for your photo to add this hike to your collection in your Hike and Attraction Central Passport.

Wilcox peak and Pass are named after U.S. mountain moun-taineer Walter Wilcox.

This route was the common way to get through the mountains in this area to avoid the Athabasca Glacier and the Large Sun-wapta gorge.

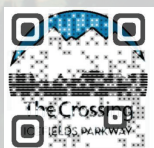


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