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1. **YOHO NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTRE**
   - At the turn-off to Field
   - **Parks Canada**: 250-343-6783 and Travel Alberta information services
   - **Burgess Shale**: fossil displays
   - **Friends of Yoho**: gift shop
   - April 1 to April 29, 9 am - 4 pm
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   - June 22 to September 2, 9 am - 5 pm
   - September 3 to September 15, 9 am - 5 pm
   - September 16 to March 31, 2008, 9 am - 4 pm

2. **TOWN OF FIELD**
   - MOST SERVICES
   - 27 kms west of Lake Louise, AB
   - Población: 250 habitantes
   - Population: 250
   - A quaint alpine town filled with flower gardens.

3. **TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY**
   - Speed limit: 90 km/hr (55 mph)
   - Drive with care on this busy highway.

4. **WAPTA FALLS**
   - 22 km (30 minutes) west of Field. The turn off it accessible to eastbound traffic only.
   - Meaning “river” in the Stoney people’s Sioux language, this area is a short drive from Highway #1. Take the 2.4 km trail to the falls (45 min one way).

5. **TAKAKKAW FALLS**
   - 17 km (25 minutes) from Field
   - Closed from October to June to motor vehicles
   - Takakkaw means “magnificent” in the Cree language. As one of the highest waterfalls in Canada, visitors can easily walk to the base and chose several popular hikes around the area.

6. **NATURAL BRIDGE**
   - 3 km (5 minutes) west of Field
   - A natural rock bridge that arches over the Kicking Horse River.

7. **EMERALD LAKE**
   - 11 km (15 min) from Field
   - A 5.2 (2 hr) trail circles the lake. Be sure to see the Burgess Shale display in the picnic area.

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**YOHO VALLEY ROAD**
- **Speed limit**: 20 – 60 km/hr (12 – 37 mph)
- **Open from June to early October as weather permits.**
  - This 13 km road is steep and has tight switchbacks that can be dangerous in inclement weather. Leave trailers in the parking lot across from Monarch Campground.

**EMERALD LAKE ROAD**
- **Speed limit**: 50 km/hr (30 mph)
- **Open year-round**

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**Spiral Tunnels Viewpoint and Kicking Horse Pass National Historic Site**
- 8 km (15 min) east of Field
- Closed from October to April
- Completed in 1909, these tunnels reduced the original perilous railway grade of 4.5% to 2.2%. Once considered the most dangerous grade of any railway in North America, the tunnels have remedied the situation. See the exhibits here that illustrate how the tunnels function.
**YOHO NATIONAL PARK: SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

- **Evening Programs**
  Discover insights into the park’s natural wonders with a Parks Canada Interpreter.

- **Kicking Horse Campground Theatre Interpretive Program** – July and August.

- **Roving Interpreters**
  Parks Canada staff are ready to answer your questions and share stories at major points of interest throughout the park.

**EVENTS**

Celebrate Parks Day July 21! Check at [information centres](#) for details.

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**FOSSILS OF THE BURGESS SHALE**

The Burgess Shale allows visitors to experience the 510 million year-old remains of more than 120 species of marine animals. The fossils are so amazingly preserved that they have allowed scientists to study what the ancient creatures ate just before they died! To protect such an important scientific resource, access to Walcott's Quarry and the Trilobite Beds is with a guide only. The hikes are long and strenuous and are limited to 15 people at a time. Let by licensed guides, the hikes are offered from early July through mid September, as weather permits.

For schedules, fees, and reservations, contact the [Yoho-Burgess Shale Foundation](#) at 1 800 343-3006.

Fossils of the Burgess Shale can be seen in the Yoho Visitor Centre. Interpretive displays can also be seen outside the Centre and at the Emerald Lake picnic area.

**NOTE:** Collecting fossils anywhere in the national parks is against the law.

**LAKE O’HARA**

This sensitive area is both exquisite and fragile. To preserve the ecosystem, there is a limited amount of people who may use the bus service to the lake. Bicycles are not permitted. There is no limit, however, to the number of people who may hike the 11 km (7 mi) trail to the lake.