C. BOW VALLEY PARKWAY (#1A)
A scenic alternative to the Trans-Canada Highway, the Bow Valley Parkway begins just west of Banff and includes Johnston Canyon (#6) among its attractions. Maximum speed is 60km/hr.

Sharing the Parkway
For most of the year, we encourage visitors to enjoy the attractions and wildlife watching opportunities that the parkway provides. To help protect wildlife, however, we are asking visitors to limit their travels on a portion of this road, at select times – see details below.

The remainder of the parkway and all commercial facilities along the #1A remain open as usual.

WHERE: The 17 km stretch from Johnston Canyon east to the Trans-Canada Highway (marked as on map).
WHEN: From March 01 to June 25, this portion is open between 9 am and 6 pm only. Please use the TransCanada Highway alternate route.

WHY: Research indicates that wildlife are most sensitive to human presence in this prime valley-bottom habitat in spring, when higher altitudes remain snowbound, and from dusk to dawn, when they are most active.

D. ICEFIELDS PARKWAY (#93N)

This is one of the world’s greatest mountain highroads, named for the chain of huge icefields that roofs the Rockies. Sixty years ago, a trip from Lake Louise to Jasper took two weeks by pack horse. Now you can travel the 250 km in a day, with time to stop at points of interest (#7-11). Be prepared for variable weather conditions; snow can fall in the high passes even in midsummer.

CAMPGROUNDS

There are two campgrounds on the Icefields Parkway: Rampart Creek and Two Jack Main.

There is an additional $4 fee for firewood.