



The Silver Ice Axe

The Newsletter of the Jasper/Hinton Section of the
Alpine Club of Canada

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Jasper Hinton Section Facebook Page

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You can use this link to follow the section, post “short notice” trips that may not be on the schedule, post pictures and stories of trips you have done, and to follow the section.

We have a website! Check it out. <http://accjasperhinton.ca/>

Spring 2022

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge all of our volunteer leaders and board members that make our section of the Alpine Club of Canada what it is.

Thanks!

The last few years has been relatively quiet with Covid complicating group events and club trips. It appears (fingers crossed) that we can start planning more events and trips again. Maybe this summer will be the “best summer ever” ;)

We have created some new positions on the board and I’m excited to include our new board members Cam Jenkins, Doug Olthof, Adam Parsons, Isobel Phoebus, and Sarah Ray who will all help with our future projects and events. I also wanted to give a hearty thanks to Jenn Russell who has been a mainstay on our board for several years. Thanks for all of your hard work over the years Jenn!!

With lingering winter it’s hard to believe summer is just around the corner, but here it is. Take a look at our calendar for upcoming trips. I hope to see you out in the hills enjoying the mountains this summer.

Cheers,
Matt Reynolds
Chair ACC Jasper/Hinton

May 2022

Covid 19 Information

Hoping we are near the end of the pandemic/endemic but please realize that public health rules are still in a transitionary stage and that “things” may change.

Please be respectful of your Leader, the other participants, and follow the guidelines that each trip leader uses for their trip.

Unless otherwise noted, please come prepared with your own Personal Protective equipment, (mask, sanitizer, the stuff you have stashed in the car) so that we are prepared if the PPE is needed.

We are all still trying to figure out what is best for us, our families, our community and fellow members.

Just be flexible and kind.

Jasper Youth Climbing Team Travels to First Bouldering Contest

The Jasper Youth Climbing Team travelled to it's first indoor bouldering competition at the Boulders gym in Edmonton on April 29th. Six team members – Kurt Cerezo, Molly McGowan, Annika Oeggerli, Charles Ederly, Lukas Oeggerli and Kassia Lazzari – trained throughout the winter in the Jasper Activity Centre bouldering gym in preparation for the competition. The team members performed well on modern “comp style” boulders that posed sometimes unfamiliar challenges. With over 300 registrants in the competition, none of the Jasper team members took home podium honours, but each climber managed to top at least two of the four problems they were presented with. The trip was made possible by generous donations from the ACC Jasper Hinton Section, the Association of Jasper Climbers, and the community at large. With the days lengthening and winter slowly releasing its grip on the mountains, the team is now turning its attention to honing rope skills and applying their talents to the rock!

2022 Summer Schedule

The following trips are filled on a first call first in basis. **Please contact leaders one to two weeks before the trip.** Volunteers lead all trips. **The exact date for the trip may change due to the leader's commitments.** For liability protection, each participant must sign a waiver.

Be sure to ask section leaders what other equipment may be necessary. Some section equipment is available on loan for club outings.

Crag Meet-ups!

Interested in trying rock climbing? Join us for a fun evening of learning to rock climb at one of Jasper's many beautiful intermediate crags. Transportation and location TBD, shoe, harness & helmet rentals are available at Gravity Gear.

Dates: Thursday June 23rd, Thursday July 21st, and Thursday August 25th,
All starting at 4pm.
Sarah Ray sarahray647@gmail.com

Climbers Social I'd like to start up a monthly climber's social as well. We hosted a casual evening of meeting & greeting last year and it was a blast. Locations TBD but it would be cool to do one in Jasper and one at maybe Folding Mountain
The proposed dates for these are the evenings of Thursday July 7th, and Thursday August 11th.
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Friends of Jasper National Park Trail Clearing Days

Adam Parsons **Access and Environment Representative**
We encourage all membership to participate in maintaining the Jasper trail network by volunteering with Friends of Jasper National Park. You can also get certified to maintain backcountry trails when you volunteer with FOJ to clear trails on your own time. Trail clearing days/certification days are every Tuesday 6-8 and Thursday 12-2 starting June 2. Register online at <https://www.friendsofjasper.com/ca/programs/trail-sessions>.

We are also planning on a back country trail clearing day which may be of interest to our members.

For more information contact Adam: parsons.adamreid@gmail.com

Jasper Youth Climbing Team

Fresh off a winter of dedicated indoor training, the Jasper Youth Climbing Team shifting its focus to evenings on the rock!

Though not a part of the ACC, the youth club aims to mentor the next generation of Jasper climbers and may be of interest to members who are introducing their kids to climbing. The team is great way to learn about climbing technique, fundamental belaying and safety skills, and to explore some new cragging areas in and around Jasper. A similar club is in development in Hinton and both will resume regular indoor training in the fall. If ACC Jasper Hinton Section members and their kids are interested, please contact Doug (below) to ask about joining this great new initiative.

May 25th 3:30PM to 9PM - Youth Top Rope Climbing - Cinquefoil Peak

Members and coaches of the Jasper Youth Climbing Team will hike 30-45 minutes to a bolted sport climbing crag at Cinquefoil Peak. Once there, they will top rope climbs that are 25-33m in length and in the 5.5-5.9 range of difficulty. Coaches will set up top rope anchors at bolted stations and will supervise team members as they climb and belay one another. No previous outdoor climbing experience is required, but participants should be familiar with the figure 8 follow through knot and top rope belay systems (covered in previous indoor practice sessions). Participants will be responsible for their own transportation and will supply their own climbing shoes, harnesses, and helmets. Participants should be prepared for variable weather and bring light snacks and water. This is not a guided trip.

Trip Leader: Doug Olthof dougolthof@gmail.com

May 2022

Participants: 2 adults, 7 youths

June 8th 3:30PM to 9PM: Youth Top Rope Climbing – The Suburbs (palisades)

Members and coaches of the Jasper Youth Climbing Team will hike 10-15 minutes to a bolted sport climbing crag (“The Suburbs”) near the Palisades. Once there, they will top rope climbs that are 18-22 m in length and in the 5.10 range of difficulty. Coaches will set up top rope anchors on bolted stations and will supervise team members as they climb and belay one another. No previous outdoor climbing experience is required, but participants should be familiar with the figure 8 follow through knot and top rope belay systems (covered in previous indoor practice sessions). Participants will be responsible for their own transportation and will supply their own climbing shoes, harnesses, and helmets. Participants should be prepared for variable weather and bring light snacks and water. This is not a guided trip.

Trip Leader: Doug Olthof

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Participants: 2 adults, 7 youths

June 15th 3:30PM to 9PM: Youth Top Rope Climbing – The Rock Gardens (Maligne Canyon)

Members and coaches of the Jasper Youth Climbing Team will hike 15-20 minutes to a bolted sport climbing crag (“The Rock Gardens”) near the Maligne Canyon (5th Bridge parking lot). Once there, they will top rope climbs that are 18-22 m in length and in the 5.10 range of difficulty. Coaches will set up top rope anchors on bolted stations and will supervise team members as they climb and belay one another. Participants should have some previous outdoor rock-climbing experience and should be familiar with the figure 8 follow through knot and top rope belay systems (covered in previous indoor practice sessions). Participants will be responsible for their own transportation and will supply their own climbing shoes, harnesses, and helmets. Participants should be prepared for variable weather and bring light snacks and water. This is not a guided trip.

Trip Leader: Doug Olthof

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Participants: 2 adults, 7 youths

July 7th 3:30PM to 9PM: Youth Top Rope and Lead Climbing – Cinquefoil Peak

Members and coaches of the Jasper Youth Climbing Team will hike 30-45 minutes to a bolted sport climbing crag at Cinquefoil Peak. Once there they will top rope and/or lead climb routes that are 25-33m in length and in the 5.5-5.9 range of difficulty. Coaches will set up top rope anchors on bolted stations and will supervise team members as they climb and belay one another. Participants will have the option of lead climbing routes while belayed by other team members under the close supervision of coaches. Previous outdoor top rope climbing experience is required and participants should be familiar with both top rope and lead belay systems and techniques (covered in previous indoor practice sessions). Participants will be responsible for their own transportation and will supply their own climbing shoes, harnesses, and helmets. Participants should be prepared for variable weather and bring light snacks and water. This is not a guided trip.

Trip Leader: Doug Olthof

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September 2-4, 2022 3 nights Bow Hut

The Bow Hut is fantastically scenic, perfectly situated and is an excellent base for exploring. It is the largest, best equipped and most accessible of the four huts on the Wapta.
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GUIDELINES FOR TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Amateur volunteer hikers, skiers and climbers coordinate all trips listed in the Jasper-Hinton Section's trip schedule. When on a trip, participants must act in a manner that is safe and responsible and participants are expected to bring the equipment requested by the trip leader. Participants should find out the requirements and demands of the trip well in advance by asking the leader and researching the trip in guidebooks and other literature. Further guidelines for participants are listed below.

1. Be prepared to complete an insurance waiver form.
2. You must be a member of the Alpine Club of Canada to join a trip.
3. Sign up for trips that will challenge you, but are not beyond your abilities. If unsure, ask the trip leader and tell them your experience and fitness level – **be honest**. People inexperienced in the mountains should start with easier trips.
4. Learn about the trip before you attend (which route, number of kilometers, amount of vertical gain/loss, type of terrain, length of day, etc.).
5. Give as much notice as possible to the Trip Leader if you are unable to go on the trip. There are often waiting lists of other members who would like to go.
6. Ensure that you have the right equipment and that it is in good repair.
7. For winter trips, make sure that you are using a digital avalanche transceiver and that it is in good working order. Single antenna (analog) transceivers are not acceptable.
8. Bring your helmet on all moderate and difficult scrambles, alpine, rock and ice climbs. Leaders may ask you to bring your helmet on certain ski trips as well.
9. Offer to drive, share expenses and be prepared to carry a part of the "group gear" (ropes, etc). The trip leader has often invested considerable time prior to the trip, investigating the route, reviewing the avalanche hazard, etc. and is often supplying his/her own equipment. Show your appreciation for this effort.

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