



Hiking / Exploring

We encourage you to do your own research as you know best what you and your group will like, but here are some short notes about potential hikes. Notes are mainly from the AllTrails App which often has up-to-date reviews, which are super helpful.

Clearwater River

[Wikipedia Link](#)

RR. 8-2

Rec Base Notes - this is on our list to do, let us know if you do it and how it is. Level hike to an old sawmill and the Clearwater River, we've heard it's an interesting place to explore and wish we could give you more info.

Distance from Cabin: 8 minutes east on paved highway

Limestone Mountain

Rec Base Notes - we haven't done this hike yet, but it's on our list when we get time. The directions may be a bit tricky - do your own research before heading out.

Distance from Cabin: 1h20m drive south and west on crazy roads (Forestry trunk road), before you can hike.

"Limestone Lookout is a 12.2 kilometer lightly trafficked out and back trail located near Clearwater County, Alberta, Canada and is rated as moderate. The trail is primarily used for walking and mountain biking and is best used from June until October. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash." All Trails App

Great views from the top! I drove about halfway to the top on limestone lookout road and stopped when it got rockier. The drive is a lot of switchbacks so be careful but it is definitely worth it getting to the top - User, Aug 2019

This is a great hike. However, I would highly recommend driving well up past LM6 so that you can enjoy this hike in about 5 hours. Please note that the access road is 4wd only in the winter and not for the faint of heart. - User, Feb 2016

Limestone Lookout is a great hike destination and the 360 degree view is amazing. You get great views of the long ridge walk that runs from Eagle Mtn to the Clearwater River near 40 Mile Cabin. You can see Baseline Lookout due north about 50 km away as well as Bluehill Lookout to the south east. If you drive to the repeater tower it's only 3 km and 150 m elevation gain and all above tree line. You top out at the lookout at 2,252 m.- User, Sep 2011

Peppers Lake -

Rec Base Notes - fishing, kayak/canoe, swimming, short hike around the lake (pair with a hike at Ram Falls).

Distance from Cabin: 1 hour west on windy gravel roads

"Peppers Lake Campground is located in Peppers Lake Provincial Recreation Area, 84 km southeast of Nordegg on Hwy. 734. This pretty little campground has quiet, treed sites with close lake access. Go fishing or tour the shoreline by canoe or electric powered boat. An equestrian staging area is located 2 km away. 16 unserviced campsites.

Ram Falls

Rec Base Notes - great road trip and little “stretch your legs” hike if you have little ones - everyone will enjoy the views!

Distance from Cabin: 1h15m drive north and west on crazy roads (Forestry trunk road)

“Ram Falls is a 0.8 kilometer lightly trafficked out and back trail located near Nordegg, Alberta, Canada that features a waterfall and is good for all skill levels. The trail is primarily used for hiking, walking, and nature trips and is best used from May until October.” All Trails App

Only 65km south of Nordegg on the forestry trunk road Highway 734, Ram Falls Campground provides campers with a rustic experience away from the noise and activity of city life. A platform with stairs leading down provides a breathtaking view of Ram Falls, and there are often the iconic Bighorn Sheep along the banks of the river.

Be sure to pre-book your spot online or through the reservation centre as self-registration is not available at this time.

The campground has vault toilets, and there is no firewood or drinking water available on site. As the evenings can get quite chilly in the early and later parts of the season, it is advised that you bring an ample supply of firewood. When planning your trip to Ram Falls Campground, you should note that the road leading to the campground can be rough, steep, and winding in places. It is best to bring a map of the area as signage and cellphone reception are limited.

Ram Lookout

Rec Base Notes - we did this hike on Saturday, August 7th, 2021.

Distance from Cabin: 1h30m drive north and west on the North Fork Road off Highway 752.

Our detailed hike experience can be found [here](#).

“Ram Lookout is a 14.2 kilometer moderately trafficked out and back trail located near Nordegg, Alberta, Canada that features beautiful wild flowers and is rated as moderate. The trail is primarily used for hiking, nature trips, and bird watching.” All Trails App

There is no sign at the trailhead, so use Google maps. This time of year was muddy and slushy but the trail was nice and wide and easy to follow. Was unfortunately way too windy on the ridge to continue on at the top, but many trails at the top to explore different ridges. - User, Mar 2021

Finding the trailhead is the only tricky part, no GPS signal so save an image or download the trail map. Like others mentioned, look for the 48km marker, the trail starts in the clearing another 50m down the road. There are several forks in the road as you get to the location, make sure you take the correct one (I didn't :P)

Trail itself is relatively flat and wide, and is located in a quiet area (I didn't see a single person or vehicle while I was there). There was about 1-2 ft of slushy snow up until the treeline ended (poles were very helpful), and the view up top is absolutely stunning! - User, Mar 2021

Beautiful views are well worth the trek to the top. The trail head is right at 48km marker on North Fork road. There is another 48km marker on a nearby road that also has a quad trail opening, so pay attention to where you are as GPS doesn't work well in the lower areas. If you go to the Ram Fire Lookout Point, it's closer to 17.5km return. - User, Aug 2020

Crimson Lake -

Rec Base Notes - fishing, kayak/canoe, swimming, biking, hiking (pair with a trip into Rocky Mountain House).
Distance from Cabin: 50 minutes north on paved highways

“Only a short distance from Rocky Mountain House, Crimson Lake Provincial Park offers year-round recreation opportunities for people of all ages. With over 150 camping sites, 10km of trails, and a lake suitable for fishing and swimming, this park is a popular destination for both locals and travelers.

In the summer months, the campground store provides food, souvenirs, and toiletries, while separate laundry and shower facilities make extended stays more comfortable. Educational interpretive programs run at the amphitheatre and throughout the park, and there are ample trails and a clean and sizable beach for whatever summer activity visitors would like to enjoy.

During the winter, there are cleared powered sites available at a reduced camping rate. The groomed and packed trails are perfect for fat biking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. The double skating rink gives visitors a chance to skate freely or start a game of shinny hockey with friends.”

Baldy Fire Lookout via Shunda Mountain Trail

Rec Base Notes - rewarding family hike (pair with a trip into Nordegg/Abraham Lake/Crescent Falls)
Distance from Cabin: 1h50m on paved highways

Baldy Fire Lookout via Shunda Mountain Trail is a 5.6 kilometer moderately trafficked out and back trail located near Nordegg, Alberta, Canada that offers the chance to see wildlife and is rated as moderate. The trail is primarily used for hiking, walking, and bird watching and is best used from April until September. Dogs are also able to use this trail. All Trails App

Overall the reviews are pretty much bang on. The entire trail is a service road, not a nice black top road but a very loose rocky road. It was very steep for the first half then eased off a bit after the switchback, don't get too excited it's still steep. You mainly walk through the forest with a few spots to see the beautiful surroundings. The 360 views from the top were pretty amazing, and as you crest to the top you have a view of the coliseum!! It was really windy up top so dress in layers. Walk back down was okay but slipped on the loose rocks a few times. Good traction shoes or boots is a must, hiking poles is a good idea as well.

Took us 2hrs with a 20 min break up top. Great little hike to get your heart rate up. - User, September 2020