



SUNWAPTA FALLS - JASPER NATIONAL PARK



Rating: Easy Hike, Roadside Attraction

Length: 1+ hours

Season: Spring, Summer, Fall

Waypoints:

Trailhead

11U 456220mE 5820499mN

N52° 31' 58" W117° 38' 44"

Falls

11U 456229mE 5820420mN

N52° 31' 56" W117° 38' 43"

Hype

Sunwapta Falls, at least in my mind, is a bit less impressive than Athabasca Falls or Mistaya Falls. It is still a remarkable place to visit, however, and recommend if passing by and you have a bit of time. The first falls are a roadside attraction, and family-friendly. Those looking for more of a hike can continue on a trail along the top of the river that visits additional falls.

Tags: roadside, hike, family friendly, access: 2wd

Trailhead

From the south side of Jasper, take AB-93 S for about 54 km. Sunwapta Falls is a signed road on the right at the Sunwapta Falls Lodge. Follow the side road 500 m to its end at the trailhead.

Route

From the trailhead, the upper falls are visible, with a very short hike down the path to view them up close.

If you want to visit the additional falls, **BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE TRAIL ON THE TRAILHEAD SIDE OF THE RIVER!** The trail that crosses the river is a much longer trail that does not visit the additional falls. Visiting the additional falls is a about 2.6 km round trip and takes about an hour. The view are excellent, and if time allows, this is the best way to visit.

