

We rejoined the main trail and followed it up a small ridge. The trail can be seen cutting across the rock, to the right of center in this photo, with Takakkaw Falls in the background:



Panorama of the glacier from here. The double falls and ice cave are barely visible just left of center in the photo:



On the other side of this ridge, there was another (smaller) set of waterfalls. Notice the taller waterfalls coming down the orange rock further back in the photo. The bare rock below the glacier here reminded me of the Great Glacier trail in Rogers Pass:



Looking back at the southeastern part of the Iceline Trail from here:



Panorama looking out at the Yoho Valley from this ridge, with the part of the glacier we'd just hiked up to on the far right and the waterfalls pictured previously on the far left:



This appeared to be a very well-worn use trail at the top of the ridge. I'm guessing it probably leads to the glacier or the waterfalls, but I'm not sure (the glacier is certainly closer to the trail back where we hiked up to it):



Panorama from the other side of the ridge; notice another small lake in the lower right corner of this photo:



There are so many interesting places to explore further along this trail:



In multiple places on the Iceline Trail, hikers must cross wide streams; the water isn't particularly deep or fast-moving, but it is cold (and some of the rocks can be unstable):



Past this second small lake, we ascend another ridge. Here we are looking back at where we have just been hiking; the part of the glacier we checked out is just behind the ridge in the center of the photo:



We were able to get some great views of both Takakkaw Falls (left) and the glacier from this ridge:



Looking west at the glacier, which is now further away from the trail than it was previously:



Looking back along the Iceline Trail, with what I think must be Wapta Mountain to the left:



On the other side of this ridge, we began to get great views of the peaks near the end of the Yoho Valley and of this large meadow which I think is south of the Celeste Lake Trail. Note we can still see the top of Takakkaw Falls from here:



Panorama with Takakkaw Falls and the Daly Glacier barely visible to the left, and the glacier with The Vice President above it to the right in the photo:



Panorama with the glacier to the left in the photo now, and the trail continuing to the right:



Another panorama with the green meadow in the center, and the lakes which are located at the junction with the Celeste Lake Trail to the far left:



The views of the glacier are getting better, and the glacier appears to be closer to the trail again here. It would be interesting to walk all the way up to the glacier along the rock shelves seen to the center of the photo; at the highest point that isn't covered by glacier one would probably get some excellent views:



Here is the Celeste Lake Trail junction:



Panorama of the southern (smaller) of the two lakes at this trail junction:



In this photo both lakes can be seen; also notice how much closer the glacier is to the main trail to the right in this photo than it is to the trail on the left side of the photo:



There were some odd rock ridges near the trail here that I'm guessing are from snow or ice moving the rocks:



Panorama from further along the Iceline Trail, towards Iceline Summit, with the two lakes right of center in the photo, The Vice President to the right, and a (very) small lake to the far left:



Here we have reached the Iceline Summit, elevation 2,230 meters (7,316 feet). The main trail continues (left side of photo) to the Stanley Mitchell Hut and the Little Yoho Valley. There is a viewpoint (right of center) to which one can hike for better views of the surrounding mountains:



Heading up the use trail to this viewpoint:



From the viewpoint, we could look northwest to some small lakes further along the Iceline Trail, at the northern end of the meadow:



Panorama looking out across this meadow and towards the upper reaches of the Yoho Valley. The pointed peak visible above the rightmost lake (left of center in the photo) is called Isolated Peak, and the big peak to its right (just left of center in the photo) is Whaleback Mountain. To the right of center, the big flat expanse of ice is the Fairy Glacier. Directly below it is Fairy Lake (not visible in the photo) and Fairy Creek. The pointed peak to the right of Fairy Glacier appears to be unnamed, and it would certainly be an interesting spot to hike up to:



Panorama looking back at the glacier. The peak in the center of photo is called The Vice President, and I think the peak barely visible behind and to the right of it is called The President:



From here, we headed back to the main trail and began hiking back towards the Takakkaw Falls parking area. Here Takakkaw Falls itself is just coming back into view, and we have an excellent view of Daly Glacier (upper left) and the nearby peaks Mount Niles and Mount Daly:



Panorama looking out the lower end of the Yoho Valley on our way back along the trail:



We spotted a Ptarmigan family (an adult and two little Ptarmigans) some distance from the trail just before reaching the Celeste Lake junction, and then we saw a lone Ptarmigan a kilometer further along the trail near another viewpoint of the valley:



This viewpoint of Takakkaw Falls and the middle Yoho Valley seems to be very popular with tourists; we were lucky on our way back to have a chance to check it out. The ridge is too narrow for hikers going opposite directions to comfortably pass each other, so you have to wait below until the trail is clear to access the photo spot:



Panorama of the middle Yoho Valley from this viewpoint; Takakkaw Falls is now visible to the right of center, and the green meadow can be seen on the left:



Looking down towards the Yoho River and Takakkaw Falls; also notice the creek to the right which is coming down from the glacier:



Panorama looking back at the glacier from here:



This is the view over towards the way back along the Iceline Trail; we left the trail near the center of this photo to access the toe of the glacier, and on our way back we crossed the rocks near the bottom of the photo:



Heading back across the flat stretch seen in the previous photo:



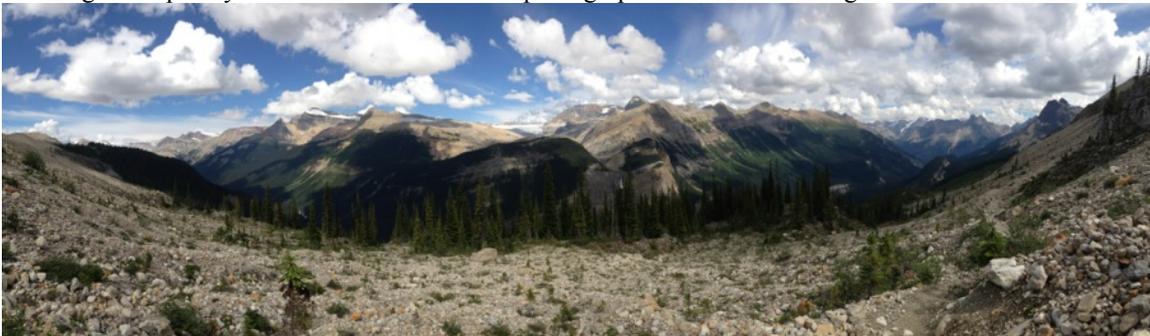
Panorama from the trail here; if you only have time for a short hike in the Yoho area, this is certainly a good option because the views from this part of the trail are still spectacular:



Descending some (very) steep steps on the trail back:



The late afternoon sun angle and patchy clouds made for excellent photographs of the surrounding mountains:



I think the ridge seen on the right here is the ridge that I'd mentioned earlier when we were hiking by the toe of the glacier; it certainly looks like a ridge that would have great views of the Yoho Valley:



Looking down at Takakkaw Falls from here. Notice how much water is coming down the falls; I remember hiking up towards the falls many years ago from the parking area, and as you cross the Yoho River you start getting soaked if it is at all windy:



This is a very nice stretch of trail:



Looking out the Yoho Valley; I don't think there are many trails near the peaks seen in the center of this photo:



HDR photo looking out at Takakkaw Falls from the switchbacks on the way back down the steeper part of the trail:



Panorama from the trailhead (Whisky-Jack Hostel parking area):



This is the sign at the trailhead; the 18.2 km hike to Field is very difficult (i.e., steep) from what I've heard:



We followed the trail by the Yoho River rather than walking back the road to the parking area; here there were some nice wildflowers alongside a small "tributary stream" of the river. I think the peak in the background right is Wapta Mountain:



One last photo of Takakkaw Falls from one of the viewing areas along the river:

