

## PARADISE VALLEY: LAKE ANNETTE AND THE GIANT STEPS

Map of the Paradise Valley trail:



The incredible scenery begins shortly before the junction with the Mt. Fairview trail:



Looking towards Mt. Temple:



View up Paradise Creek:



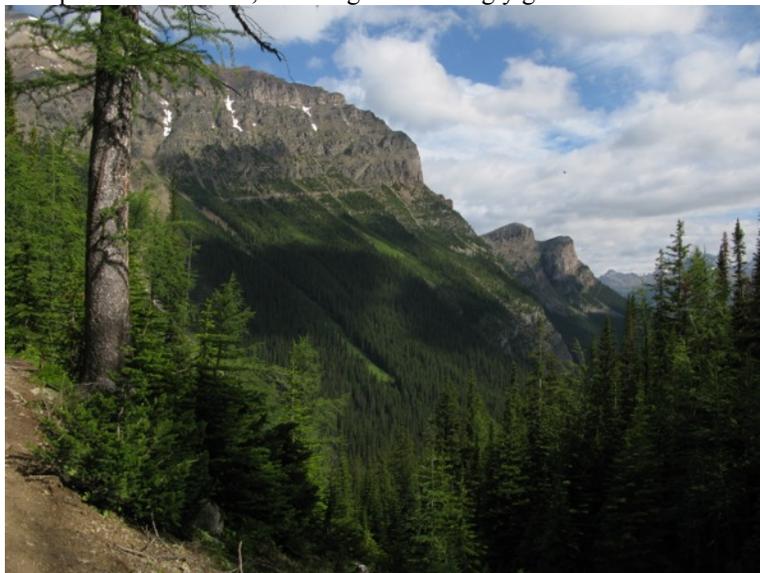
As we continue up the trail we get increasingly good views of Mt. Temple:



Lake Annette is a great place to stop for Second Breakfast:



The trail continues to gain elevation past Lake Annette, and we get increasingly good views:



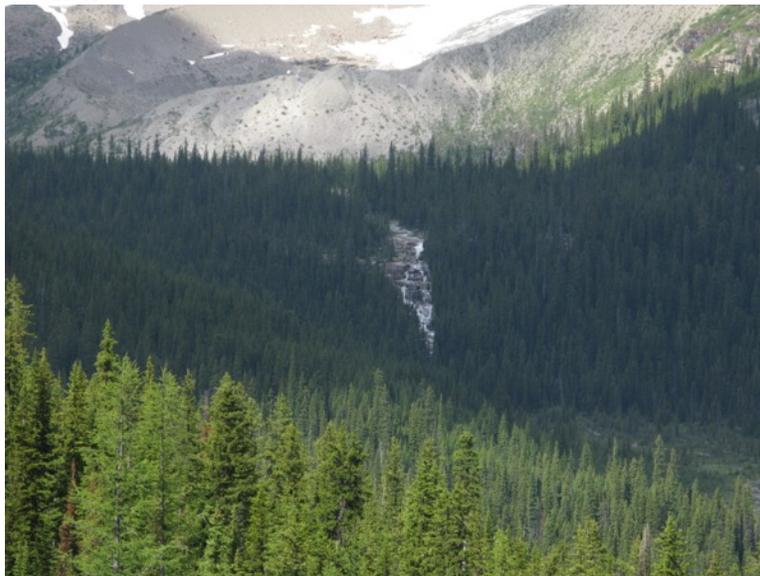
Panorama of the Paradise Valley, with Mount Aberdeen, Haddo Peak, and Sheol Mountain in the center and the Horseshoe Glacier far to the left:



A closer look at the Horseshoe Glacier area, which looks like a great place to hike to someday (although due to the length of the hike out to the Giant Steps, it would be a long day-hike to continue beyond to the glacier):



Zooming in on the Giant Steps waterfalls:



In this meadow-y clearing we spotted the first porcupine of the day:



Shortly beyond, we entered the trees again and spotted another porcupine. This one seemed to be posing for a photograph:



There was a nice meadow we hiked through here, although it was very wet and muddy:



The trail joins with the trail down from Sentinel Pass, and switchbacks down to cross a tributary of Paradise Creek:



Looking up towards the Horseshoe Glacier and peaks above it; at this point it started to rain:



The remainder of the route (past the campground) to the Giant Steps is boardwalk:



Looking down Paradise Creek and towards Lake Annette (behind the trees, to the right) from the top of the main Giant Steps waterfall:



There were numerous cracks in the rock like this one, where water was pouring in and flowing down to another level (step):



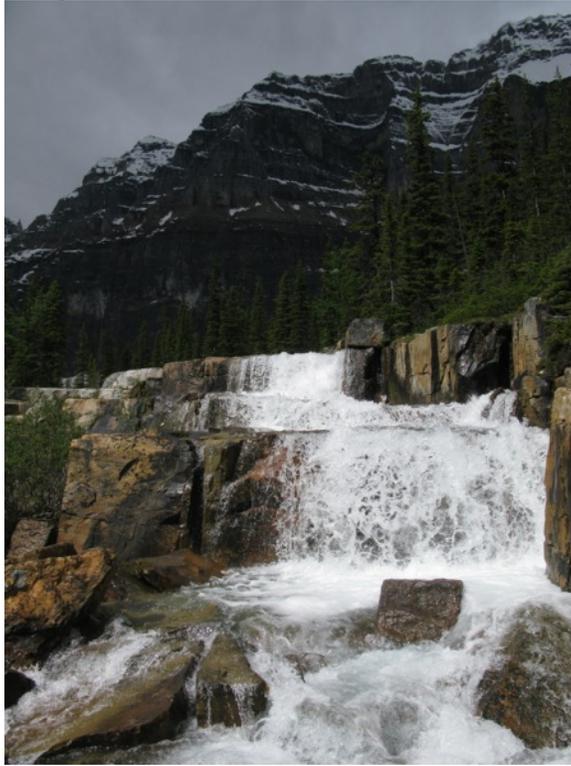
One can scramble around the Giant Steps area to get different views of the main falls and the smaller falls surrounding it; in looking back at the zoomed-in photo taken earlier, it seems that I didn't hike down far enough to get the best photos:



The uppermost fall of the Giant Steps:



This waterfall with Mount Lefroy in the background:



Looking out towards Mt. Temple (right) and where Lake Annette is located:



This is the view towards Sentinel Pass; notice the interesting rock formations to the right in this photo:



Looking up-stream above the Giant Steps; it would be an interesting hike to follow this creek up to the lakes near Horseshoe Glacier:



The rock formations atop the falls were quite interesting:



Heading back down below the upper falls to get more photos:



There was a lot of water pouring over the falls, probably helped by the fact that it was raining steadily now (and it appeared to have been raining up by the glacier earlier):



Looking down the falls from the top:



The Giant Steps waterfalls area certainly is very nice:



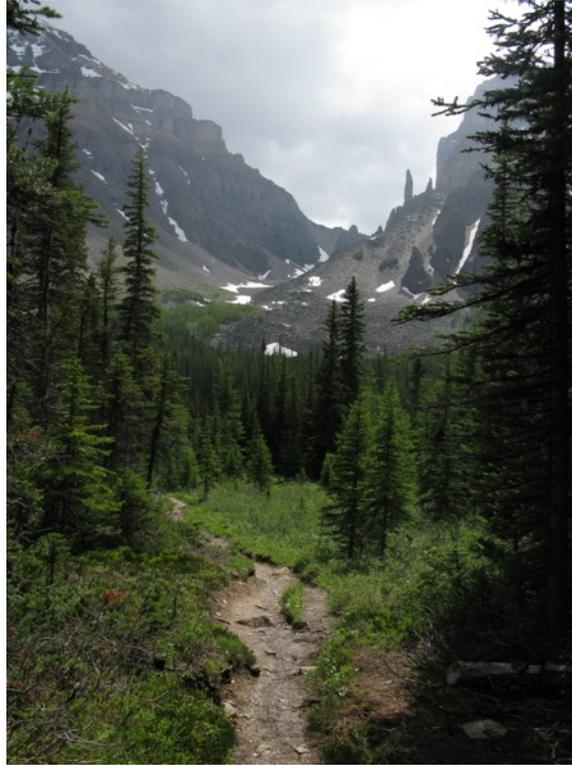
One last photo of the falls:



We headed back around the loop through the campground; this would be a very scenic (and wet) place to camp:



The trail back through here was more of a small creek than a trail at this point. Notice that we are heading directly for Sentinel Pass in this photo:



Looking over towards Wenkchemna Peak (right):



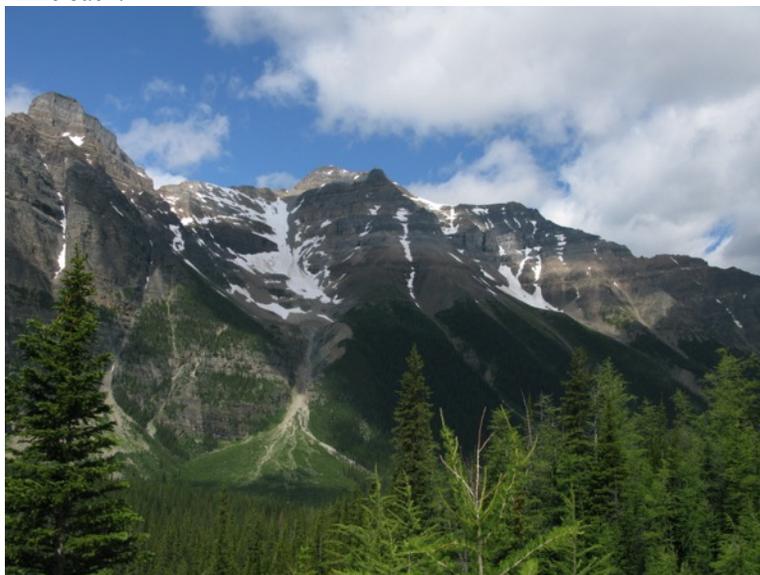
Zooming in on this area, which would be an interesting future hike:



Looking up Paradise Creek:



It finally stopped raining on our hike back:



These nice flowers were near the Paradise Creek on the way back:

