

THE NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES OF CANADA

in Alberta & British Columbia



Look inside this Vacation Planner
for details on hiking, wildlife
watching, camping,
interpretive programs
and more!



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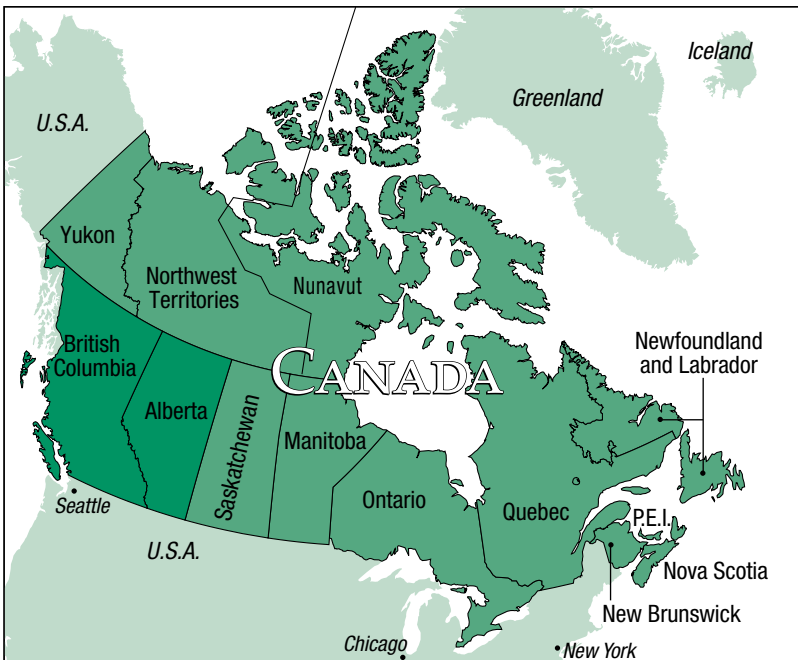
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Proudly Bringing You Canada At Its Best

Land and culture are woven into the tapestry of Canada's history and the Canadian spirit. The richness of our great country is celebrated in a network of protected places that allow us to understand the land, people and events that shaped Canada.

Some things just can't be replaced and, therefore, your support is vital in protecting the ecological and commemorative integrity of these natural areas and symbols of our past, so they will persist, intact and vibrant, into the future.

Discover for yourself the many wonders, adventures and learning experiences that await you in Canada's national parks, national historic sites, historic canals and national marine conservation areas. Help us keep them healthy and whole — for their sake, for our sake.



Our Mission

Parks Canada's mission is to ensure that Canada's national parks, national historic sites and related heritage areas are protected and presented for this and future generations.

These nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage reflect Canadian values, identity, and pride.

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WELCOME

Safeguarding Canada's Family of Special Places

Canada is well known both for its excellent network of national parks, national historic sites, and national marine conservation areas, and for its leadership role in protecting the ecological and commemorative integrity of these special places.

Parks Canada's highest priority is ensuring that our parks and sites are unimpaired by human activity and will persist, healthy and whole, long into the future. It is a responsibility we take most

seriously – that of balancing the needs of the natural and cultural environment, with the needs of our visitors.

We hope you'll share this responsibility with us, by choosing safe and rewarding activities, steering clear of sensitive areas that are designated off-limits, and by making choices that contribute to a sustainable, healthy environment. With your help, future generations will have a genuine natural and historical legacy to discover when *they* visit.



Get ready for a world-class heritage experience...

The national parks and national historic sites of Alberta and eastern British Columbia are some of Canada's most recognized treasures, each a celebrated part of our nation-wide family of special places. Among Canada's most rewarding destinations, they include several UNESCO World Heritage Sites in which Canadians take great pride.

During your visit, you'll find a rich diversity of natural ecosystems and cultural features protected within each of our parks and sites. We are home to the famous Columbia Icefield, the fossil beds of the Burgess Shale, and natural habitats varying from pristine alpine meadows to the dry, grassy slopes of the Columbia Valley. Here you'll find diverse wildlife populations unique in North America, the remains of the fur trading posts that explorer David Thompson used while looking for a route across the Rockies, and one of the first ranches in the West.

Your vacation will be more memorable and enriching if you come prepared to make the most of your time with us.

This vacation planner was designed to help you do exactly that. Inside, you'll find background information on each of the parks and sites, directions on how to find us, and a full range of activities that will bring heritage within your reach.

For all time...

Our national parks and national historic sites of Canada symbolize the important link between stewardship of the land and respect for our human heritage.

Each national park is a gateway to nature and a haven for the human spirit, offering you the opportunity to experience a personal relationship with the wild. These are places which protect and celebrate the natural splendour of Canada, for all to understand, appreciate and enjoy.

Each national historic site is a living history adventure that tells of Canada's past – the events, people and places that were witness to Canada's defining moments. Places that will stretch your imagination and make it possible to walk through time.

So Much to See and Do

Whatever the season, our parks and sites offer a wide range of activities, programs, and facilities for everyone. Whether you're with us for a few days or a few weeks, we know you'll have an unforgettable experience.

Walking and Hiking

Choose from hundreds of kilometres of trails, ranging from easy walks to more challenging backcountry hikes. Check park information centres for trail descriptions and conditions. Guided hikes are offered by Parks Canada interpreters and local hiking guides.

Wildlife Watching

The mountain parks are home to large carnivores such as wolves, cougars, and coyotes. By taking basic safety precautions, you can minimize safety risks and ensure these animals retain their natural fear of people.

- Please give wildlife the respect and space they deserve.
- Remember – you are in bear country. Pick up a copy of *Bears and People: A Guide to Safety and Conservation on the Trail*.

- Never feed wildlife. Animals may become aggressive or dependent. Wildlife attracted to roadsides is often killed by vehicles.
- Never approach wildlife. Elk, bear and bison are especially dangerous. Please remain in your vehicle.
- Both male and female elk may charge without warning. Stay at least 30 m (three bus lengths) away from all large animals.

Interpretive Programs

Learning about a park or site's natural and cultural history will add meaning and enjoyment to your visit. Guided walks, evening theatre programs, self-guiding trails and special events are available. Consult on-site publications, park information centres and campground kiosks for details.

Frontcountry Camping

Park staff can recommend a variety of campgrounds suitable for tents, trailers and motorhomes.

Our campgrounds are very busy in July and August. Campsites cannot be reserved in advance, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Plan to arrive by early afternoon. See insert for detailed camping information.



There's nothing quite like camping in the national parks and enjoying all that nature has to offer.

Backcountry Camping

Wilderness areas offer superb opportunities for solitude, personal and physical challenge, and adventure.

Hikers must purchase a *Wilderness Pass* for overnight stays in the backcountry. Passes and pre-trip information are available at park information centres.

Mountaineering

Our national parks offer experienced mountaineers and scramblers some of the best summer and winter climbing opportunities in the world.

Less experienced climbers are encouraged to contact one of the many private guide services.

Be sure to pick up route descriptions, permits, and information on local conditions. Voluntary safety registration for high-risk activities is available.

Cycling

Scenic park roads are popular with cyclists, and some park trails are designated for use by mountain bikers.

Dress for visibility and wear a helmet. Take warm clothes and be prepared to handle breakdowns or accidents. Mountain bikers must give way to horses and hikers, and must be aware of the danger of surprising wildlife.

Boating

Canoes, kayaks, and rowboats are permitted on most lakes and rivers, while motor boats are allowed on some park waters. Wilderness rivers present a variety of hazards and should only be attempted by experienced boaters. Be sure to check for lake access and route information.

Fishing

Anglers will find a wide variety of fish in our creeks, rivers and lakes. A *National Park Fishing Permit* is required and may be purchased at park information centres and some outdoor stores. Provincial permits do not apply. Before you launch your boat or cast a line, be sure to obtain the area's fishing regulations and restrictions.

Cross-country Skiing

Whether you prefer the solitude of backcountry touring, or a short afternoon trip, cross-country skiers of all skill levels can enjoy the many park trails.

Hot Springs

Unwind in a spectacular mountain setting and soak in hot mineral waters that have rejuvenated travellers for more than a century. Outdoor hot spring pools are located in Banff, Jasper and Kootenay National Parks.

Scenic Touring

Take time to head out of town and explore the natural environment along roads and parkways. We have scenic drives, roadside viewpoints, interpretive exhibits, and easily accessible strolls for people of all ages, abilities and interests.



Enjoy our parks and sites during the quieter winter months.

Visiting in Winter

Winter in the mountains is an unforgettable experience, whether you ski, snowboard, skate, snowshoe or admire the wildlife and scenery from the great indoors.

Park and Site Fees

Daily entry fees range from \$2.50 to \$5.00 for an adult, and are subject to change. Reduced rates are offered for children, seniors, and families. In national parks, a fee is also charged for camping, fishing permits, and other special services.

The money collected is used to preserve parks and sites, and to maintain the quality of visitor services and facilities. Every time you visit a park or site you invest in its future — and in a legacy for future generations.

Group Tours

We offer special rates and services for commercial and other large groups. To add your company's name to our mailing list, or to receive information on commercial fees and permits, please contact our Commercial Pass Coordinator at (403) 762-1504. For details on specific services, contact the parks and sites.

Weather & Road Conditions

Even in summer, weather can change rapidly. Dress in layers, wear appropriate footwear, and take along clothing suitable for all weather conditions.

Tune into local radio stations for up to date information. For weather and road conditions in most mountain parks, call (403) 762-1450. For information on backcountry avalanche hazards in western Canada, call 1-800-667-1105.

Friends of the Parks and Sites

Friends groups are non-profit co-operating associations dedicated to fostering understanding, appreciation and stewardship of parks and sites. Friends retails outlets offer a wide selection of trail guides and maps. Proceeds from retail sales help fund park and site educational and research activities.

For Your Convenience

Most national parks offer a range of services and facilities, while some national historic sites are more limited in their offerings. Watch for these symbols to determine available services and facilities in historic sites:



Public Washrooms



Parking



Public Telephone



Gift Shop



Restaurant/Coffee Shop



Picnic Facilities



Totally or partially accessible. Services for visitors with disabilities vary. Please inquire.

Park and site regulations are designed to protect these special places, and ensure that you have a safe and memorable visit.

- Please do not disturb or collect any natural objects or historical artefacts.
- Never feed, touch, or hunt any wildlife.
- Keep pets on a leash at all times.
- Please drive with care and stay on public roads.
- Stay on established trails to avoid trampling vegetation.
- Each park has specific hazards. Please consult on-site publications for other important safety messages.

WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Established in 1895, Waterton Lakes is often called the park “where the mountains meet the prairie.” Part of the Crown of the Continent ecosystem, Waterton protects an unusual mixture of grassland, forest, alpine and wetland habitats that support a startling diversity of life. The park is located at one of the narrowest places in the Rockies, where plants and animals from many ecological realms come together in a spectacular mountain landscape.

Together with Glacier National Park in the United States, Waterton became the world’s first International Peace Park in 1932. The two were jointly designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995.

Getting There

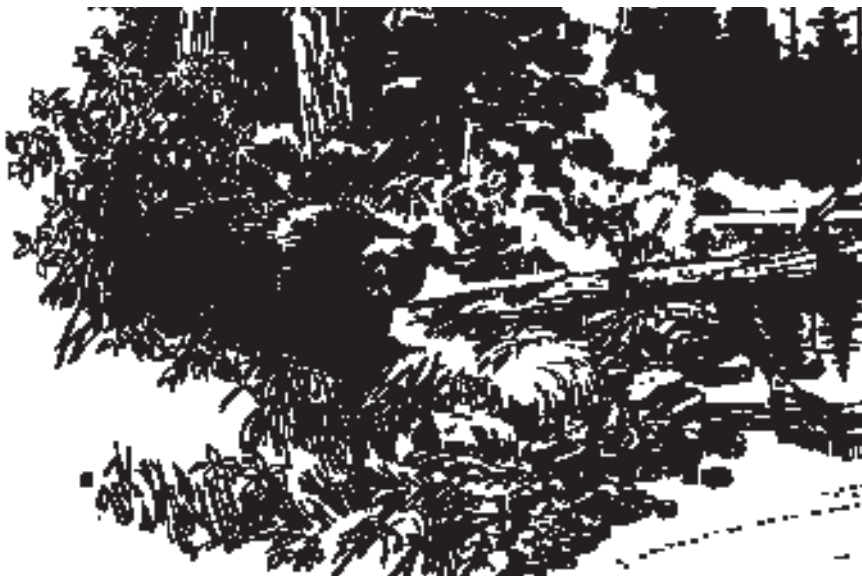
Waterton Lakes National Park is located 270 km from Calgary, and 130 km from Lethbridge. From Calgary, take Highway 2 South to Fort Macleod, then west on Highway 3 to Pincher Creek, and then south on Highway 6. From Lethbridge, drive south to Cardston on Highway 2, then west to the park via Highway 5.

From British Columbia, travel by way of the Crowsnest Pass on Highway 3 through Pincher Creek.

From Glacier National Park in Montana, take the Chief Mountain International Highway (open only in summer).

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Allow two to three days to explore the park. If you only have a few hours, drive the scenic Red Rock or Akamina Parkway, or take the two-hour boat cruise on Upper Waterton Lake.
- For information about the park, drop in to the Visitor Reception Centre along the main park access road, or the Heritage Centre located on Waterton Avenue in the townsite.
- Late June through early September are very busy months. Reserve your roofed accommodations well in advance, and plan to arrive early at campgrounds.
- Ask for *Heritage Highways* - a free driving tour map that highlights 12 heritage sites in the region.



Waterton is home to an amazing diversity of wildlife.

Activities

Interpretive Programs

Park staff offer interpretive walks and talks during the summer months. Private guide services are available, as well as shuttle services by boat or van to many popular trailheads. Excellent interpretive boat tours are offered on Upper Waterton Lake. Displays at the Maskinonge wetlands and along the Red Rock Parkway tell the story of Aboriginal peoples' use of the area.

Scenic Touring

- Be sure to drive the Red Rock Parkway (14 km) where you can experience the abrupt rise of the Rockies from the prairie.

- The Akamina Parkway (16 km) leads up to Cameron Lake, through a lovely subalpine forest and past western Canada's first producing oil well.
- Overlooking the townsite, the imposing Prince of Wales Hotel National Historic Site is a symbol of Waterton for many visitors.

Walking and Hiking

Over 200 km of trails are available, ranging from pleasant strolls to lengthy backcountry hikes. Waterton also provides access to the trail systems of Glacier National Park in Montana, and British Columbia's Akamina/Kishinena Provincial Park.

Wildlife Watching

Visitors marvel at the diversity of wildlife in Waterton. Bighorn sheep, mule deer, black bears and elk are commonly seen. The wetlands of the Maskinonge and Waterton Lakes are situated along two major flyways. Spring and fall migrations are dramatic, with huge flocks of geese, ducks, swans and coots.

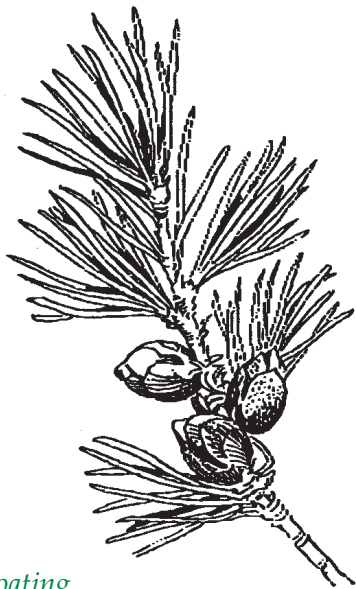
Camping

The Townsite Campground has 238 sites offering a range of services. Crandell Mountain Campground has 129 semi-serviced sites for both tenting and recreation vehicles. Belly River Campground has 24 unserviced, secluded sites. The Visitor Reception Centre can provide information on backcountry camping and *wilderness passes*.

Park campgrounds usually fill up early in the day during July and August. Three private campgrounds are located adjacent to the park.

Cycling

The Red Rock Parkway offers good cycling during the spring and early fall, when it is closed to motorized traffic. Ask park staff for advice on suitable bike trails within both Waterton National Park and Akamina/Kishinena Provincial Park. Bicycle rentals are available in the community of Waterton.



Boating

Motor boats are permitted on the Upper and Middle Waterton Lakes, however frequent high winds on the larger lakes demand particular caution. Canoes and rowboats are available for rent at Cameron Lake.

Fishing

Waterton's lakes and streams offer angling for whitefish, pike and many species of trout. A *National Park Fishing Permit* is required, and can be purchased at the Visitor Reception Centre. Bull trout must be released in park waters due to the threatened status of this large native fish.

Horseback Riding

A concessionaire offers guided horse trips and hourly rates. Horses are allowed on most park trails in groups of 10 animals or less.

Cross-country Skiing and Snowshoeing

Many park areas are suitable for snowshoeing and ski touring. The Cameron Lake area offers the most consistent snow conditions and the best opportunities for cross-country skiing. Please check avalanche conditions before tackling steep terrain.

Visiting in Winter

Winter camping facilities are available at Pass Creek.

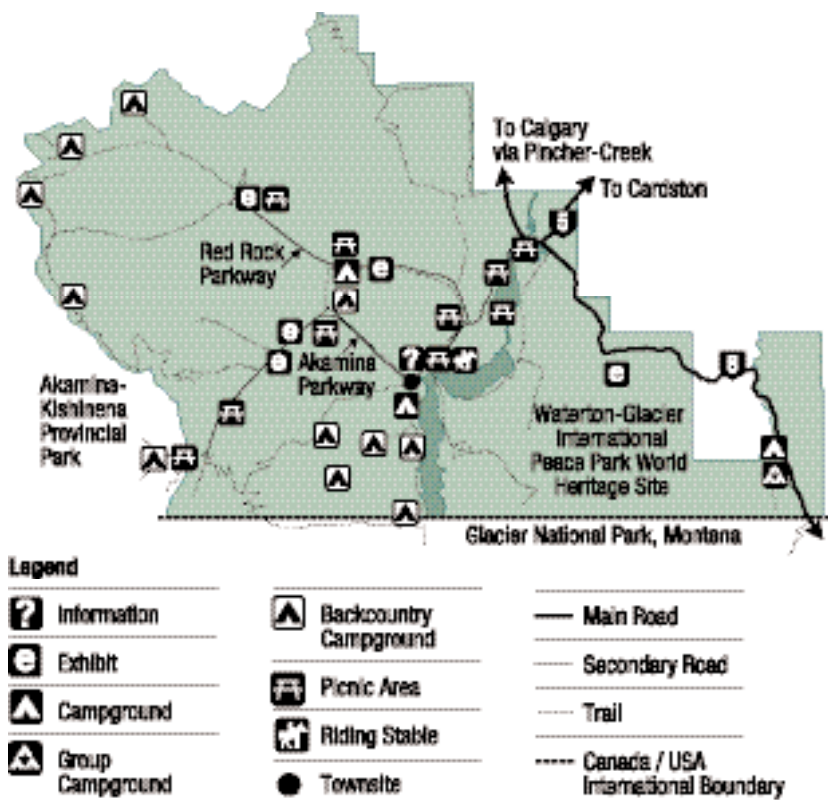
For Your Convenience

All services are available in the Waterton townsite, including 10 hotels and a number of restaurants and gift shops.

Nearby Attractions

- Remington-Alberta Carriage Centre (Cardston)
- Frank Slide Interpretive Centre (Crowsnest Pass)
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump World Heritage Site (Fort Macleod)
- Glacier National Park (Montana)

Waterton Lakes National Park of Canada



BAR U RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

Nestled between the rolling Porcupine Hills and the towering Rocky Mountains, surrounded by the prairie landscape and shaped by Chinook winds, the Bar U Ranch National Historic Site is one of the first and most enduring large corporate ranches of the West. Steeped in history, the Bar U commemorates the history and importance of the ranching industry in Canada.

Follow the evolving story of the Bar U through from 1882 to 1950 by exploring the historical and cultural landscape and learn about the people who made Bar U one of the most famous ranches of its time.

Getting There

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site is located approximately 100 km south of Calgary on Highway 22, 13 km south of Longview. From Calgary, go south on Highway 2, then west on Highway 540, cross over Highway 22 and continue going west for approximately half a kilometre.

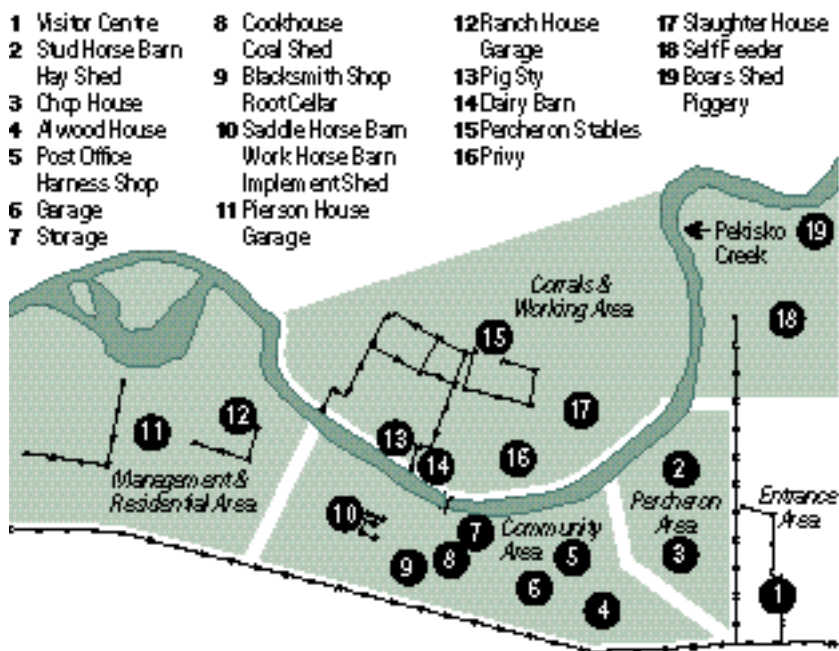
Making the Most of Your Visit

- Immerse yourself in the stories of ranching pioneers and royalty, fickle markets and cattle-killing winters, purebred Percheron stallions and massive round-ups.

From 1882-1950, the Bar U was one of the foremost ranching operations in western Canada.



Bar U Ranch National Historic Site of Canada



- Rope a steer, saddle-up, wrangle a seat at round-up camp and saunter through historical buildings.
- Allow our interpreters in period costume to take you back in time to the romantic allure of life on a western ranch through guided walks, demonstrations, animations and interactive activities.
- Learn about the unbeatable horsemanship of Aboriginal riders, the painful lessons of greenhorns, the spirit of family and cowboy camaraderie and the solitude of life on the range.
- Plan your heritage experience at the historical ranch site at the visitor centre, try some authentic

cowboy grub at the Road House Restaurant and browse through the showcase of local artwork for sale in the gift shop.

For Your Convenience



Family rates, washrooms, parking, telephone, restaurant and gift shop facilities, picnicking, walking trails.

Camping is available nearby, at the Chain Lakes provincial campground, 15 km south of the Bar U. Hotel and motel accommodations are available in the towns of High River, Longview, Black Diamond, Turner Valley and Nanton.

WOOD BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Wood Buffalo is Canada's largest national park, and one of the largest parks in the world. This remote wilderness park straddles the Alberta - Northwest Territories border, protecting a stunning example of Canada's northern boreal plains. The park's vast mosaic of boreal forest and muskeg is home to a variety of wildlife such as bear, wolf, and moose, as well as the free-roaming bison herds for which the park is famous.

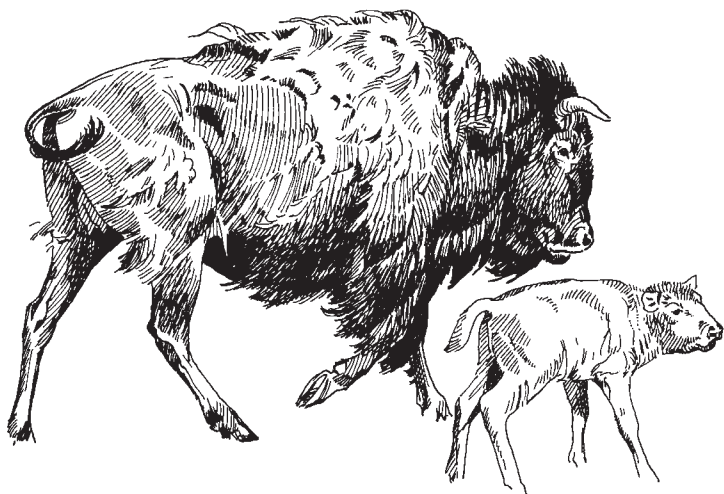
Here you'll find some of the best examples of karst topography in North America, unique Salt Plains, and the remote Peace-Athabasca Delta, one of the largest inland freshwater deltas in the world. The park was designated a World Heritage Site in 1983.

Getting There

Wood Buffalo National Park may be reached from two communities - Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, and Fort Chipewyan, Alberta. Fort Smith has year round road access via the MacKenzie Highway and NT Highway 5. All-weather road access to the park is via Fort Smith. Commercial flights from Edmonton and Yellowknife are also available.

Fort Chipewyan is an isolated community with air access only. Commercial flights to Fort Chipewyan are available from Edmonton and Fort McMurray. From Fort Chipewyan, park access is by water only.

Protecting
one of the
world's
largest free-
roaming
bison herds.





Enjoy the natural environment along our scenic waterways.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Careful planning is the key to an enjoyable visit. Contact the Visitor Reception Centre for important pre-trip planning information.
- When you arrive, stop in at the Visitor Reception Centre in Fort Smith or Fort Chipewyan. Enjoy the multi-image slide show and exhibits, and learn about the natural and cultural history of the park.
- Spend two or three days visiting the park's frontcountry areas and nearby communities. Plan on at least one week for a backcountry adventure.

- Late August and September are ideal times to visit the park as the fall foliage is spectacular, and there are fewer insects.

Activities

- The park offers a variety of visitor experiences — from short strolls on secluded forested trails, to rugged backcountry canoe trips on wide, meandering rivers.
- Pine Lake is the main recreation area, and offers swimming, boating, and canoeing.
- Day use areas within the park provide opportunities for picnicking, hiking, and enjoying nature.
- Bison and other animals are sometimes seen along park roads.

- Birdwatchers will delight in the Peace-Athabasca Delta, which is a crossroads for migratory waterfowl from all four North American flyways.

Camping

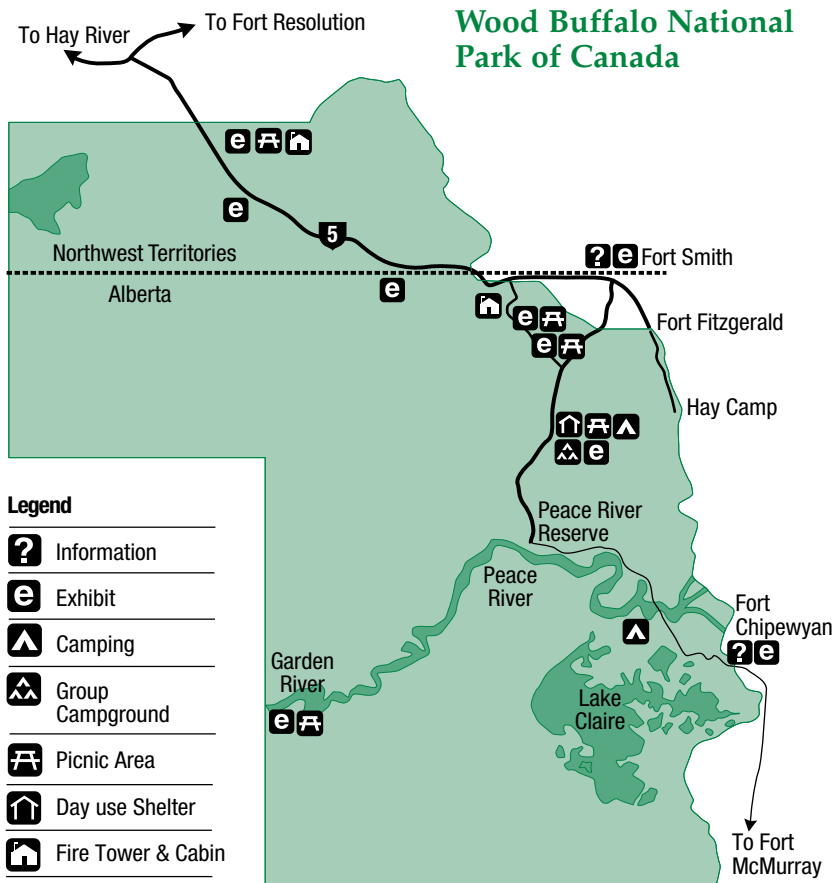
The park's only frontcountry campground is located at Pine Lake. Twenty-five sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Two sites are

wheelchair accessible. Backcountry campsites are located at Rainbow Lakes and Sweetgrass. A *Park Use Permit* is required for overnight stays at these areas.

For Your Convenience

Please be aware that some services may not be available locally.

Wood Buffalo National Park of Canada



Legend

- Information
- Exhibit
- Camping
- Group Campground
- Picnic Area
- Day use Shelter
- Fire Tower & Cabin
- All Season Road
- Winter Road
- Summer Road

ELK ISLAND NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Elk Island National Park is an 'island' of nature surrounded by a landscape of human activity. Here, the boreal forests of the North meet the grasslands of the South.

Nestled in rolling hills of aspen parkland, Elk Island is an oasis for elk, moose, deer, coyote, wood and plains bison, along with several other threatened species, including the rare trumpeter swan. With beautiful lakes, wetland marshes, and a great diversity of plant and animal life, Elk Island is a feast of sights and sounds.

Getting There

Elk Island National Park is located 35 km east of Edmonton on Yellowhead Highway 16. Edmonton has regular train and bus service, and an international airport. The park is less than an hour drive from Edmonton city centre, and 1.5 h from West Edmonton Mall.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- A minimum of two to three hours is recommended to see a range of park wildlife. Allow six hours if you want to explore the trails and other attractions.

- Visit the Park Information Centre which features displays, maps and brochures, washrooms, and a gift shop offering books and souvenirs. The centre is open seven days a week during the summer.
- Environmental education programs are offered by advance reservation only.



Beaver

Activities

Interpretive Programs

Parks Canada staff are available to help you understand and appreciate what makes Elk Island so special.

Scenic Touring

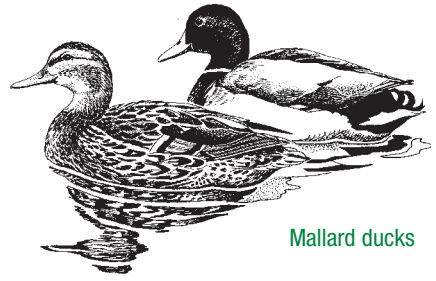
The Elk Island Parkway and secondary roads offer excellent opportunities to see abundant wildlife and beautiful forests.

Walking and Hiking

The park offers over 90 km of hiking trails, ranging from the wheelchair accessible Living Waters Boardwalk, to the challenging 18 km Wood Bison Trail. Popular short strolls include the Amisk Wuche, Lakeview, and Shoreline Trails. For a longer hike try the Shirley Lake and Moss Lake Trails.

Wildlife Watching

- Herons, grebes and songbirds are frequently seen during their annual spring migration, and throughout the summer.
- Bison calves are born in late April, May and June.
- Bison mate in late July and early August. Keep at least 100 m from bison at all times.
- In fall, bison form large herds in golden meadows; trumpeter swans may be visible at this time of year, usually on Astotin Lake.



Mallard ducks

- Listen for elk bugling as they mate in late August and September, followed by the moose and deer rut in October.
- See waterfowl as they congregate for fall migration on the larger lakes.
- Wildlife is often more active during winter daylight hours, and is more easily seen due to a lack of leaf cover. Bison, elk, moose and coyotes are sighted regularly.
- Winter is also a perfect time to view the northern lights.

Many trails offer lakeshore views and access to rich wetland habitats.



Camping

The Sandy Beach Campground (78 sites) is located off the Elk Island Parkway in the Astotin Lake area.

The Oster Lake Group Campground has two sites for up to 75 persons each.

Reservations are required.

Boating

Canoeing, kayaking and sailing are permitted on Astotin Lake. No motorized boats are allowed. Paddle around the small islands and see some of the oldest forests in Elk Island. You are welcome to land and investigate, but no fires or camping are permitted.

Golfing

The park has a 9-hole course. For reservations call (780) 998-3161.

Cross-country Skiing and Snowshoeing

Several groomed and ungroomed trails cater to skiers of all skill levels. The Amisk Wuche and Lakeview Trails are available for walking and snowshoeing.

Please avoid all frozen bodies of water, as thin ice created by beaver activity and changing water flow could pose a serious hazard.

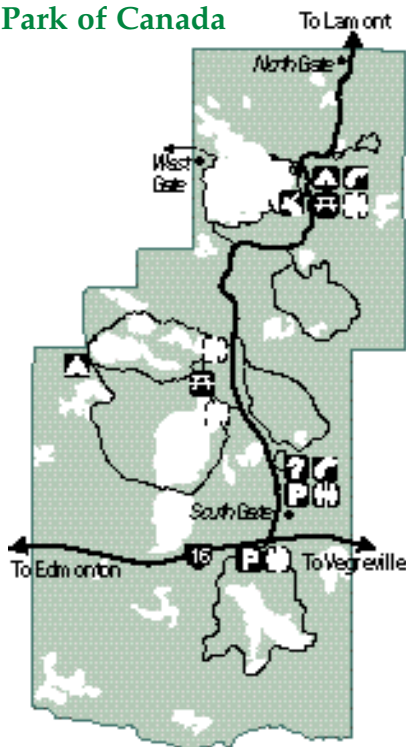
Nearby Attractions

The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village and the Basilian Fathers Museum in Mundare tell the story of the early settlers to this area.

For Your Convenience

There is no roofed accommodation inside Elk Island. Bed and Breakfast accommodations are available in the immediate vicinity. A full range of hotels and motels are available in the surrounding towns and villages and in nearby Edmonton.

Elk Island National Park of Canada



Legend

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| | Campground | | Washrooms |
| | Visitor Centre | | Golfing |
| | Picnic | | Main Road |
| | Telephone | | Trails |
| | Parking | | Secondary Road |

JASPER NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Established in 1907 on the eastern slopes of the Rockies, Jasper is part of the UNESCO Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site. At over 10,800 km², the park is a living example of a protected mountain ecosystem which allows for visitors to enjoy solitude, wildlife, outdoor recreation and a wide range of learning opportunities. Expansive valleys, wide sweeping rivers, snowy peaks, and colourful history can be enjoyed year round.

Getting There

Jasper National Park is located 320 km west of Edmonton along the Trans-Canada

Yellowhead Highway 16, and 290 km northwest of Calgary via the Trans-Canada Highway 1 and the Icefields Parkway (Highway 93). The town of Jasper is located in the middle of the park. Vancouver and Edmonton have regular bus and train service to Jasper.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan to spend at least three or four days to explore all the park has to offer.
- Drop in to the Jasper Information Centre.

Our national parks offer excellent opportunities to see wildlife in their natural habitat.



Our knowledgeable staff can provide information and trip planning advice that will help make your visit a memorable one. The Centre is in a national historic site, the former home and administration office of the first park superintendent.

- Ask for the *Mountain Guide* for tips on what to see and do.
- Be sure to take a drive along the spectacular Icefields Parkway.
- Stop at the Columbia Icefield, where visitors can take a “snocoach” tour on the Athabasca Glacier or book a guided hike on the “toe”. Please stay within the new safety barriers while hiking along the trail and on the glacier.
- Displays in the Icefield Centre’s Glacier Gallery are open from early May to mid-October.
- Plan to visit the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum to find out about early life along the rivers and passes of the Jasper area.
- Soak in the Miette Hot Springs, open from mid-May to mid-October.

Activities

Interpretive Programs

Outdoor theatre programs are offered at Whistlers Campground during July,

August and early September. Programs are free to all park visitors and include a range of topics and styles of presentation.

The Friends of Jasper offer children’s programs. Ask for a program schedule at campground kiosks and the Information Centre.

Licensed and accredited interpretive guides also offer a variety of services, from group sightseeing tours to day hiking and longer backcountry trips.

Scenic Touring

- The Miette Road winds up the beautiful Fiddle Valley to the Miette Hot Springs and Ashlar Ridge viewpoint.
- The Yellowhead Highway 16 East takes you to the Pocahontas interpretive trail, Talbot Lake and the Sand Dunes at Jasper Lake.
- Follow the Maligne Road to Maligne Canyon, Medicine Lake and picturesque Maligne Lake.
- The drive to Mt. Edith Cavell reaches spectacular alpine meadows and a close up view of Angel Glacier. Trailers are not permitted on the winding access road and vehicles longer than 6 m are not recommended. The road is usually open June – October, depending on snow conditions.
- Hike or take the Jasper Tramway to alpine zone on top of The Whistlers.

Walking, Hiking and Cycling

Jasper is renowned for its many backcountry trails, but there are also plenty of trails for the more casual hiker or cyclist. Before going out on the trails, find out about the *Wild Trails* program to make sure your hike is respecting the wildlife who share these trails. Pick up the new *Summer Trails Guide to Jasper National Park* at the Information Centre, and find out about trail conditions.

Wildlife Watching

Excellent wildlife viewing can be found in many areas of the park, particularly along Highway 16 and Highway 93A to Athabasca Falls. The Maligne Valley and Miette Roads are also popular for wildlife viewing. Watch for bighorn sheep, elk, moose,

deer and coyotes. Remember to pull safely off the road to view wildlife.

In order to keep bears wild and people safe, wardens will be hazing (chasing away) both black and grizzly bears away from campgrounds and roadsides. So if you see a bear, please don't stop. It is in their best interest.

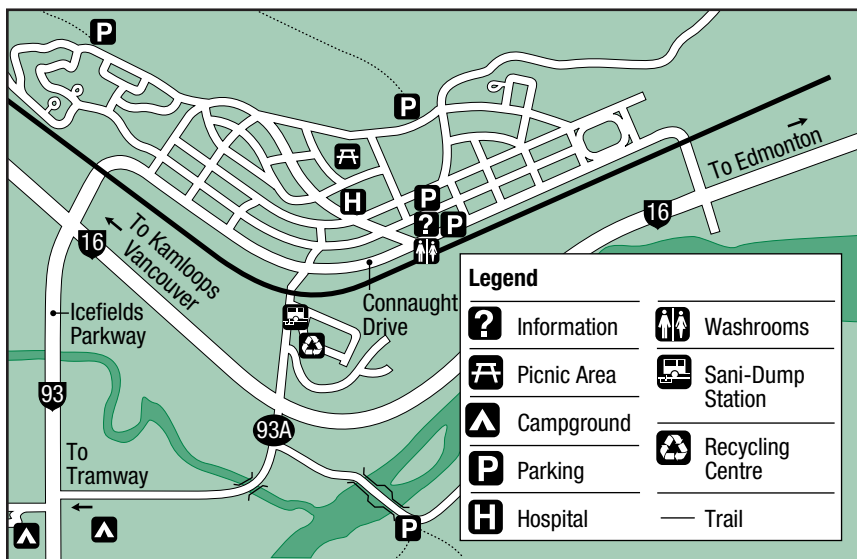
Camping

There are more than 1700 campsites in the park, offering various levels of service. Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Whistlers and Wapiti are the most popular campgrounds.

Campsites usually fill up early in the day during July and August, and are very busy on long weekends.

For information on group camping call (780) 852-6146.

Town of Jasper



Fishing

A *National Park Fishing Permit* is required. To protect native fish species, limits have been set, and catch and release fishing is encouraged.

Visiting in Winter

Cross-country ski trails are groomed in several areas of the park. Walking in the frozen Maligne canyon with a professional guide offers an enchanting perspective on winter. Skiing, snowboarding, lake skating, snowshoeing, camping and wildlife watching are among the many ways to enjoy Jasper in the quieter season.

Equipment for most activities can be rented in town.

Be sure you are prepared for the cold and other winter hazards before heading out. Pick up a copy of Jasper National Park's *Getting the Most Out of Winter* and *Winter Trails* to help plan your stay.

For Your Convenience

Full services are available in the town of Jasper. If you are visiting from June to September, reserve your hotel accommodations well in advance.

Detailed information is available from www.jaspercanadianrockies.com



MIETTE HOT SPRINGS

Hidden away in Jasper's pristine Fiddle Valley, the Miette Hot Springs invite you to relax in the hottest water in the Canadian Rockies and soak up an unparalleled view of Ashlar Ridge. Miette's naturally hot mineral water (54°C/129°F), first tamed by 19th century fur traders, is cooled to a comfortable 40°C/104°F for bathers.

- Open mid-May to mid-October.
- Modern facilities and change rooms.
- Two hot pools – a shallow pool with lounging area, and a deeper hot pool.
- Cool plunge pool.
- Pool access to the café.
- Swimsuit, towel and locker rentals available.
- Facilities are accessible to people who use a wheelchair.

Getting There

Miette Hot Springs are located 61 km east of Jasper townsite, and 51 km west of Hinton. Take Yellowhead Highway 16 to Miette Road. The Hot Springs are 17 km south of the junction of these two roads.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan to spend at least half a day to enjoy the area.
- Enjoy lunch, a cappuccino or ice cream at the poolside Ashlar Ridge Café and gift shop.
- Hike to the source of the Hot Springs and see the ruins of the old aqueduct.
- Explore subalpine terrain on the superb hiking trails.
- Check the interpretive program schedule posted at the pool.
- Keep your eyes out for bears, bighorn sheep and deer.
- Stop in at Punch Bowl Falls and the Ashlar Ridge viewpoint on your drive up Miette Road.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

The rivalries, struggles and triumphs of the fur trade come to life at Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site. Fierce competition led both the Hudson's Bay and North West Companies to push ever westward to extend trade with Aboriginal peoples. Both companies built forts here over 200 years ago, at the end of the fur trade line on the North Saskatchewan River.

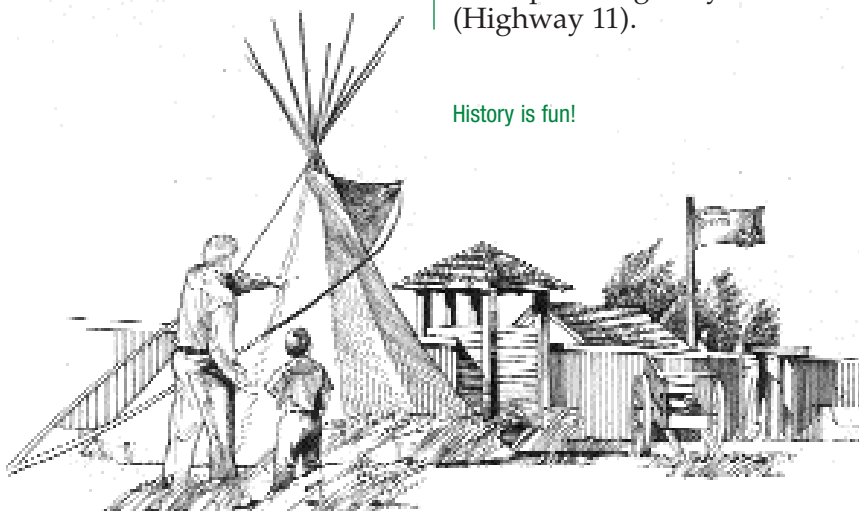
For 76 years, Rocky Mountain House struggled to survive. Harsh winters and challenging landscapes made life difficult for its inhabitants. David Thompson, the famous fur trader and mapmaker, lived here for a time, and used

Rocky Mountain House as a base for exploring a route across the Rockies. Today, Parks Canada tells the stories and protects the remains of the four fur trading posts dating from 1799 to 1875. Follow in the footsteps of the fur traders as you explore this historic site.

Getting There

The national historic site is located 6 km west of the town of Rocky Mountain House on Highway 11A. It is a one-hour drive from Red Deer, and a 2.5 hour-drive from Calgary or Edmonton. From the Icefields Parkway (Highway 93) in Banff National Park, drive two hours east along the David Thompson Highway (Highway 11).

History is fun!



Making the Most of Your Visit

- Start at the Visitor Centre to plan your day and learn more about the site. The centre has an exhibit area, a theatre, a gift shop and bicycle rentals.
- Feel a sense of the past as you discover the remains of the fur trading posts and watch bison graze in the field.
- Explore the scenic trails that wind along the river. Listening stations, outdoor exhibits, and trailside signs help you relive the past.
- History is fun! Visit the Playfort, a half-size model of

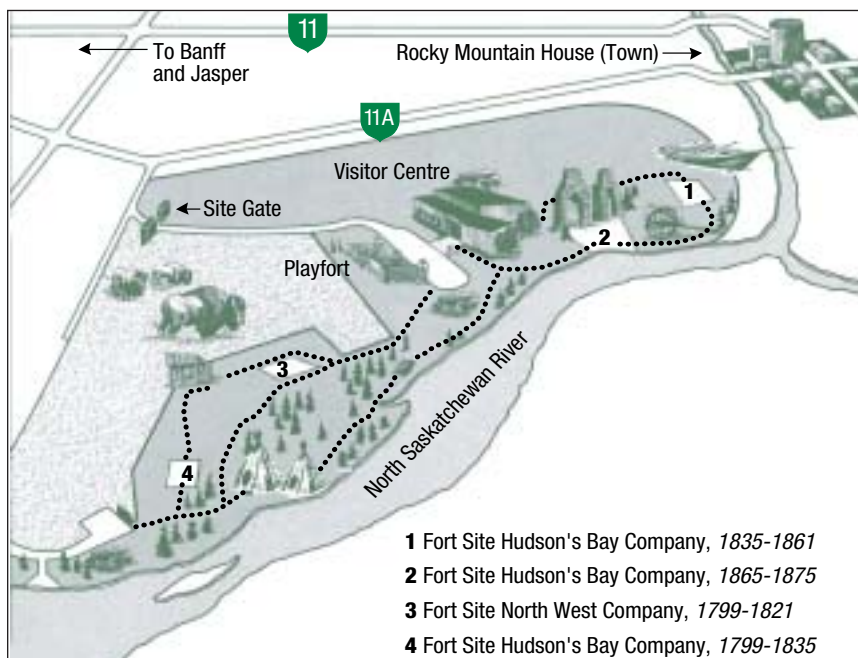
an original fort. See the Friends of the Site *David Thompson Puppet Show*.

- Bring a picnic lunch and relax along the North Saskatchewan River.
- Enjoy special events and demonstrations throughout the summer.
- Canoe or kayak the historic North Saskatchewan River, either on your own or with one of the local tour companies.

For Your Convenience



Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site of Canada



BANFF UPPER HOT SPRINGS

Highly recommended by visitors as a “must do” attraction in Banff National Park, the Upper Hot Springs offer the perfect way for visitors to unwind amid stunning views of famous Mount Rundle and Cascade Mountain. Discovered in 1894, the springs rise from ground waters that travel deep into the earth returning to the surface steaming and loaded with natural minerals. Today, visitors can enjoy the newly restored 1930’s heritage bath house, outdoor hot pool, and a variety of day spa services designed to restore body and soul.

- Open year round.
- Modern change rooms with heated floors and family change area.
- Swimsuit, towel and locker rentals available.
- Gift store, poolside café and restaurant.
- Facilities are accessible to people who use a wheelchair.

Getting There

The Upper Hot Springs are located at the top of Mountain Avenue. Follow Banff Avenue over the Bow River, turn left at the traffic lights in front of the Parks Canada administration building, then turn right on Mountain Avenue.

Follow Mountain Avenue up the hill for 3.6 km until you reach the Hot Springs parking lot.

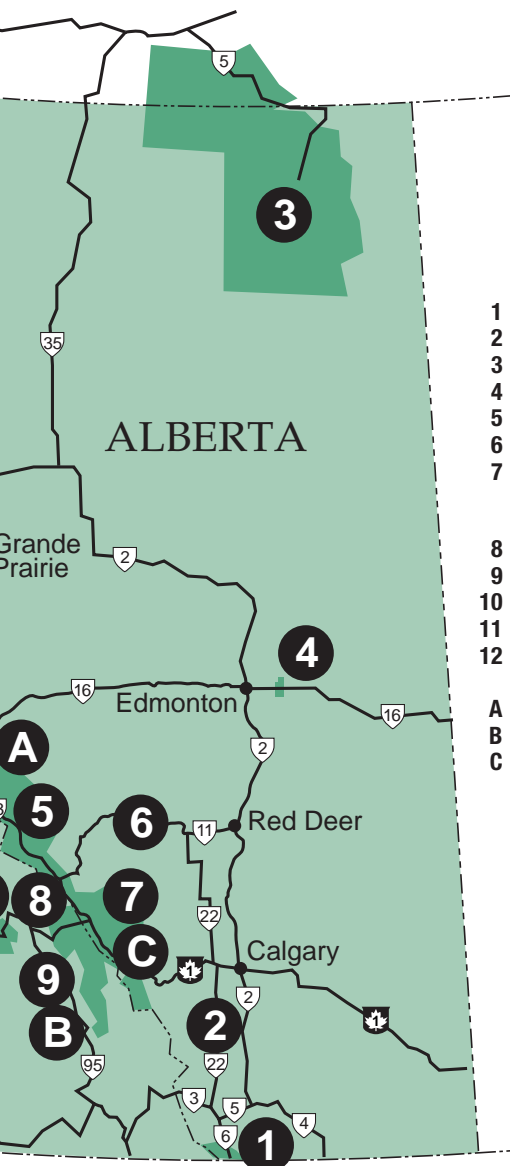
Making the Most of Your Visit

- Allow 1-1.5 h to soak in the mineral rich hot pool, relax on the patio, and visit the gift shop.
- Re-live history in a rented historic swimsuit.
- Pamper yourself at Pleiades Massage and Spa. Reserve a massage or body treatment, or enjoy a steam, facial, or aromatherapy session. For appointments: (403) 760-2500.
- Enjoy a refreshment or meal inside, or on the poolside terrace where the splendour of the Rocky Mountains truly surrounds you.
- Participate in the summer interpretive program – please inquire for schedule.



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BANFF NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Visitors to Banff National Park are invited to gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the unique natural and cultural heritage of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Banff's rich history dates back to 1885, when three railway workers stumbled upon hot mineral springs surfacing from deep within the mountains. This discovery led to the establishment of Banff National Park, and marked the beginning of Canada's national parks system.

The Cave and Basin is the birthplace of Canada's national parks system.



Today, Banff is a symbol of Canada to much of the world, offering majestic mountain landscapes, an abundance of trails and activities, national historic sites, museums and more.

Getting There

Banff National Park is a 90-minute drive west from Calgary on Trans-Canada Highway 1.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Drop into the Park Information Centre where attendants can provide you with everything you need to plan your visit.
- Pick up a copy of the *Mountain Guide*.
- Discover *Canada Place*, Banff's newest 'must see' attraction. Featuring Canadian history, heroes, art and achievements, *Canada Place* offers a fun and interactive experience for all.
- Explore the Cave and Basin National Historic Site, the birthplace of Canada's national parks system.

- Learn more about First Nations culture. Enter a traditional teepee, talk with native interpreters, and watch dancing and drumming demonstrations that give insight into the customs and spiritual beliefs of the Siksika (Blackfoot). Activities are available at the Banff Administration Grounds during the summer only.
- Visit the magnificent Banff Springs Hotel National Historic Site, which honours the role of the Canadian Pacific Railway in establishing Canada's reputation as a world-class tourism destination.
- Stop in at the Banff Park Museum to see an extensive collection of animal, bird, insect and geological specimens typical of the 1914 era.
- For those who prefer a little more solitude, the fall and winter months are an ideal time to explore the park.

Activities

Interpretive Programs

Banff offers many opportunities to learn about the natural environment and local culture of the Rockies. Park interpreters and licensed guides are available to share their knowledge, insights and sense of fun during guided walks, theatre programs and other events.



Spectacular mountain views are captured along our roads and parkways.

Scenic Touring

Take in the panoramic views of Banff and Lake Louise area along the many scenic parkways. Interpretive exhibits offered at many viewpoints provide visitors with memorable learning opportunities.

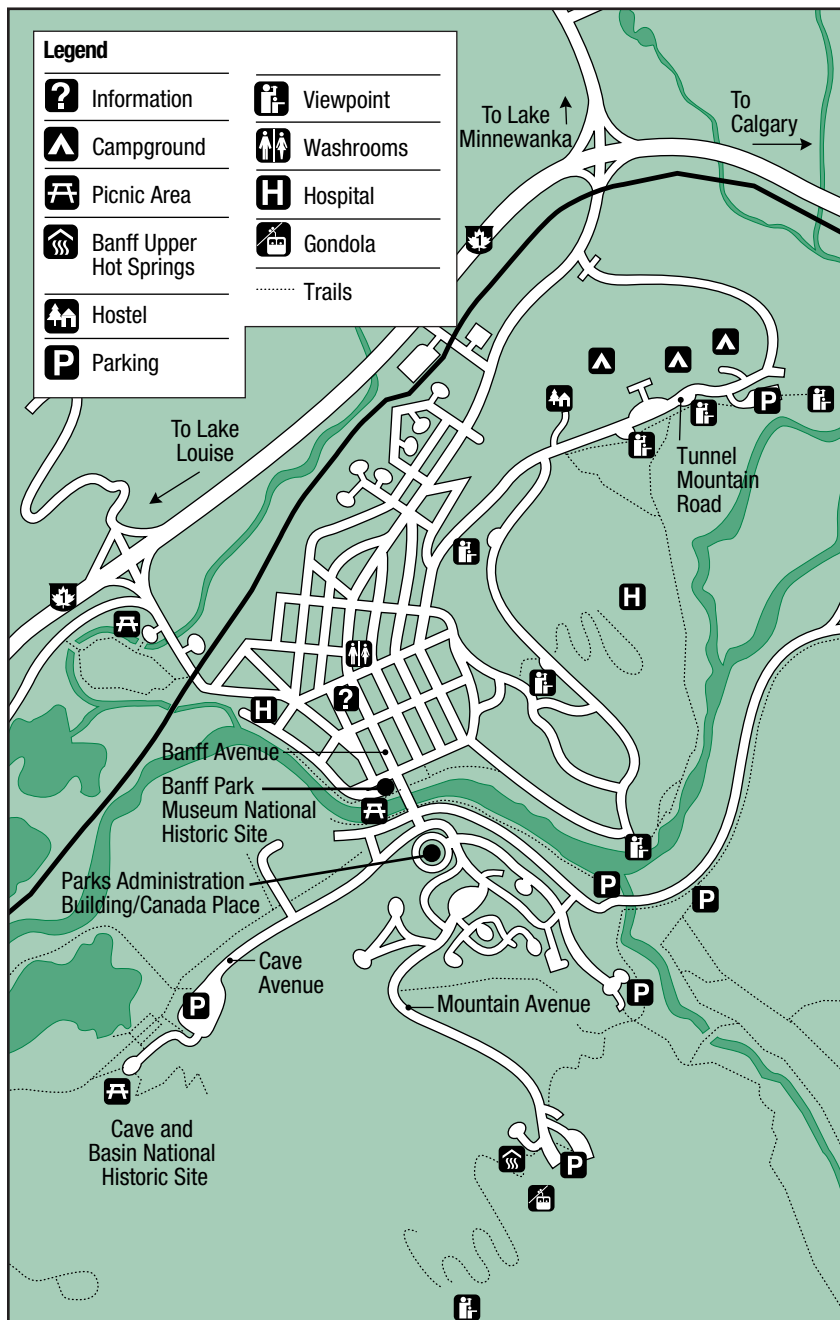
Walking and Hiking

Banff's many trails range from one-hour walks to multi-day backcountry hikes. Before heading out, pick up the brochure *Day Hikes in Banff National Park*.

Wildlife Watching

The number of wildlife species found in the park is extensive.

Town of Banff



Keep your senses alert for elk, visible around the townsite; discover tracks from the elusive cougar, or search for mountain goats scaling the cliffs. The chance of seeing wildlife in the wild, or feeling their presence, is one of the most exciting things about the mountain national parks.

Camping

Demand for space in the popular Tunnel Mountain, Two Jack Lake and Lake Louise Campgrounds is

greatest in July and August. Johnston Canyon Campground is a pleasant alternative in close proximity to Banff. For those travelling on to Jasper, there are several campgrounds along the Icefields Parkway.

Visiting in Winter

From cross-country skiing and backcountry touring, to skating and snowshoeing, there's no better place to be than in the mountains on a crisp winter afternoon.

Lake Louise



For Your Convenience

The town of Banff and the hamlet of Lake Louise offer a wide variety of services and first-class amenities. If you are

planning to visit Banff during the summer, we highly recommend that you book your hotel accommodations well in advance.
(www.banfflakelouise.com)

Banff National Park of Canada



CAVE AND BASIN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

"It's like some fantastic dream from a tale of the Arabian Nights," exclaimed William McCardell, after exploring the cave for the first time. This amazing find set into motion a series of events that would lead to the creation of Banff National Park and Canada's national parks system in 1885.

Today, the grand bathing pavilion and replica bathhouse recall the former splendour of the site. Interpretive trails with spectacular scenic viewpoints entice visitors to discover the original cave opening and the stunning natural beauty of the area.

Getting There

Cave and Basin National Historic Site is located in the town of Banff at the west end of Cave Avenue.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Allow an hour to enjoy the indoor facilities, but plan on one to three hours to explore the nearby trails.
- Visit the warm mineral springs, explore our interactive displays and exhibits, and enjoy the video *Steam, Schemes and National Dreams* in the Bathhouse theatre.

- Join us for a guided tour, offered daily from May to September.
- The Cave and Basin is home to the most threatened species in Banff National Park, the Banff Springs Snail. See our new Banff Springs Snail exhibit and ask our staff how to look for them in the springs.
- Stroll along the short Discovery and Marsh self-guiding trails and explore the rich natural history of the Cave and Basin area. Small children will enjoy finding tropical fish in our marsh.
- Take the time to walk the longer Sundance Canyon and Marsh Loop trails. These trails are also popular for cross-country skiing in winter.
- The nearby Banff Upper Hot Springs are developed for swimming. Ask our staff for directions.
- Purchase a *Banff Heritage Passport* and explore three of Banff's premier heritage attractions in one value-priced package.

For Your Convenience



BANFF PARK MUSEUM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

The Banff Park Museum is one of Canada's oldest and grandest natural history museums. A showpiece of architecture and early natural history interpretation since 1903, this timeless collection still captivates visitors to Banff National Park. Norman Sanson, who was curator for over 30 years, personally collected thousands of specimens. He wanted to make the museum "the best of its kind in Canada," a "University of the Hills." As a result, the museum is an enchanting way to discover Banff's mammals, birds and insects, some dating back to 1860.

Getting There

Banff Park Museum National Historic Site is located in the town of Banff at 91 Banff Avenue, adjacent to Central Park.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Allow 45 min to explore the museum. If you have questions, our staff would be glad to chat with you.
- Pick up a *Guide to the Banff Park Museum*, a wonderful way to explore the collection.
- Children can experience nature first hand in the Discovery Room; while others may prefer to curl up in the Reading Room to write a postcard or browse our books and magazines.
- Join us for a guided tour, offered daily from May to September.
- Babe Ruth and Gloria Swanson signed our guest register. We hope you will add your name too!
- Purchase a *Banff Heritage Passport* and explore three of Banff's premier heritage attractions in one value-priced package.
- Ask for *Heritage Highways* - a free driving tour map that highlights 12 significant heritage sites in the region.

For Your Convenience



Disabled - partially accessible
Central Park offers picnic facilities and washrooms.

YOHO NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

The word “Yoho” is a Cree expression of “awe” and “wonder” - an apt description for this Rocky Mountain park featuring 28 peaks over 3,000 m in height. Like its national park neighbours -Kootenay to the south, Banff to the east, and Jasper to the north- Yoho is part of UNESCO’s Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site.

A remote fossil bed above Emerald Lake features the Burgess Shale. Here, palaeontologists have uncovered the remains of an incredible variety of life forms from the Middle Cambrian time period. More than 500 million years old, the Burgess Shale is one of the world’s most significant fossil sites.

Getting There

Yoho National Park’s 1310 km² of wilderness are accessible from Field BC, 832 km east of Vancouver, and 210 km west of Calgary on the Trans-Canada Highway 1.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- It takes most visitors one or two days to experience Yoho’s road-accessible points of interest.

- Reserve three months ahead if visiting Lake O’Hara is on your itinerary.
- Maps and up to date trail, weather, road conditions and avalanche information is available at the Visitor Centre in Field.
- Pick up a copy of the *Mountain Guide* for tips on what to see and do in the area.
- Some facilities are closed during the winter, including the Takakkaw Falls road and all campgrounds and picnic sites.
- If you prefer a more leisurely pace with less crowded attractions and trails, plan your visit for months other than July and August.

Activities

Interpretive Programs

Guided walks with Parks Canada interpreters and evening campground interpretive programs are offered during the summer. With funds from their non-profit retail store located in Field, the Friends of Yoho offer special events, a summer day camp for kids, and learning programs.

Scenic Touring

Don't miss the Spiral Tunnels, which solved some of the difficulties of running a railroad through the mountains; Takakkaw Falls, the second highest waterfall in Canada; and the Natural Bridge, where the Kicking Horse River has carved through the limestone bedrock.

You can avoid the summer crowds by visiting Emerald Lake and Takakkaw Falls before 10 am or after 4 pm. The long summer days offer rewards of solitude to early risers and after dinner wanderers.

Walking and Hiking

Yoho offers spectacular scenery and over 400 km of trails. For details, pick up the *Yoho National Park Backcountry Guide*, available at the Visitor Centre in Field.

Frontcountry Camping

The Kicking Horse and Monarch Campgrounds are located 5 km east

of the town of Field and have 122 semi-serviced sites along the Kicking Horse River. Hoodoo Creek Campground is located 22 km west of Field and has 106 wooded sites. Takakkaw Falls offers tenters a walk-in campground with 35 sites overlooking the falls. Only a 10-minute walk from your vehicle, campers at Takakkaw are rewarded with a stronger taste of Yoho's glaciers, rivers, mountains and waterfalls.

Backcountry Camping

Many trails offer overnight backcountry opportunities year round. Reservations may be made up to three months in advance for most backcountry campsites. A *Wilderness Pass* is required for overnight stays in all of Yoho's backcountry areas.

Pine martens climb trees for safe refuge following a nocturnal hunt.



Mountaineering

Ice climbing, mountaineering, ridge walks, scrambles and technical routes are available seasonally. Information and a voluntary safety registration system for hazardous activities are available at the Visitor Centre in Field.

Cycling

Mountain bikers may use the following decommissioned fire roads to access remote wilderness: Kicking Horse, Amiskwi, Otterhead, Ottertail and Ice River roads. The old horse trail from Ross Lake to Lake Louise is Yoho's only semi-technical trail. See details on cycling opportunities in the *Yoho National Park Backcountry Guide*.

All cyclists must be well versed in safe backcountry travel and wildlife and mountain travel etiquette. Touring is available on the Yoho Valley Road, Emerald Lake Road and on Highway 1A, which has recently been closed to motor traffic between the Lake O'Hara parking lot and Lake Louise.

The Golden Triangle 3-4 day loop attracts cycle tourists from late May through September. Lodging and camping opportunities along the way help make this tour of the valleys of the Bow, Colombia, Kootenay and Kicking Horse Rivers one of Canada's classic road cycling tours.

Boating

Some sections of the Kicking Horse River are navigable by canoe and kayak. Details can be found in the *Kicking Horse River Guide*. Canoe and boat rentals are available at Emerald Lake. Motor boats are not permitted on park waters.

Fishing

Fishing is permitted in the Kicking Horse River year round. Check the regulations summary for details and for opening and closing dates for other waters. Permits are available at the Visitor Centre, at campground kiosks, and at the canoe dock at Emerald Lake.

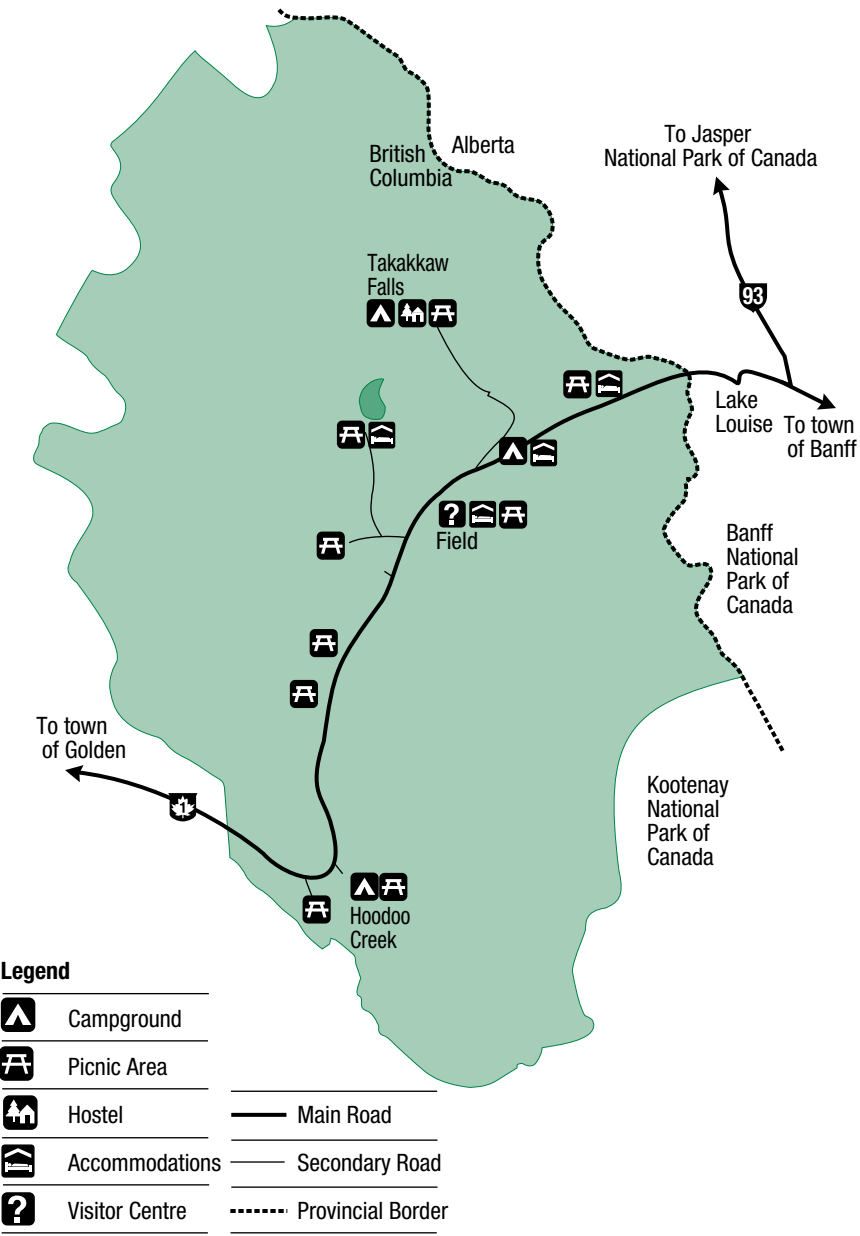
Horseback Riding

Trail riding and guides are available at the Emerald Lake Stables.

Cross-country Skiing

Over 40 km of trails are track set. From Field you can ski up to Emerald Lake, or go toward Takakkaw Falls. The Kicking Horse River trail is another local favourite. Other trails are accessible for touring. Some routes such as the Lake O'Hara Road pass through avalanche terrain, and careful planning and precautions are advised. Equipment rental and sales are available at Emerald Sports located on the shore of Emerald Lake. High elevation weather in the main ranges of the Rockies creates many hazards, so make sure you're well prepared.

Yoho National Park of Canada



Visiting Lake O'Hara

Lake O'Hara is renowned for its spectacular hiking trails and scenery. To protect this fragile alpine area, and to ensure a quality experience for visitors, access by bus is controlled through a quota system. The campground's 30 sites offer a backcountry experience, and there are options for lodge and Alpine Club accommodations.

Reservations are required for bus and camping spaces from June to September. Reservations should be made three months to the day in advance by calling (250) 343-6433. A limited number of spaces are also available on a first-come, first-served basis 24 hours in advance. Reserve in person at the Visitor Centre the day before you wish to go. Skiing the 11 km road to Lake O'Hara in winter is a popular way to see this area. Winter lodging and camping are available.

Burgess Shale Fossil Beds

Access to the Mt. Stephen fossil beds and the Walcott Quarry is restricted by law. All hikes are by reservation only and are limited to 15 people. Collecting fossils is strictly prohibited.

For reservations, contact the Yoho-Burgess Shale Foundation: 1-800-343-3006, or by writing: Box 148, Field, BC, VOA 1G0, or e-mail: burgshal@rockies.net.

For Your Convenience

The town of Field is located in the park and provides basic services including a post office, restaurants, a general store and liquor store, pottery studio, Greyhound bus flag stop, lodge and guest houses. Emergency response is available by calling 911.

There are backcountry lodges and Alpine Club huts in the Yoho Valley and Lake O'Hara area, a hostel at Takakkaw Falls, and commercial accommodation at Emerald Lake, Field, Lake O'Hara and Wapta Lake. For more details call us and visit us on the web.

KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Kootenay is a park of incredible contrasts – from glaciers to cactus. Along the parkway that was key to its creation, this slender park changes from rugged peaks and alpine meadows, to narrow canyons, hot mineral springs, and warm, dry grasslands.

Kootenay is part of UNESCO's Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site. The park's special features include the colourful mineral pools of ochre, known as the Paint Pots, and the Radium Hot Springs pools.

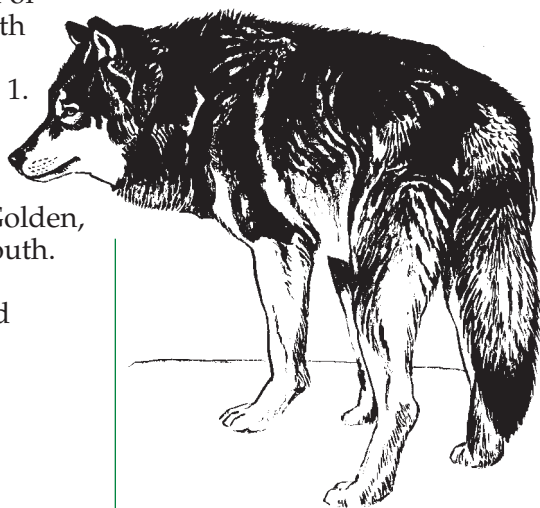
Getting There

Kootenay National Park is located 888 km east of Vancouver, 98 km south of Golden and 260 km south west of Calgary via the Trans-Canada Highway 1. From Banff National Park, drive west on Highway 1, then south on Highway 93. From Golden, BC, take Highway 95 South. Regular bus service is available from Banff and Calgary.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- To fully enjoy the park, plan on spending one to two days. For a more leisurely pace, time your visit for months other than July and August.
- An information centre is located in the village of Radium Hot Springs. Parks Canada staff are available in summer only, but general information is available here year round. The Kootenay Park Lodge Visitor Centre is located 63 km north of the west park gate, or 31 km south of the Banff/Kootenay boundary.

The timber wolf is one of the more elusive species found in the Rockies.



Operated by Kootenay Park Lodge, the centre is open from April to mid-September. At other times of the year, information is available at the Park Administration Building in the village of Radium Hot Springs.

- Pick up a copy of the *Mountain Guide* for tips on what to see and do.

Activities

Interpretive Programs

Guided walks and theatre programs are offered during the summer. The Friends of Kootenay also offer special guided events.

Scenic Touring

The Kootenay Parkway traverses the park from north to south. Many of the key attractions can be enjoyed along the 94 km route.

Walking and Hiking

Over 200 km of trails are described in the *Kootenay National Park Backcountry Guide*. Several short interpretive walks are accessible from the parkway including:

- Fireweed Trail: a wheelchair accessible interpretive loop through regenerating forest at the Vermilion Pass Burn.

Yellow bellied sapsucker



- Marble Canyon: a steep self-guiding trail that crosses a gorge eroded by Tokumm Creek.
- The Paint Pots: a wheelchair accessible trail where Aboriginal people gathered ochre for decoration and trade.
- Olive Lake: a lovely, spring-fed lake bordered by a fully accessible boardwalk.
- Valley View Trail: magnificent views of the Columbia Valley.

An extensive trail system offers several day hikes and backcountry trips with links to trails in Banff and Yoho National Parks and Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park.

Wildlife Watching

Elk, white-tailed deer, mule deer, mountain goats (at Mount Wardle) and bighorn sheep (in the Radium Hot Springs area) are most common. You also have a chance to see signs of the more elusive species such as black and grizzly bears, moose, coyotes and wolves.

Camping

Redstreak Campground is located 2.5 km from the village of Radium Hot Springs and has 242 sites and all services. McLeod Meadows is located 27 km north of the west park gate and has 98 unserviced, wooded sites. Marble Canyon Campground (closed for 2002 season) is 86 km north of the west park gate and has 61 unserviced sites.

Backcountry Camping

Many of Kootenay's trails offer overnight backcountry opportunities year round. *Wilderness Passes* and the *Backcountry Guide* are available at Park Information Centres.

Mountaineering

Kootenay has a variety of ridge walks, scrambles and technical routes. Detailed information and a voluntary safety registration system are available from Parks Canada.

Cycling

The Kootenay Parkway, with its paved shoulders, is popular for touring. Mountain biking may be enjoyed along the old East and West Kootenay fire roads. See the *Backcountry Guide* for details.

Fishing

Fishing permits are available at Park Visitor Centres or campground kiosks. Provincial permits and regulations do not apply.

Boating

Non-motorized watercraft may be used on all lakes and rivers in the park. Natural hazards exist along the Vermilion and Kootenay rivers and only experienced paddlers should attempt them. Commercial canoeing and rafting companies offer river trips.

Cross-country Skiing and Snowshoeing

Several ungroomed trails offer a variety of options for winter recreation. Some routes pass through avalanche terrain and appropriate precautions are advised.

Visiting in Winter

In the off-season, the Dolly Varden Picnic Area is designated for free camping. Facilities include dry toilets, kitchen shelters, wood stoves, firewood, picnic tables and water pump.

Kootenay National Park of Canada



RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

Be sure to begin or end your visit to Kootenay National Park with a relaxing soak in the Radium Hot Springs, Canada's largest hot springs pools. Set at the base of a sheer rock wall in dramatic Sinclair Canyon, the soothing waters are sure to rejuvenate tired muscles and refresh the spirit. An ideal way to relax with family and friends.

- Open year round.
- Newly renovated facilities, including spacious change rooms.
- Outdoor, hot mineral pool (40°C/104°F).
- Refurbished swimming pool (27°C/84°C) and surprise plunge pool.
- Café and gift shop.
- Massage therapy and spa services.
- Swimsuit, towel and locker rentals available.
- Facilities are accessible to people who use a wheelchair.

Getting There

Radium Hot Springs pools are located 3 km east of the village of Radium Hot Springs, on Highway 93 North, in Kootenay National Park.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan on spending two to three hours at the hot springs.
- Treat yourself to a therapeutic or relaxation massage, or one of the many other spa treatments offered. For appointment information call (250) 347-9485.
- Enjoy a cappuccino, lunch or a snack at the Creekside Café and Gifts.
- Take a short nature walk in the area, or hike to the Hot Springs pools from nearby Redstreak campground.
- Lounge on the deck, have a picnic, and keep your eyes out for bighorn sheep.
- Take in the summer interpretive program – please inquire for schedule.
- Purchase a day swim pass for repeat entries during the same day.



MOUNT REVELSTOKE NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Offering lush rainforests and subalpine wildflower landscapes in summer, and shimmering golden hues in fall, Mount Revelstoke National Park is alive with colour and beauty. Established in 1914, the park protects a small portion of British Columbia's Columbia Mountain natural region, with its characteristic moist climate, rugged peaks, and alpine terrain.

Getting There

The main park entrance to Mount Revelstoke National Park is located on the Trans-Canada Highway 1 at

Revelstoke, BC, 637 km from Vancouver and 450 km from Calgary. The Trans-Canada Highway stretches through the southern area of the park for 30 km east of Revelstoke. Vancouver and Calgary have regular bus service to the city of Revelstoke, which is adjacent to the park.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Take a drive along the Meadows in the Sky Parkway (26 km), through rainforest and up to beautiful subalpine wildflower meadows.

Take in the beauty of the mountains along our many hiking trails.



- Stop along the way for views of the Columbia River Valley and surrounding mountains.
- Park at Balsam Lake and walk - or take the free shuttle bus - 2 km to the Summit area. The shuttle runs from 10:00 am to 4:20 pm.
- Join us for the Eva Lake Pilgrimage, a day hike to commemorate the establishment of Mount Revelstoke, on Monday of the August long weekend.

Activities

Interpretive Programs

Park staff are on hand to provide information along the Meadows in the Sky Parkway and at the Summit area.

Scenic Touring

The Meadows in the Sky Parkway leads to the summit of Mount Revelstoke and offers spectacular mountain views. Here, visitors can experience short walks, picnicking, high country day hikes, or cross-country skiing and ski touring.

The parkway is open to vehicles from 7 am to 10 pm during the snow-free months, usually mid-July until mid-October. The parkway is narrow, with many switchbacks. Trailers and motor coaches are not permitted, but parking is available near the park entrance.

Walking and Hiking

The Summit area offers short trails and exhibits about the natural history of the subalpine area. Stroll along the short Meadows in the Sky Trail. For longer day hikes, Miller, Eva, and Jade Lakes are beautiful alpine destinations.

Deep below in the Illecillewaet Valley, the Skunk Cabbage Boardwalk features a tranquil riverside wetland, while the Giant Cedars Boardwalk winds through a spectacular forest of 1000-year-old cedars and hemlocks.

Camping

The park offers only backcountry camping, available at Eva and Jade Lakes. Campers must use the designated campsites, and have a *Wilderness Pass*.

The city of Revelstoke has a number of campgrounds, along with two provincial parks to the north and south of the city. For more information on the private and provincial campgrounds, please contact the Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce at (250) 837-5345.

Fishing

A *National Park Fishing Permit* is required. However, our glacier fed rivers and small lakes do not support many game fish. Non-native species such as brook trout and rainbow trout live in Mount Revelstoke's Eva and Jade Lakes.

To protect bull trout, a fishing ban is in effect on all streams (not lakes) in the park.

Ski Touring and Snowshoeing

Cross-country skiers and snowshoers will find a choice of trails on Mount Revelstoke. The Meadows in the Sky Parkway is not plowed in winter, and track is set to the Monashee Picnic Area, 8 km up the road. Skiers can also continue beyond the track set trail, or use the Summit Trail to overnight at Caribou Cabin.

Snowshoers will enjoy the Inspiration Woods Trail, and two trail loops at the base of the mountain. Visitors touring beyond Monashee Picnic Area, or planning to stay overnight in the park, require a *Wilderness Pass* or *Cabin Pass*.

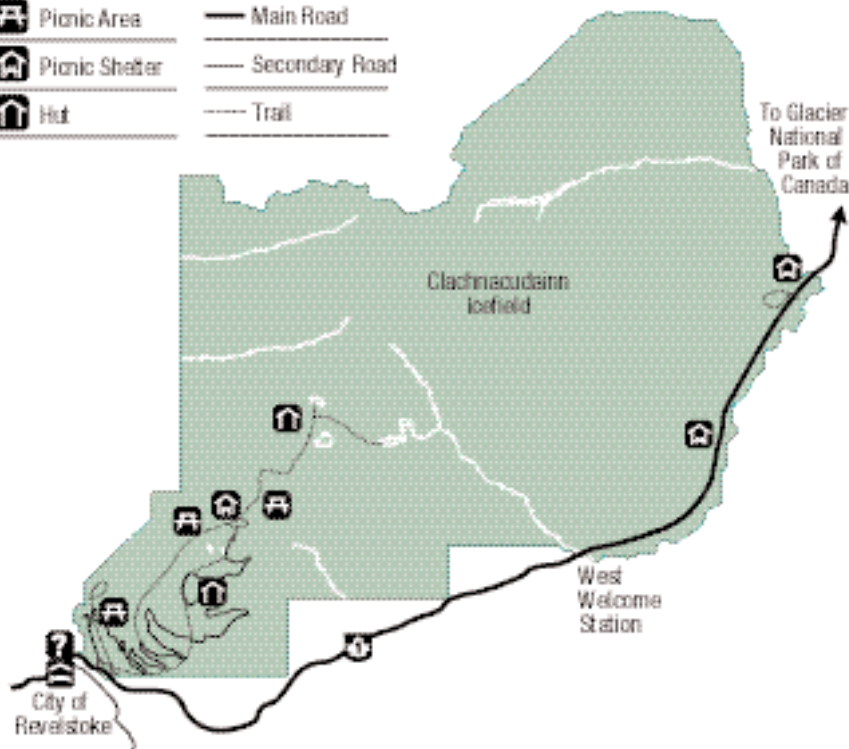
For Your Convenience

A complete range of food, accommodations and services are available in the surrounding area, including the city of Revelstoke.

Mount Revelstoke National Park of Canada

Legend

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|---|--|
|  Visitor Centre |  Accommodations |
|  Picnic Area |  Main Road |
|  Picnic Shelter |  Secondary Road |
|  Hut |  Trail |



GLACIER NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

With over 400 glaciers covering one-tenth of its total area, Glacier National Park offers spectacular scenery and fascinating history. The park was established in 1886 along the original route of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Rogers Pass National Historic Site commemorates the importance of this national transportation corridor.



Be sure to head out to the backcountry well equipped and well informed.

Today, the park protects an area of the Selkirk and Purcell mountain ranges. Half of the park is alpine tundra, where the meadows burst into flower for a few weeks each summer. At lower elevations, heavy rain and high snowfall create a lush rainforest of cedar, hemlock, spruce and fir.

Getting There

Glacier National Park is located on the Trans-Canada Highway 1 in southcentral BC. The nearest communities are the city of Revelstoke, 45 km from the west park entrance, and the town of Golden, 57 km from the east park entrance.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Stop at the Rogers Pass Centre for trip planning information. Located at the summit of the pass, the centre has a theatre, exhibits about the discovery of Rogers Pass and the completion of the railway, and natural history displays. The centre is open year round.
- The story of Rogers Pass is also presented at Abandoned Rails Trail and Loop Trail along the old rail line, and at Glacier House, the ruins of one of Canadian Pacific's great hotels.
- Take a short stroll on the barrier-free Hemlock Grove Boardwalk that winds through an ancient cedar-hemlock forest.
- Hike, backpack, climb or ski-tour in the rugged Columbia Mountain wilderness.

Activities

Interpretive Programs

Guided walks and campfire talks are offered from the Illecillewaet Campground. Please inquire at the Information Centre or campgrounds.

Scenic Touring

A drive through Glacier National Park on the Trans-Canada Highway will take you through some of the most scenic and historic landscapes in western Canada. There are many opportunities to enjoy photography, wildlife viewing, picnicking and self-guiding trails.

Walking and Hiking

Glacier has almost 200 km of trails ranging from short valley bottom hikes to steep, tough climbs. Some trails have spectacular mountain and glacier views, while others wind through stands of old-growth forest. Park staff can provide information, or pick up a copy of *Footloose in the Columbias*, available at the Glacier Circle Bookstore in the Rogers Pass Centre. Come prepared for travel in an unpredictable climate and rugged environment.

Camping

Camp among the towering cedars and hemlocks, along the fast rivers that flow from the Illecillewaet, Asulkan and Bonney glaciers. Illecillewaet

Campground (60 sites) and Loop Brook Campground (20 sites) are located just a few kilometres west of Rogers Pass. These campgrounds operate from June to October.

Overflow camping is available in July and August at the Sir Donald Picnic Area with sites assigned by staff at the Rogers Pass Centre.

Mountaineering

North American mountaineering got its start in this part of the Columbia Mountains. Glacier offers many classic routes, on quartzite and schist. The alpine is heavily glaciated in this region and snow can persist until mid-summer. For advice on routes and conditions, contact the Park Warden Service in Rogers Pass at (250) 814-5202.

Fishing

As in all national parks, a fishing permit is required. To protect bull trout, a fishing ban is in effect on all streams (not lakes) in the park.

Ski Touring and Snowshoeing

Glacier's steep terrain and legendary snowfall makes the park a premier road accessible ski touring destination. With no groomed or packed trails, alpine ski touring equipment and techniques are required over light cross-country ski gear.

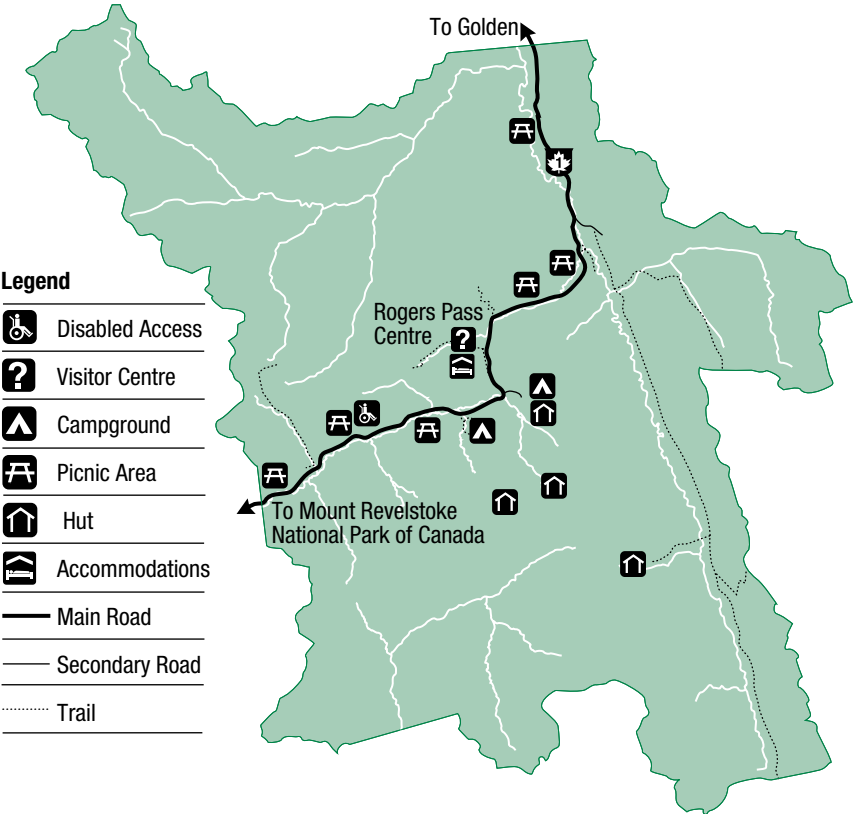
All skiers must be experienced and equipped to travel in avalanche areas. As part of the park's Avalanche Control Program, all slopes that face the Highway are closed. Specific slopes are sometimes open on a permit system only. Stop at the Rogers

Pass Centre for permits, the latest backcountry reports and daily avalanche bulletins.

For Your Convenience

Food, accommodations and services are available in the city of Revelstoke, the town of Golden, and Rogers Pass.

Glacier National Park of Canada



FORT ST. JAMES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

This fully restored Hudson's Bay Company post commemorates the partnership between the fur traders and First Nations from 1806 to 1952. The site includes the largest group of original wooden buildings representing the fur trade in Canada. The historic structures are located on spectacular Stuart Lake, which was mile zero on the 'highway to Europe' when Fort St. James was the center of the fur trade on the western slope.

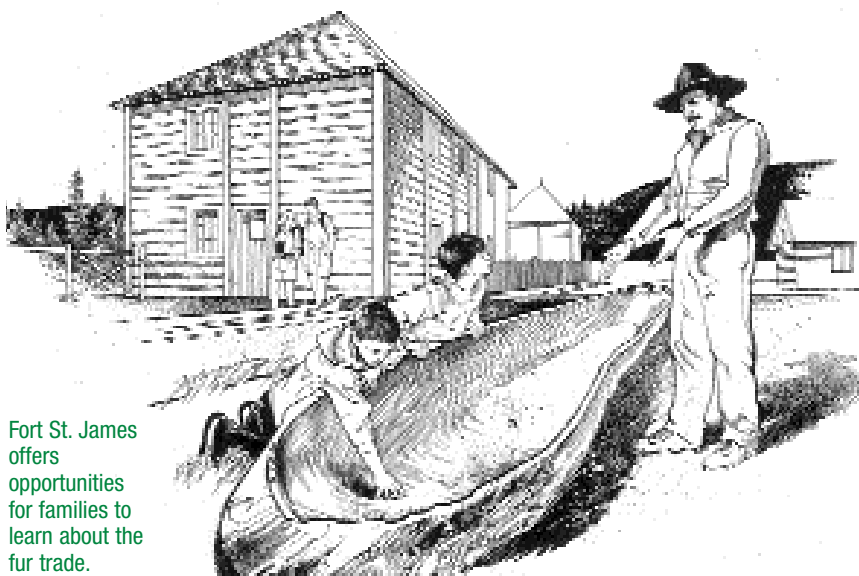
Getting There

Fort St. James National Historic Site is located 160 km northwest of Prince George, BC,

and can be reached by road, rail and air. Follow the Trans-Canada Highway 16 west from Prince George, then turn north onto Highway 27 just beyond Vanderhoof. Fort St. James is 45 min off Highway 16.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Allow two hours to explore the fort, and don't forget your camera!
- Stop in at the modern Visitor Reception Centre, watch a video and stroll through our interpretive displays.
- Rent our 45-minute audiotape tour and step back in time to the days of the fur trade.



Fort St. James offers opportunities for families to learn about the fur trade.

- Meet costumed interpreters working in the buildings and garden.
- Watch Carrier people building canoes, tanning hides and preparing salmon for smoking and drying on-site.
- Visit our gift shop, and relax at the Old Fort Cafe for lunch with a lovely view of the lake.
- Ask about our special School Program.
- Enjoy fishing, swimming, hiking, canoeing and spectacular waterfront camping on nearby lakes and rivers.
- Join the *Ghost Walk*, a special Parks Day event on the third Saturday in July.
- Hike the restored pre-contact trail Nyan Wheti (The Trail Across).
- Book a tour on Stuart Lake to the pictographs and Chief Kwah's Grave.
- Visit Our Lady of Good Hope Church, the fur trade cemetery and the bush pilots memorial.

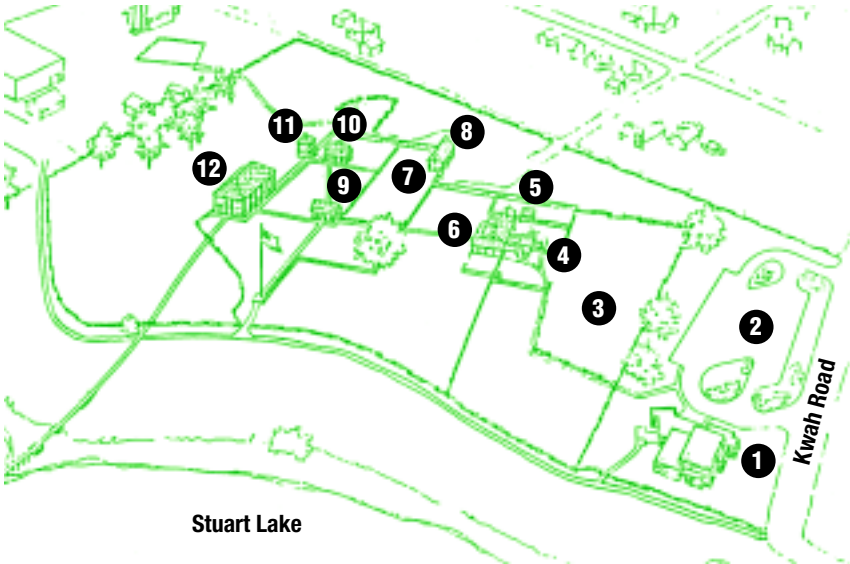
For Your Convenience



For private campgrounds and area information call (250) 996-7023. To reserve a campsite at Paarens Beach call BC Parks at 1-800-689-9025.

Fort St. James National Historic Site of Canada

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|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Visitor Centre | 4 Chicken Yard | 7 Garden | 10 Men's House |
| 2 Parking | 5 Dairy | 8 Grahame Warehouse | 11 Fish Cache |
| 3 Pasture | 6 Officer's Dwelling | 9 Trade Store | 12 General Warehouse |



HOW TO CONTACT US

Waterton Lakes National Park of Canada

Waterton Park, AB
Canada
T0K 2M0
ph (403) 859-2224
fax (403) 859-2650
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/waterton

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site of Canada

P.O. Box 168
Longview, AB
Canada
T0L 1H0
1-800-568-4996
ph (403) 395-2212
fax (403) 395-2331
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/ranch

Wood Buffalo National Park of Canada

P.O. Box 750
Fort Smith, NT
Canada
X0E 0P0
ph (867) 872-7960
fax (867) 872-3910
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/buffalo

Elk Island National Park of Canada

Site 4, R.R.#1
Fort Saskatchewan, AB
Canada
T8L 2N7
ph (780) 992-2950
fax (780) 992-2983
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/elk

Jasper National Park of Canada

P.O. Box 10
Jasper, AB
Canada
T0E 1E0
ph (780) 852-6176
fax (780) 852-6152
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper

Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site of Canada

Site 127, Comp. 6, R.R.#4
Rocky Mountain House, AB
Canada
T4T 2A4
ph (403) 845-2412
fax (403) 845-5320
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/rocky

Banff National Park of Canada Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada Banff Park Museum National Historic Site of Canada

P.O. Box 900
Banff, AB
Canada
T1L 1K2
ph (403) 762-1550
fax (403) 762-1551
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/banff

Yoho National Park of Canada

P.O. Box 99
Field, BC
Canada
V0A 1G0
ph (250) 343-6783
fax (250) 343-6012
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/yoho

Kootenay National Park of Canada

P.O. Box 220
Radium Hot Springs, BC
Canada
V0A 1M0
ph (250) 347-9615
fax (250) 347-9980
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/kootenay

Mount Revelstoke National Park of Canada

Glacier National Park of Canada

P.O. Box 350
310B-3rd Street West
Revelstoke, BC
Canada
VOE 2S0
ph (250) 837-7500
fax (250) 837-7536
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/revelstoke
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/glacier

Fort St James National Historic Site of Canada

P.O. Box 1148
Fort St. James, BC
Canada
V0J 1P0
ph (250) 996-7191
fax (250) 996-8566
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/james

Canadian Rockies Hot Springs

P.O. Box 900
Banff, AB
Canada
T1L 1K2
1-800-767-1611
Banff Upper Hot Springs (403) 762-1515
Radium (250) 347-9485
Miette (780) 866-3939
hot.springs@pc.gc.ca
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/hotsprings

To purchase park/site passes, or for additional information on the National Parks & National Historic Sites in Alberta & eastern BC:

Parks Canada

Calgary Office
552-220 4th Ave. SE
Calgary, AB
T2G 4X3
1-800-748-7275
fax (403) 292-4408
www.parkscanada.pc.gc.ca

For general information on Canada's National Parks & Historic Sites:

Parks Canada

25 Eddy Street
Hull, PQ
K1A 0M5
1-888-773-8888
www.parkscanada.pc.gc.ca

For general travel and accommodations information on Alberta:

Travel Alberta

P.O. Box 2500
Edmonton, AB
T5J 2Z4
1-800-222-6501 (N. America)
1-800-661-8888 (Alberta)
fax (780) 427-0867
www.gov.ab.ca

For general travel and accommodations information on British Columbia:

Tourism BC

Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
V8V 1X4
1-800-663-6000 (N. America)
fax 1-800-563-5306 (N. America)
www.travel.bc.ca

2004 RATES, HOURS & CAMPING INFORMATION

*The National Parks and National Historic Sites
of Canada in Alberta & eastern British Columbia*

Your Best Value

National Parks Pass

Discover and experience nature's best in 27 of Canada's national parks.

National Historic Site Pass

Step back in time as you visit 67 of Canada's national historic sites.

Discovery Package

Best of both world's —
Your heritage — Your land.

If you spend seven or more days per year in a national park or national historic site - the national pass is your best value. And the money from your park pass goes back into facilities and services at the parks and sites to ensure that you have a safe and memorable park experience.

| | NP Pass | NHS Pass | Discovery Package |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Adult | \$45 | \$35 | \$59 |
| Senior (aged 65+) | \$38 | \$29 | \$49 |
| Youth (aged 6 to 16) | \$22 | \$18 | \$29 |
| Family/group | \$89 | \$69 | \$119 |

Passes are non-transferable and are valid for entry only and not for other Parks Canada services or facilities. Please note that some national parks and national historic sites are closed seasonally.

Please note that this Vacation Planner highlights National Parks and National Historic Sites in **Alberta & eastern British Columbia only**. There is also a separate Vacation Planner for British Columbia. See the inside back cover for ordering information.

National Park Day Passes

Banff, Jasper, Yoho, and Kootenay national parks (*valid for all 4 parks*)

| Individual | |
|------------|--------|
| Adult | \$7.00 |
| Senior | \$6.50 |
| Child | \$3.50 |

| Group/family | |
|--------------|---------|
| Adult | \$14.00 |

National Park Annual and Day Passes

Waterton Lakes National Park

| Individual | Day | Year |
|------------|--------|---------|
| Adult | \$5.00 | \$30.00 |
| Senior | \$4.25 | \$22.00 |
| Youth | \$2.50 | \$15.00 |

| Group/family | Day | Year |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| Adult | \$12.50 | \$63.00 |

Mount Revelstoke, Glacier and Elk Island* national parks (*sold separately for each park*).

| Individual | Day | Year |
|------------|--------|--------------------|
| Adult | \$5.00 | \$28.00 (*\$25.00) |
| Senior | \$4.25 | \$21.00 (*\$20.00) |
| Child | \$2.50 | \$14.00 (*\$12.50) |

| Group/family | Day | Year |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| Adult | \$12.50 | \$63.00 |

All fees and hours are subject to change. For details: www.pc.gc.ca or 1-888-773-8888



National Park Camping Information

| | Open | PWS | Elec | Uns | Prim | Shwr | Fee |
|--|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|
|--|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|

Waterton Lakes National Park of Canada

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|---------------------|-------------------|----|--|-----|----|-----|-------------------|
| Townsite (no fires) | May 1 - Oct. 25 | 95 | | 143 | | yes | \$17.00 - \$30.00 |
| Crandell Mountain | May 21 - Sept. 5 | | | 129 | | | \$17.00 |
| Belly River | May 21 - Sept. 13 | | | | 24 | | \$13.00 |

Wood Buffalo National Park of Canada

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|------------------------|-------------------|--|--|----|--|--|---------|
| Pine Lake (campground) | May 17 - Sept. 29 | | | 15 | | | \$13.00 |
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Elk Island National Park of Canada

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|-------------|-------------------|--|--|----|--|-----|---------|
| Sandy Beach | May 17 - Sept. 13 | | | 78 | | yes | \$18.00 |
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Jasper National Park of Canada

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------------------|
| Whistlers | May 7 - Oct. 11 | 77 | 100 | 604 | | yes | \$22.00 - \$30.00 |
| Wapiti | May 21 - May 24 June 18 - Sept. 13 | | 40 | 322 | | yes | \$22.00 - \$26.00 |
| Wapiti Winter | Oct. 11 - May 6/05 | | 40 | | 53 | | \$14.00 - \$17.00 |
| Wabasso | June 24 - Sept. 6 | | | 228 | | | \$17.00 |
| Pocahontas | May 21 - Oct. 11 | | | 140 | | | \$17.00 |
| Snaring River | May 21 - Sept. 20 | | | | 66 | | \$13.00 |
| Mount Kerkeslin | June 24 - Sept. 6 | | | | 42 | | \$13.00 |
| Honeymoon Lake | May 21 - Oct. 11 | | | | 35 | | \$13.00 |
| Jonas Creek | May 21 - Sept. 20 | | | | 25 | | \$13.00 |
| Columbia Icefield | May 21 - Oct. 11 | | | | 33 | | \$13.00 |
| Wilcox Creek | June 10 - Sept. 20 | | | | 46 | | \$13.00 |

In 2004, a national reservation system will be piloted at Pocahontas Campground in Jasper National Park. To make a reservation visit the website at www.pccamping.ca or call 1-877-737-3783.

Backcountry Camping

Reservations are available for backcountry camping in the national parks in Alberta and eastern British Columbia (except Wood Buffalo, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier). 1-800-748-7275 or call the parks directly for further information.

| | Open | PWS | Elec | Uns | Prim | Shwr | Fee |
|--|--------------------|-----|------|-----|------|------|---------|
| Banff National Park of Canada | | | | | | | |
| Tunnel Mountain Trail Court | May 3 - Oct. 4 | 321 | | | | yes | \$30.00 |
| Tunnel Mountain Village I | May 3 - Oct. 4 | | | 618 | | yes | \$22.00 |
| Tunnel Mountain Village II | Year-round | | 188 | | | yes | \$26.00 |
| Two Jack Main | May 21 - Sept. 7 | | | 380 | | | \$17.00 |
| Two Jack Lakeside | May 21 - Sept. 20 | | | 74 | | yes | \$22.00 |
| Johnston Canyon | June 4 - Sept. 20 | | | 132 | | yes | \$22.00 |
| Castle Mountain | May 21 - Sept. 7 | | | 43 | | | \$17.00 |
| Protection Mountain | June 25 - Sept. 6 | | | 89 | | | \$17.00 |
| Lake Louise Trailer (no tents or soft sided trailers from April to Oct.) | Year-round | | 189 | | | yes | \$26.00 |
| Lake Louise Tent (includes soft-sided trailers) | May 21 - Oct. 1 | | | 220 | | yes | \$22.00 |
| Mosquito Creek | Year-round | | | | 32 | | \$13.00 |
| Waterfowl | June 18 - Sept. 19 | | | 116 | | | \$17.00 |
| Rampart Creek | June 26 - Sept. 6 | | | | 50 | | \$13.00 |
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Yoho National Park of Canada

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|--------------------------|---------------------|--|--|-----|----|-----|---------|
| Kicking Horse | June 1 - Sept. 30 | | | 86 | | yes | \$22.00 |
| Monarch | May 7 - Sept. 6 | | | | 46 | | \$14.00 |
| Monarch (winter) | Sept. 30 - May 6/05 | | | | 46 | | \$14.00 |
| Takakkaw Falls (walk-in) | June 25 - Sept. 30 | | | | 35 | | \$14.00 |
| Hoodoo Creek | June 27 - Sept. 30 | | | 106 | | | \$15.00 |
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Kootenay National Park of Canada

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|-----------------------|---------------------|----|----|-----|--|-----|-------------------|
| Redstreak | May 7 - Oct. 11 | 50 | 38 | 154 | | yes | \$22.00 - \$30.00 |
| Marble Canyon | June 26 - Sept. 6 | | | 61 | | | \$17.00 |
| McLeod Meadows | May 16 - Sept. 14 | | | 98 | | | \$17.00 |
| Dolly Varden (Winter) | Sept. 15 - May 8/05 | | | 7 | | | \$13.00 |
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Glacier National Park of Canada

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|------------------|--------------------|--|--|----|----|--|---------|
| Illecillewaet | June 24 - Sept. 30 | | | 60 | | | \$17.00 |
| Loop Brook | July 1 - Sept. 6 | | | 20 | | | \$17.00 |
| Mount Sir Donald | July 1 - Sept. 6 | | | | 15 | | \$14.00 |

PWS: power, water, sewer

Elec: electricity

Uns: unserviced (no hook-ups), flush toilets

Prim: dry toilets

Shwr: showers

Fire Permits: \$7.00 fee (where fireboxes and firewood are provided).

Waterton Lakes National Park

Operating Season

Open year-round with full services available from May to the end of September.

Information Centre Hours

May 14 to June 14 9 am - 5 pm
June 18 to Sept. 5 8 am - 7 pm
Sept. 6 to Oct. 11 9 am - 5 pm

Park Passes

See p. 1 of insert

Camping

See multi-park chart (pp. 2/3)

Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard, debit card, American Express and travellers cheques.

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site

Season & Hours of Operation

May 29 - Oct. 11 10 am - 6 pm daily

Admission (daily)

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Adult | \$6.50 |
| Senior | \$5.50 |
| Youth | \$3.00 |
| Family/group | \$15.00 |
| Wagon shuttle | free |

Various tour packages available. For details, call 1-800-568-4996.

Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard and travellers cheques.

Wood Buffalo National Park

Operating Season

Open year-round with all-weather road access to the park via Fort Smith.

Visitor Reception Centre Hours (Fort Smith and Fort Chipewyan)

Summer 9 am - 5 pm, Mon. - Fri.
1 pm - 5 pm, Sat. - Sun.
Fall, Winter & Spring 9 am - 5 pm
Mon. - Fri.

Park Passes

There are no gate entry fees for Wood Buffalo National Park.

Camping

See multi-park chart (pp. 2/3)

Payment

Cash and travellers cheques.

Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site

Season & Hours of Operation

May 22 - Sept. 6 10 am - 5 pm
Off-season limited services;
(403) 845-2412 for details

| Admission | (daily) | (annual) |
|-----------|---------|----------|
|-----------|---------|----------|

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Adult | \$2.50 | \$7.50 |
| Senior | \$2.00 | \$6.00 |
| Youth | \$1.50 | \$4.50 |
| Family/group | \$5.50 | \$15.00 |

Payment

Cash, debit card and travellers cheques.

Jasper National Park

Operating Season

Open year-round with full services available.

Information Centre Hours

(Jasper townsite)

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| April 1 to mid-June | 9 am - 5 pm |
| Mid-June to Sept. 6 | 9 am - 7 pm |
| Sept. | 9 am - 6 pm |
| Oct. | 9 am - 5 pm |
| Nov. 1 to March 31/05 | 9 am - 4 pm |

Information Centre Hours

(Columbia Icefield)

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| May 1 to Mid-June | 9 am - 5 pm |
| Mid-June to Sept. 6 | 9 am - 6 pm |
| Sept. 7 to Oct. 15 | 9 am - 5 pm |

Park Passes

See p. 1 of insert

Camping

See multi-park chart (pp. 2/3)

Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard and travellers cheques.

Miette Hot Springs

Season & Hours of Operation

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| May 1 to June 10 & Sept. 7 to Oct. 11 | 10:30 am - 9 pm |
| June 11 to Sept. 6 | 8:30 am -10:30 pm |
| Winter | closed |

Admission (single visit)

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Adult | \$6.50 |
| Child/Senior | \$5.50 |
| Family/group* | \$19.50 |
| Extra Child | \$3.50 |

*Family rate admits 2 adults and 2 children
Group Rates and daily passes available.
Call 1-800-767-1611 for information.

Banff National Park

Operating Season

Open year-round with full services available.

Information Centre Hours (Banff)

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| May 16 to June 24 | 8 am - 6 pm |
| June 13 to Sept. 6 | 8 am - 8 pm |
| Sept. 7 to Sept. 26 | 8 am - 6 pm |
| Sept. 27 to May 20/05 | 9 am - 5 pm |

Closed December 25 and January 1

Please note: Nov. to April, the Banff Info Centre will be closed from 12:00 to 1:00 pm daily

Information Centre Hours

(Lake Louise)

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| May 1 to June 24 | 9 am - 5 pm |
| June 25 to Sept. 6 | 9 am - 7 pm |
| Sept. 7 to Oct. 11 | 9 am - 5 pm |
| Oct. 12 - Apr. 30/05 | 9 am - 4 pm |

Park Passes

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Camping

See multi-park chart (pp. 2/3)

Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and travellers cheques.

Banff Park Museum National Historic Site

Season & Hours of Operation

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Mid-May to Sept. 30 | 10 am - 6 pm |
| Oct. 1 to mid-May | 1 pm - 5 pm |

Admission (daily)

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| Adult | \$4.00 |
| Senior | \$3.50 |
| Youth | \$3.00 |
| Family/group | \$10.00 |

Ask us about the Heritage Passport .

Payment

Cash and travellers cheques.

Banff Upper Hot Springs

Season & Hours of Operation

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Sept. 15/03 to May 20/04 | |
| Sun. - Thurs. | 10 am - 10 pm |
| Fri. & Sat. | 10 am - 11 pm |
| May 21 to Sept. 12 | 9 am - 11 pm |
| Sept. 13/04 to May 19/05 | |
| Sun. - Thurs. | 10 am - 10 pm |
| Fri. & Sat. | 10 am - 11 pm |

Admission (single visit)

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Adult | \$7.50 |
| Child/Senior | \$6.50 |
| Family/group* | \$23.00 |
| Extra Child | \$3.50 |

*Family rate admits 2 adults and 2 children.
Group rates available. Call 1-800-767-1611.

Cave and Basin National Historic Site

Season & Hours of Operation

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mid-May to Sept. 30 | 9 am - 6 pm |
| Oct. 1 to mid-May (Mon.-Fri.) .. | 11 am - 4 pm |
| (Sat.-Sun.) | 9:30 am - 5 pm |

Admission (daily)

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|--------------------|---------|
| Adult | \$4.00 |
| Senior | \$3.50 |
| Youth | \$3.00 |
| Family/group | \$10.00 |

World Heritage Interpretive Theatre performs *Water...on the Rocks* July - Sept., Thursday and Friday evenings at 8:00 pm.
\$8.00/person

Payment

Cash and travellers cheques.

Canada Place

Season & Hours of Operation

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Oct. 14/03 to May 20/04 | |
| Wed. - Sun. | 1 pm - 4 pm |
| Mon. - Tues. | closed |
| May 21 to Sept. 30 | 10 am - 6 pm |
| Oct. 1/04 to May 19/05 | closed |

Free admission. Special school and group programs available year-round. Call (403) 760-1338 for details.

Elk Island National Park

Operating Season

Open year-round with full services available through the summer.

Information Centre Hours

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| May/June | Sat. & Sun. 10 am - 5 pm |
| July/Aug. | daily 10 am - 5 pm |

Information can also be obtained at the South Gate, May 14 to Sept. 6.

Off season - limited service (780) 992-2950

Park Passes

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Camping

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Step-on Guide Services

Staff are available at an hourly rate of \$50.00/guide/vehicle plus the park pass. Most programs are two hours in duration. Advance reservations only: (780) 992-2960.

Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard, debit card, American Express and travellers cheques. Automated pass machines are located at each gate.

Yoho National Park

Operating Season

Open year-round with partial services available.

Information Centre Hours

May 1 to June 24 9 am - 5 pm
June 25 to Sept. 6 9 am - 7 pm
Sept. 7 to Sept. 19 9 am - 5 pm
Sept. 20 to April 30/05 9 am - 4 pm
(Note: all hours are mountain time).

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Camping

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Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard and travellers cheques.

Lake O'Hara

Reservations (transit bus and campground)

\$12.00. Available by telephone only:
(250) 343-6433. Reservations 3 months
in advance are recommended.
Bus operates from June 18 to Oct. 3.
Cancellation fees apply.
Payment: Visa and MasterCard

Transit Bus

Departures (June to Sept.)
Ingoing: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 3:30 pm and
5:30 pm daily from parking lot.
Outgoing: 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 4:30 pm
and 6:30 pm.
Departures (October)
Ingoing: 10:00 am, 4:00 pm
Outgoing: 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Kootenay National Park

Operating Season

Open year-round with partial services available.

Information Centre Hours

(Radium Hot Springs)

May 14 to Oct. 11 daily, 9 am - 5 pm
Winter (Radium Chamber) 10 am - 4 pm
..... closed Sun/Mon

Visitor Centre Hours

(Kootenay Park Lodge)

April 9 to May 16 Fri/Sat/Sun, 11 am - 6 pm
May 21 to Sept. 26 10 am - 7 pm
Oct. 1, 2, 3 & 8-11 11 am - 6 pm

Park Passes

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Camping

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Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard and travellers cheques.

Radium Hot Springs

Season & Hours of Operation

Oct. 14/03 to May 6/04
Sun. - Thurs. 12 pm - 9 pm
Fri. & Sat. 12 pm - 10 pm
May 7/04 to Oct. 11/04
Daily 9 am - 11 pm
Oct. 12/04 to May 12/05
Sun. - Thurs. 12 pm - 9 pm
Fri. & Sat. 12 pm - 10 pm

Admission (single visit)

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Adult | \$6.75 |
| Child/Senior | \$5.75 |
| Family/group* | \$20.00 |
| Extra Child | \$3.50 |

*Family rate admits 2 adults and 2 children.
Group rates and day passes available.
Call 1-800-767-1611 for more information.

Mount Revelstoke & Glacier National Parks

Operating Season

Open year-round with full services available from mid-June to early October.

Information Centre Hours (Rogers Pass)

The Rogers Pass Discovery Centre is open daily, year round, (except Christmas Day, and Tuesdays and Wednesdays in November).

Park Passes

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Camping

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Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard and travellers cheques.

General Information

- All rates, except group rates, are per person (p/p).
- Children aged 5 and under admitted free to all national parks and national historic sites.
- A “senior” is a person aged 65 plus.
- A “youth” or “child” is a person aged 6 to 16.
- An “adult group” consists of 2 to 7 people travelling in one vehicle.
- All prices include applicable taxes and are subject to change.

Fort St. James National Historic Site

Season & Hours of Operation

May 17 to Sept. 30 9 am - 5 pm

Admission (daily)

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Adult | \$6.50 |
| Senior | \$5.50 |
| Child | \$3.25 |
| Family/group | \$16.25 |

Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard and travellers cheques.

Commercial & Large Groups

Rates for national parks:

For information on rates and discounts, contact Corina Finlay at (403) 762-1504.

Rates for national historic sites:

Contact the national historic sites directly for available commercial and large group discounts.

Note:

Daily passes are valid until 4 pm following the day of entry.

Fishing Permits

Daily \$7.00.
Annual \$20.00.

The annual permit is valid for all national parks.

Planning Your visit to the National Parks and National Historic Sites of Canada

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