POINTS OF INTEREST IN BANFF AND VICINITY

FAUNA AND FLORA

Alpine and sub-alpine wild flowers are prominent of Banff Park, and many varieties will be seen in flower during the months June, July, and August. The mountain meadow, alpine field, and alpine ridge are the principal habitats of these plants, many of which are the hardiest flora in the world. The variety of species is immense, and a unique feature of the park. Daisies, lilies, saxifrage, dryas, vetch, wintergreen, and fireweed are just a few of the many varieties in bloom. The mountain meadow is also the habitat of the hoary marmot or "whistler."

TRAIL TRIPS IN BANFF PARK

More than 750 miles of trails in Banff Park lead to beauty spots and historic sites throughout the park. Among the most popular trail trips are:

- Horse Pass to Field 11 miles.
- Spray Valley to Cascade Pond 5 miles.
- Spray River Bridge to Field 13 miles.
- Moraine Lake 8 miles.
- Johnston Canyon 9 miles.
- Boreal Creek to Spray River 10 miles.
- Canal Creek and Spray River 12 miles.
- Spray River Bridge to Lake Louise 13 miles.
- Lake Louise-Paradise Valley.—Via slopes of Mount Fairview. 8 miles.
- Banff-DeviPs Gap-Ghost River.—Via Lake Minnewanka motor road 15 miles.
- Banff-Mount Assiniboine.—Via Spray River. Bryant Creek, and Fernie Creek 16 miles.
- Banff-Red Deer River-Lake Louise.—Via Cascade River, Cuthead Creek, and Groups Creek 21 miles.
- Banff-Great Divide—Sundance Canyon 18 miles.
- Lake Louise-Mount Edith—Moraine Lake 10 miles.
- Lake Louise-Cadillac Ridge 10 miles.
- Lake Louise-Canal Lake 7 miles.

Additional Information and Suggestions concerning the National Parks of Canada, the provincial parks, and the National Wildlife Areas are offered by the Government Information Service of Banff, Abraham Lake, Prince Albert National Park, and the National Wildlife Areas, or the Federal Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada.
Banff National Park
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Purpose of National Parks
The national parks of Canada were established to preserve as a public possession for all time, places of scenic beauty, of great historic or scientific interest, the natural resources of the country, or natural phenomena of special interest... The purposes of the national parks are: (1) to afford the nation an opportunity of living in and enjoying its natural scenic beauty; (2) to serve as natural playgrounds for the citizens of the country; and (3) to provide opportunities for scientific study and research.

Location and General Description
Banff National Park is situated in the western section of the Trans-Canada Highway. It is an area of 1,500 square miles, north of Calgary, Alberta, and south of Lake Louise, Banff, and Mount Assiniboine. It is accessible by motor road, and by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Access to the Park
Banff National Park may be reached over a direct hard-surfaced route by way of the Chief Mountain International Highway through the west its boundaries are contiguous for many miles with those of Kootenay and Yoho National Parks. Banff Park lies along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, extending from the foothills on the east to the continental divide.

Accommodation in Banff National Park is provided by 11 hotels, bungalows, and mountain lodges. There are also about 2,000 cabins and campsites in the park.

Accommodation Rates
Following is a list of hotels, lodges, and bungalow camps.

- Banff Springs Hotel: 600 rooms
  - Single: $6.50 up
  - Double: $10 up (Eur.)
- Chateau Lake Louise: 386 rooms
  - Single: $6.50 up
  - Double: $10 up (Eur.)
- Deer Lodge: 75 rooms
  - Single: $2.50 up
  - Double: $4 up (Eur.)
- Lake Minnewanka: 6 rooms
  - Single: $1
  - Double: $1.50 (Eur.)
- Y.W.C.A.: 45 rooms
  - Single: $1.25 up
  - Double: $1.50 up
- Cascade Hotel: 45 rooms
  - Single: $1-$1.50
  - Double: $1.50-$2
- Bungalow Camp: week $32.50 (Amer.)

Public camp-grounds, less completely equipped than that at Banff, are available near Ptarmigan Pass and in Skoki Valley. Sunshine Park, 30 miles from Banff, is also situated in a magnificent ski-ing region near Simpson Pass. Guides and equipment are conducted by an organization known as the Sky Line Tours.

Recreation
Recreation in the park includes walking excursions through the mountains, under supervision of a guide from the park service, and also by mountain lodges, where meals are served. The park service issues special licences for motor vehicles used for commercial purposes or, if a cabin trailer is attached, the fee is $5 per day for individuals and $10 per day for families. In the summer season by the Canadian Pacific Railway, are available near Ptarmigan Pass and in Skoki Valley. Sunshine Park, 30 miles from Banff, is also situated in a magnificent ski-ing region near Simpson Pass. Guides and equipment are conducted by an organization known as the Sky Line Tours.

Boating and Canoeing.
- The peaks in Banff Park provide unlimited climbing opportunities.
- Outdoor bathing may be enjoyed at Banff at the Cave and Basin and Upper Hot Springs.
- The golf course operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway is available near Ptarmigan Pass. It has a club-house on the Upper Hot Springs road, a mile from Lake Louise, to which there is a direct road from Banff.

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