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Welcome to Canada's mountain national parks. Banff, Jasper, Yoho, Kootenay, Mt. Revelstoke and Glacier national parks

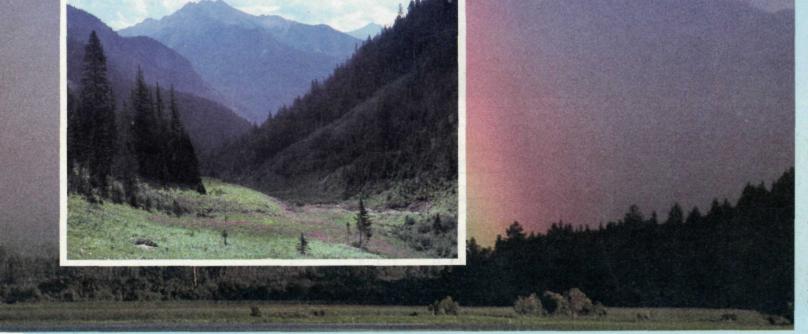
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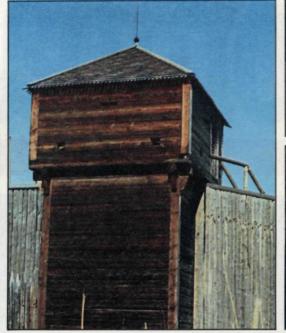
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are renowned for their exceptional beauty and preserve for all generations representative areas of the Canadian Rockies and Columbia Mountains. Each area is unique and distinct in its natural and cultural history. Opportunities abound for campers, pleasure drivers, hikers, backpackers, picnickers, and nature and adventure lovers.

We hope that the *Parks Companion* will help guide your visit to our parks and make your stay an enjoyable one.











West Edmonton Mall - the World's Largest Shopping and Recreation Centre. While at the Mall, bask on a tropical beach at the World Waterpark; experience a submarine ride at the Deep Sea Adventure; catch the thrills and excitement of Fantasyland Amusement Park, relax and paly 18 holes of golf on our miniature Pebble Beach Golf Course or enjoy a leisurely skate on our NHL-size Ice Palace skating rink. Or, if you prefer, shop over 800 stores and services, dine at any of the 110 restaurants, take in a movie at one of nineteen theatres, and try our casino, bingo, nightlife and entertainment.

West Edmontom Mall presents a world of excitement for the whole family. Don't miss it!

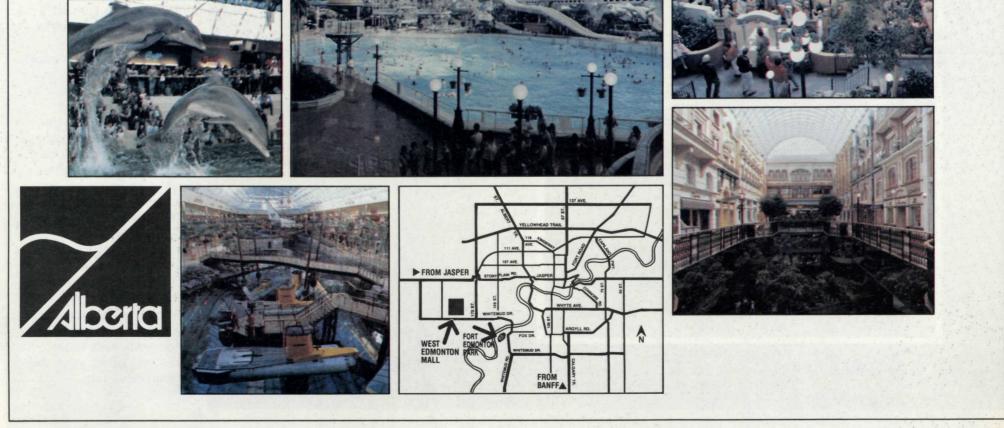
#### HOURS OF OPERATION

#### **Shopping Hours:**

Mon. – Fri.	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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**Attraction Hours:** 

Summer Hours: June 29, 1990 -September 11, 1990



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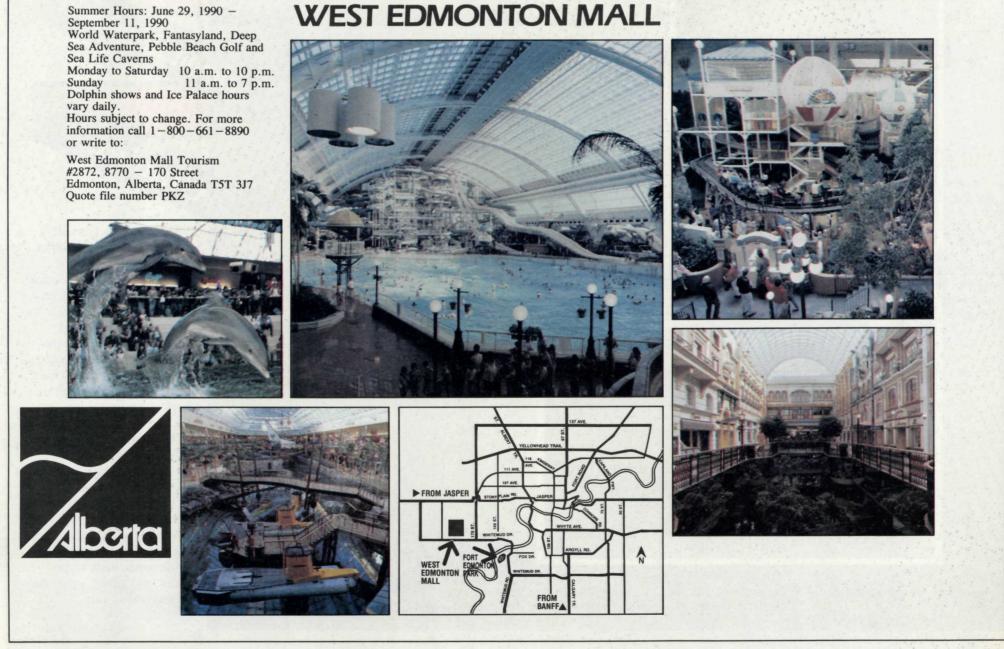




Come and experience Edmonton's colorful past at Fort Edmonton Park. With its unique programs, the Park offers you the chance to explore the life of a fur trader at the Hudson's Bay Company fort, or visit the early settlement that would have served as the gateway to the northern gold fields, or take a streetcar ride into the 1900's. There's a lot more to see and do. Loin us for the adventure!

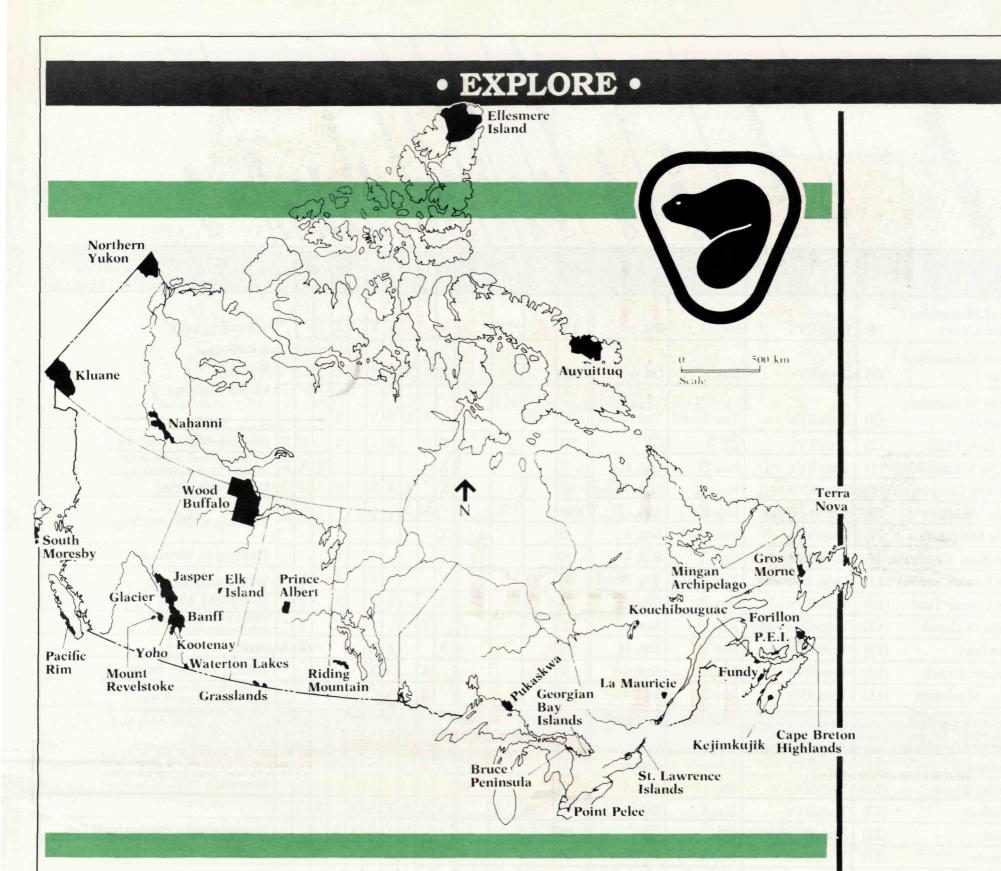
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## The absurdity of lines

People draw lines on maps and put boundaries around pieces of land; nature doesn't. Because we often think in terms of property and territory, we define our national parks with artificial boundaries. The lines we draw on maps cannot confine the things the parks were established to preserve, nor should they be allowed to confine the principles and values upon which the national park ideal is based. For the grizzly bears and elk who live their lives in the high country of the Rocky Mountains, the berries or grasses on one side of the boundary taste no different from those on the other. The great weather systems that belly up and into the Rockies from the west, heavy-laden with Pacific Ocean moisture, lower mainland automobile exhaust and smoke from logging slash fires, drop their rain and snow as freely on one side of the boundary as on the other.

Those who visit Canada's mountain national parks each year see few obvious changes as they drive across the park boundaries.

A park boundary reflects human territoriality, nothing more. We try to make it real by slashing a cutline through forest and marking it with yellow boundary marks. The animals, the forests, the rivers and the air ignore our artifacts. They cross our lines at will, simple proof that manmade boundaries will never change the fact that we live in, and share, one world. Elk and mice, orchids and whitefish, people and trees we all occupy the same thin envelope of life wrapped around a small planet, alone in a far corner of the universe. It's all we have; it's all precious. Viewed from that perspective, it seems bizarre that Canadians would draw lines around 34 patches of landscape, representing less than

two per cent of our country's area, call them national parks, and conclude that they are protected for all time. If we treated only the land inside our national parks with care and respect, would Canada's natural heritage really be secure?

For that matter, can we say that even a national park's forests and lakes are protected, if the wind brings air pollutants and acid rain? Can we say national park wildlife are safe, if their natural movements take them into logged valleys, resorts and agricultural land where ment to preserving the health and natural wealth of every little corner of this nation we call home, then perhaps we can truly say that these are parks without boundaries, and that there is real hope for our common future.

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It can be argued that a park should have no boundaries. A better perspective might be to consider our national parks as living examples of our national heritage - standards by which to judge our treatment of every inch of the rich and irreplaceable landscapes of our nation. Only from that perspective can we view national parks as true landscapes of hope, rather than final futile refuges of the natural diversity that defines the Canada we love.

If each visitor to Canada's national parks returns home not only refreshed by the beauty and complexity of our Canadian heritage, but charged with a renewed commitNo charge for through traffic.

#### Campsite Fees \*

Campsite charges range from \$5.00 to \$16.00/night depending upon services. Group camping is available for organized groups and must be reserved ahead. Fee is \$1 per person per night.

#### **Fishing Permits**

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National Parks seven day \$5.00 National Parks annual \$10.00 **Pool Fees** Adults, Single Swim \$2.00 Day Pass \$4.00 Children (3-16 years) Single Swim \$1.25 Day Pass \$2.00 Swimsuit Rental \$1.00 \$ .75 \$ .25 **Towel Rental** Locker Rental \*Subject to final ministerial apThe Parks Companion is published by **DVERTISER** 1510 - 2nd St. N., Cranbrook, B.C. VIC 3L2 489-3455 All Rights Reserved Publisher - Daryl Shellborn Advertising Sales Manager -Keith Powell Production Manager - Roy Sweet Printed in Canada Stories and photos contributed by

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Crooks Meadow	(34)	*Group Tenting	Year Round	Year Round	75p				$\square$	x	-		+	-	x	$\square$	Start of W. Kootenay biking trail.
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#### Campgrounds

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3.	Tunnel Mountain Village II
4.	Tunnel Mountain Trailer Court
5.	Tunnel Mountain Village I
6.	Johnston Canyon
7.	Castle Mountain
8.	Castle Meadows Group
9.	Protection Mountain
10.	Lake Louise Tenting
11.	Lake Louise Trailer
12.	Mosquito Creek
13.	Waterfowl Lake
14.	Rampart Creek
14.	Cirrus Mountain
16.	Wilcox Creek
17.	Columbia Icefield
18.	Jonas Creek
19.	Honeymoon Lake
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31.	Marble Canyon McLeod Meadows
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34.	Crooks Meadow
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38.	Marmot Meadows
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41.	Dolly Varden

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Looking for the perfect spot to set up camp, be it pup tent or motorhome, the Canadian Parks Service has the spot for you. In all, you have your choice of 5058 campsites in 35 different campgrounds in the four mountain national parks.

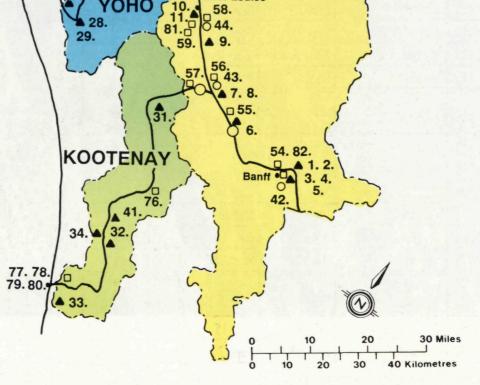
Fees range from \$5 to \$16, depending on the degree of service offered. All campgrounds have picnic tables, fireboxes and firewood. Most have kitchen shelters, several offer interpretive events and some even have hot showers. For details on each campground, please check the chart.

## Outlying Commercial Accommodation

54. Timberline Hotel Johnston Canyon Bungalows Castle Eisenhower Chalets 55. 56. 57. Storm Mountain Lodge Baker Creek Bungalows Moraine Lake Lodge 58. 59. 60. West Louise Lodge Catherdral Mountain Chalets Emerald Lake Lodge 61. 62. 63. Num-ti-jah Lodge Parkway Lodge Columbia Icefield Chalet 64. 65. 66. Sunwapta Falls Bungalows Becker's Bungalows Jasper House Bungalows 67. 68. 69. Alpine Village 70. Tekarra Resort 71. **Pine Bungalows** Patricia Lake Bungalows Pyramid Lake Bungalows Pocahontas Bungalows 72. 73. 74. Miette Hot Springs Bungalows Vermilion Crossing Bungalows 75. 76. 77. Addison's Blakely's Bungalows Mt. Farnham Bungalows Radium Hot Springs Lodge 78. 79. 80. Paradise Bungalows 81. Rocky Mountain Resort 82. 83. Glacier Park Lodge

#### Hostels (

42. Banff 43. Castle Mountain **Corral Creek** 44. 45. Whiskey Jack 46. Mosquito Creek 47. Ramparts 48. Hilda Creek 49. Beauty Creek 50. Athabasca Falls 51. Edith Cavell 52. Whistlers 53. Maligne Canyon



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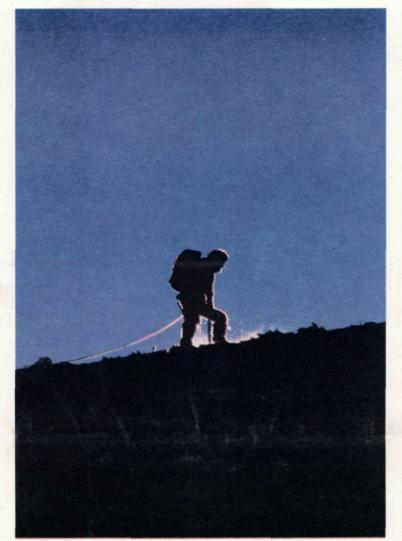


Banff National Park, established in 1885, is Canada's first. Its ice-capped peaks, deep valleys, glaciers, forests and lakes draw millions of visitors annually from every corner of the globe. Mountaineers, skiers, hikers, cyclists, horseback riders, fishermen, canoeists, nature lovers and those who just want to take in a hearty dose of Rocky Mountain air flock to the park each year.

Banff covers 6,641 square kilometres (2,564 square miles) of mountains, valleys, glaciers, forests, alpine meadows, lakes and wild rivers along the Alberta flank of the Continental Divide.

The park contains at least 25 peaks which tower 3,000 metres (9,800 feet) or more. Scores of lakes are part of the natural backdrop and their turquoise hue begs to be captured on film. Geological oddities include hoodoos, plunging canyons and mineral hot springs.

There are many sights to see and things to do in and near the town of Banff. A visit to the Cave and Basin Centennial Centre for a swim in the outdoor mineral water pool and a look back at the history of Banff and Canada's national park system is a pleasant way to spend an afternoon. Visitors also enjoy the Banff Park Museum and the Buffalo Paddock.



Lake Louise with glacier-clad Mount Victoria is one of the park's most popular stopping places. There are many trails for hiking and horseback riding in this area as well as canoeing on the lake and skiing in the winter.

• Take a quieter, more

leisurely drive to Lake Louise by way of the Bow Valley Parkway.

• Visit Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks.

• Canoe the still waters of Vermilion Lakes.

• Gaze at the many wildflowers at Bow Summit.

• Take in a performance of the Banff Festival of the Arts at the Banff Centre (June - August).

• Sit on top of a mountain, walk up Tunnel Mountain, take a gondola up Sulphur Mountain or find your own peak to climb.

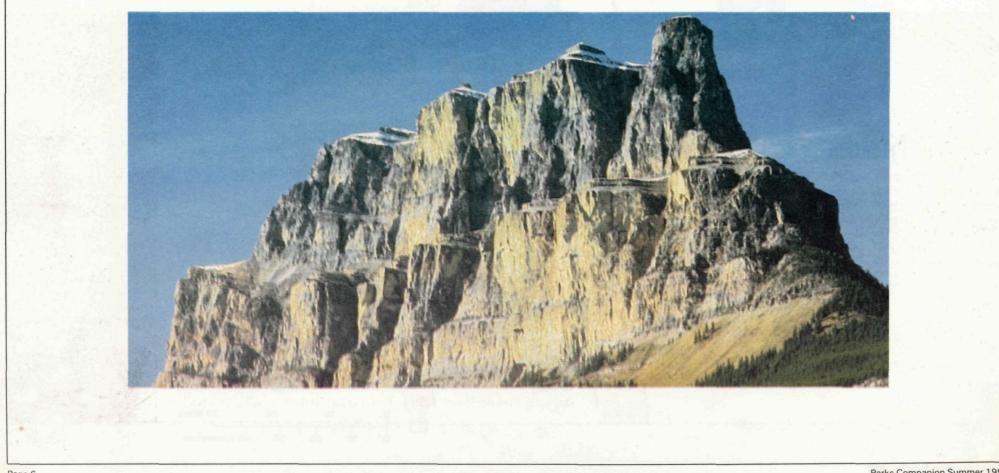
• Take in a program or go on a walk with a park interpreter (naturalist). Daily events are offered all summer long.

#### New Lake Louise Visitor Centre

It's been called 'The Building of the Canadian Rockies,' and that's the story being told at the new Lake Louise Visitor Centre.

The Lake Louise Visitor Centre is much more than just an information centre. A 25-minute stroll through the exhibit galleries and a multi-media show will take you on an exciting 600 million year journey. From 'Death of a Great Landscape' to 'The Final Touches,' you can step back in time and discover how the Rocky Mountains came to be. To complete the story, there are exhibits highlighting the more recent natural and human history of the Lake Louise area.

Information attendants, videos, a trip planner display, and 24-hour information monitors will also help you discover the Lake Louise we know today.



## **Banff Directory**

**Banff National Park** Box 900 Banff, Alberta TOL OCO

Area code for phone numbers: (403)

#### **Park Information Centres:**

Banff, 224 Banff Ave
Winter Hours 10 a.m 6 p.m.
June 2 – Sept. 3
Lake Louise Visitor Centre
Winter Hours10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
June 18 – Sept. 3
Park Warden Offices
Banff townsite (24-hours,
7 days a week)
Lake Louise
Cave & Basin Centennial Centre West end of Cave Ave
west end of Cave Ave
June 14 – Sept. 3 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
(Pool closed after Sept. 3 for winter)
Upper Hot Pool
South end of Mountain Ave
Rest of Year
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs 2:30 p.m 9 p.m.
Fri., Sat., Sun 8:30 a.m 11 p.m.
Park Museum
Banff Ave. next to bridge over
Bow River (no charge) 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Park Administration Ruilding
South end of Banff Ave
Mon Fri
Emergencies
RCMP, Banff
RCMP, Lake Louise
Mineral Springs Hospital, Wolf Street762–2222
Ambulance
Fire Dept., Banff
Fire Dept., Lake Louise
Veterinarian, Canmore
Alberta Motor Association (A.M.A.)762–2711
Brochures available:
• Banff, Jasper, Kootenay and Yoho national parks
Cave & Basin Centennial Centre
• The Icefields Parkway
• Fenland self-guiding trail

- Bankhead self-guiding trail
- The Mountain Guide

Topographical maps sold at Information Centre.

## • EXPLORE •

## Recycle ... even birds and animals do it

Ravens do it when they line their nests with the fur shed by bighorn sheep in the spring. Mice and voles do it when they nibble away at the cast-off antlers of elk and deer. Red squirrels do it when they make their homes in their own garbage - the big piles of pine cone scales (called 'middens') that accumulate as they peel them off to get at the seeds. Now we're doing it too.

Recycling! You don't have to throw those empty cans and bottles into the garbage - just take them to a bottle depot or recycling collection depot.

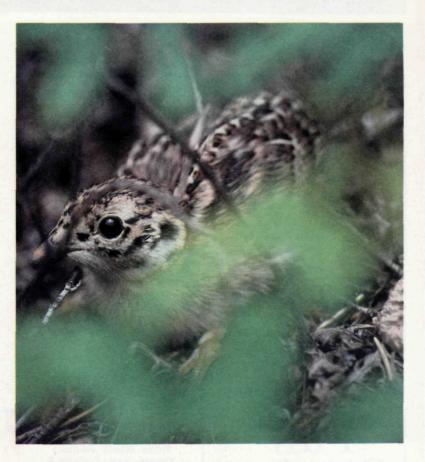
In Banff, go to the Banff Bottle Depot in the industrial compound with bottles and cans, and the drop-off trailer in the parking lot behind the Credit Union for newspapers.

In Jasper, bring cans and bottles to the depot at the Stan Wright Industrial Park. Newspapers can be left at the drop-off trailer in the parking lot across from the Activity Centre.

If you are staying at Whistler's Campground, there are recycling drop-off bins for bottles and cans at the showers.

Remember the three R's of recycling: reduce, re-use and recover. It's something we all can do - both on vacation and at home.









It's about the good times you'll have with your family and friends at Heritage Park. Share in the pioneer spirit that developed the Canadian West. Stroll down Main Street 1910. Let the aroma of freshly baked bread draw you into the Alberta Bakery. Ride the rails behind a real thundering steam locomotive. Board the S.S. Moyie for a sternwheeler cruise on the Glenmore Reservoir. Enjoy the thrills of our antique midway. Be part of the special activities throughout the summer.

It's about time you visited Heritage Park — Canada's largest living historical village.



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Open May 19 to October 8, 1990 - 1900 Heritage Drive S.W. - Ph. 255-1182



#### Canmore

## Nature at our backdoor



Canmore is, indeed, "The Place to Look Up." Circled by rugged mountains, yet astride a major transportation corridor, few towns in Canada can match Canmore for proximity - to developed mountain playgrounds, to private back country pleasures, yet within commuting distance of a major Canadian city: Calgary.

Our back door leads to the world class facilities of Kananaskis Country, while our front door opens to Canada's first national park:

Canmore is the service centre for these famous attractions, and a perfect jumping-off place, but our community is much more than a comma in your line of travel. It's worth a full stop - for days, for weeks, or for years. Whether you are just visiting, or looking for a community in which to settle. Canmore has much to

A network of inviting pathways winds along the banks of the Bow River, and between the creeks and lagoons which lace our residential areas. Our modern business section features a wide range of consumer services, from intimate boutiques, galleries



and cafes to busy supermarkets, hotel/motels, and service stations.

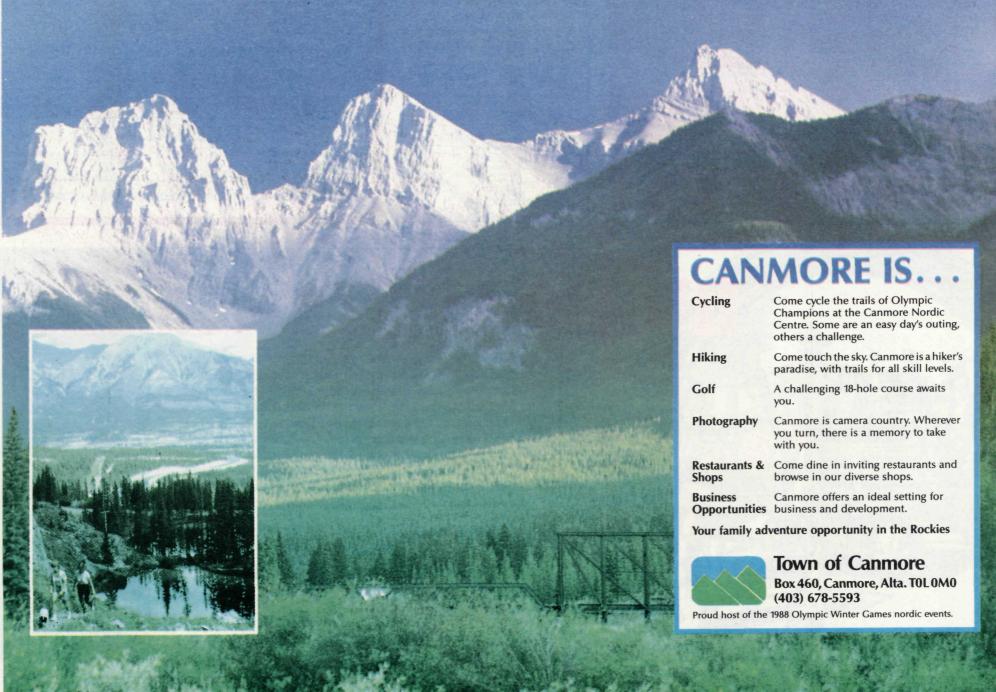
Our family and community support services are the equal of many cities; and you won't find an industrial park like ours in any city -50 serviced acres of scenic mountain benchland at a major transportation junction.

Our public sports complex includes a skating arena, indoor pool, curling rink nearby, a fine 18 hole golf course - across the river, Kananaskis Country's Canmore Nordic Centre, probably the best cross-country skiing facility anywhere. Some of these facilities are

legacies of the 1988 Winter Olympics: we're proud about having been co-hosts of those Calgary Games.

The people of Canmore are a friendly, diverse bunch. Some trace their roots back to 1883 and our early coal mining days, while half have moved to Canmore during the past five years: artists, park workers, retirees, business owners, professionals, skilled trades-people.

They found the 'up' town they were looking for: a community where both life and work are rewarding. Come up and see us soon!



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Hiking	Come touch the sky. Canmore is a hiker's paradise, with trails for all skill levels.
Golf	A challenging 18-hole course awaits you.
Photography	Canmore is camera country. Wherever you turn, there is a memory to take with you.
Restaurants & Shops	Come dine in inviting restaurants and browse in our diverse shops.

# Slow down for wildlife

This year, as in the previous 10, the western Canadian national parks will lose more than 300 large mammals in vehicle wildlife collisions. This tragic loss of wildlife, occasionally human life, and property has complex causes and has been the focus of considerable study and mitigation attempts along national park and provincial highways.

This year, the Canadian Parks Service, provincial agencies and voluntary organizations are conducting a wildlife memorial week. Our goal is to heighten awareness of the wildlife mortality issue and reduce road kills.

During the week of August 2–9, 1990, flags will be placed along highway margins to mark the site of an animal's death. Park staff will be at roadside exhibits explaining in greater detail the wildlife mortality issue, answering questions, and recording your comments and suggestions. Please stop in and chat with them during the event.

Won't be in the parks during Wildlife Memorial Week? Here are some driving and wildlife tips to help you avoid a wildlife vehicle collision wherever you drive:

#### Facts about wildlife

- The behavior of wildlife is unpredictable.
- Animal eyes reflect headlights. Watch for this indication of wildlife near the highway.
- Animals often freeze when headlight beams dazzle them. Flashing high beams may move the animals.

• If a single animal is seen, expect more to be in the immediate area.

• Most wildife/vehicle collisions occur between sunset and sunrise.

#### What you can do

• Slow down when animals are near and be prepared to stop.

· Keep headlights and wind-

shield clean to reduce glare.Vision is less efficient at night and in bad weather.Stop driving if you are tired.

• Honk at birds – flocks of birds on the highway can often be frightened off by honking your horn.

• Use hazard lights to alert other drivers that animals are on or near the highway.

## Parks role in future environmental development

Sustainable development – a concept much discussed in these times of increasing environmental awareness. The 1987 United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development produced its report entitled *Our Common Future*, in which sustainable development is the central theme.

Our Common Future defines sustainable development as 'development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

National parks, as providers of clean water, recyclers of the atmosphere, and conservers of soil, plant and animal diversity play an anchoring role in our efforts to secure a sustainable future. From these basic foundations of life processes spring considerable economic benefits associated with tourism in our national parks. Balancing environmental integrity and economic necessities is at the heart of the sustainable development concept.

Our Common Future recommends that nations of the world seek to maintain a minimum of 12 per cent of their country in protected areas such as national parks. Presently, approximately 3 per cent of Canada's area is protected. The federal government is, however, committed to the concept of sustainable development and to completing the national park system by the year 2000 – at least one national park in each of Canada's over 40 terrestrial and marine natural regions –



## Help stop poachers

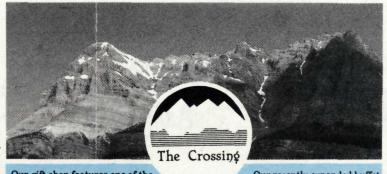
Wildlife Watch is a new public awareness program designed to stop poachers before they kill priceless park animals. The program began in 1987 and received added support in the fall of 1988 with the passage of amendments to the National Parks Act. A maximum fine of \$150,000 and/or a jail term of up to six months now faces anyone convicted of poaching in any of our national parks.

You can help the parks in their fight against poaching by reporting any suspicious activities involving people, guns and wildlife to a park warden or RCMP officer. Do not approach the people involved. Be discreet and accurately record the date, time and location, vehicle licence number, description of vehicle and persons involved, and details of the observation.

The parks are also interested in reports of fishing violations, wildlife harassment, feeding of wildlife, and bear sightings. With your help we can work together to protect wildlife and our national park system. To report wildlife violations phone

1-800-642-3800 in Alberta,
1-800-663-WILD (9453) in British Columbia,
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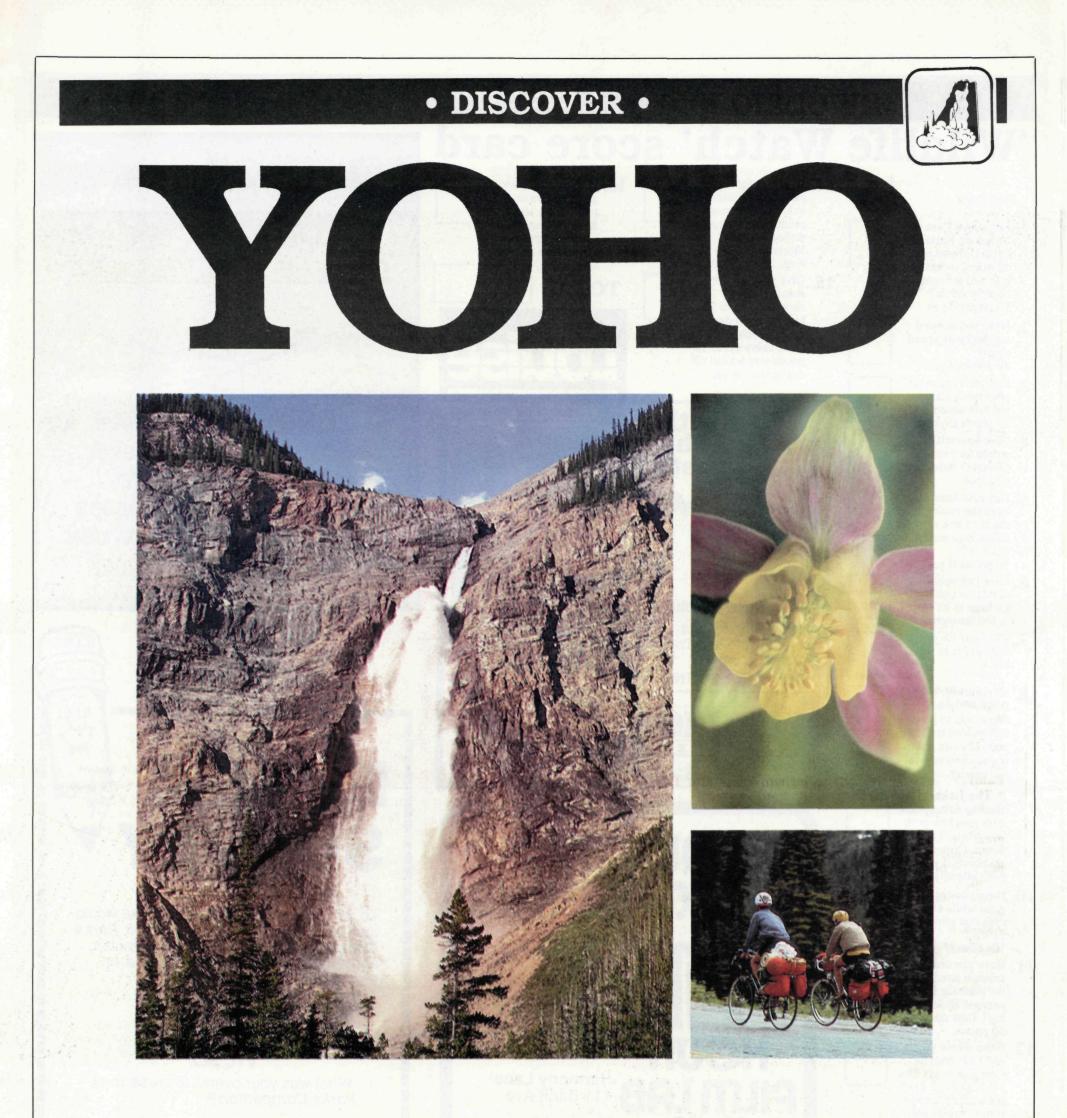
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Y oho is a park of waterfalls and glacial lakes. It's a park with snow-topped borders on Banff and Kootenay national parks. Yoho's craggy peaks and steep rock faces, home to Lake O'Hara. Water is again responsible for creating a major park attraction, a natural rock ing in clouds travelling eastward from the Pacific. This creates the pockets of wetbelt forest where species

mountain peaks, roaring rivers and deep silent forests. It's a park whose

history is bound up with a railroad, spiral tunnels inside mountains and stories of runaway trains. No wonder Yoho National Park got its name from a Cree Indian word expressing awe.

The park spans 1,313 square kilometres (507 square miles) on the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains in British Columbia and mountain goats, posed an enormous engineering problem for Canada's early explorers. The mountains that were the curse of railway workers are responsible for the park's many waterfalls including Laughing Falls, Wapta Falls, Twin Falls, and one of Canada's highest (254 m, 833 ft.) Takakkaw Falls. The water from melting glaciers high up in the mountains is also responsible for the color of

Emerald Lake and famed

bridge over the Kicking Horse River. Torrents have worn a hole through the middle of a solid rock-bed leaving a flat-rock bridge behind. Another marvel is the hoodoos which are pillars of glacial silt topped by precariously-balanced boulders creating long-stemmed toadstool shapes.

Many of British Columbia's plants and animals reach their eastern extension in Yoho. The high peaks of the Continental Divide wring out the precipitation remainsuch as devil's club, western red cedar and western hemlock thrive.

One of the world's most interesting fossil beds, the Burgess Shale, is located in Yoho. Designated a World Heritage Site in 1981, the shale formation contains the fossilized remains of more than 120 marine animal species dating back 530 million years. The Burgess Shale World Heritage Site is now incorporated into the larger Four Rocky Mountain Park World Heritage Site.

## • DISCOVER • Looking for wildlife

So you've been in the national park for a whole day now and you still haven't seen any wildlife! Don't despair – they're out there. Remember that wildlife watching takes a lot of patience, a little bit of knowledge and a lot of luck. A few hints to help tilt the odds in your favor the next time you go searching for the elusive animal follow.

#### What's there to see?

A great place to start your wildlife watching is the Park Museum found on Banff Avenue next to the Bow River Bridge. This 'museum of a museum' can help give you an idea of what animals live in the park, and possibly where to find them. Bird checklists are also available for each park.

## When's the best time to look?

In the early morning or at dusk many animals are active and visible. Spring and fall are the best times of year to see elk and deer. Sheep are seen in early summer and late fall to early winter. Coyotes can be seen year-round.

## Where are the best places to look? Banff

The Lake Minnewanka Road – The place for bighorn sheep, and also great for coyotes and elk.
Vermilion Lakes Drive – just west of the Banff townsite – is the place for watching birds including osprey and bald eagles. This scenic drive is also a great place to spot coyote, bighorn sheep, mule and white-tailed deer, moose and maybe even wolves.

• The Icefields Parkway – perhaps the best place in the park to see wildlife. Besides offering dramatic views of lakes, mountains and glaciers, this highway between Lake Louise and Jasper frequently offers sightings of bighorn sheep, mountain goat, (look on the slopes of Mt. Wilson), moose (common at Upper Waterfowl Lake and Rampart Creek) and bears (black and grizzly).

• The Buffalo Paddock – found across the Trans–Canada Highway between the two traffic interchanges at Banff. This enclosed paddock allows visitors to drive through and catch a glimpse of the buffalo (actually wood bison) as they graze among the aspen.

#### Jasper

• Along the Icefields Parkway watch for elk and caribou south of Jasper Townsite (particularly from Tangle Ridge to Sunwapta Warden Station), and bighorn sheep (near Tangle Ridge).

• Around the Jasper townsite, elk and mule deer are often seen, while wolves linger in the nearby forests of Pyramid Bench where eerie howls may occasionally be heard.

## **Yoho Directory**

Yoho National Park P.O. Box 99 Field, B.C. VOA 1G0

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ep, the er mblack - Look for moose west of the Jasper townsite on the Yellowhead Highway. - Travelling eastward on the Yellowhead, watch for bighorn sheep near the Maligne Road junction and

Disaster Point, and for coyotes, elk, and white-tailed deer near the airport. • Up the Maligne Valley,

check for mule deer in the lower valley and near Maligne Canyon. Near Medicine Lake look for bighorn sheep and caribou, and watch for moose at the Summit Lakes and Maligne Lake.

#### Yoho

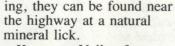
• Watch for elk, wolves and coyotes along the Trans-Canada Highway in the western half of the park.

Goats are seen on the slopes of Mt. Field near the start of Yoho Valley Road.
Elk are also often seen around the village of Field.
The mineral lick just past the Natural Bridge on the gravel road is a good spot to photograph moose. On occasion, four have been seen there at one time.

#### Kootenay

Look for moose from Vermilion Pass to Marble Canyon on Highway 93.
Goats may be seen on Mount Wardle. In late spr-

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• Kootenay Valley from Kootenay Crossing to Settlers Road on Highway 93 is a good place to see elk, white-tailed deer and the occasional mule deer, coyote, or wolf.

• Yellow pine chipmunks are easily photographed at the Kootenay Valley view point.

• Columbian ground squirrels run through the clearings in Redstreak and McLeod Meadows campgrounds.

• Watch for bighorn sheep near the Aquacourt.

Mt. Revelstoke/Glacier • Look for goats near Mt. Tupper snowshed and at Heather Hill.

Watch the slidepaths through the parks during May for grizzlies.
The Beaver Valley is a

popular spot to see moose.

• The Skunk Cabbage Trail is terrific for bird watching.

Good luck in your search. If you do see wildlife by the road, pull well off to the side and stay in your vehicle. Your car will act as a blind and you'll be much less likely to frighten the animals away. Remember to drive carefully and please don't feed the wildlife – keep them wild.

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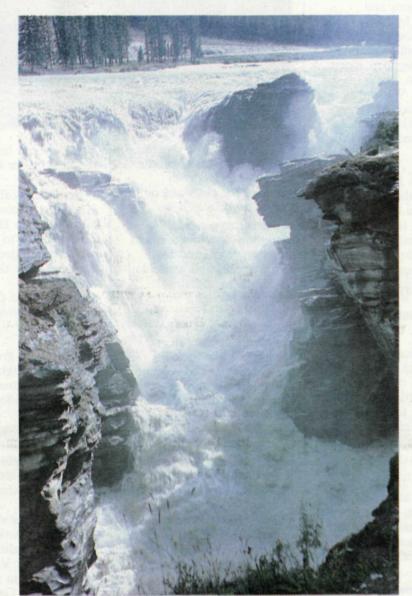
There is no shortage of things to do and see in the Rocky Mountain wilderness protected in Jasper National Park. Jasper is larger than the three adjoining national parks (Banff, Kootenay and Yoho) combined – so you'll have plenty of space! The park has 10 cam-

The park has 10 campgrounds, five hostels and a range of more complete accommodation facilities (most of which are found in or near Jasper townsite). Drop into information centres in Jasper townsite or, if you're down the parkway, at the Columbia Icefield.

One highlight of the east end of the park is the Miette Hotsprings, featuring two soothing bathing pools fed by the hottest springs in the mountain parks.

Pick up groceries either before you enter the park or in Jasper townsite; the pickings are slim elsewhere.

Picnic areas and viewpoints are numerous along main roadways of Jasper National Park. If you're traveling the Icefields Parkway, the Yellowhead Highway, the Miette Road or the road to Maligne Lake, be sure to pull off now and again to read interpretive plaques and signs.



A list of Jasper must-sees might include Mount Edith Cavell (the highest mountain seen from Jasper townsite), the Athabasca Glacier at the Columbia Icefield, 22 km long Maligne Lake, the alpine vistas of the Whistlers (accessible via Jasper Tramway) and 50 metre deep Maligne Canyon (cut through limestone 365 million years old).

Whether you're hiking, boating, swimming, taking photographs, participating in a free interpretive walk or show, or merely unwinding, please remember to respect the environment around you.

Pets must be kept on a leash, wild animals must not be fed or approached too closely, flowers or other natural objects must not be collected, fishing must be done with a national parks permit only, and camping must be in designated areas.

In this manner, the park can accommodate the greatest number of people while providing the best wilderness experience – for now and for all time.

Thank you! Have a refreshing visit to Jasper National Park.



#### **Icefields Parkway**

## Half a century of park travel

It is 50 years ago this summer that the Icefields Parkway, that breathtaking ribbon of wide paved highway between Lake Louise and Jasper, was opened to regular traffic.

Of course, back in 1940 the name 'Icefields Parkway' hadn't been dreamed of. The closest thing to it was a name suggested by Jack Brewster of Banff: 'Canadian Icefields Highway.' In the meantime, people were happy to call it the Banff-Jasper Highway.

It was far from being wide, or paved either. The road, when it was first opened following a nine-year construction effort, was a winding, narrow, oiled gravel strip, clinging precipitously to cliffsides and perilously bridging canyons.

Even the eagerly awaited opening wasn't so triumphant. Canada had entered the war the fall before, and the worsening situation in Europe occupied most of the Dominion Government's attention. Two weeks before a planned July 1 extravaganza, the government pulled out, leaving just a few local delegations to do the honors.

Icefields Parkway . . . a testimony to human achievement

The fact that the Icefields Parkway was built at all is a testimony to human achievement. Today, one million visitors reap the benefits of the years of hard labor that hundreds of men devoted to the daunting task.

Construction of the road began in 1931, when the

the Depression, it at least was something.

As the nation's economy improved, the government called in more equipment. Progress picked up. By 1938, the two crews were rapidly closing the gap between them. Before snowfall forced work camps to close in the fall of 1939, the link had been made - just south of the Big Hill near Nigel Canyon in Banff National Park.

Despite wartime gas rationing, the road was an instant hit. Visitors from the world over traveled the road and spread the word about its scenic wonders. "Twenty Switzerlands in one," raved Banff's Crag and Canyon.

In the late 1950s, a major straightening and paving program turned the parkway into what it is today: 230 kilometres of safe, pleasant, modern highway.

For people using recreational vehicles, buses, cars or bicycles, the Icefields Parkway is a window on the wilderness, one of an ever-dwindling number. What we see as we roll along was always perceived to be beautiful and bountiful. These days, however, we're aware such pristine land is no longer plentiful.

Worldwide, there is precious little wilderness left to share. Yet, through the mandate of the Canadian Parks Service, the parkway continues to offer us year-round sights of free-roaming wildlife, sprawling glaciers, jagged unhewn peaks, luxuriantly treed valleys and pure turquoise lakes - with civilization nowhere in sight.

Fifty years from now, on the occasion of the Icefields Parkway's 100th birthday, we hope to be able to say the same.





## **Jasper Directory**

**Jasper National Park** P.O. Box 10 Jasper, Alberta TOE 1E0 Area code for phone numbers: (403) **Park Information Centre:** Jasper Townsite, 500 Connaught Dr. .... 852-6176 **Icefield Information Centre:** May 25 – June 7 ...... 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Park Warden Office:** 8 km east of Jasper townsite, **Miette Hotsprings** June 15 - Sept. 2 ...... 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. **Emergencies: Brochures available:** Banff, Jasper, Kootenay and Yoho national parks The Icefields Parkway

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country was in the grip of the Depression. It was a relief project; at first, use of heavy machinery was discouraged in order to keep as many men as possible employed. Progress at both ends of the road (one coming south from Jasper, the other north from Banff) was painfully slow. By 1934, on-ly 57 miles (92 km) were completed.

For many of the men, it was a good life. Working amid such splendor was a treat. The crews made good use of their one day off a week, exploring nearby mountains, gorges and streams. The pay wasn't much (\$5 a month, plus room and board), but, being



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## ake a walk on the wild side

One of the best ways to enjoy national parks is on foot - either a leisurely stroll or a more ambitious trip into the park's backcountry.

With more than 3,000 kilometres of trails in the parks, the hardest task could be choosing a trail to follow. Trails on the valley floors are often free of snow from April to November, making the hiking season a long one.

A good way to explore and learn about the park is to walk one of the self-guiding interpretive trails. Brochures available at some of the trailheads and signs along the trails explain the area's natural or historical significance.

For longer hikes, refer to the park's backcountry trail guides.

#### **Banff National Park**

**Cave & Basin Trails** 

Two short boardwalk trails start at the Cave & Basin Centennial Centre. The Discovery Trail highlights the history and geology of the hot springs while the Marsh trail provides a look at plant and animal life associated with the warm sulphur water.

#### Fenland - 2 km

Early evening is a good time to look for beaver along this loop trail through wetlands and spruce forest.



The trailhead, located at the Forty Mile Creek picnic area off the Norquay Road, is located within walking distance of the Banff townsite.

#### Bankhead - 1 km

Explore the ruins of Bankhead, a turn-ofthe-century coal mining town in Banff National park. This loop trail starts from Lake Minnewanka Road, 9.5 km from the Banff townsite. Johnston Canyon - 2.7 km

Waterfalls, rapids and glistening rock walls . . . A suspended catwalk allows walkers to explore this canyon from the inside. Distance to the Lower Falls is 1.1 km and to the Upper Falls is 2.7 km. Johnston Canyon is located on the Bow Valley Parkway, 25 km west of the Banff townsite (35 km east of Lake Louise).

Bow Summit - 2 km

Walk through color-filled, treelined meadows and take in the dramatic view of Peyto Lake. This trail begins at the Bow Summit parking lot, 40 km north of Lake Louise on the Icefields Parkway.

#### **Kootenay National Park**

#### Paint Pots Trail - 1.6 km return

An easy stroll over the Vermilion River to impressive ochre meadows and iron-rich springs. Early Indian and mining history of the area is highlighted at this unique geological feature. Trailhead is 3.2 km south of Marble Canyon parking lot. Marble Canyon Trail - 1.6 km return

Starting at the Marble Canyon parking lot, the trail passes the confluence of Tokumm and Vermilion rivers and follows along the rim of the deep chasm over a series of bridges to a thundering waterfall at the head of the canyon. Hardy plantlife clings to damp

walls and ledges within the canyon.

#### Valleyview Trail - 1.2 km one way

From the Redstreak Campground entrance kiosk south to a viewpoint overlooking the Columbia Valley and Rocky Mountain Trench. Self-guidng with interpretive signs. Picnic tables at viewpoint. Juniper Trail – 3 km one way

Trailheads are one way on road to Radium Hot Springs Lodge and on Hwy. 93 just inside the park gate. A moderately strenuous trail offering spectacular views over the Columbia Valey and into Sinclair Canyon. Look for the raven's nest on the canyon wall.

#### **Jasper National Park**

#### **Old Fort Point - 6.5 km** loop

93A south from Highway 16 onto Lac Beauvert Road: Trailhead at Athabasca River Bridge. This short, moderately steep trail is ideal for hikers interested in both the human and natural history of the park. Always take the left trail fork to complete the loop.

#### The Whistlers – 7 km one way

2.5 km south on Highway 93, Icefields Parkway, from the townsite of Jasper turn up the Whistlers Mountain road, turn left at kilometre 2.8 and continue to the parking lot. An excellent chance to hike up through montane, subalpine and alpine, this 1200-metre elevation gain trail reaches the top of the sky tram and affords a panoramic view of mountains and valleys beyond.

#### **Opal Hills – 8.2 km loop**

Start at the first parking lot near the end of the Maligne Lake road. A relatively difficult climb, the trail leads to a spectacular view of Maligne Lake. Wildflowers abound.

**Beauty Creek/Stanley Falls** - 3.2 km one way

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Near the remains of the old bridge, the trail continues as a forested walk along a spectacular canyon, past tumbling waterfalls and finally reaches Stanley Falls. The creek is well named.

Mt. Revelstoke/ **Glacier national parks** 

#### **Giant Cedars** - 0.5 km loop

Starts at Mt. Revelstoke National Park gate. Short boardwalk winds through a rainforest of giant western red cedars. The area is typical of the mature wet valley bottom forests of the Columbia Mountains.

#### Loop Trail -

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#### Abandoned Rails Trail -1.2 km (one way)

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Meadows in the Sky Trail - 1 km loop

From the south side of Heather Lake parking lot at upper end of the Mt. Revelstoke Summit road, the short trail loops through subalpine meadows and forests typical of the summit.

#### Skunk Cabbage Trail - 1.2 km loop

Trailhead is 24 km east of the Mt. Revelstoke National Park gate. An easy boardwalk trail leads over a swamp inhabited by



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muskrat, beaver, skunk cabbage and birds. Naturalist's Notebook signs help identify plants and animals seen along the way. Cont'd on pg. 23

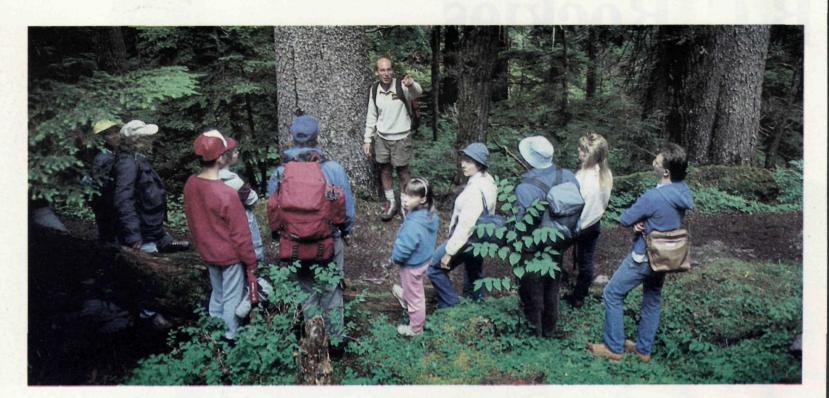
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Detailed schedules of events may be picked up at park information centres or campground kiosks.

## Be part of our team

Would you like to be part of a team that supports Canada's national parks? If so, you may be interested in joining one of our co-op associations.

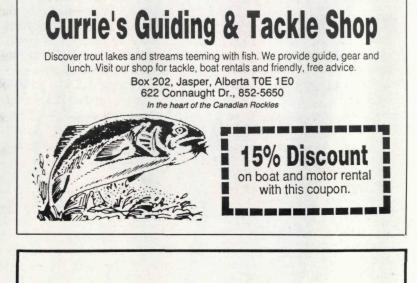
A co-operating association gives members of the public the opportunity to become involved with meaningful ventures which help to promote or support a specific national park, national historic park or site, or heritage canal.

Ten years ago funding for co-ops was authorized by the Canadian Parks Service. The first co-op association in Western Canada was set up in Waterton National Park in 1983. Since then, Alberta TOE 1E0 (403) 852–4767.

The Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks operates the Glacier Circle Bookstore located in the Rogers Pass Centre. Natural history, Canadiana and children's books are available, some produced by the association. For information write Box 2992, Revelstoke, B.C. VOE 2S0 (604) 837–2010.

Yoho National Park's Friends of Yoho Society is actively involved in the restoration of an historic railway building to be used as a museum. The association also operates the bookstore at the Information have products featuring the Burgess Shales. For information write Box 100, Field, B.C., VOA 1G0, (604) 343-6393.

The Waterton Natural **History Association** operates a heritage centre featuring exhibits about the park, a family activity corner, an art gallery and a bookstore. The association's goal is to further expand the heritage centre. Special annual events sponsored by the WNHA include a Spring Barbecue, an Old Tyme Story Tellin' Contest and the Heritage Ball. For information write Box 145, Waterton, Alberta TOK 2MO, (403) 859-2624.



Jasper

many associations have been formed, each unique, yet united through a national partnership.

Jasper National Park's co-op association, Parks and People, operates a book shop in the Townsite Information Centre and at the Icefield Centre during the summer months. During the summer the association also presents children's puppet shows and walking tours of Jasper's historical buildings. As well as continued publishing of books and brochures, the major project of Parks and People is the Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society museum, soon to be opened. For information, write Box 992, Jasper,

Centre in Field, highlighting the human and natural history of Yoho. They also

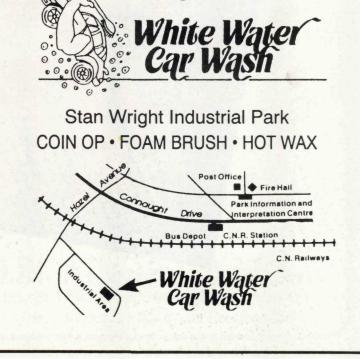
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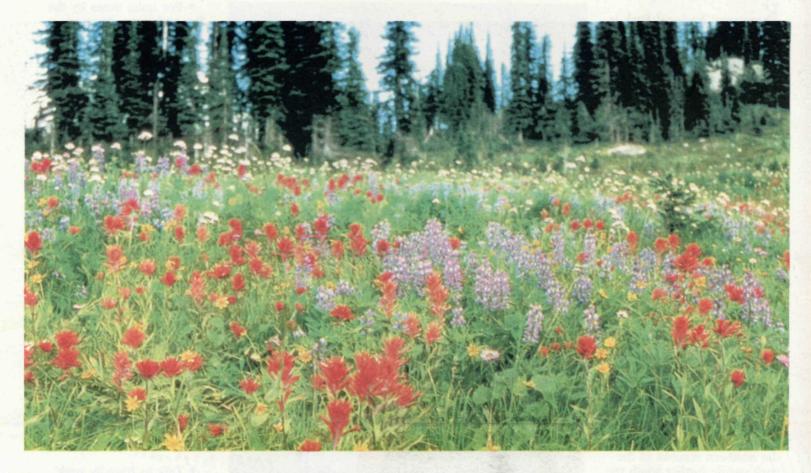
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# MOUNT REVELSTOKE AND GLACIER



Indians shunned it, explorers skirted it and railway men feared the rugged Columbia Mountains area of British Columbia.

The sharp peaks, valleys scarred by winter avalanches, massive sheets of perpetual ice and meadows filled with summer wildflowers now bring visitors back again and again to Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks.

The display of alpine flowers and the mountain scenery visible from Mount Revelstoke impressed a group of local citizens so much that they recommended to the government in 1912 that the area be preserved as a national park. Two years later, the federal government set aside the rugged Clachnacudainn Range of the Columbia Mountains as Mount Revelstoke National Park. The impressive Clachnacudainn Icefield dominates the centre of the park's 260 km square area. The Prince of Wales officially opened a road linking the City of Revelstoke with the summit of Mount Revelstoke in 1927. The Summit Parkway provides access for thousands of visitors each year. They travel from the dense low

land forest to the flower-covered meadows and tundra of the high country.

Although mountaineers have long enjoyed Glacier's challenging landscape, not everyone shared their en-

## Mount Revelstoke and Glacier Directory

Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks P.O. Box 350 Revelstoke, B.C. V0E 2S0

Area code for phone numbers: (604)

Park Administration:
301 Campbell Ave., Revelstoke 8 a.m 4:30 p.m.
Park Information:
Rogers Pass Centre
Winter Hours 9 a.m 5 p.m.
June 11 - Oct. 1
Recorded Information:
Park Warden Office:
Rogers Pass, Glacier National Park . Open 24 hours
Emergencies:
RCMP, Revelstoke 837-5255
Ambulance (no charge) 1-374-5937
Hospital, Queen Victoria
6622 Newlands Rd., Revelstoke
Fire, Revelstoke
Brochures available:
Footloose in the Columbias
Snow War
Mt. Revelstoke/Glacier National Parks
Parks Companion
Selkirk Summit (visitor guide)
Skiing in Glacier National Park
Topographical maps sold at the Information Centre.

thusiasm. Indians and explorers alike avoided this rugged country. Railway engineers were among the first to challenge and penetrate Rogers Pass.

Rogers Pass, discovered in 1881, provided the long-sought key to crossing the Selkirks' mountain barrier. By 1885, the Canadian Pacific Railway had crossed the pass and Canada's first transcontinental railway became a reality. The brochure Snow War details the story of man's struggle with nature in Rogers Pass.

Recognizing the need to protect this spectacular area, the federal government established a 76 km square reserve around Mount Sir Donald and Rogers Pass in 1886. By 1930, the original area had been expanded to the present 1,350 km square national park.

• Enjoy one of the films at the Rogers Pass Centre (Snow War, Underground Rivers, Bears and Man).

• Photograph the alpine wildflowers at the summit of Mt. Revelstoke during the first two weeks of August.

• Take an historic stroll on the Abandoned Rails or Loop Trails.

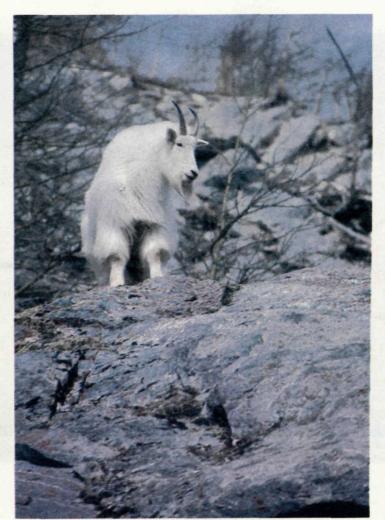
• Hug a giant western red cedar.



# KOOTENAY

Kootenay National Park is the only Canadian national park which contains both glaciers and cactus. Climatic conditions make Kootenay rich in both plant and animal life. The diversity can be seen with the naked eye by driving the 95 km Banff-Windermere Parkway, the first roadway built through the Canadian Rockies.

Every twist and turn reveals something interesting to explore - the limestone gorge of Marble Canyon, the ochre-tinted paint pots once. used by the Kootenai Indians to make vermilion paint to decorate their bodies and teepees and the Redwall Fault with its red cliffs and shattered rock. The famous Radium Hot Springs at the southern end of the park are natural mineral springs heated deep in the earth's crust. The high peaks of the Rockies' Main Ranges cover the northern reaches of the park, while farther south the mountains become more gentle.



• For quiet times by the fire and river, camp at McLeod Meadows.

• Bicycle the Golden Triangle.

• Listen for wolves howling in the Kootenay River Valley.

• Watch for moose while hiking to Stanley Glacier.

• Photograph elephants – ask the information attendants for the best times and locations.

• Try your fishing luck at Dog Lake.

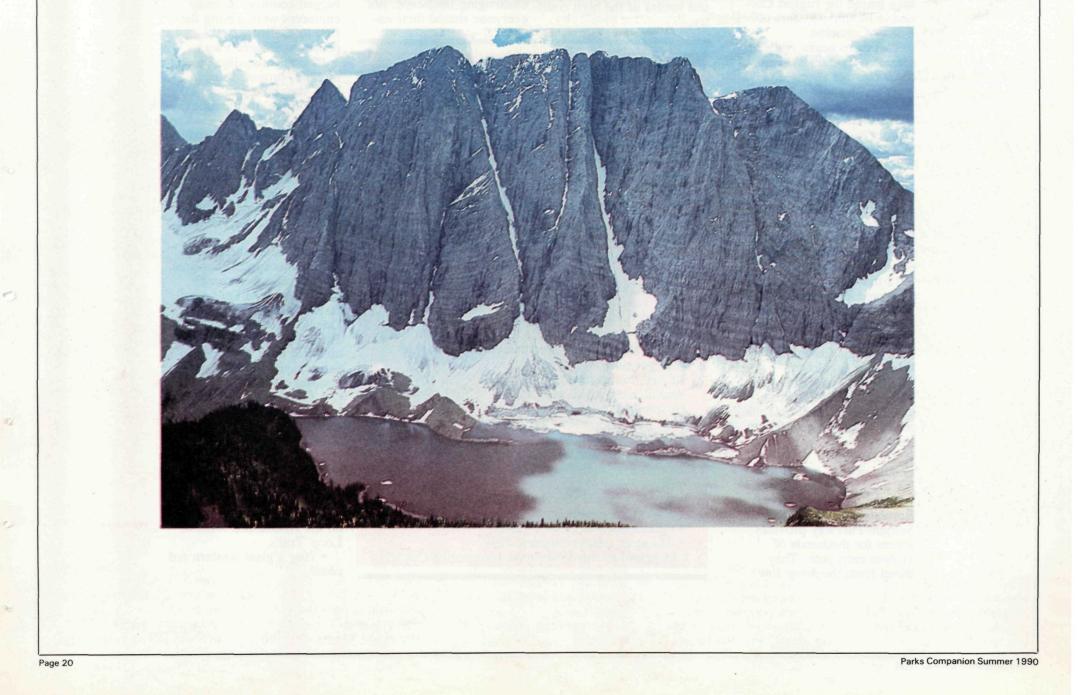
• Look for lions, ant lions that is, along the Juniper Trail.

• Picnic on the edge of Rocky Mountains. Valley View Picnic Site overlooks the Rocky Mountain Trench.

• Canoe the exciting white water of the Kootenay River

• Spend an hour of your evening at the campground theatre, taking in one of several different slide talks.

• Talk to friendly park staff to make sure you have not missed anything.



## Park volunteers provide valuable service

What do Vivek and Alka Talwar from India and 25 school students from Invermere, B.C. have in common?

They have all been volunteers for the Canadian Parks Service in one of the parks featured in *Parks Companion*. Their contributions of time, talent and energy make them a part of the larger family of CPS volunteers whose numbers average 4,000 each year.

These 4,000 volunteers provide between 90,000 and 100,000 hours of human resources to supplement park services – a tremendously valuable, and valued, contribution across our system of national parks, national historic parks and sites, and heritage canals.

The Canadian Parks Service welcomes individuals, families or clubs who wish to sharpen their skills and pursue their interests through volunteer work. Volunteers work closely with our experienced staff to participate in wildlife studies, develop high tech information/communication systems, maintain trails, act as campground hosts, write radio scripts and perform a myriad of other activities that do much to enhance what CPS has to offer visitors.

If you would like to find out more about our volunteer program to determine if there is a place in it for you, please contact one of the coordinators: Banff National Park, Jeff Waugh (403) 762-3324; Jasper National Park, Gloria Keyes-Brady (403) 852-6161; Kootenay National Park, Cal Bjorgan (604) 347-9615; Mt. Revelstoke/Glacier national parks, Bob Brade (604)

837–5155; Yoho National Park, David Cairns (604) 343–6324; other western parks and sites, volunteer coordinator, Western Region Office (403) 292–4514.



### **Kootenay Directory**

Kootenay National Park	
P.O. Box 220	
Radium Hot Springs, B.C.	
VOA 1K0	
Area code for phone nur	nbers: (604)
Park Administration Office	
Mon Fri	8 a.m 4 p.m.
West Gate Information Centre	
May 19–21	
Sat., Sun	Noon - 8 p.m.
Mon	10 a.m 6 p.m.
Weekends only to June 17	
Sat, Sun	10 a.m 6 p.m.
June 22 – Sept. 4	8 a.m 8 p.m.
Sept. 4 - Sept. 10	10 a.m 6 p.m.
Marble Canyon Information C	entre no phone
June 22 – Sept. 3	
Tues Thurs 8:	30 a.m 4:30 p.m.
Fri Mon	
Park Warden Office	
Mon. – Fri	
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West Gate (road conditions)	347-9551
Radium Hot Springs Aquacourt	347-9485
(Open year round)	
May 18 - Sept. 3 9:00 a.m	10:30 p.m.
May 22 - 31 Cool Pool closed for ma	intenance
Sept. 4 - Oct. 5	
Hot Pool	.m. – 10 p.m.
Cool Pool (to Sept. 23) 9:30	a.m 9 p.m.
Sept. 24 - Oct. 5	p.m 9 p.m.
Oct. 6 - 9 (Thanksgiving) 8:30 a	
Check Aquacourt, 347-9485, for winte	er hours.
Emergencies:	
RCMP, Radium Hot Springs	347-9393
RCMP, Invermere	342-9292
Ambulance (no charge)	
Windermere District Hospital	
1030 - 10 St., Invermere	342-9201
Brochures available:	
<ul> <li>Kootenay National Park Backcountr</li> </ul>	y Guide
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- Banff, Jasper, Kootenay and Yoho national parks
- Radium Hot Springs Newsletter
- Parks Companion

Topographical maps sold at Information Centres.

#### paid advertisement

Brimming with warm Columbia Valley sunshine, the 18 hole Mountainside and Royal Riverside golf courses at Fairmont are a delight to play from early March through November. Their appeal lies not only in scenic beauty, but their capability of challenging golfers at their individual levels while still allowing them to play the courses together. Mountainside has relatively few bunkers and water hazards to encourage novices in their game while it's crowned greens test the accuracy and skill of the experts. Royal Riverside presents amazing tee-offs across the headwaters of the mighty Columbia. Lorne Rowe is Fairmont's distinguished golf pro. Lorne has a total of 25 years of experience, and has spent the past seven years at Fairmont. A lesson with Lorne is a guarantee of improvement in any golfer's game. The CPGA-rated Mountainside and Royal Riverside courses have full pro shop services and rentals, and licensed

## **Fairmont Hot Springs Resort**

clubhouses. The 100 year history of Fairmont Hot Springs is brought to life through photographs exhibited throughout the lodge. In 1887, Fairmont Hot Springs began as a rest stop for stagecoach travellers bet ween Fort Steele and Golden. The original hot springs bathhouses can still be visited on the hillside above the lodge. Kootenai Indians had been taking advantage of the therapeutic waters long before the first white men discovered steam rising from the mountainside. Fairmont's 10,000 square foot pool complex includes a large hot pool, and swimming and diving pools. Hot pool temperatures range from 35 C to 45 C (95 F to 112 F). The swimming pool a few feet away is just right for a refreshing dip and there is a poolside snack bar for after-swim treats. The gift shops, with the largest

selection of swimsuits in Western Canada, attract shoppers from hundreds of miles away. Resort guests have unlimited free use of the pools.

To help you discover your optimum vitality in a stress-free environment, the resort's two massage therapists offer Full Spa Programs designed just for you. Group programs involve 6 to 15 participants. Each day begins with a swim and stretch, then a light hike, aerobics or yoga, or perhaps a day-long sojourn in Fairmont's parklike setting. Participants of the spa program are served low-cal gourmet meals and the daily exercise and fitness routine includes hydrotherapy or massage. Evening workshops are given to instruct clients in technique such as minimassage and creative visualization. The gourmet creations of the lodge's international

chefs are sure to make a stay at Fairmont a wonderful experience. Internationalcalibre entertainers present a variety of musical performances in the dining rooms and lounges.

The Fairmont Lodge combines country charm with all the amenities of a four star hotel. There are 140 rooms, all with a magnificent mountain view, and conference facilities for up to 350. Along the edge of the Mountainside Golf Course, 116 five-star villas feature luxurious one and two bedroom units with all the comforts of home including fireplace and gas barbecue. time Recreation Director, who plans weekly programs and activities for lodge guests including wine tastings, tennis lessons, lectures, mystery weekends and many more sports and cultural activities. There are four outdoor tennis courts and the recreation centre has state-of-the-art hydrafitness equipment, saunas jacuzzis

Hiking trails wind through forests and alpine meadows and horseback riding is another popular way to explore the lovely mountainside. Helicopter sightseeing, heli-hiking and heli-fishing packages are also available at the resort. The resort has its own full swimming pool, racquetball and squash courts, and regular aerobics and aquatics classes.

Columbia Lake is only minutes away with excellent conditions for windsurfing, waterskiing and canoeing. Trout fishing is a popular pastime right on the resort, as the Columbia River passes through the property. A 265-unit full facility RV Park is located within walking distance of the pool complex. Fairmont Hot Springs Resort is easily accessible by charter or private aircraft, with its 6,000 ft. runway capable of handling aircraft up to 737 size. A complimentary shuttle service delivers guests to the lodge.

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## **Packers need permits**

Before venturing out, overnight backcountry travellers must pick up a free park use permit at the Park Information Centre. If you're using horses, you'll require a grazing permit as well.

The permits are part of the trail quota system; the park relies on this system to keep backcountry campsites uncrowded and undamaged.

Along with your permit comes plenty of free information: trail guides, recent bear sightings, trail conditions, wildlife to look for, seasonal hazards, and more. Park staff are eager to make your trip a more positive experience.

If you're planning an activity that involves hazards, fill out a voluntary safety registration. You must return

this registration after your trip. If you are overdue, park wardens will come looking for you.

## Don't feed animals

It is unlawful to feed wildlife in Canada's national parks. Not only does feeding wildlife threaten your immediate safety and that of others, it can result in the transfer of certain organisms harmful to human health.

Feeding wild animals disturbs the balance of their natural diets; it also draws them into potentially dangerous encounters with people or their vehicles. Please avoid the temptation - keep your distance.



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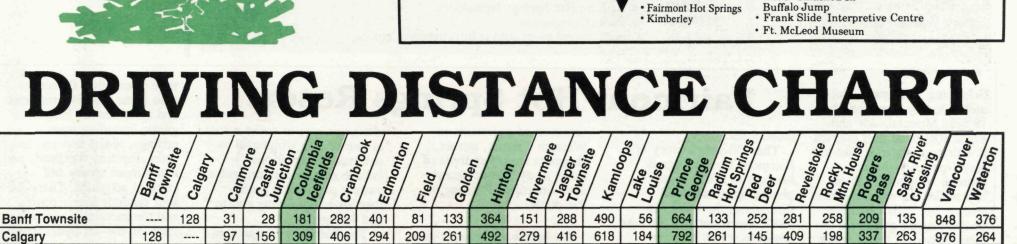
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## Mountain parks "World Heritage Site"

Did you know that the four adjoining Rocky Mountain national parks (Banff and Jasper in Alberta, Kootenay and Yoho in B.C.) are recognized as a World Heritage Site?

A special committee of the United Nations decreed in

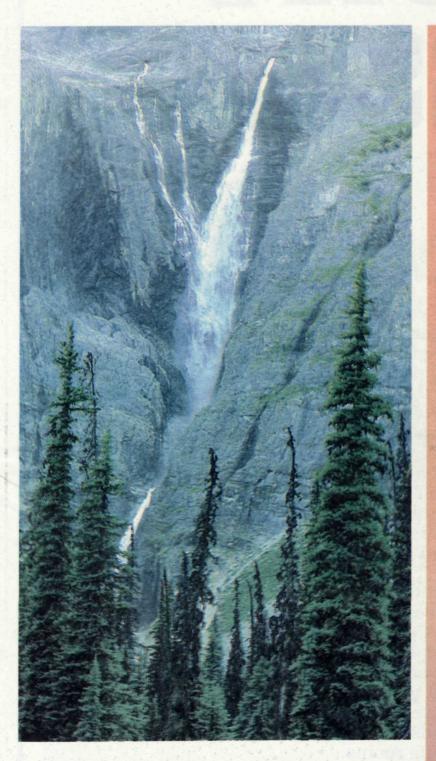
1984 that the Four-Mountain-Park block covering 20,160 square kilometres in total (four times the size of Prince Edward Island!)

merited world significance. That put the four mountain parks in special company indeed. Other World Heritage Sites include the historic centre of Rome, the Egyptian pyramids, the Grand Canyon, Kluane National Park and Old Quebec City.

The Canadian Parks Service acts as steward of the Four-Mountain-Park block on behalf of the Canadian people. It is striving to balance the twin imperatives of use and preservation so that future generations of people the world over may benefit from this magnificent natural heritage.

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FORT STEELE RESORT



## Walk on the wild side

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Lake parking lot to the base of the falls.

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#### return

From the parking lot, 1.6 km from the highway, follow this level trail 2.3 km to the Upper Viewpoint, or descend the short, steep trail to the Lower Viewpoint for a better view of the spectacular 30 metre falls across the width of the Kicking Horse River.

#### Emerald Lake - 5.2 km

From the parking lot, this circuit trail winds around beautiful Emerald Lake, crossing an avalanche path and the alluvial fan at the end of the lake.

## Hamilton Falls – 1.6 km return

A short stroll from the south end of the Emerald Parks Companion Summer 1990

## Walk in the Past – 4 km return

From the north end of the Kicking Horse Campground, cross the Yoho Valley road to the trailhead. This self guiding trail leads to the wreck of an old steam engine.

Ross Lake - 2.6 km return

From the 1A Highway near the Great Divide, this trail climbs gently to a small lake bounded by a great rock wall. Elevation gain of 90 metres.

Point Lace Falls and Angel Staircase – 5.4 km return

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