In 1888, under the direction of William Cornelius Van Horne, the elegant 250 room Banff Springs Hotel was completed.

When skiers arrive at the top of our mountains they're awestruck by the grandeur of the unspoiled wilderness that surrounds them. These same sights greeted explorers and climbers from around the world when they first visited the Canadian Rockies more than 100 years ago. Mountain guides from Switzerland led the first ascents of the peaks. On wooden skis with leather bindings, adventurers discovered untracked snow in wide-open bowls, laying the groundwork for today's modern Banff/Lake Louise ski industry.

The 1700s

The first Europeans arrived and with them came the introduction of guns, horses and European diseases. This led to a shift in power, as well as bloodshed, among the native tribes. The introduction of smallpox killed three fifths of the western Aboriginal peoples.

1754: Anthony Henday was the first non-native to see the Canadian Rockies.

The 1800s

1800: David Thompson and Duncan McGillivray explored the Bow Valley.

1841: Sir George Simpson, Governor of the Hudson Bay Company, crossed the Rockies on his way around the world. This began exploration throughout the Canadian Rockies.



1847: Rev Robert Terrill Rundle, a Wesleyan Missionary, held services for the natives on the shores of Lake Minnewanka.

1857-60: The Palliser Expedition explored central and western Canada for the British Government. John Palliser, an Irishman, organized this exploratory trip to see if the land could be settled. The group split into three to explore the modern day areas of Kananaskis, Banff, the Kootenays and Waterton. James Hector was the leader in the exploration of the Banff area and named many of its mountains. The Palliser Expedition was successful in redrawing the map of the west and shifting political attention to the resource and settlement potential of the southern plains and mountains.

1871: The surveying work of three generations of western explorers became nationally important as the newly established Confederation of Canada was to be united by a transcontinental railway.

1882: Guided by a Stoney Indian, Canadian Pacific Railroad packer Tom Wilson was the first white man to see Lake Louise. He named it Emerald Lake (later renamed Lake Louise in 1884 after the daughter of Oueen Victoria).

1883: The railway was built through Siding 29 (Banff) and reaches Laggan Station (Lake Louise).

The beginning of Banff National Park

1883: Railway workers William McCardell, Thomas McCardell and Frank McCabe discovered hot springs (known today as the Cave and Basin), at the foot of Sulphur Mountain.

1885: A federal reserve of 26 square kilometers was set aside surrounding the hot springs.

In 1887, the area was increased to 673 square kilometers and named "Rocky Mountains Park". This was the beginning of Canada's National Park system and the birth of tourism.

1886: Once the attraction potential of the hot springs was realized the federal government appointed George Stewart to create an infrastructure of roads, bridges and services that would make the hot springs reserve into a credible National Park. The town was named Banff after "Banffshire", the district in Scotland which was the birthplace of two CPR directors, Lord Strathcona and George Stephen.

1888: The original log framed Banff Springs Hotel was opened for business by Canadian Pacific Railways.
William Cornelius Van Horne, head of CPR visited the site



during construction and noticed it was built the wrong way. He quickly designed a viewing pavilion for guests. 1890: A log cabin was constructed on the shore of Lake

Louise and was soon replaced by a larger chalet.

1892: The area around Lake Louise is added to the "Rocky Mountains Park".

1899: The CPR brought Swiss guides to the Rockies to lead tourists to the summit of the mountains.

The 1900s

1900: Bill and Jim Brewster began guiding and outfitting in Banff. The family dominated tourist transportation throughout the Mountain Parks until 1965, when they sold to Greyhound. The CPR opened the mining town of Bankhead and Banff grew into International destination. 1911: Automobile access to the park is made possible

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by the construction of the Banff/Lake Louise Coach road, making an immediate impact on the development of the park. The car marks the beginning of the second phase of tourism. Today 92% of the parks visitors arrive by private vehicle.

1921: The road between Banff/Lake Louise was completed.

1923: The road between Banff and Radium opened as a link in the first public highway across the Canadian Rockies, This connected with routes to the US to form what Americans called the "Grand Circle Tour".

1924: Fire destroyed the Rattenbury wing of the Chalet at Lake Louise.

1925: Reconstruction of the CPR Hotel at Lake Louise is completed. The structure was opened under the name "Chateau Lake Louise".

1926: Fire destroyed the north wing of the Banff Springs Hotel.

1928: Reconstruction of the Banff Springs Hotel was



completed. The building appeared essentially as it is today.

1930: The National Parks Act was passed by Parliament establishing the boundaries of the mountain parks generally as they exist today and introducing the concept of parks preservation under which the present day parks system is managed.

Rocky Mountain Park renamed Banff National Park. 1962: The Trans-Canadian Highway is officially opened. Banff by now had become the foremost of all of the



Canadian National Parks. The growth and competitive prices of the airlines helped Banff become the international holiday location that it is today. 1990: Banff became a self-governing municipality within the Province of Alberta on January 1st. Today Banff National Park covers an area of 6,641 square kilometers. Approximately 8 million people enter the park annually. Today Banff National Park covers an area of 6,641 sq. km.

INTRODUCTION TO BANFF & LAKE LOUISE

The communities of Banff and Lake Louise have been welcoming international visitors for more than a century. In 1883 the attempts of three Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) workers to stake a claim to the natural hot springs they had discovered bubbling from the base of Sulphur Mountain led to the establishment of Canada's first national park. Today, Banff National Park (6.641 square km / 2,564 square miles) is one of four adjoining mountain parks comprising more than 20,235 square km / 7,813 square miles of spectacular Canadian Rocky Mountain landscape. For current visitors.

bathing in these same hot springs is but one of many activities offered in Canada's foremost National Park. When you visit the Banff/Lake Louise area you will see why each year more than 4.5 million visitors come to enjoy the unique feeling of the Canadian Rockies and to experience why the United Nations in 1985 declared our area a "World Heritage Site". Banff National Park is a year round playground in the Canadian wilderness. A four season recreational area that offers everything from downhill skiing & snowboarding terrain to hundreds

Photo: Tracker Productions, Banff, Alberta

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of miles of mountain trails.
Explore our landscape by
bus or car, canoe or raft, on
foot or skis. Enjoy the many
sightseeing opportunities
or photograph some of the
most spectacular scenery and
wildlife on Farth.

The weather in the Canadian Rockies is variable due to the high elevation and rugged topography. Cool, crisp air and warm days are typical of autumn in the Canadian Rockies. Warming Chinook winds can bring spring-like conditions in winter, while spring offers both skiing and

golfing opportunities. The summer climate is pleasant with low humidity, warm temperatures and daylight hours stretching until 11 pm.

Banff... In 1883, the transcontinental railway reached the formidable Rocky Mountains and three railway workers chanced upon simmering hot springs. The area was protected by the government and two years later became Canada's first national park, Rocky Mountain Park. At 1384 m (4540 ft) above sea level, Banff is "Canada's Highest Town".



Banff National Park is the 3rd oldest in the world, established in 1885. The Park is 6,641 sq. km (2,564 sq. miles) in area. It is managed by Parks Canada, part of the federal department of Canadian Heritage. The Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site is a United Nations designation which includes Jasper, Kootenay and Yoho national parks, plus adjacent B.C. provincial parks: Hamber, Mount Robson and Mount Assiniboine. This area helps protect over 20,000 sq. km (7,700 sq. miles) of the Rocky Mountains.

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National Park. The largest and deepest lake is Lake Minnewanka (damned) the largest natural lake is Hector Lake. The Bow River is the main river in Banff National Park, its headwaters are at Bow Glacier/Bow Lake flows to Hudson's Bay.

Editorial courtesy of Banff/Lake Louise Tourism

DISCOVER BANFF'S HISTORY & CULTURE

A great introduction to Banff is of course the Banff Park Museum. This historic site that looks like a railway station, at the foot of Banff Avenue's bridge.

The museum was created by the old Natural History Branch of the Geological Survey of Canada. In February 1895 a shipment of mounted and labelled specimens arrived in Banff. It included eight

mammals, 259 birds, a turtle, 57 specimens of wood, 814 plants and 201 mineral samples. John Macoun of the Natural History Branch described these specimens as "an almost complete representation of the birds and flowering plants found within the limits of the park."

First established in the summer of 1895, the park museum was moved to the present building in 1903. The oldest surviving building Parks Canada maintains was constructed by the federal government to the designs of John Stocks, an engineer with the territorial public works office.

There are seven National Historic Sites within Banff National Park; Skoki Lodge, Abbot Pass Hut, Howse Pass, Cave & Basin, Banff Park Museum, Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, and the Cosmic Ray Station on Sanson Peak.

The highest mountain within Banff National Park is Mt. Forbes, 3,612 m (11,850 feet), seen from North Saskatchewan River Crossing along the Icefields Parkway. There are more than 1,000 glaciers in Banff

The 1903 museum building is the largest and most elaborate example of the early phase of park design utilizing decorative cross-log construction. The large windows, clerestory lantern and the cantilevered truss system which support the second floor demonstrate unique approaches to the need for natural light and spatial requirements of the museum.





It was declared a National Historic Site of Canada by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada in 1985, and designated "Classified" in 1986, by the Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office in order to protect, preserve, and present the museum for present and future generations.







From dozens of eggs, butterflies, tiny bats and moles right up to stuffed grizzlies, beavers, elk, deer and bison-you'll learn from brief descriptions where these animals originated and why they wound up on display. Behind the original wooden-framed glass cases (admire the ripples in the rolled glass) and in the old-fashioned display rooms are tales of a few of the legendary characters who formed and worked at the Museum, namely Norman Sanson, museum curator from 30 years. Amassing an enormous collection throughout his long life, Sanson gathered thousands of plants while hiking some 20,000 km and while climbing Sulphur Mountain - about 1,000 times, say museum reports with the last time being when he was 81 years of age.



DISCOVER BANEF'S ABORIGINAL HISTORY

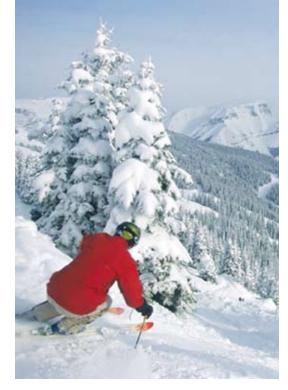
Now that you know a few chapters of Banff National Park's "natural" history, walk across the bridge to the Buffalo Nations Museum, built in the late '30s. Behind the log palisade is another time piece, one that is looking a bit dusty and tired, but somehow refreshing in its ungentrified state. Walk along the ramps to a room of glass cases full of First Nations' beadwork, weapons, pipes. back boards, crockery, costumes and other examples of their culture. Then amble slowly through the main hall, given over to re-enactments of teepee camps and their

nomadic way of life that tracked animals and weather patterns. From the Sun Dance, where manneguins illustrate the painful thanksgiving ritual to a Cree dog team and bison hunts - this entire space is chockfull of life-sized displays and dioramas that interpret the legends and myths surrounding the Native people who have lived in the Bow Valley for 11,000 years.

The peoples of Canada's West experienced many changes during the final decade of the 19th century. The population of Banff grew as the town became an important tourist destination while the Native Stoney population on the neighboring Morley Reserve adapted to a new way of life. The two groups met informally on occasion and in 1889, when a slide closed the Canadian Pacific Railway and stranded

a group of tourists in Banff, some Natives were invited to Banff to provide entertainment. By 1900, an annual festival had evolved known as "Indian Days."

Each summer the Stoney, and later other tribes of Treaty Seven, traveled to Banff to share their stories and legends, to participate in dances, horse races and sporting events. Banff's population and tourists became better acquainted with the tipi homes and lifestyles of the once nomadic people. This event provided a socio-cultural bridge between the groups.



Norman Luxton ran Banff's Indian Days from 1909 to 1950, as the festival grew. Numerous Aboriginal groups, as well as Canadian artists, joined in the celebrations and many visitors from around the world were attracted to Banff.

The event continued to 1978 when changing attitudes and organizational problems led to its demise.

The Buffalo Nations Cultural Society has revived the concept. Since March 1992, they have successfully operated the Museum. It has also revived Banff's Indian Days as the Buffalo Nations Tribal Days, and is working on a Buffalo Nations Cultural Park. Through these and other projects, the Buffalo Nations Cultural Society continues the tradition promoted by Walking Buffalo: encouraging understanding and harmony between human beings and nature through the presentation of Aboriginal oral histories, artifacts, songs, dances and crafts.

DISCOVER THE BIRTHPLACE OF BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Continue west on Cave Avenue and you'll soon find yourself at the Cave and Basin National Historic Site which was, in its heyday, a magnificent swimming pool replete with Roman arches and superb views of the Bow Valley.

Take a tour of today's museum and you'll discover this is, indeed, the birthplace of Banff National Park - Canada's first national park. Aside from the outdoor pool, part of this cultural tour takes you to the original cave where three railway workers followed a plume of steam by lowering themselves into a cave full of hot springs, in 1883. That led to not only the formation of this national park in 1885, but to Canada's first spa for the natural hot springs are what drew thousands of tourists from around the planet to Banff.

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Discover an Authentic Banff

Meander along the Cave's outdoor interpretive trail where you can see snails and slimy rocks coated with minerals and then head back along Cave Avenue, past the old stables and new condos, where you'll get a sense of the rich history behind this town of 8,000 permanent residents.

For this is no instant village. There's a history and beauty to Banff, precisely why it's so much more than just a "ski"





town. Sure, that's how it may appear from December through April, but take a stroll through Banff's charming cemetery and you'll immediately see its age. You'll notice plenty of Swiss names (due to the Swiss guides who flocked here at the turn of the 20th century) and famous explorers from the Mary Schaeffer, Peter Whyte, Bill Peyto and Jimmy Simpson days.

Discover the Whyte Museum

Back on Banff Avenue, go west a block to Bear Street and you'll find gems like Canada House Gallery, a series of log heritage homes (which you can tour on Sundays) and Banff's most prestigious collection of art, the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies (See City Passport offer on page 43)

Peter and Catharine Whyte: Their Story in the Heritage Gallery

From Boston to the banks of the Bow River, a life of romance, meaning and adventure flourished between a wealthy young debutante and a small town artist and outdoorsman. It is a story of significance, a story ofvision, how two people followed their own passions while making a difference in the lives of others. This is the story of Peter and Catharine Whyte. Their very different childhoods, a secret courtship at art school, the building

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of a home, friendships, community and the Museum are just some of the stories that grace the gallery walls.

Heritage Collection

The Heritage Collection consists of material culture that links the social and cultural past of the Canadian Rockies with the present. The collection's strengths are in recreational areas such as climbing, skiing, hiking and riding; transportation and historic commerce areas such as outfitting, guiding, packing, surveying; and material associated with the pioneer household.

The Museum has exceptional collections related to the Stoney First Nation and an outstanding collection of Japanese materials acquired from Catharine Whyte's grandfather, Edward Morse.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS

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Discover Banff Tours provides sightseeing tours and activities year round. Using mini-buses and vans personalizes our tours of Banff National Park by allowing plenty of guide-client interaction. Guides are locals, professionally trained, and are keen to share their own Rocky Mountain experiences. Hotels pick up and drop-off, refreshments, use of binoculars and spotting scopes are provided.

Location: 215 Banff Ave, Main Level, Sundance Mall

Info: 403-760-5007 (See City Passport offer)

Banff Adventures Unlimited

Your one-stop adventure shop, offering activities and tours in the Canadian Rockies. Treat yourself to the luxury of hassle-free booking with access to all of the area's activities in one place.

Winter activities include snowmobile tour, ice walk, dogsleds, sleigh ride, or sightseeing tour, we have something for everyone.

Summer tours include river rafting, ATV tours, horse riding, kayaking, caving, wildlife tours and heli-rides. They even offer mountain bike rentals.

Open 7 days a week. Location: 211 Bear Street Info: 403-762-4554

Icefield Helicopter Tours (April 1st onward)

All around as far as the eye can see are majestic mountains and glaciers. Something that cannot be appreciated just by driving by in a car. To really appreciate the natural beauty one has to see what the view is up close. Wilson Glacier or Columbia Icefield Tours

Location: Call for Hotel Pick up Info: 888-844-3514

Brewster Lake Minnewanka Boat Tours

Open daily, mid-May to early October. Offer 90 minute scenic cruise on Lake Minnewanka, located 7 miles from Banff. Crew will provide narration as travel through spectacular scenery.

Location: Lake Minnewanka Drive

Info: 403-762-3473

White Mountain Adventures (NEW)

Enjoy a private tour; 1 – 6 persons: Guided Hiking, Sightseeing, Icewalks.

The snow is always deep, soft and plentiful at Lake Louise. Make the most of your winter experience at Banff and enjoy an afternoon tour to Lake Louise with ample time to partake in some truly Canadian winter experiences.

Location: Call for Hotel Pick up

Info: 403-760-4403

Canmore Caverns Ltd.

Join us on a tour of discovery to Rat's Nest Cave: a wild, undeveloped case with no artificial lights, boardwalks or handrails under Grotto Mountain. Caving is physically challenging but NO EXPERIENCE is necessary. Reservations are required. Group minimum is 2, maximum is 8. Childern should be age 9 or older.

1009 Larch Place Canmore, AB

Info: 403-678-8819

ATTRACTIONS/MUSEUMS

Banff Gondola

Banff Gondola is located just 5 minutes from the Town of Banff, on the shoulder of Sulphur Mountain, in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. The 360o view from the upper gondola terminal, view-decks and Summit Ridge nterpretive boardwalk, is the very best vantage point in the west. Safely seated in 4 passenger gondola cabins,



visitors are transported in 8 minutes to the summit at an elevation of 2,281m (7,486 ft) above sea level.

Location: Sulphur Mountain Phone: 403-762-2523

Banff Upper Hot Springs

All the amenities of a modern facility are featured in this splendid, historic spa and bath house - against a backdrop of Banff's spectacular alpine scenery. You will luxuriate in the comfort of soothing hot springs where travelers have come to "take the waters" for more than a century. Banff's premier attraction is open year round. The pool is within in a restored 1930's heritage bathhouse, with an outdoor mineral spring fed hot pool with views of famous Mount Rundle.

Location: End of Mountain Avenue

Info: 403-762-1515 (See City Passport offer)

Banff Park Museum National Historic Site

Banff Park Museum – One of Canada's oldest and grandest natural history museums. A visit to this century old showpiece of architecture and early natural history interpretation is an enchanting way to discover Banff's mammals, birds and insects in an elegant setting. Norman Sanson, curator for over 30 years personally collected thousands of specimens in his efforts to make the museum "the best of it's kind in Canada".

Location: 91 Banff Avenue Info: 403-762-1558 (See City Passport offer)

Buffalo Nations Luxton Museum

Visit the Buffalo Nations Museum to return to the days when the horse first arrived on the plains, and when Europeans discovered Native cultures rich in elaborate ceremonies, dances, songs, and legends.

Location: 1 Birch Avenue Info: 403-762-2388 (See City Passport offer)



Canadian Ski Museum West

The CSMW is a free exhibit that offers visitors the history of skiing in Banff National Park.

The exhibits range from artistic focal points, to informative displays, the history unfolds chronologically from the lower level in Cascade Plaza up to the second level.

Location: Cascade Plaza, 317 Banff Avenue

Info: 403-762-8484

Cave and Basin National Historic Site

The Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada commemorates the birthplace of Canada's National Park system, which began here in 1885. The growth and development of Canada's national parks are celebrated in interactive displays and exhibits. Naturally occurring, warm mineral springs can be found inside the cave, and outside in an emerald coloured basin.

Location: 311 Cave Avenue Info: 403-762-1566 (See City Passport offer)

Whyte Museum Of The Canadian Rockies

Visit the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies to enjoy the history and culture of this rugged region- natural history, human history and art.

Experience our galleries, heritage homes, guided walks and tours, public programs, and archives and library.

Location: 111 Bear Street. Info: 403-762-2291 (See City Passport offer)

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GUIDED HIKING

Discover Banff Tours

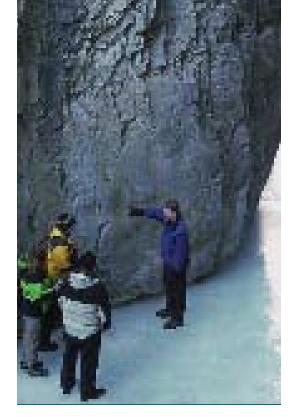
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Location: Call for Hotel Pick-up Info: 403-760-5007 (See City Passport offer)

Great Divide Nature Interpretation

Great Divide's award-winning guides offer interpretive hikes with an equal mix of fun and learning. Walking against the dramatic backdrop of the Canadian Rockies or amidst the quiet beauty of winter, you will discover the stories behind the scenery of Lake Louise and Banff National Park.

Location: Lake Louise Info: 403-522-2735 (See City Passport offer)



White Mountain Adventures

Trek through Johnston Canyon to a world of frozen waterfalls and pillars of blue ice. Enjoy the walk through Grotto Canyon offering the visitor an exciting opportunity to walk along the bottom of an ice covered canyon floor. Call for Hotel Pick Up (Extra Charge)

Info: 403-760-4403 (See City Passport offer)

Lake Louise Winter Wonderland

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Location: Call for Hotel Pick up

Info: 403-760-4403

SLEIGHRIDES (FAMILY OR PRIVATE)

Holiday On Horseback / Warner Guiding & Outfitting

Holiday on Horseback has been offering trail rides and pack trips for over 45 years. Daily trail rides from 1 hour to full day, western BBQ cookouts and back country pack trips from 2-6 days.

Location: 132 Banff Avenue Info: 403-762-4551 (See City Passport offer)

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Snowy Owl Sled Dog Tours

Enjoy one of the most unique dog sledding experience in the Canadian Rockies!

Snuggle into cozy sleds with beautiful blankets Experience the thrill and excitement of driving a team of Canadian Huskies in our majestic Rocky Mountain wilderness.

Location: 104-602 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore, AB.

Call Direct to Book - 403-678-6949

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Toby Creek Adventures

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Your adventure takes you away from the main roads into one of the most beautiful mountain environments in the world. Free hotel pick-up daily form Banff & Lake Louise.

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SNOWSHOEING

If you can walk, you can snowshoe. Snowshoeing is one of Banff's most traditional, authentic wilderness experiences. Like hiking, snowshoeing allows for a relaxed pace for exploring the quiet beauty of winter in the mountains, and often enables winter wildlife viewing opportunities.

White Mountain Adventures

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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

All of the different categories of Nordic skiing can be found in Banff: classic track-set cross-country and skate skiing trails, untracked trails, and telemark slopes. On valley bottom trails, the ski season generally extends from December through March.

There are several enjoyable easy-to-moderate crosscountry trails in or near the Banff townsite, including:

- Cascade Fire Road, from the Lake Minnewanka parking lot.
- Spray River Loop, from the Banff Springs Hotel trailhead.
- Sundance Canyon, starting from Cave and Basin Historic Site.
- Banff Springs Golf Course, from the Bow Falls parking lot.
- . Bow River, from the Canoe Docks

Some popular favorites in Lake Louise include:

- Moraine Lake Road
- The Great Divide (Highway 1A)
- Bow River Loop, starting near the Station Restaurant.



There is also a series of scenic cross-country trails accessible from the top of the Sunshine Village Gondola, though note that there is a fee for the gondola.

SLEDDING & TOBOGGANING

The terrain around Banff National Park is perfect for tobogganing. While locals in Banff and Lake Louise take advantage of backyards, side streets and parks for sledding throughout the winter, there are a few hills that have more of an official feel.

The toboggan run behind the Fairmont Banff Springs hotel and next to Bow Falls in Banff offers prime tobogganing terrain, perfect for an afternoon of carefree winter fun with the kids or without. A bonfire pit is often blazing at the ice rink at the other end of the hill, so sledders don't have to go far to warm up.

The Cascade Ponds (on Minnewanka Lake Road) is another nice spot with smaller and slower hills that are perfect for toddlers. Toboggans and sleds can be rented at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, and at Ski Tips in on Bear Street in downtown Banff.

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY

HIKING

White Mountain Adventures

Discover Sunshine Meadows, alpine hiking and walking at its finest. Also, daily guided hikes, wildlife watching, backpacking and heli-hiking available.

Location: Call for Hotel Pickup Phone: 403-760-4403 (See City Passport offer)

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Location: 132 Banff Avenue Info: 403-762-4551 (See City Passport offer)

Brewster Lake Louise Stables

Brewster Lake Louise Stables offer daily trips by the hour, half day or full day expeditions.

Location: Brewster Lake Louise Stables

Info: 403-522-3511

RIVER RAFTING/ RIVER FLOATS

Canadian Rockies Rafting Company

In operation since 1993, Canadian Rockies Rafting has perfected rafting trips for all ages and abilities. We offer Ultimate Family Fun on the Kananaskis River, grade 2-3, Whitewater Excitement on the Bow River Horseshoe Canyon, grade 3-4, Wild Whitewater on the Kicking Horse River, grade 3-4+, Scenic Nature Float Trips and Whitewater Riverboarding. Half day and full day rafting tours.

Location: Call for Hotel pick-up Info: 403-678-6535

(See City Passport offer)

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Hydra River Guides

Experience the thrills of the Kicking Horse Classic daily trip or challenge yourself on the Ultimate Whitewater Adventure with the rapids of the upper and lower canyon. Tours include licensed guides, river gear, BBQ lunch and access to the Hydra private riverside facility. Hydra has been setting the rafting standard for over 20 years.

Location: 211 Bear Street Info: 403-762-4554 (See City Passport offer)

FISHING

Lake Minnewanka Boat Tours

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Info: 403-762-3473

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A musical celebration of Canada featuring totally Canadian music and food. While guests enjoy the show singers serve a delicious 5 course family style meal in a rustic log cabin atmosphere.

125 Kananaskis Way Canmore, AB Info: 403-609-0004 or 1-800-773-0004

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Banff Upper Hot Springs

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• Toll Free: (800) 767-1611 • Fax: (403) 760-1347

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attraction



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OPEN DAILY: 10 am - 5 pm (closed Christmas & New Years Day)

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Winter Hours: 1:00 pm - 5 pm

Winter hours: October 15th 2007 to April 30th, 2008

Banff Park Museum

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Summer Hours: May 15 - September 30, 2008 10 am-6 pm. Site tours at 3 pm daily

Winter Hours: October 1, 2007 - May 14, 2008 10 am-6 pm. Site tours at 3 pm daily Closed December 25, 26, and January 1

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Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada

311 Cave Ave • PO Box 900 Banff . AB T1L 1K2

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Summer Hours: May 15 to Sept 30th, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Daily Site Tours at 11:00 am Daily Winter Hours: Oct 1st to May 14th Weekdays 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Weekends 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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Summer hours: May 19 - September 3, 2008 10 am - 5 pm Daily

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Banff Heritage Passport





Save 25% over purchasing admission separately with the Banff Heritage Passport







Discover the naturally occurring warm mineral springs and fascinating history at the Cave and Basin National Historic Site. Meet Banff's heroes and heroines and celebrate mountain culture from around the world through an unparalleled collection of displays and art exhibitions at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies. Step into a showpiece of architecture and natural history interpretation at the Banff Park Museum National Historic Site.

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The Banff Culture Walk

Banff Information Centre at 224 Banff Avenue

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Your Tour Includes: Deluxe hot chocolate at Num Ti Jah and a light snack, Hotel pick up and drop off and use of binoculars & spotting scope

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SNOWSHOEING TO PAINT POTS TOUR

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PLUS: on the Maple Taffy Tour, your guide will prepare a fresh maple taffy treat for everyone!

Tour includes: Snowshoes & hiking poles, hot chocolate and a light snack. Or** maple taffy on the snow!

Call for Hotel Pick-Up Departs Banff daily: 1:30pm

Duration: 4 Hours

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Your Tour Includes: Hot chocolate and a light snack, Hotel pick up and drop off, admission to the Cave and Basin, use of binoculars & spotting scope

Departs Banff daily: 9:00 AM Duration: 3 hours

Adult: \$49.00 / Children: 6-12 yrs \$25.00, 5 and Under Free

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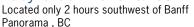


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This program is tailored to suit visitors who may have a tight itinerary or quite simply feel that an hour on the trail is enough! Enjoy the panoramic views along the pristine trails of Goat Pond and then the gentle seclusion of the mystifying Spray Lakes.

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Duration: 2.0 hrs. Tour start time at Spray Lakes Available daily at 9 am, 11 am 1 pm and 3 pm. \$127.00 adult / \$85.00 Children (8yrs.&under) **Childs rate - ages 8 yrs and under; infants are free. Advance Reservations required. Must be booked direct.

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Game Seating Price List: Includes GST Black \$100 ~ Green \$125

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Lake Louise Samson Mall 9:50 AM
Duration 9 Hrs
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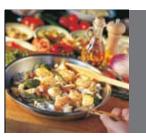
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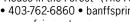




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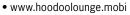
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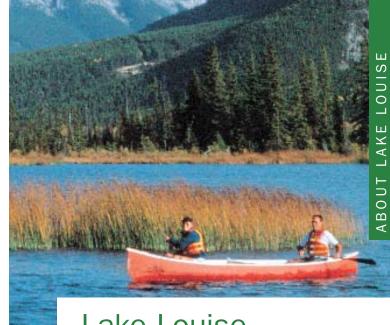
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Lake Louise

INTRODUCTION TO LAKE LOUISE

Lake Louise... In 1882, guided by a Stoney Indian, Tom Wilson became the first white man to discover what native Indians called "Lake of Little Fishes". He named his discovery Emerald Lake, but it was later changed by the Geographic Board to Lake Louise in honour of Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, fourth daughter of Queen Victoria.

Lake Louise, with its blue-green water set against the stark backdrop of Victoria Glacier, is probably the most beloved and most photographed scene in the Canadian Rockies. Not only have international royalty, Hollywood stars and heads of state come to Lake Louise to relax.

but increasingly the rest of the world is discovering its simple charms as well. Romantic and relaxing, the pace in Lake Louise attracts people who want to savour the finer things of life; a good book in front of a fireplace, the stillness of the outdoors, or a quiet walk after dinner. The Chateau Lake Louise presents lake-side views of the towering Victoria Glacier, offering old-world charm and elegance amidst the wilderness. The lower village of Lake Louise holds an array of fine dining, first class accommodations and shopping. A scenic drive will bring visitors to the awe-inspiring Moraine Lake.

With its blue-green water and dramatic mountain setting, this is the best known and most admired lake in the park. Lake Louise Drive, a payed 4.5 km road, and two trails. the Tramline and Louise Creek, provide access between Lake Louise Village on the valley floor and the lake itself. Pathways lead from the public parking lot to the lake. The magnificent snow-covered peak at the end of the lake is Mount Victoria, named for England's renowned queen. The lake is named for after one of her five daughters. A stroll through the flower-filled grounds in front of the Chateau Lake Louise is a nice way to spend a half hour. Canoes can be rented from the boathouse at the lake or you can see the lake on foot by walking the Lakeshore Trail. At the Lake Louise ski area, on the opposite side of the valley, visitors can take a chairlift up Whitehorn Mountain in the summertime for panoramic views of Lake Louise and its surrounding peaks.

History of Lake Louise

The body of water that the Stoney Indian people knew as Ho-run-num-nay, the "Lake of the Little Fishes," lies in a valley close to some of the higher peaks in the Canadian Rockies. The first non-native to behold it was Tom Wilson, who - led by a Stoney guide - reached its eastern shore in 1882.



The completion in 1885 of a transcontinental line on the Canadian Pacific Railway route, along with the construction in 1890 of the first commercial accommodation at Lake Louise, attracted increasing number of visitors. The Lake Louise area became an international destination, largely due to promotion by the CPR.

Pioneers such as Walter Wilcox and Samuel Allen explored and mapped much of the vicinity. The surrounding mountains became a mecca for alpinists. Their activities created notoriety for the area when Philip Stanley Abbot became the first person to die in a climbing accident in North America when he fell during an attempt on Mt. Lefroy in 1896.

Legislation had created the Lake Louise Forest Park in 1892, but it was not until 1902 that the area including Lake Louise and Moraine Lake came under the protection of an expanded Banff National Park. Recreational hikers were drawn by a proliferation of trails, such as those to









Lake Agnes and the Saddleback - built in the early 1890s under the supervision of Willoughby Astley, first manager of the original Chalet. A number of teahouses provided to cater to hikers proved popular (two of them, at the Plain of Six Glaciers and Lake Agnes, are still operating).

The works of the many painters who responded to the Lake Louise area, among them Belmore Browne, Lawren Harris of the Group of Seven, and Banff residents Peter and Catharine Whyte, helped to further spread recognition of the area. Road construction facilitated access, and visitors flocked to see for themselves the renowned scenery.

The Lake Louise area has become one of the premier attractions of Banff National Park, and indeed of the entire Canadian Rockies. You can marvel at the panoramic vistas from a distance, but to gain a better appreciation of these fabled environs, head out on foot to experience their fascination firsthand. You can explore more than 270 kilometres (over 165 miles) of trails and routes within a 16 km (10 mi) radius centered on Lake Louise village. This area of some 600 square kilometres, with its concentration of hiking possibilities, can be the focus of excursions - whether short walks, day hikes, backpacking trips, or off-trail scrambles - during which you will garner in-depth knowledge of natural and human history.

Moraine Lake: Valley of the Ten Peaks

The sister lake to Lake Louise, in its setting encircled by mountains, is a scene familiar to many from the back of the Canadian \$20 bill. From the turnoff on Lake Louise Drive, a 12.5 km drive, closed in winter, takes you to the lake with a number of viewpoints along the way. The Great Divide runs across the tops of the jagged peaks behind the lake. Stoney Indian names were originally given to the 10 peaks by 19th century mountaineers. You can get an excellent view of these peaks and the lake by hiking the Rockpile Trail to the top of the large jumble of rocks at the outlet of the lake. The huge mountain to the north with the glacier on its summit is Mount Temple, third highest mountain in the park. You can also stroll to the far end of the lake on the well-built lakeshore trail. take a short walk to nearby Consolation Lakes or go canoeing.

1A Highway: The Great Divide

The 7.4 km drive from the junction on Lake Louise Drive to the Great Divide follows the original highway over the Kicking Horse Pass. A rustic timber arch marks the divide. A monument on the 1625 metre summit of the pass is near the railway tracks, a short walk from the picnic area. As well as being the major continental watershed, the Great Divide also forms the boundary line here between Alberta and British Columbia and between Banff and Yoho National Parks. This road, like the one to

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Moraine Lake, is not plowed in winter and then becomes a cross-country ski trail.

From the divide, you can continue on to take in many of the scenic and historical attractions of Yoho National Park: the Spiral Tunnels exhibit and viewpoint, Takakkaw Falls in Yoho Valley and Emerald Lake and the Natural Bridge, For information on Yoho National Park stop at the Information Centre located beside the highway at the town of Field.

The Bow Valley Parkway

The parkway is a low-speed scenic drive between Lake Louise and Banff on the side of the Bow River opposite the Trans-Canada. To reach the parkway, cross the highway overpass, drive uphill on Whitehorn Road and take the first right turn. Along the route there are interpretive signs. viewpoints and picnic sites.

The Icefields Parkway

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Canmore

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In Canmore a CPR switching station and a juicy vein of coal (read: train fuel) were responsible for Canmore's humble beginnings. Canmore attracted the working man and his family. And they were both named by a homesick Scot: Banff is the capital of Banffshire in northeastern Scotland where Malcolm Canmore had his residence.

Until quite recently Banff and Canmore were rival towns: Banff smiled pretty for the visitors and Canmore was

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smudged with coal smoke and dust. Since the mines closed in 1979, Canmore has diversified its economy, and the rate of growth in Canmore has accelerated to surpass that of Banff. Both towns now open their arms wide to welcome visitors from around the world. The first train rumbled through Canmore in 1884 and a tiny settlement sprang up at the dividing point on the rails. Three years later, the first coal mine opened at a site below what has been known until recently as Chinaman's Peak. It's now called Ha Ling Peak.

By 1888 there were stores, bakeries and dairies. The first church was built in 1891 and a small log schoolhouse in 1894. At the turn of the 20th century, Canmore was part of Banff National Park and remained so until the 1930 National Park Act deemed mining inappropriate for a National Park. Rather than removing the mine, they moved the Park boundary. Bankhead, a coal mining town near Banff at the base of Cascade Mountain, was shut down, and many of its houses were moved to Banff and Canmore.

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