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Glacier National Park





# welcome TO **WESTERN CANADA**

Exploring these unique Parks Canada administered destinations is both a privilege and a responsibility. With more than 20 million visitors per year, it's important to plan ahead for your visit and be considerate of the protection of these special places. Visit our website to get started.

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[parks.canada.ca/visit](https://parks.canada.ca/visit)



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**60+**  
WILDLIFE  
CROSSINGS



**80+** RED CHAIRS  
#SHARETHECHAIR



# ROAD TRIPS AND ITINERARIES



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN RETREAT

Head off the beaten track on a 7-day road trip through the lesser-known but equally spectacular Rocky Mountains, where you'll witness towering peaks, serene lakes, and breathtaking waterfalls. This itinerary offers an ideal blend of adventure and relaxation in nature's playground.

### 7 DAYS

Departs from **Calgary, AB**

🚗 **690 km** round trip

#### Locations:

- 📍 Banff, Yoho and Kootenay National Parks
- 📍 Radium Hot Springs



## TAKE IN THE SEA AIR

Treat yourself to a weekend on the coast. Stop by a historic cannery before sailing to Victoria to visit its harbour, explore secret bunkers and old military command posts and spend the night in an artillery fort. It's a perfect mix of West Coast nature and history!

### 3 DAYS

Departs from **Vancouver, BC**

🚗 **260 km** round trip

#### Locations:

- 📍 Gulf Islands National Park Reserve
- 📍 Fort Rodd Hill, Fisgard Lighthouse and Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Sites



## PACIFIC COAST SPLENDOUR

Marvel at the wonders of the Pacific Ocean on this week-long adventure in the Vancouver area. Relive the emergence of the West Coast fishing industry, mingle with fur traders, island-hop through the Gulf Islands and explore an iconic lighthouse and former artillery fort.

### 7 DAYS

Departs from **Vancouver, BC**

🚗 **435 km** round trip

#### Locations:

- 📍 Gulf Islands National Park Reserve
- 📍 Gulf of Georgia Cannery, Fort Langley, Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites

Travelling to Western Canada reveals a stunning mix of rugged wilderness, towering mountains, and vibrant coastal cities. Spanning British Columbia and Alberta, it offers everything from the Rocky Mountains' peaks to lush rainforests and Pacific beaches. The region's natural beauty, rich Indigenous heritage, and dynamic cities make for an unforgettable journey through spectacular landscapes.



## HEART OF THE FUR TRADE

Embark on a 3-day journey that immerses you in the heart of the fur trade era. Experience Indigenous crafts, paddle on serene lakes, and camp under the stars. This itinerary offers a perfect mix of cultural experiences and outdoor adventure, with unique accommodations and breathtaking views throughout the trip.

### 3 DAYS

Departs from **Edmonton, AB**

🚗 **545 km** round trip

#### Locations:

- ♥ Elk Island National Park
- ♥ Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site



## A TRIP TO PACIFIC RIM

Head out on a short 4-day trip to Vancouver Island's seashore. Explore the rainforest, enjoy the endless beaches along the Pacific, paddle through the Broken Group Islands and suit-up for a lesson for the ultimate cold-water surfing experience on Canada's West Coast.

### 4 DAYS

Departs from **Vancouver, BC**

🚗 **650 km** round trip

#### Locations:

- ♥ Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

! The park and surrounding communities are very popular. Reserve your campsite ahead of time to secure a spot to stay overnight.

Scan for full road trip and itinerary details,  
as well as other travel ideas in Western Canada



# DAY TRIPS FROM VANCOUVER

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE  
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES OR PARKS  
ALL WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE CITY



**Gulf of Georgia Cannery**  
National Historic Site

40 minutes 1 hour

- Immerse yourself in the interactive displays and exhibits and discover the stories of Canada's West Coast fishing industry. Then, commemorate your visit with a stop at the Cannery Store and find fashion, home accessories, toys, and locally sourced, canned goods.
- Experience the charm and community of the picturesque fishing village of Steveston—with local boutiques, bakeries, coffee shops, restaurants, and panoramic strolls along the waterfront.
- Explore Steveston Harbour, Canada's largest commercial fishing harbour located outside of the Cannery. Then, visit Fisherman's Wharf where fresh seafood is sold right off the boats.



**Fort Langley**  
National Historic Site

40 minutes

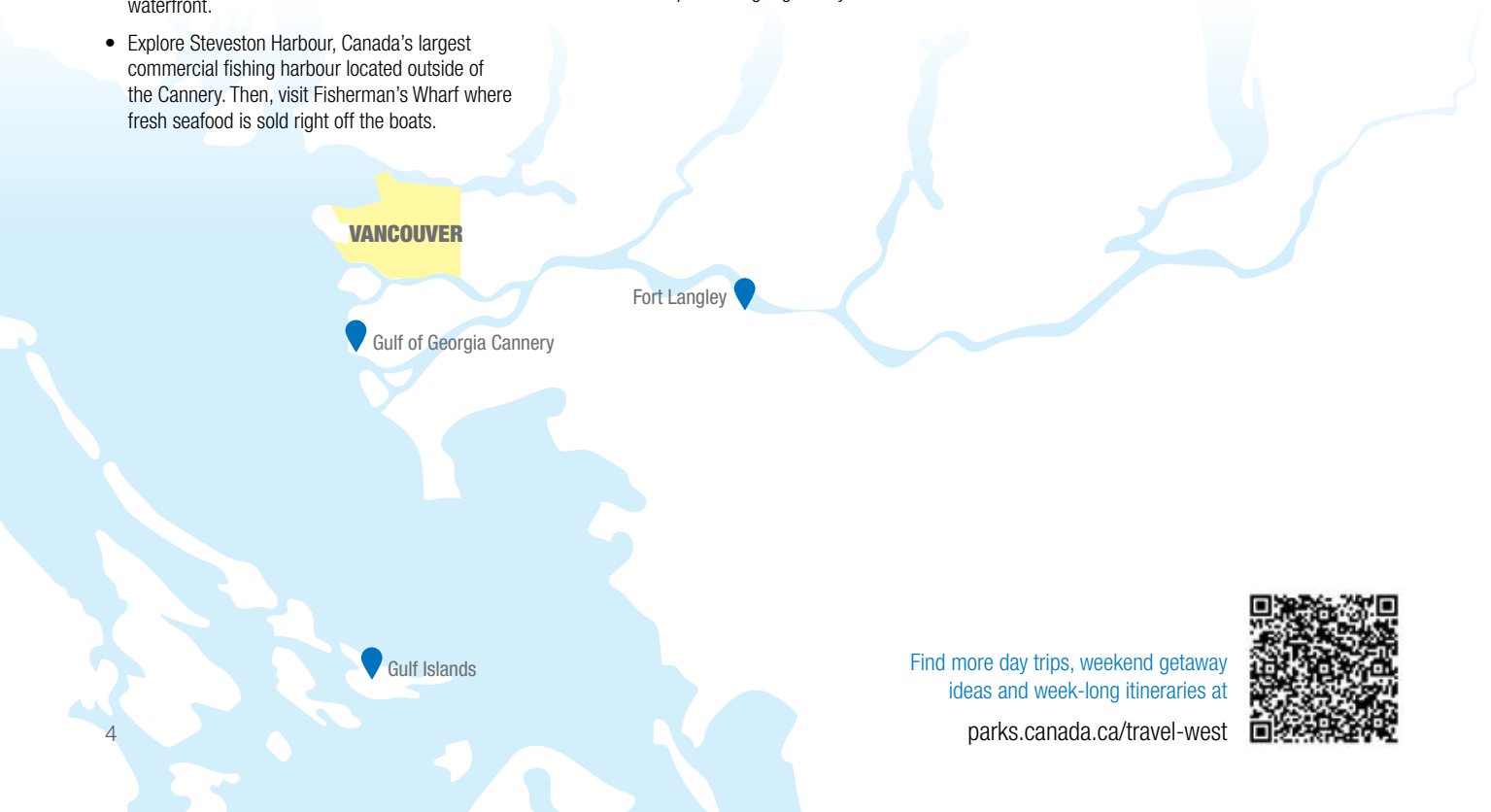
- Step into the historic Hudson's Bay Company trading post and explore the complex and enduring relationships between Indigenous people and traders.
- Enjoy interactive activities, such as blacksmithing, barrel-making, gold-panning, and a variety of cultural events and exhibits.
- For a truly memorable experience, book a stay at Vancouver's only fort and relax in a cozy oTENTik tent for a unique overnight getaway.



**Gulf Islands**  
National Park Reserve

50 minutes plus ferry 1 hour plus ferry

- Explore Pender Island from the water by hiring a licensed kayaking tour operator. Keep an eye out for unique tafone rock formations and marine species.
- Enjoy Mayne Island by biking along the local multi-use trail. Stop at Georgina Point day-use area, a wonderful spot for a picnic or to participate in one of our summer activities.



Find more day trips, weekend getaway  
ideas and week-long itineraries at  
[parks.canada.ca/travel-west](https://parks.canada.ca/travel-west)





# CONSERVING FOR THE FUTURE



## FEATURED STORY

### THE CHALLENGE

***How do we protect the keystone Whitebark and Limber Pine, at risk of extinction, in mountain ecosystems?*** They are threatened by white pine blister rust, a devastating invasive fungus.

### A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Seven national parks in Alberta and BC are working together to save the species. Parks Canada and partners collect seeds from trees that appear rust-resistant and send them to tree nurseries. Seedlings are then planted back in the national parks.

### THE RESULT

As of 2023, over 79 000 Whitebark Pine and 15 000 Limber Pine seedlings were planted. They are the beginnings of blister rust resistant forests which will provide food and shelter for wildlife, stabilize slopes, hold onto the snowpack, and help prevent flooding.



# GET INVOLVED

## NOW IT'S YOUR TURN

**Learning more is the first step!** Get the inside scoop on what scientists are doing to maintain and protect these special places across Canada. Don't miss the *Field Notes* vlogs, *Climate Crew* series or the *Connected* podcast.

Take conservation into your own hands and **participate in citizen science activities**. Record your observations of plants and animals in the iNaturalist app, help scientists collect data on glaciers, and more!



Learn more and get involved  
[parks.canada.ca/science-involved](https://parks.canada.ca/science-involved)





# STAYING THE NIGHT?

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Reserve today as  
spots book quickly!

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## TENT AND RV CAMPING

Stay close to nature at one of our wonderful campsites – at your preferred comfort level.

Available in Pacific Rim (Park Reserve), Gulf Islands (Park Reserve), Mount Revelstoke, Glacier, Yoho, Kootenay, Jasper, Banff, Waterton Lakes, Elk Island and Wood Buffalo National Parks; and Rocky Mountain House and Fort St. James National Historic Sites.



## BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

The ultimate overnight adventure: just you, your tent and the great outdoors – far from the beaten path.

Available in Gwaii Haanas (Park Reserve), Pacific Rim (Park Reserve), Gulf Islands (Park Reserve), Mount Revelstoke, Glacier, Yoho, Kootenay, Jasper, Banff, Waterton Lakes, Elk Island and Wood Buffalo National Parks; and Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site.



## oTENTik

The perfect mix of tent and A-frame cabin comes together in our oTENTik with its raised floors and cozy beds; great for campers who want a little extra comfort in the wild.

Available in Pacific Rim (Park Reserve), Kootenay, Jasper, Banff and Elk Island National Parks; and Fort Langley, Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites.



## CABIN

Cottage life at its best with a rustic home-away-from-home in the woods. A hassle-free camping experience with a bit more privacy than the campground. Sweet dreams for happy campers.

Available in Glacier, Yoho, Mount Revelstoke and Waterton Lakes National Parks; and Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site.



## MICROCUBE

Get super-cozy in a MicroCube, the designer way to score a window over the wilderness, while sleeping with a roof over your head and a floor beneath your feet.

Available in Mount Revelstoke National Park.



## HISTORIC STAY

Immerse yourself in one of Canada's national treasures with a very special overnight stay in truly historic surroundings.

Available in Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site.



## EQUIPPED CAMPING

No gear? No problem! Now you can rent the whole kit and caboodle in an equipped campsite. Ideal for stress-free vacays and those who want to travel light.

Available in Banff National Park and Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site.



# STAFF FAVOURITES

Get the inside scoop on the very best way to enjoy parks and sites from Parks Canada pros!



**Jessica**  
Visitor services

## BISON LOOKOUT AT NIGHT

Working outside at **Rocky Mountain National Historic Site** gives me the opportunity to find special spots and locations that change with every season. One of my favorite spots on site is around the bison lookout at night. The views of the night sky are unobstructed by trees or light and we have a population of fireflies in that area that give a spectacular show mid to late July.



**Dylan**  
Resource conservation

## MEMORIES AWAIT

Learning about the Indigenous histories that are tied to all landscapes of Paahtómahksikimi is my favourite part of **Waterton Lakes National Park**. As a member of the Kainai Nation, it's an incredible feeling to learn about how my ancestors lived and thrived in the place that I now call home.





**Sophie**  
Promotions

### KEEP ON SHINING

**Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Site**, the first lighthouse on Canada's rugged west coast, has been shining every night since November 1860. Either touched by a morning mist, swathed by a daunting fog or brushed by a sunset's golden hour, I am forever in awe. No wonder so many come to capture its beauty.



**Emilie**  
External relations

### LIVING WATERS

Visiting **Elk Island National Park's** Living Waters Boardwalk at the break of dawn provides the perfect opportunity to sit on a bench and enjoy the peaceful Astotin Lake as a symphony of birdsong carries over the water. The quiet atmosphere and places to sit make it an ideal place to start my day at the park.



**Connie**  
Administration

### TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY

The Eva Lake Trail in **Mount Revelstoke National Park** winds through colourful wildflower meadows and across jagged slide paths of the Columbia Mountains. At the end of the hike, you dig deep to crest the hill – and the beauty of Eva Lake completely takes your breath away. Life is good here.



**Andrew**  
Heritage  
presentation

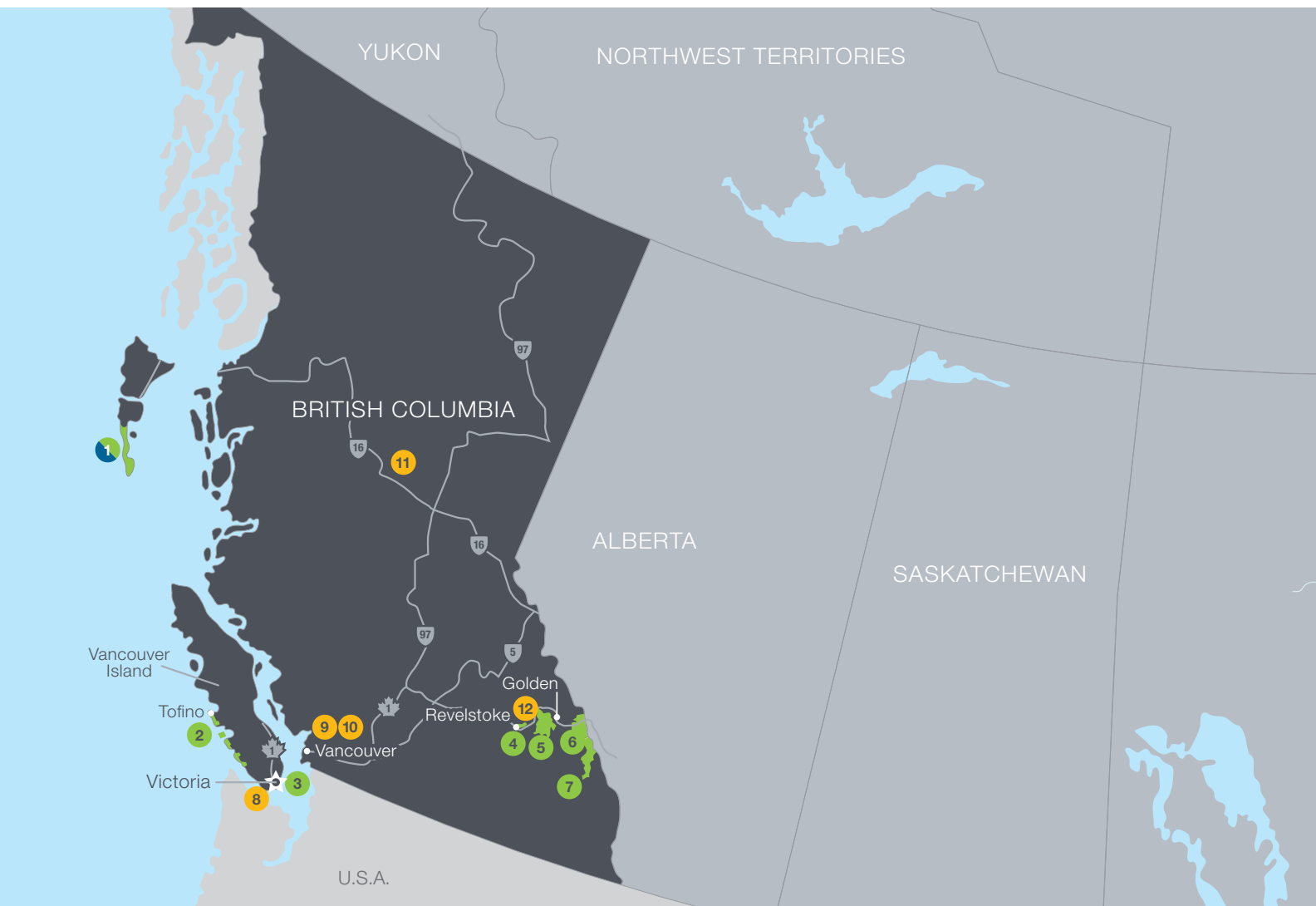
### STORIES BY THE FIRE

My favorite part of the fort is the fire pit located in the centre. Historically, and even today, it serves as a central gathering spot where people come together to share stories and food. I've been fortunate to both listen to and share tales that weave together people, events, and experiences. It truly embodies the ever-burning heart of **Fort Langley National Historic Site**.



# DIRECTORY

## BRITISH COLUMBIA



● National Park ● National Historic Site ● National Marine Conservation Area

### SERVICES

- Access for persons with reduced mobility
- Restaurant
- Gift shop
- Picnic area/Shelter
- Playground
- Equipment rental (varies by site)

### ACCOMMODATION

- Camping
- Recreational vehicle
- oTENTik
- Microcube
- Historic stay
- Tipi
- Equipped camping
- Cabin

### ACTIVITIES

- Interpretation
- Cycling
- Mountain biking
- Backpacking/Hiking
- Birdwatching
- Marine mammals
- Beach
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Motorboating
- Fishing
- Scuba diving
- Horseback riding
- Golfing
- Rafting
- Mountain/Ice climbing
- Winter activities
- Hot Springs
- Dark-Sky Preserve
- Xplorers activities
- Mobile guided tours
- Red chairs





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## 7 Kootenay

A place of thrilling contrasts, from icy mountain rivers to steamy hot springs.

### DON'T MISS

- Downloading and enjoying the scenic guided audio tour on the Parks Canada app.
- Booking the Burgess Shale fossil guided hike to Stanley Glacier. A family friendly hike sure to be worth it!



Radium Hot Springs – 260 km from Calgary, AB  
250-347-9505

[parks.canada.ca/kootenay](https://parks.canada.ca/kootenay)



## 8 Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse

A key defence for Victoria-Esquimalt and the first permanent lighthouse on the Pacific Coast of Canada.

### DON'T MISS

- Exploring the lighthouse virtually with the newly launched digital tour on Google Arts & Culture.
- Lodging an army of friends and family in a soldier-worthy oTENTik. Available in 2026 due to construction.



Victoria – 15 km west of Victoria;  
110 km from Vancouver | 250-478-5849  
[parks.canada.ca/fortroddhill](https://parks.canada.ca/fortroddhill)  
@FortRoddFisgardNHS



## 9 Gulf of Georgia Cannery

Nicknamed the "Monster Cannery," this site was once BC's largest producer of canned salmon on the Fraser River.

### DON'T MISS

- Taking a guided tour and exploring the Cannery's key role in the history of the West Coast fishing industry.
- Walking the canning line and hearing stories of the people who worked there more than a hundred years ago.



Richmond – 20 km from Vancouver  
604-664-9009

[parks.canada.ca/georgiacannery](https://parks.canada.ca/georgiacannery)



## 10 Fort Langley

An 1800s trading post where British Columbia was officially declared a colony.

### DON'T MISS

- A vibrant array of cultural events and exhibits.
- Engaging with costumed interpreters, hear the clang of the blacksmith's anvil, and climb the rustic bastion towers.



Fort Langley – 50 km from Vancouver  
604-513-4777

[parks.canada.ca/fortlangley](https://parks.canada.ca/fortlangley)

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## 11 Fort St. James

An important centre of trade and commerce with First Nations on the Pacific Slope.

### DON'T MISS

- Immersing yourself into the rich history of the site with a self guided audio tour.
- Checking the odds and placing your bet at a world class chicken race.



Fort St. James | 250-996-7191

[parks.canada.ca/stjames](https://parks.canada.ca/stjames) | @FortStJamesNHS



## 12 Rogers Pass

The final link in connecting Canada via the transcontinental Canadian Pacific Railway.

### DON'T MISS

- Enjoying a picnic at the Rogers Pass Summit Monument Area and discovering the triumphs and tragedies of Canada's first transcontinental railway.
- Hiking the rails of early mountaineers past ghostly hotel ruins.



Revelstoke | 250-837-7500

[parks.canada.ca/rogers](https://parks.canada.ca/rogers)

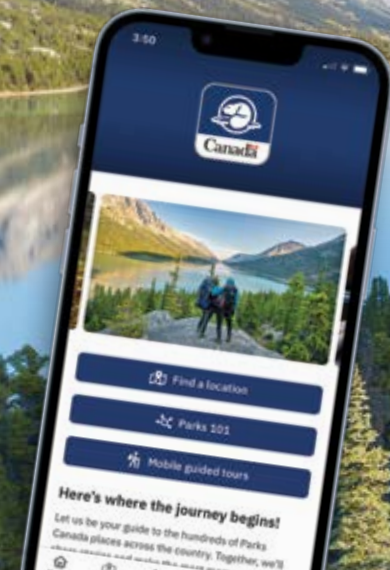


# Download the Parks Canada app!

Your hand-held guide to the perfect visit!

[parks.canada.ca/app](https://parks.canada.ca/app)

Easy to use navigation,  
over 200 locations,  
and exclusive access  
to self-guided tours on  
your mobile device.



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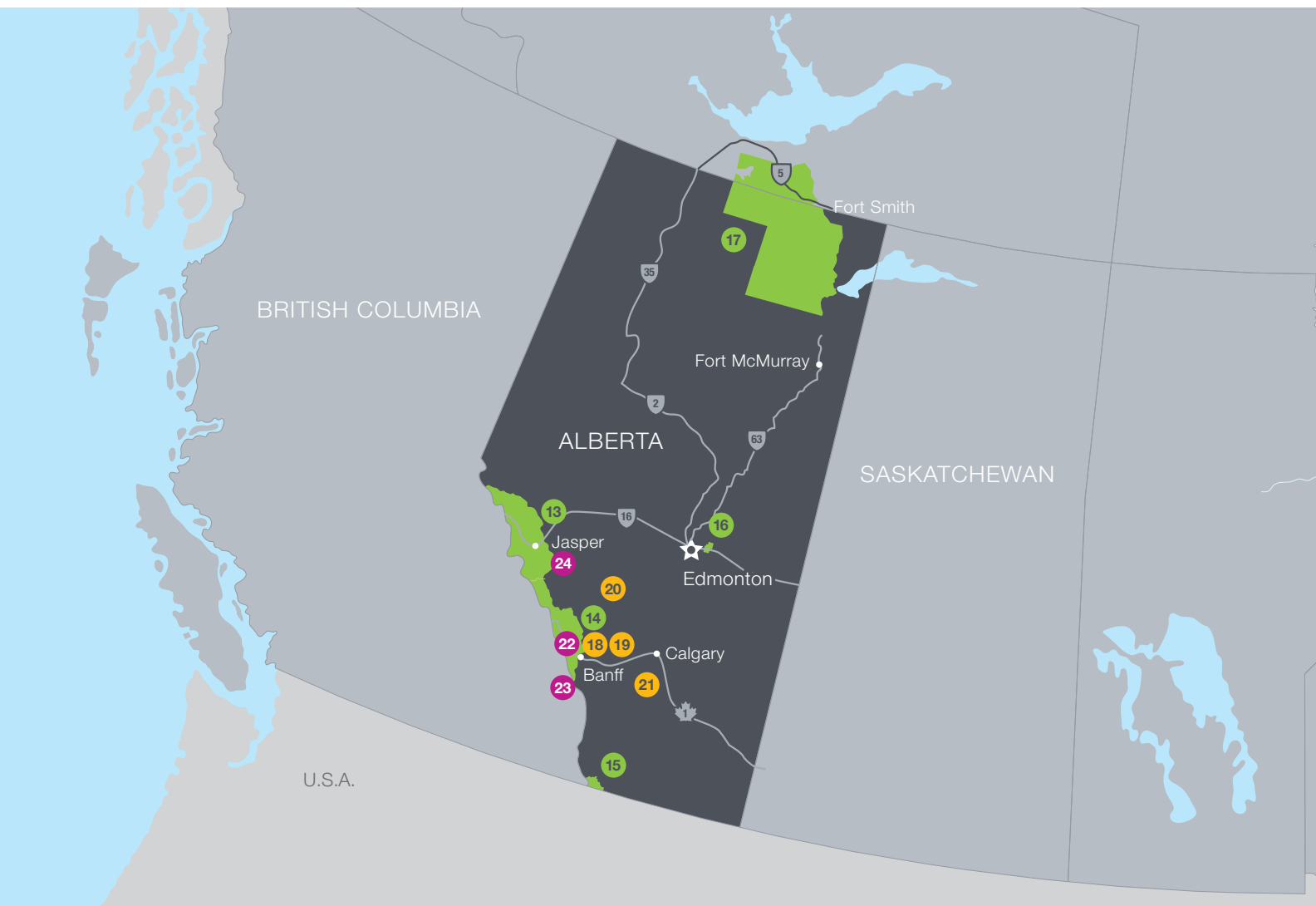
Your **Discovery Pass** provides admission for a full year to over 80 Parks Canada destinations from coast to coast to coast.

Start planning your adventure!

# 450 000<sup>km</sup><sub>2</sub> OF STORIES



# DIRECTORY ALBERTA



● National Park ● National Historic Site ● Hot Springs

## SERVICES

- Access for persons with reduced mobility
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- Gift shop
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- Playground
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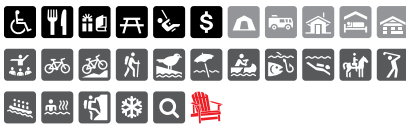


## 13 Jasper

A part of UNESCO's Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site.

### DON'T MISS

- Watching dramatic mountain scenery unfold as you drive the world-famous Icefields Parkway.
- The world's second largest dark sky preserve and the annual Jasper Dark Sky Festival in the month of October.



Jasper – 335 km from Edmonton;  
415 km from Calgary | 780-852-6176  
[parks.canada.ca/jasper](https://parks.canada.ca/jasper) | @JasperNP  
#JasperNP



## 15 Waterton Lakes

A dramatic landscape where the prairies meet the Rocky Mountains of Canada.

### DON'T MISS

- The visitor center, equipped with interpretive programming, a surplus of visitor information, and educational exhibits.
- Learning about Indigenous history and culture and the role wind and wildlife play in shaping Alberta's landscapes.



Waterton Park – 265 km from Calgary  
403-859-5133  
[parks.canada.ca/waterton](https://parks.canada.ca/waterton)  
@WatertonLakesNP | #WatertonLakesNP

## Banff

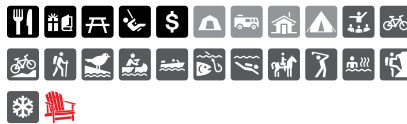


## 14 Banff

Canada's historic first national park.

### DON'T MISS

- Pedaling through breathtaking views, stopping at picnic areas along the Legacy Trail.
- Following the Sundance Canyon Trail, which offers panoramic mountain views across the Bow River.



Banff – 130 km from Calgary  
403-762-1550 | 403-522-3833  
[parks.canada.ca/banff](https://parks.canada.ca/banff) | @BanffNP

*Check out the car-free exploration options at [parks.canada.ca/banff-transit](https://parks.canada.ca/banff-transit).*



## 14 Lake Louise (Banff)

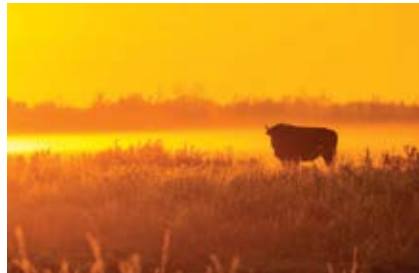
The heart of the Canadian Rockies where dramatic glaciers reveal bright blue lakes.

### DON'T MISS

- Going on an adventure along the spectacular Icefields Parkway scenic drive.
- Scenic snowshoe or cross-country ski trails with breathtaking mountain views.



Lake Louise – 190 km from Calgary  
403-522-3833  
[parks.canada.ca/banff](https://parks.canada.ca/banff)



## 16 Elk Island

A refuge for bison among rolling hills and glassy lakes only 35 mins from Edmonton.

### DON'T MISS

- Taking a VIP Bison Backstage tour to discover how plains bison were brought back from near extinction!
- Getting out on a hiking trail to explore the sights and sounds in all seasons.



Fort Saskatchewan – 45 km from Edmonton;  
340 km from Calgary | 780-922-5790  
[parks.canada.ca/elkisland](https://parks.canada.ca/elkisland) | @ElkIslandNP  
#ElkIsland



## 17 Wood Buffalo

Canada's largest national park, established to protect some of the last remaining herds of bison.

### DON'T MISS

- Looking for animal tracks as you meander along the Salt Plains.
- Admiring the stars and the Northern Lights at your campsite or at the starry sky observation circle on the edge of Pine Lake.



Fort Smith, NT | 867-872-7960  
[parks.canada.ca/woodbuffalo](https://parks.canada.ca/woodbuffalo)  
@ParksCanadaNWT



## 18 Banff Park Museum

Western Canada's oldest natural history museum.

### DON'T MISS

- Joining the Xplorers, solving puzzles, playing games and winning a souvenir.
- Exploring over 5 000 historic botanical and zoological specimens, from bears and bighorn sheep to birds and bees.



Banff – 130 km from Calgary  
403-762-1558  
[parks.canada.ca/banffparkmuseum](https://parks.canada.ca/banffparkmuseum)



## 19 Cave and Basin

The birthplace of national parks in Canada.

### DON'T MISS

- Awakening your senses inside the cave before strolling along the Upper Boardwalk above the bathing pavilion to see the cave vent.
- Marveling at the site's rich history with a *Cave and Basics* Tour, and discovering more about the endangered Banff Springs Snail.



Banff – 130 km from Calgary  
403-762-1566  
[parks.canada.ca/cave](https://parks.canada.ca/cave)



## 20 Rocky Mountain House

A historic fur trading post along the North Saskatchewan River.

### DON'T MISS

- Diving deeper into stories of this place by booking a hands-on experience, which includes making your own Dream Catcher.
- Staying overnight and camping along the banks of the North Saskatchewan River.



Rocky Mountain House – 225 km from Calgary;  
225 km from Edmonton | 403-845-2412  
[parks.canada.ca/rockymountainhouse](https://parks.canada.ca/rockymountainhouse)



## 21 Bar U Ranch

A historic ranch dating back to 1882 that played an important role in Canada's ranching industry.

### DON'T MISS

- Sipping cowboy-brewed coffee before learning to lasso a replica steer by its horns.
- Enjoying a horse-drawn wagon tour pulled by the ranch's gentle giants, the Percheron horses.



Longview – 110 km from Calgary;  
375 km from Edmonton | 1-888-773-8888  
[parks.canada.ca/baru](https://parks.canada.ca/baru)  
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# Canadian Rockies Hot Springs

1-800-767-1611  
parks.canada.ca/hotsprings

Canada's most famous hot springs are found in national parks in the Canadian Rockies.

There's nothing like soaking in hot, naturally heated mineral water surrounded by dramatic mountain scenery.

## 22 Banff Upper Hot Springs

Banff Upper Hot Springs are the highest elevation developed hot springs in the Canadian Rockies. The iconic hot springs continue to delight and welcome visitors as they have for over 130 years.



Banff, AB – 130 km from Calgary, AB  
@BanffNP | #Banff

The best way to access the Upper Hot Springs is by Roam transit.

## 23 Radium

Venture off the beaten path and visit Radium Hot Springs in Kootenay National Park. This hot spring is well-known for its picturesque location, nestled within the stunning rock walls of Sinclair Canyon.



Radium Hot Springs, BC – 260 km from Calgary, AB  
@KootenayNP | #Radium

## 24 Miette

Jasper National Park is home to Miette Hot Springs, the hottest mineral water in the Rockies. It's the perfect place to soothe sore muscles after a scenic walk or hike on the Sulphur Skyline trail.



Jasper, AB – 340 km from Edmonton, AB  
@JasperNP | #Jasper

*Visit on a weekday for a quieter experience.*



# PLAN YOUR VISIT

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## 5 OTHER REGIONS TO DISCOVER

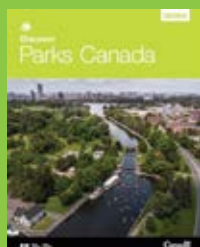
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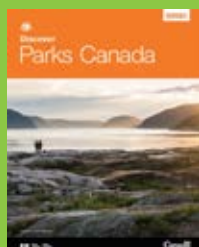
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