

# Banff National Park of Canada


**B**ANFF NATIONAL PARK is the birthplace of Canada's national park system, created around the warm mineral springs near Banff townsite. Visit the Cave and Basin National Historic Site for the full story.

Established in 1885 Size: 6641 km<sup>2</sup> (2564 sq. mi.)

## TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

**Speed limit: 90 km/h (55 mph)**

Drive with care on this busy highway. Look for animal overpasses between Banff and Lake Louise, built to connect habitat and allow safe animal passage.

 Trans-Canada Highway construction is underway. Obey construction speed-zone signs and flag people. Anticipate some delays.

### 1 The Town of Banff ALL SERVICES

Explore Canada's first national park community.  
Population 8721

### 2 The Village of Lake Louise MOST SERVICES

Experience the hospitality of this hiker's haven.  
Population 1500

## BOW VALLEY PARKWAY

**Speed limit: 60 km/h (37 mph)**




Experience life in the 'scenic' lane. Roadside interpretive panels at pull-offs along the way connect you to the diversity of life and life forces that flow through the Bow Valley.

## Bow Valley Parkway Seasonal Road

**Restriction from March 1 to June 25, evenings 6 pm - 9 am,** helps protect wildlife at a critical time of year. This voluntary travel restriction is in effect between the east exit on the 1A near Banff for 18 km to Johnston Canyon. When travelling east from Lake Louise to Banff, connect to the Trans-Canada Highway at Castle Junction. **Access to commercial facilities along the parkway during this time is best from Castle Junction.**

## Interpretive Displays

Distance (km) from	Lake Banff	Louise	
Backswamp	3	49	
Mule Shoe	6	46	✓
Prescribed Burn	8	44	
Sawback	11	41	✓
Hillsdale	13	39	
Pilot Pond	16	36	
Moose Meadow	21	31	
Castle Cliffs	26	26	
Storm Mt.	28	24	✓
Baker Creek	40	12	
Morant's Curve	48	4	

### 3 Johnston Canyon

**25 km (30 min) from Banff**  
A paved trail and exciting catwalks cling to the canyon walls.

- 1.1 km (20 min) to the Lower Falls
  - 2.7 km (1 hr) to the Upper Falls
- For safety's sake, stay on the trail and away from the edge.

## ICEFIELDS PARKWAY

**Speed limit: 90 km/h (55 mph)**

This spectacular 230-km drive along the backbone of the continent passes through remote, high-altitude terrain. Weather and driving conditions can be severe. Chains or winter tires are required in winter. **No services November to March.** A park pass is required. No commercial trucks are allowed.

- Watch for reduced speed limits in congested zones and places frequented by wildlife.
- Ask for the *Icefields Parkway* brochure, your guide to peak names, icefield names and other points of interest.



### 4 Crowfoot Glacier

**34 km (25 min) from Lake Louise**  
A century ago, the 'crowfoot' had three 'toes' of ice. Since then the glacier has melted back and the lower toe has been lost. These days the middle toe is disappearing, too.

### 5 Bow Pass ("Bow Summit") and Peyto Lake Viewpoint

**40 km (30 min) from Lake Louise**  
This is the highest road pass in the four mountain parks at 2088 m (6849') above sea level. A short, uphill walk from the parking area leads to a view of Peyto Lake, glacially-fed and brilliantly turquoise.

### 6 Mistaya Canyon

**72 km (50 min) from Lake Louise**

Only 10 minutes by trail from the road. Look for rounded potholes and a natural arch on the canyon walls.



### 7 Saskatchewan Crossing and Viewpoint

**77 km (55 min) from Lake Louise**  
Fuel, food and accommodation are available from April to late October. At the viewpoint located just south of the resort, enjoy spectacular views and learn about Howse Pass National Historic Site.

### 8 Columbia Icefield

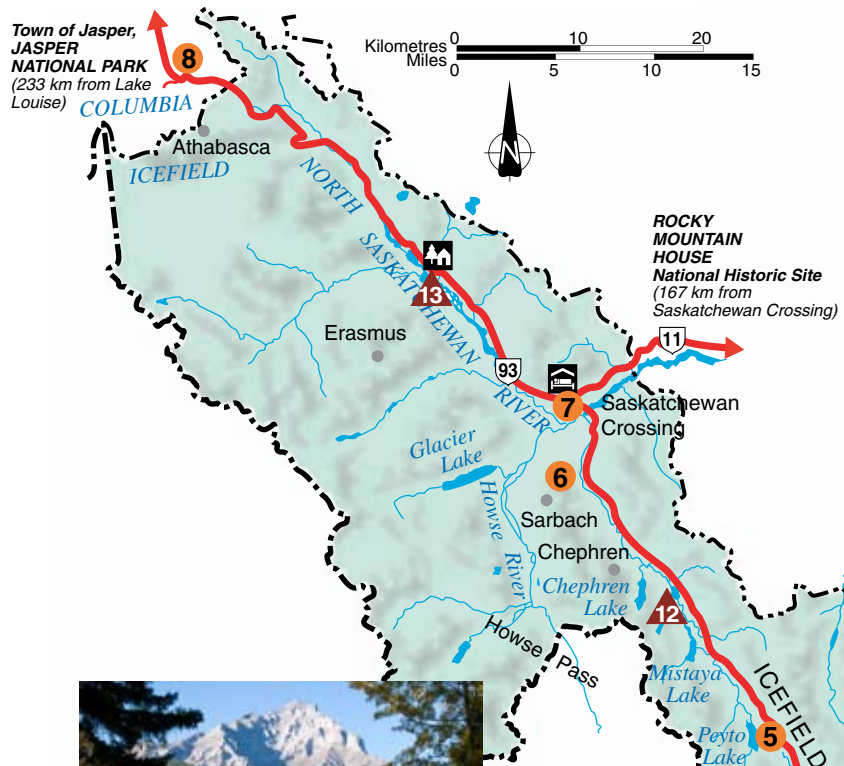
**130 km (1.5 hr) from Lake Louise**  
Plan to spend at least an hour. Please turn to the Jasper National Park information on pages 10 and 11.



BANFF NATIONAL PARK CAMPGROUNDS												
	OPEN DATES	# SITES	FULL H-U	ELEC ONLY	FLUSH TOILET	DRY TOILET	SHOW-ERS	SANI DUMP	DIS ACC	FIRE PITS	INTERP PROG	FEES
1	Tunnel Mt. Village I	May 1 - Oct. 1	618			●		●	●	●	●	\$27.40
2	Tunnel Mt. Village II	Year Round	188		all	●		●	●		●	\$32.30
3	Tunnel Mt. Trailer	May 1 - Oct. 1	321	all		●		●	●		●	\$38.20
4	Two Jack Main	May 15 - Sept. 8	380			●			●			\$21.50
5	Two Jack Lakeside	May 15 - Sept. 14	74			●			●	●		\$27.40
6	Johnston Canyon	May 29 - Sept. 14	132			●		●	●	●		\$27.40
7	Castle Mountain	May 15 - Sept. 8	43			●				●		\$21.50
8	Protection Mountain	June 26 - Sept. 1	89			●			●	●		\$21.50
9	Lake Louise Trailer*	Year Round	189		all	●		●	●		●	\$32.30
10	Lake Louise Tent	May 15 - Sept. 28	206			●		●	●	●	●	\$27.40
11	Mosquito Creek	Year Round	32			●			●	●		\$15.70
12	Waterfowl Lakes	June 19 - Sept. 7	116			●		●	●	●		\$21.50
13	Rampart Creek	June 26 - Sept. 1	50			●			●	●		\$15.70

\*Soft-sided camping in winter only (mid-November to mid-April)  
Open dates are weather dependent. Arrive early - sites assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.  
FULL H-U = full hook-up • DIS ACC = disabled access • INTERP PROG = Interpretive program  
FIRE PERMIT REQUIRED where fireboxes and firewood are provided. Boil water advisories may be posted.

CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS can be made for the BLUE campgrounds. To make a reservation, visit the 24-hour web service at [www.pccamping.ca](http://www.pccamping.ca) or dial toll free 1-877-737-3783 (1-877-RESERVE) (12 hr/day) TTY: 1-866-787-6221. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

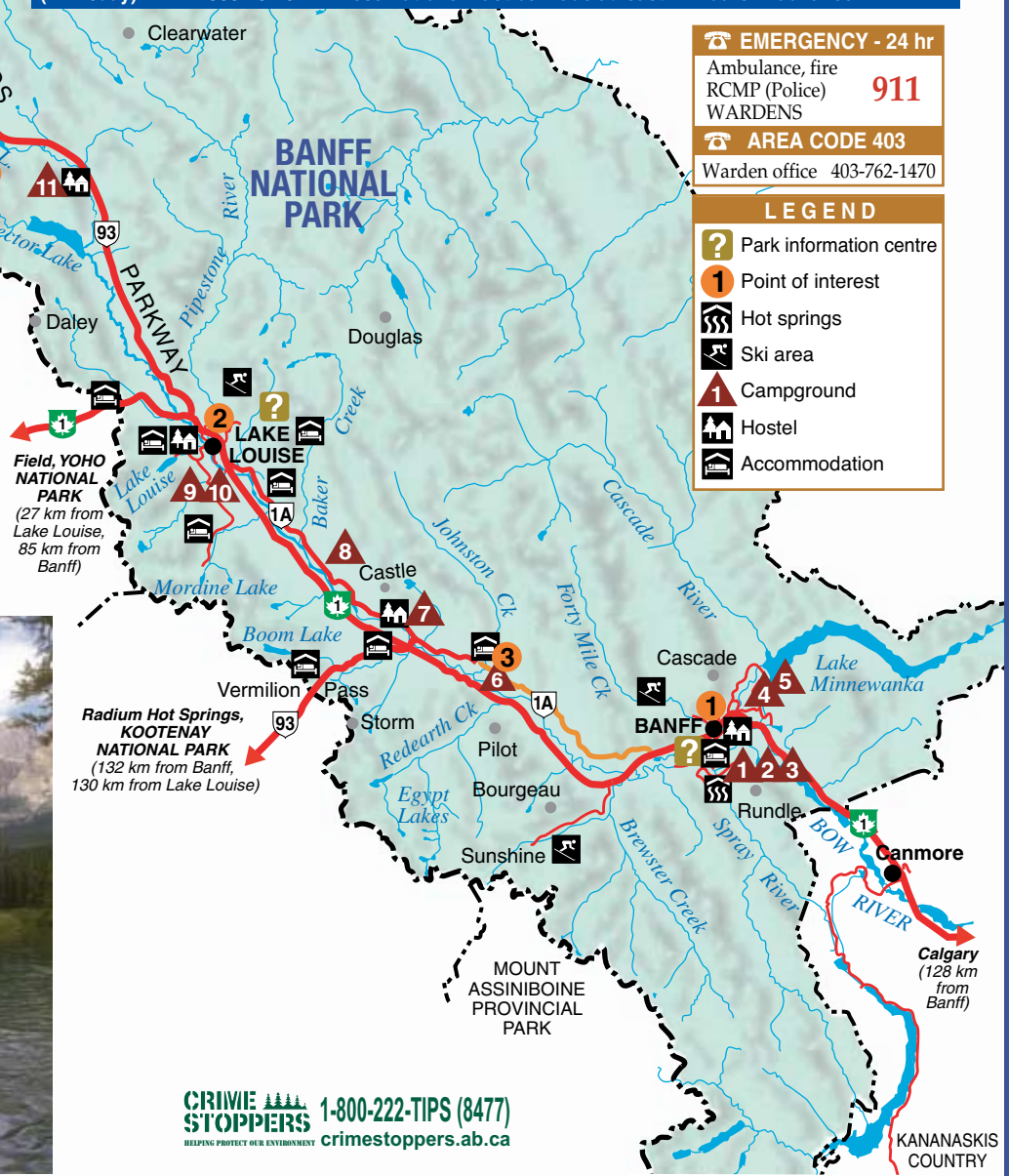


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To improve safety for people and wildlife, the Trans-Canada Highway is being upgraded in stages through Banff National Park. The most recent upgrade from a two-lane to four-lane divided highway is underway near Lake Louise.

There is no other location in the world with as many and different types of wildlife crossings, or with the largest data set on wildlife use of crossings.

For details on highway twinning and wildlife crossings in the park: [www.pc.gc.ca/transcanada](http://www.pc.gc.ca/transcanada)



**EMERGENCY - 24 hr**  
Ambulance, fire  
RCMP (Police)  
WARDENS **911**  
**AREA CODE 403**  
Warden office 403-762-1470

**LEGEND**  
? Park information centre  
1 Point of interest  
Hot springs  
Ski area  
Campground  
Hostel  
Accommodation

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