The Town of Canmore

Set in the Bow Valley amid the rugged majesty of the Front Ranges of the Canadian Rockies, Canmore enjoys a singular relationship with its surroundings. It is a community with a vision, based on the conviction that environmental sensitivity and economic sustainability can be reconciled.

Following its founding in 1885, Canmore served both as a railway division point and coal mining town. Today it provides services for the entire Bow Valley and is recognized worldwide as an outdoor recreational and adventure centre.

Canmore’s abundant natural and scenic resources are matched by the spirit and energy of its people. The invigorating surroundings and friendly atmosphere of the Town make it ideal for people of all ages. The community is a diverse mix of age groups, cultures, occupations and talents united in a commitment to the Town and our environment.

Downtown Canmore

Featured Points of Interest

1. Canmore Centennial Museum
   Much of the Town’s history can be found at the Canmore Centennial Museum. Located at 907 - 7th Avenue (north of Main Street), the museum presents artifacts, documents and photographs spanning the years from the Town’s birth to the present.

2. NWMP Barracks
   One of the finest remnants of the Town’s past is the North West Mounted Police Barracks located at 609 Main Street (near the banks of Policeman’s Creek). Built in 1895, it is Canmore’s first police station and the oldest NWMP barracks on its original site in Western Canada. This 1,500 square foot log building has been restored to its 1920 standard of housing and is surrounded by an extensive garden.

3. Quarry Lake
   The site of Quarry Lake was mined for coal from 1907 to 1971. At its deepest point, the mine pit was nearly 25m deep. During mining operations, the pit was constantly pumped of water that filled from a local spring. When the mine closed, the pit was allowed to fill with water, creating the lake seen there today. The scenery, lake, and trails make Quarry Lake a popular destination for local residents and visitors.

4. The Canmore Recreation Centre
   The Canmore Recreation Centre offers year round continued learning and leisure opportunities for the entire family. A swimming pool, ice arena, gymnasium, weight room, conference room and community hall make up the facility. Annual and day passes are available. Visitors are welcome.

5. Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park
   The Canmore Nordic Center provides exceptional winter cross-country skiing and summer mountain biking experiences.

   Designed and developed for the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, the Canmore Nordic Center offers exhilarating cross country outings on over 60 kilometers of world-class cross country and bathtub trail systems. The trails are designed to meet international nordic competitive standards, with a variety of challenging terrain to please skiers of intermediate, advanced or expert skill, with some novice trails as well. Trails are groomed and track set to accommodate both classic and skating techniques on the same trail. A 2.5 kilometer track is illuminated for night skiing. Summer allows for exciting exploration by mountain bike, and the area offers a great observation base for spring and fall Golden Eagle migrations. Lessons and rentals are available.

Information

Key Telephone Numbers

- Emergency: 911
- RCMP (non-emergency): 678-5519
- Public Library: 678-2468
- Canmore Centennial Museum: 678-2462
- Recreation Centre: 678-5597
- Nordic Center: 678-2400
- Weather: 762-2088
- Fish and Wildlife: 678-5508

Other Sources of Information

Maps: Canmore and Kananaskis Country, Gem Trek Publishing


Please help us to keep our town clean by:

- Ensuring all litter is disposed of into the pedestrian waste containers located throughout the Town, parks and trails.
- Disposing of beverage containers in blue pedestrian waste containers.
- Picking up after your pets. Bags are supplied for your use at dispensers located conveniently around Town. Please dispose of all pet droppings in pedestrian waste containers.

Safety

- As they say here: “if you don’t like the season, wait a minute ...” Mountain weather can be unpredictable, so be prepared. When hiking be sure to have weather proof clothing, sturdy footwear, water and other essential items. Also, let someone know where you are going and when they should expect you back.
- Report any bear or cougar sightings to Fish and Wildlife.
- Bicyclists under the age of 17 must wear a bike helmet.
- Pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists share many of the trails. Please be courteous and make your presence known with a bell or a friendly greeting.

Our mission statement

“Serving the community to enhance our quality of life”

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