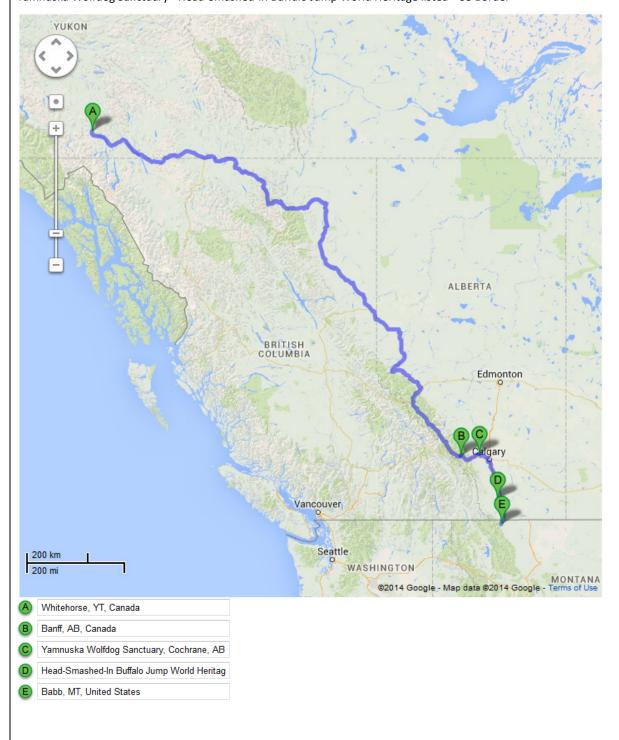
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Sign Post Forest on Hwy 1 in Watson Lake, YT, Canada. *60.063213,-128.713939* 

Sign Post Forest is a collection of signs at Watson Lake, Yukon and is one of the most famous of the landmarks along the Alaska Highway. It was started by a homesick GI in 1942. Visitors may add their own signs to the 1 already present.

In 1942, a simple sign post pointing out the distances to various points along the tote road being built was damaged by a bulldozer. Private Carl K. Lindley, serving with the 341st Engineers, was ordered to repair the sign, and decided to personalize the job by adding a sign pointing towards his home town, Danville, Illinois, and giving the distance to it. Several other people added directions to their home towns, and the idea has been snowballing ever since.

3The Sign Post Forest takes up a couple of acres, with huge new panels being constantly added, snaking through the trees. There are street signs, welcome signs, signatures on dinner plates, and license plates from around the world.

http://www.watsonlake.ca/our-community/sign-post-forest/ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sign\_Post\_Forest



Banff and Jasper National Parks, Canada - Along Hwy 93 NW of Calgary N 52.866782°, W 118.092614° to N 52.749594°, W 118.170548°, 141 mi, 227 km, 3:11 hrs

Banff National Park is Canada's oldest national park, established in 1885 in the Rocky Mountains and one North America's most visited parks. Banff's mountains exhibit several different shapes that have been influenced by the composition of rock deposits, layers, and their structure. The 3,618 meter (11,870 ft) high Mount Assiniboine has been shaped by glacial erosion that has left a sharp peak. It has been unofficially named the "Matterhorn" of North America. The mountains of the Valley of the Ten Peaks near the crystal clear Moraine Lake are also known for providing scenic vistas.

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Sunwapta Falls **N 52.5322°, W 117.6453°** is a waterfall of the Sunwapta River located in Jasper National Park, Canada.

It is accessible via a short drive off the Icefields Parkway that connects Jasper and Banff National Parks. The falls have a drop of about 18.5 metres. Sunwapta is a Stoney (Assiniboine) word that means turbulent water. It is most spectacular in the late spring when the spring melt is at its peak.

There are actually two falls, a lower and an upper one. The one most people see is the upper falls as access is easy. The lower falls are a short distance away.

The water originates from the <u>Athabasca Glacier</u>, and volumes are higher in early summer, caused by glacial meltdown.

It is a class 6 waterfall, with a drop of 60 ft (18 m) and a width of 30 ft (9.1 m).



Glacier Skywalk. Accessed by bus from Columbia Icefield Discovery Centre N 52.220289°, W 117.224660°

Feed your adrenaline and step into a breathtaking world where glaciers rest above and birds soar below. Experience waterfalls, wildlife, fossils and more on an exciting cliffedge walkway that leads to a platform where glass is all that separates you from a 918 foot drop. Welcome to the all-new Glacier Skywalk in the heart of the Canadian Rockies!

The Glacier Skywalk is an experience like no other: a perfect balance of breathtaking views, interpretive story-telling and adrenaline-pumping excitement. Start by taking your time to explore a cliff-edge walkway that is filled with nature-inspired interpretive

exhibits. Look down and you'll see hints from life thousands of years ago. Look up and you'll see the most stunning alpine and glacial vistas. Look around and you'll discover one of the most unique ecosystems in the world; a place where it's so hard to survive that adaptation never stops.

The grand finale to this experience is a glass-floored observation platform 918 feet (280 metres) over spectacular glacier-formed valleys and rushing waterfalls.

The entire journey is presented in an interpretive story telling format that will be sure to leave you with a special bond with our natural world that few people have the opportunity to experience.



To purchase tickets online:

https://estore.explorerockies.com:4443/Content/Commerce/Products/DisplayProducts.aspx? ActivityGroupCode=3000&ActivityCategoryCode=4015

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Peyto Lake N 51.7165°, W 116.498022° is a glacier-fed lake located in Banff National Park in the Canadian Rockies. The lake itself is easily accessed from the Icefields Parkway. It was named for Bill Peyto, an early trail guide and trapper in the Banff area. http://www.mapsofworld.com/wonders-of-world/top-100.html



Moraine Lake N 51.328681°, W 116.181164° - Fed by glaciers, locate in Banff National Park, is known for its stunning blue waters. The coloration is thanks to light refracting off the glacier flour. Located in the Valley of the Ten Peaks, Moraine Lake is surrounded by the beauty of the impressive Canadian Rocky Mountains. PERFECT BITUMEN ROAD FROM THE MAIN ROAD

There are a number of hiking trails around Moraine Lake. Just be sure to check the trail conditions before you set out to go as they are sometimes restricted because of grizzly bear activity.

http://www.touropia.com/beautiful-lakes-of-color/







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How about a walk where the mountain scenery is spectacular but also secondary?

High on the slopes of Yoho National Park, the Burgess Shale is one of the world's most important fossil sites, being the first record of soft-tissues fossils and the oldest fossils to shed light on the evolution of life.

The site can only be accessed on a guided walk led by the Burgess Shale Geoscience Foundation. It climbs past Yoho Lake, where you may see moose, and then out onto the open high slopes of the Rocky Mountains.



At the site you can pick through the rock, where you'll find hundreds of 500-million-year-old fossils imprinted into stone. If you tire of the fossils, just look up. The mountain view alone in this national park near Banff is worth the walk.

http://www.burgess-shale.bc.ca/guided-hikes All hikes are of 6.5+hrs duration, varying from 7 - 21 km.

Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary <u>Attractions/CND-</u> Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary.pdf

Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary welcomes visitors to come see our beautiful wolfdogs and learn all about them. We are open to visitors all year round, Thursday through Monday (closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

A 45 minute visit to the sanctuary that allows visitors to visit with the wolfdogs and learn all about wolves and wolfdogs. This is a great opportunity to learn about the key differences between wolves and dogs, and dispel some of the many myths surrounding



wolves and wolfdogs. It also gives visitors a unique chance to come inside the enclosure, take photographs of our wolfdogs, and feed them some treats! Rate: \$39 Adults

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump **N 49.705337°, W 113.653441°** is a buffalo jump located where the foothills of the Rocky Mountains begin to rise from the prairie 18 km northwest of Fort Macleod, Alberta, Canada on highway 785. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home of a museum of Blackfoot culture. Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump A line of rocks overlooking a plain.

The property consists of remains of a camp, of trails and a tumulus of bones of the American bison bearing testimony to nearly 6000 years of communal hunting in which the bisons were driven over a cliff, a practice known as buffalo jump.







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