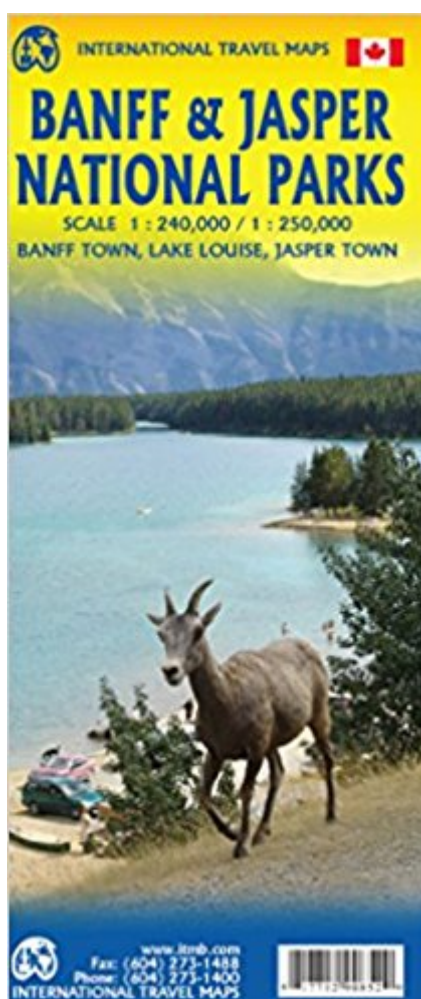


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# Banff & Jasper National Parks Travel Reference (English And French Edition)



## Synopsis

Banff is the first national park declared anywhere in the world, done at a time when the idea of reserving huge tracts of land for the enjoyment of future generations was an admirable, though unheard of, concept. The park in the Rocky Mountains of western Alberta remains as lovely and as enjoyable as it must have seemed to the early CPR railway surveyors searching for a route through the mountains to join the then-colony of British Columbia to Canada. Nowadays, the park is laced with roads and hiking trails, and the town of Banff within the park is severely pressed to maintain a balance between serving the needs of the millions of visitors each year and the responsibility of maintaining a pristine wilderness environment. This is the Number One national park in the world to this day! Immediately adjacent to Banff NP is Jasper National Park, which was created a bit later but for the same reason to protect a wonderful pristine wilderness while pushing through a rail line to the coast to bind British Columbia more closely, but also to provide access to a second west coast port (Prince Rupert). The park has only one small urban area, the town of Jasper, and is home to the marvelous Columbia Icefield at the Athabasca Glacier, the loveliest lake in the world, Maligne, and the majestic peaks of the massive Victoria Range. As a bonus, Mount Robson Park is also included, as are townsite insets for both Banff and Jasper, so anyone visiting the Canadian Rockies can benefit from using this map.

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the entire Banff National Park side of the map is covered with green cross hatch markings, which greatly obscures the whole map. To recreate this affect at home, lay a map on a flat surface, take one of your window screens, and lay it on top of the map. That is what it is like looking at the Banff side of this map. I was also disappointed to note some of the omissions. As an example, Takakkaw falls is missing. This 302 meter high waterfall is a major tourist attraction at the north end of Yoho Valley Road. To add to the strangeness of the map, the reverse side is Jasper National Park. This map was produced by a completely different cartographer. The Jasper side is a much better map, and does not have the green cross hatch pattern like the Banff side.

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