Banff National Park

**ICEFIELDS PARKWAY**
Numerous short trails lead off the Icefields Pkwy, most of them providing access to wonderful viewpoints over lakes, waterfalls and the ubiquitous rivers of ice.

**LAKE LOUISE**
Lake Louise’s most popular trails keep close to the lake’s shoreline. Its two classic hikes follow well-trodden paths to two hike-in-only teahouses that are open for snacks and beverages all summer.

**MORAINES LAKE**
Moraine lake is prime bear country and hikers must walk in groups of four or more during the buffalo berry season. The terrain is particularly popular in the fall, when the abundant larch trees change color.

**EGYPT LAKE**
The spectacular terrain astride Egypt Lake is like a backcountry crossroads, with trails linking to Sunshine Meadows, Kootenay National Park, and the remote, welcoming Shadow Lake backcountry lodge.

**SKOKI VALLEY**
The Skoki is classic Banff backcountry, accessible from the park’s largest ski area and utilized in both summer and winter, either by foot or cross-country skis. The object of most people’s yearnings is the cozy backcountry Skoki Lodge.

**BOW VALLEY PARKWAY**
Trails – ranging from simple strolls to challenging semi-scrambles – replete with waterfalls, old fire lookouts and steep scree slopes lead off Hwy 1A, the quiet alternative to the Trans-Canada.

**BANFF TOWN**
A good half-dozen trails head out from downtown Banff. All of them emphasize the proximity of the natural world to Banff’s urban hub, with some great wildlife-watching opportunities around the local rivers and lakes.

**LAKE MINNEWANNA**
You’re never far from lake views on the Minnewanka Loop trails located conveniently close to Banff Town. Favorites include a hike to a rocky amphitheatre and a stroll to an impressive lakeside canyon.

**SUNSHINE MEADOWS**
Banff’s best above-the-treeline hikes meander through flower meadows close to the Continental Divide. The meadows are also a launching pad for some excellent backcountry treks.