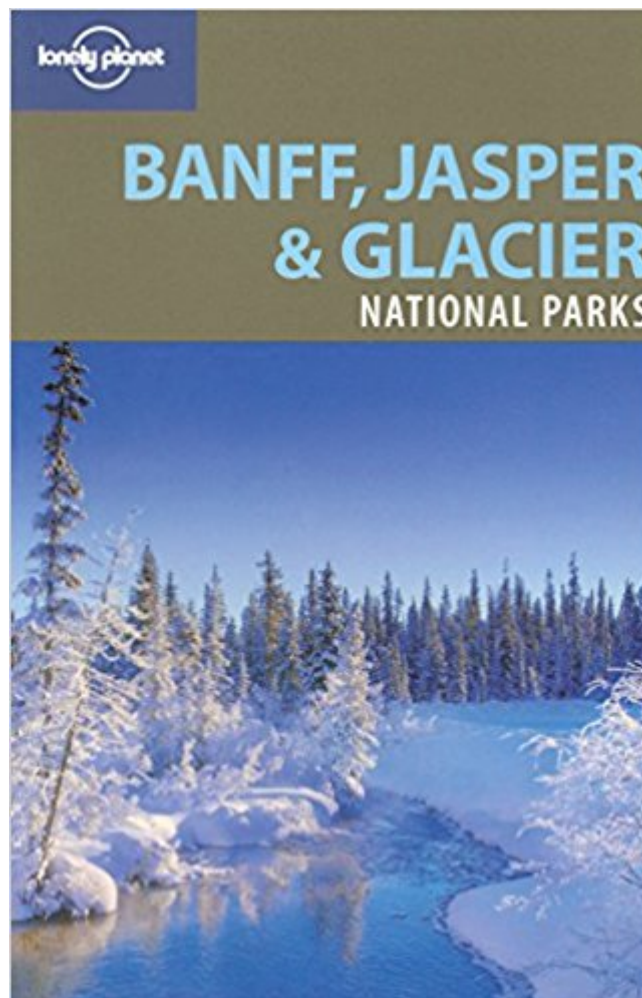




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Synopsis

Snowy peaks, serene lakes, abundant wildlife, and starry night skies astound visitors to Banff, Jasper and Glacier - the national parks of the Rocky Mountains. Whether you want to sun yourself by Lake Louise or touch the clouds on the Skyline Trail, gear up with this top-selling guide to these North American treasures. Detailed itineraries - explore the parks with 20 great itineraries, plus trips to Waterton Lakes, Yoho and Kootenay National Parks and along Icefields Parkway. Best Hiking Routes - includes 52 of the most enjoyable hikes around lakes; through canyons, beside glaciers and into the backcountry, with easy-to-use charts and topographic hiking maps. Family-Oriented Options - information on ranger walks, junior programs, summer camps and top family hikes in our special Kids & Pets chapter. Adventure Ideas - covers mountain biking, rafting, horseback riding, zip-lining, kayaking, hang-gliding, snowboarding, rock climbing, skiing, dogsledding, volunteering and much more. With 1600 hours of in-park research and over 200 miles of trails hiked, our authors offer sound advice for visitors.

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I have to agree with most of the pros and cons others have mentioned for this book. I purchased this book for a recent trip to all three of these parks (four if you include Waterton, which is also mentioned in the book). The book does include information on the trails for the parks, but it is briefer than what you would find in a regular trail book. Very small maps are provided for the trails, so you would need something more detailed for actual trail use.One feature I particularly liked was a table for each park showing several trails and features for them. This table included the usual info such as hike type, start location, distance, time, and elevation gain, but it also included features and facilities. In the latter two categories the table would indicate things such as wildlife watching, waterfalls, restrooms, whether restaurants were nearby, etc.The book also includes a lot of information on the nearby areas; things to do, places to stay, and so on. I wasn't as interested in this material, but it did seem to offer a lot of alternatives to just hiking or driving around in the parks.Overall, I found plenty of useful information in the book and thought it was well worth the price.

While this book did have helpful information, it is poorly organized and so difficult to use. It attempts to provide information on activities, dining, and lodging but it is not sufficiently detailed in any of these areas. There are no good maps included so you can't easily figure out where things are located. It's strategy of hiding things to do in the suggested itineraries is annoying. To it's credit, it does cover 3 parks in one book.

Seemed dated but an interesting read.

Useful summaries of hikes and recreational opportunities.

I bought this to help me plan a trip to Canada. I had been there before, but it was many years ago. I did not want to miss anything. I planned to hike more, and the book gave lots of good information. My husband was not up to the hiking.

If you are traveling to this region of Canada, this is the perfect book for you!

Unlike other guidebooks for the parks, this book is extremely well written and focuses on much of the natural resources of the parks. Highly informative and recommended for anyone interested in the geography and geology of the parks.

Good if you want info about the hiking trails.

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