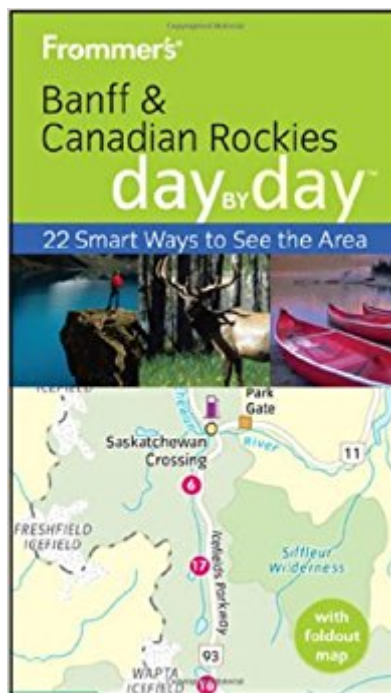




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Banff and the Canadian Rockies are one of the country's most popular destinations, drawing more visitors each year. Filled with inspiring sight-seeing opportunities and recreational activities, this destination offers something for everyone. Pamper yourself at a luxury or day spa, soak in the hot springs, and breathe the fresh alpine air. Looking for adventure? Try whitewater rafting, walking on a glacier, dog sledding, or climbing a Rocky Mountain peak. Discover one of Banff's western saloons, or enjoy a live performance at the Banff Centre. Shop at designer boutiques and discover the history of the region at one of several museums or historical landmarks. Frommer's Banff & the Canadian Rockies Day by Day will guide readers through their multitude of choices quickly and with an insider's knowledge of the one-of-a-kind experiences that abound. With hundreds of color photos, dozens of annotated maps and walking tours, hiking guides, thematic tours for every taste and star-rated advice on where to eat, stay, camp, shop, and have fun, this book is a must have for any visit to the Rockies.

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I used this book on a recent quick trip through Banff and Jasper National Parks. The guidebook is attractive, with lots of great pictures, and within each individual section, it is organized nicely. I especially liked the way the book provides directions on how to get from one recommended attraction to the next. Included with the book is a foldout map, which, on first glance, seems useful, but ultimately I discarded it in favor of other, better maps. I dithered between giving this book 3 stars or 4, but in the end settled on 3 stars for two reasons. First, I found other sources, like Trip Advisor and tourist bureau information, to be more helpful and useful for selecting lodging and restaurants. In the end, 2 of the 3 hotels I stayed in weren't even mentioned in the guidebook. Ditto for restaurants. Second, I disliked the organization of the book. Instead of a purely geographic organization, which I much prefer, this book has a bunch of "specialty" sections, e.g. Banff for Photographers, Banff for Kids, Glaciers & Wildlife, Summer Sports, Winter Sports, and so on. This kind of organization leads to a lot of repetition and makes the book more cumbersome to use, with a lot of paging back and forth. One more minor complaint is that I think the book underestimates the time it takes to see the sights and travel from place to place. Perhaps I am just slow, but things took me a lot longer to do than suggested by this guidebook. In spite of my 3 star rating, I do recommend this book if you're planning a trip to the Canadian Rockies. This is especially true if you are planning to base yourself primarily in Banff, as the guidebook is heavily weighted toward Banff and the immediate surrounding areas. However, be prepared to supplement the book with other materials.

Having been to the Canadian Rockies before I knew what to expect in many respects. This book is a good compact guide for anyone. It has decent maps and information and is a nice compact, pocket size. The only shortcoming is that it does not have enough places listed in it. You should also study another more complete guide to places to hike/walk or you will miss some great places.

Does a fine job as a travel guide.

I recently got back from Banff National Park and used this guide to decide just where I wanted to go. I found it very helpful except some of the information was not correct. The prices listed were wrong, for instance, the gondola ride in Banff. The guide listed the price as \$19 each but was actually \$34.50 each. There were 8 of us in our party so there was quite a price difference. My suggestion would be to buy the guide to get an overall picture of what is in the area but when you find something that you might want to do, contact the attraction and check it out that way.

Being a long-time Frommer's guidebooks fan I didn't hesitate to get this one prior to our week in the Canadian Rockies. It didn't disappoint. For a quick (not in depth) guide to the best in lodging, food and sights, I doubt this little book can be beat. We found it very reliable and up-to-date.

Plan to return to the Banff area for 2-3 days in September so this guide provides me with much needed information. There is a section at the end on the Kootenay Rockies where I will spend most of my time. This was a welcome and wonderful surprise. Concise text. Helpful in planning excursions of varying lengths. Small and compact so it will accompany me on my trip.

This is the best travel guide I have had. It is precise, to the point without a lot of unnecessary information. It gives doing the trip in three days, five days, etc. Good maps, even one in the back cover that you can take out and unfold.

THIS WILL BE YOUR BEST FRIEND IN BANFF. IT IS A GREAT GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR VACATION. IT HAS DETAILED MAPS AND INFO ON EVERYTHING IN THE PARK AND SURROUNDING AREAS. I STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU GET THIS IF YOU ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO BANFF.

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