

ENVIRONMENTAL / WILDLIFE RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Association For Mountain Parks Protection And Enjoyment (AMPPE)

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AMPPE focuses on protecting and preserving human access to Canada's mountain parks, while maintaining the ecological integrity of these areas. AMPPE is a non-profit organization founded in 1994 to "promote the message of balance and responsible use of Canada's mountain parks". Annual membership rates dependent on category
Volunteer opportunities: AMPPE annual dinner and various other events.

Banff Pitch In Week

Banff Town Hall, 110 Bear Street, Box 1260, Banff Alberta, T1L 1A1

Tel: 403-762-1240

Email: operations@town.banff.ca

Community litter blitz and clean up during Pitch In Week every April.

Biosphere Institute of the Bow Valley

201 – 600A – 9 Street, Canmore, AB T1W 2T2

Tel: 403-678-3445, Fax: 403-678-5730

Email: resource@biosphereinstitute.org

Website: www.biosphereinstitute.org

The Biosphere Institute of the Bow Valley is a non-profit charitable society dedicated to enhancing understanding of ecological integrity as it pertains to the Bow River Watershed.

The Biosphere Institute maintains a public resource centre with displays, a library, website, and online databases. We promotes sustainable communities by helping local businesses and residents factor ecological integrity into their plans and operations. We also undertakes, supports and promotes ecosystem related research, outreach and education programs in the Bow Valley.

Bow Valley Clean Air Society

Website: www.bowcleanair.org

Email: info@bowcleanair.org

Phone: (403) 678-4457

The Bow Valley Clean Air Society (BVCAS) is a non-profit society based in Canmore that envisions the Bow Valley region with the highest quality of air and free from sources of air emissions negatively affecting people, the environment and the climate. Our mission is: to improve and protect the air quality in the Bow Valley and minimize regional contributions to climate change. BVCAS works towards its vision and implements its mission by:

- empowering citizens to make more informed decisions through public education;
- facilitating the monitoring and research of air quality in the Bow Valley;
- facilitating the implementation of practical solutions to enhance the air quality in the Bow Valley.

Membership fees are \$10 per person or \$15 per family. To obtain a membership form click on this web link:

<http://bowcleanair.org/linkagedirectory/MembershipForm.doc> . To subscribe to our newsletter by [click](#) here .

Bow Valley Naturalists (BVN)

Box 1 693, Banff, Alberta T1L 1B6

Tel: 403-762-41 60

Email: info@bowvalleynaturalists.org

Website: www.bowvalleynaturalists.org

To acquire and disseminate knowledge of natural history, to stimulate interest in the appreciation of nature and to work for the protection of the environment. Membership available \$5/ year.

Number of members: 125

Volunteer opportunities: Writing, office duties, special projects such as clean-ups, Christmas bird counts, surveys.

Bow Valley Volunteer Steward Program

Box 280, Exshaw, AB T0L 2C0

Tel: 403-673-3663 Ext. 201, Fax: 403-673-3587

Website: <http://tpr.alberta.ca/parks/volunteer/default.aspx>

If you care about environmental protection and enjoy hiking, you can combine the two and make a difference while doing what you love. Bow Valley Volunteer Stewards note and report the disturbances (vandalism, illegal campsites, litter, environmental degradation) that they encounter as they hike in Bow Valley parks, and get a chance to participate in summer work parties to tackle them. Depending on your interest, fitness level, and willingness to go into the backcountry, you could monitor your favourite trails! Minimum two-year commitment and two reports per year are required.

Additionally, two meetings per year give the members a platform for discussion, exchange and learning on a wide range of environmental issues. Number of Volunteers each year: 40

Number of Volunteer work hours: 1550

Bow Valley Wildsmart Community Program

Box 8486, Canmore, AB, T1 W 2V2

Tel: 403-678-3604 (Chair)

Tel: 403-678-3445 ext.2 (Education Program Director)

Email: info@wildsmart.ca

Website: www.wildsmart.ca

Our goal is to develop a coordinated approach to education/outreach programs and help support direct management activities that will aid in increasing public safety and enjoyment as well as contribute towards sustainable wildlife populations. The Bow Valley program encourages efforts by communities, businesses, individuals, municipal and provincial government's to reduce negative human-wildlife interactions and enhance resident and visitor experiences.

Check out our Bow Valley Bear Summary each Friday at www.wildsmart.ca

Number of Volunteers each year: 16

Number of Volunteer work hours: 3000

Canmore in Bloom

100 Glacier Drive, Canmore, AB T1W 1 K8

Tel: 403-678-1590, Fax: 403-678-1587

Email: lguest@canmore.ca

The Canmore in Bloom group is a non profit volunteer-run group that aims to foster civic pride, environmental responsibility, and beautification in our community. The CIB group hopes to join forces with other local groups and organizations to implement community enhancement initiatives. The group was established late in 2003 and is always looking for new membership and great ideas and energy. Please join us and help make a difference.

Community Clean Up - "Help Keep Your Canmore Clean"

100 Glacier Drive, Canmore, AB T1W 1 K8

Tel: 403-678-1584

Community Clean Up takes place this year in May and September. The clean up starts at the Canmore Recreation Centre (1900 8th Avenue) between 8AM and 12PM. Volunteers are needed to 'Help Keep Canmore Clean'. Garbage bags are provided and you can also adopt an area! A free breakfast is provided for the volunteers. There are many door prizes donated by local individuals and organizations, and of course our almost famous contest for the most unique piece of litter collected. So bring your family and friends together for a day of community spirit by helping to Keep Canmore Clean!

Canmore Community Gardening

903 Larch Pl, Canmore AB T1W 1S5

Email : canmorecommunitygardening@gmail.com

Website: canmorecommunitygardening.org

growing food. building community. gardening together.

Canmore Community Gardening (CCG) is committed to growing a network of community gardens in Canmore and engaging residents in local food culture. CCG embraces community gardening in its many forms, from permaculture allotment gardens, to communal neighborhood gardens, to sharing our backyards. Canmore Community Gardening is a network of people committed to healthy lifestyles, community resilience, and shared resources, learning, growing and creating together.

Friends of Banff National Park

Box 2590, 214 Banff Avenue, Banff, Alberta T1L 1C3

Tel: 403-762-8918 Leslie de Bie, Executive Director

Fax: 403-762-2933

Email: leslie@friendsofbanff.com

To provide ways to appreciate the natural, geographic and cultural heritage of Banff National Park and the parks interrelationship with the earth. It is a demographic, non-profit association involving individuals, organizations and businesses. Memberships available.

Number of members: Approximately 350

Volunteer opportunities: Living with Wildlife (if available for the duration of summer), and for the radio (if available for several months).

Friends of Kananaskis Country Co-operating Association

201 – 800 Railway Avenue, Canmore, AB T1W 1P1

Tel: 678-5593, Fax: 678-3137 Email:

friends@kananaskis.org Website:

www.kananaskis.org

The Friends mission is to promote the protection, stewardship and appreciation of the natural and cultural resources of Kananaskis Country. Our programs include an environmental education internship, watershed field studies, Junior Naturalist camps, volunteer trail care and volunteer wildlife ambassadors. We also support many initiatives of Kananaskis Country Interpreters, wildlife biologists and the Public Safety group. Contact the Friends for membership information and volunteer opportunities.

Number of Volunteers each year: 335

Number of Volunteer work hours: 2400

Global Forest Science

Box 4860, #202 – 210 Bear Street, Banff, Alberta T1L 1G1 Tel: 403-762-5400 Harry Smith Fax: 403-762-5405

Email: info@globalforestscience.org

Website: www.globalforrestscience.org

Basic scientific research. Volunteer opportunities seasonally.

Mountain Wildflowers Club

517 Spring Creek Drive, Canmore, AB T1W 0C5

Tel: 403-678-0008

This club exists to protect mountain and meadow wildflowers from damage to their ecological balance, and to promote and educate the public to new solutions in preserving the visual beauty of the Bow Valley. The club meets four times per year to conduct slide shows, field trips, wildflower painting workshops, a spring clean-up. New members welcome.

Rocky Mountain Eagle Research Foundation

Box 63154, Calgary, AB T2N 2V2

Website: eaglewatch.ca

Studying Golden Eagle and other raptor migration in the Rocky Mountains, daily counts are conducted from mid-February to late May and from late August to early December.

Trailminders of the Bow Valley

Box 8063, Canmore, AB T1W 2T8

Tel/ Fax: 403-678-5551

[Email: natrailc@telusplanet.net](mailto:natrailc@telusplanet.net)

A voice for hiking and hiking trail issues in the Bow Valley. Trailminding program runs Fridays, from June to September.

Number of Volunteers each year: 20

Number of Volunteer work hours: 200

UTSB Research- Under the Sleeping Buffalo Research

Box 1 477, 1 05A Banff Avenue, 2nd Floor, Banff, Alberta T1L 1B4

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Website: utsb.ca

A non-profit environmental research firm providing advice and research services to individuals, firms, government offices and non-governmental organizations within the goal of promoting the highest possible environmental standards and cultural heritage protection in Banff National Park, and identifying ecologically sustainable solutions in mountain communities.

Water Matters

Box 8386, Canmore, Alberta T1W 2V2

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[Email: info@water-matters.org](mailto:info@water-matters.org)

Website: www.water-matters.org

Water Matters' mission is to be a champion for watershed protection across Alberta. Volunteer opportunities: Research, writing and citizen outreach.

Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative

P.O. Box 1 477, Banff, AB. T1L 1B4

Tel: 403-763-8644, Wendy Francis, 403-762-0351

[Email: wendy@y2y.net](mailto:wendy@y2y.net)

The bold vision of the Yellowstone to Yukon Initiative, or Y2Y, is a new way of appreciating and interacting with the world's most intact mountain region so that its wilderness and wildlife values can thrive through evolutionary time and unprecedented climatic changes. To implement this vision, we weave together an extraordinary network of organizations, agencies and individuals doing on-the-ground conservation work, and facilitate collaboration among those groups in order to advance an integrated conservation agenda for the entire region. In Banff, Y2Y helps to set a strategic conservation agenda, influences policy and management decisions, and supports the work of local conservation organizations. As well as being a catalyst for collaboration, Y2Y also provides scientific expertise and facilitates access to new funding for our partners' work.