In Honour of the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

And

A Canada 150 Project

BANFF COMMONWEALTH WALKWAYS

A Walking, Writing, Story-telling project to bring people together

Call for Submissions
To create 100 walkways in all 71 Commonwealth Nations and Territories:

To connect people together
To inspire people to learn about the Commonwealth
To encourage people to walk more
To celebrate Her Majesty
To celebrate Canada 150
WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE SPOT TO GO FOR A WALK NEAR THE TOWN OF BANFF?

Along the river
Up a mountain
In the woods
Over a bridge
By a waterfall
Near the horses
Past the heritage homes
To a bog
Somewhere I’ve been before
Somewhere new
Somewhere special
Why do you go there?

To hear the water
To look at the sky
To smell the woods
To look for birds
To feel the wind
To find peace
To think
To remember something
To look for something new
To feel special
PLEASE, SHARE YOUR STORY!

Topic: Where is a special place that you like to go to on or near Banff townsite trails?

Why is it special to you?
What memory do have of this place?
Is there a Commonwealth connection?
If someone visits here in 50 years in 2067 what do you hope they will feel/hear/smell?

We invite you to share stories that are new, old stories with a different twist, a story that is yours and that you would like to share.
Stories Connect Us

Create a sense of place and a feeling of being there for people who will read or listen to your story.

What do you hope visitors who go to your special place might see, feel, hear or experience now, or in the future?

Stories help us to respect our past, connect us to our place, and look hopefully to the future as a legacy for people to come.
Main Trails have been identified for this project but all stories will be accepted:

1. Cave and Basin – Marsh Loop – Sundance Canyon
2. Bow Falls – Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel – Spray Loop
4. Legacy Trail
5. Upper Hot Springs – Sulphur Mountain
6. Banff townsite – Banff Cemetery – Banff Centre – Tunnel Mountain
Story requirements:

• 100 words or less in English or French
• Narrative, story-telling style; prose or poetry
• Non-fiction
• Strong voice, enjoyable to read or listen to, a personal connection, a different point of view or memory of a familiar place
• Optional: attach a photo or original illustration of your place

Deadlines and Format:

• Final date of submissions: January 2, 2017 5:00 pm
• Hard-copy (paper) can be dropped off at 214 Banff Avenue, Banff-Canmore Community Foundation
• Digital copy email to: stories@banffcanmorecf.org

Cover page information:

• Full name, email or phone number, address
• Specific location for your special place so we can find it

Permission to Use

• Complete, sign and attach the permission form on this website
• Parents and guardians complete and sign forms for underage writers
What we will do with your stories:

• Stories will be collected and bound in a book and gifted to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as a birthday present

• Stories will be gifted to the Archives of the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies in honour of Canada 150 project

• Several stories will become part of the Commonwealth Walkways Project

• Stories will be cherished and respected
Several stories will be selected which highlight spots on or near the designated trails as part of the Commonwealth Walkways Project.

The locations of these special places will be marked with a bronze marker bearing the Queen’s Cypher.

A GPS location will connect each bronze marker to the Walkways website. People around the world will be able to read the story and see a photo or illustration of the spot.
- The trailhead to the walkways will be in Central Park in the town of Banff, marked by an interpretive panel to celebrate the project.

- The Outdoor Trust is leading this project.

- Banff is the only location in Canada chosen to be part of this project.
What Makes a Good Story?

- It’s a story that you love to remember or to tell
- It has a strong voice, holds the reader’s attention, demonstrates audience awareness
- The beginning grabs the readers attention. It is easy to follow and has a clear ending
- It creates a strong image, evokes an emotion, connects to its setting through our senses or by its story
- Word choices are clear and specific
- Sentences vary in length and style
- It sounds good to read out loud or listen to
- It has been checked over for spelling, punctuation and neatness. The reader would have trouble finding any mistakes in the story.

Need a Listener?

- We can help you by scribing while you speak; just ask
Steering Committee

Project Patron: Her Honour, the Honourable Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

International Project Coordinator: Outdoor Trust
Banff Canmore Community Foundation
Parks Canada
Town of Banff
Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity
Banff & Lake Louise Tourism

As we celebrate Canada’s 150 years of Confederation, the Banff Canmore Community Foundation is happy to support this very important legacy project.
Get Out and Walk

Then, Tell us a Story about it!

Questions? Email us: stories@banffcanmorecf.org