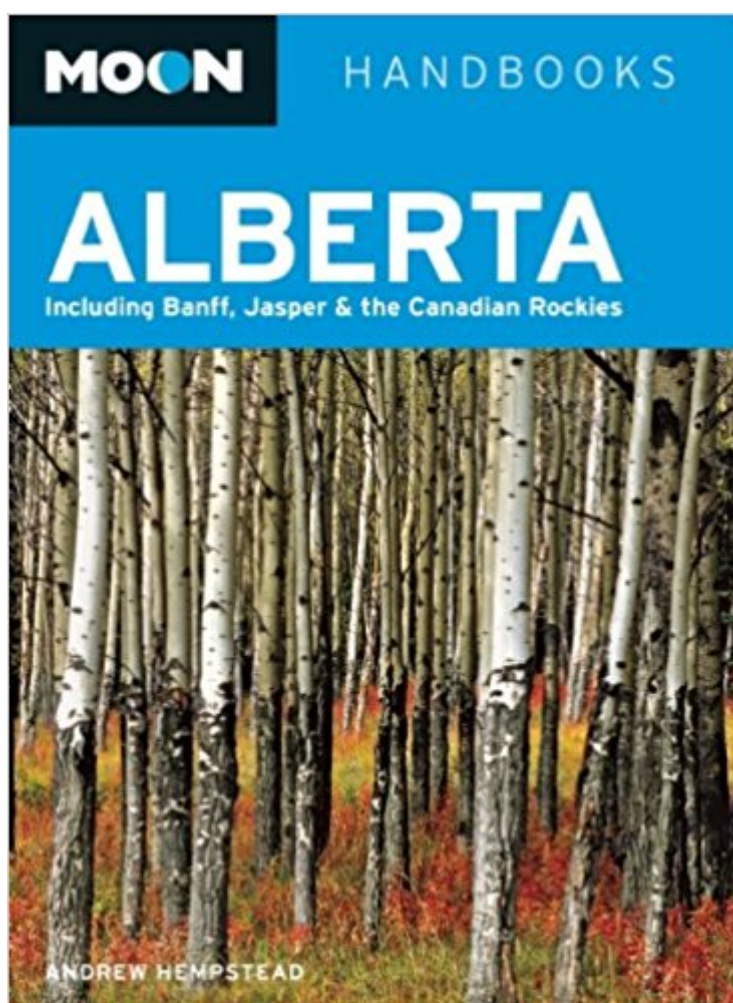




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# Moon Alberta: Including Banff, Jasper & The Canadian Rockies (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

Alberta resident and avid outdoorsperson Andrew Hempstead offers up his best advice on exploring Alberta; from dressing western at the Calgary Stampede to soaking in the hot springs in Jasper and hiking around Lake Louise. Hempstead includes unique trip ideas such as The Best of Alberta in One Week, A Wild Western Vacation, and Two Weeks on the Road. Complete with details on visiting the West Edmonton Mall and Dinosaur Valley, Moon Alberta gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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## Customer Reviews

Moon Handbooks Alberta is refreshingly thorough. -- Vancouver Province, July 13, 2004 --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is our first Moon Guide and so far it looks great. We are using it to plan our trip and hope to write another review after we return. The layout is similar to that of the Lonely Planet Guides, with which we are more familiar. It divides the province into sections and describes both the major and the out-of-the-way attractions in each section. It covers a broad range of interests, from natural beauty, hiking, and historic sights (which are our interests) to wildlife, flora, winter sports, and golfing. It includes public transportation, recommendations for dining and accommodations, camping, detailed maps of more popular destinations, and provides a range of prices. All in all, we are very happy with this guide and its wealth of information. Hats off to the author, Andrew

Hempstead. Postscript: We have a few comments to add after using the guidebook on our trip. Alberta was great and we really enjoyed the trip. We went up the mountainous west side through Banff and Jasper and down the prairies on the east side. Andrew Hempstead was a great guide and pointed out many interesting, out-of-the-way sights that we otherwise would have missed, such as the tiny rural car ferry across the Red Deer River north of Drumheller. The ferryman briefly stopped in midstream so I could get a photo! The information Hempstead provided on community campgrounds/RV parks was especially useful. The only disappointments were occasional overly enthusiastic descriptions and some out-of-date information. In describing the nearly abandoned town of Nemiskam on p. 108, Hempstead said "The once-busy streets are lined with boarded-up businesses." As ghost town buffs, we were disappointed to find only one commercial street with two abandoned businesses. Although we believe this was likely a case of poetic license, other descriptions (such as his description of the many old buildings and cabins at Fort Vermillion, most which had been torn down) were more likely a case of dated information. We took our trip in 2014 and the guidebook was published in 2010, so the information in it was likely at least 5 years old. Nevertheless, the disappointments were minor and the guidebook proved to be invaluable. It is still a highly recommended resource.

This is an amazing, thorough guide book to Alberta. Alberta is the heart of western Canada, a place filled with natural wonders and enough adventures to last a lifetime. The unforgettable scene as the first flush of light hits Lake Louise. The thrill of uncovering dinosaur bones. The excitement of a small-town rodeo. Soaking up big-city culture. marveling at the infrastructure around the world's largest known deposit of oil. Watching the northern lights sparkle across the winter sky. These and hundreds of other reasons make a vacation or permanent move to the prosperous province of Alberta an easy decision. Sandwiched between the mountains of BC to the west and the prairies of Saskatchewan to the east, the landscape of Alberta encompasses a little of everything. The best known features are the mountains of the Canadian Rockies, which are filled with photogenic lakes and natural wonders made accessible by a well maintained highway network. While the beauty of Alberta's defined landscapes is undeniable, so is the value of what lies beneath them—a supply of oil and gas that shapes the economy and has created a boomtown mentality not dissimilar to gold rushes of days gone by. The most important reserve is the Athabasca Oil Sands of northern Alberta, the world's single biggest oil reserve. At the reserve itself is the city of Fort McMurray, where the population has increased 2,000 percent in the last 30 years, but the wealth filters down to the rest of the province, most notable to the two largest cities, Edmonton and Calgary. Throughout the

province, outdoor adventures, wide-open spaces, and accessible wilderness beckon, and big-city culture awaits when you come down from the hills. So whether your interests lean toward high peaks or high tea, you are sure to find plenty to suit you in

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I have several Moon Handbooks, and they are meant for backpackers and hikers. For that group, these Guides are very good. For others, like me, older and now reasonably handicapped, other guides are better.

Selling a 2007 travel book in 2012 when there is a 2010 edition available????????? Now this book looks like it's really good but travel books become dated really quickly. Note, they offer it at an extra cheap price but don't be tempted because you'll be rudely surprised when you show up at someplace that is closed and undergoing renovation.

User-friendly. If interested in the Rockies I'd suggest to go for the specific Canadian Rockies edition.

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