

# Great Divide **Nature** Interpretation

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## Special Theme Hikes

We offer full day private tours that focus on one fascinating topic about the nature of the Canadian Rockies.

Your clients can:

- Discover the pleasures of bird watching.
- Explore the world of the grizzly bear.
- Delve deep into Rocky Mountain geology and glaciers.
- Get "wowed" by water or wildflowers.
- Evolve their thinking on relationships in nature.
- Fire up their senses in a blaze of autumn colour!

### 2012 prices

Private hikes only. A portion of our profit is donated to wildlife conservation and research.

1-2 people	CDN \$350 plus GST for the group
3-5 people	CDN \$450 plus GST for the group
6+ people	CDN \$79 plus GST per person

### Birds of the Rockies: June 1 - July 15

Guide: Joel Hagen

The feathered fauna of Banff and Yoho are tough, beautiful, and very creative in their survival strategies. From the end of spring migration to the height of breeding season, our birds are in their best plumage, and their best voice. During this period, we can see everything from hummingbirds to golden eagles. Join Joel for an introduction to the birds of the Rockies, complete with birdwatching tips and tidbits.

### Following the Grizzly: July 25 to August 15

Guide: Joel Hagen or Nadine Fletcher

What is better than being face to face with a grizzly bear? Almost anything, but we'll settle for being face to face with where a grizzly bear has been. This day hike through high elevation bear habitat will feature a walking travelogue about the fascinating world of bear behaviour and biology.

**Experiences** YOU WON'T FIND IN ANY GUIDEBOOK

## **Mountains and Glaciers - A Rocky Mountain High: June 15 - September 30**

Guide: Nadine Fletcher or Joel Hagen

A great introduction to the geology of the Canadian Rockies, this full day hike on the famous Plain of Six Glaciers trail features moraines, rockslides, the high peaks of the main ranges, plus glaciers and their handiwork. Join us for a sensational sedimentary sandwich and an edible glacier for dessert!

## **Made for Each Other: June 15 - September 30**

Guide: Nadine Fletcher or Joel Hagen

National parks are full of big animals, big peaks and big scenery, but behind the scenes there are some astounding partnerships — soil fungus & tree roots, Clark's nutcrackers & whitebark pine, bumblebees & calyso orchids and many more. If you want to understand the inner workings and relationships of nature's creation, this hike to Paget Lookout is for you.

## **The Wonder of Water: June 15 - September 30**

Guide: Nadine Fletcher or Joel Hagen

In the shadow of the Bow Glacier, we find water in all its glory — tumbling waterfalls, slot canyons, blue glaciers, braided streams, and beautiful Bow Lake. Here, you'll see how water and ice have sculpted the Rockies, and find out what water and ice have to teach us: they hold data about everything from past ice ages to today's changing climate.

## **Golden Larches - A September Pilgrimage: September 17 to 27**

Guide: Joel Hagen or Nadine Fletcher

During mid to late September, alpine larch trees turn an incredible gold, creating a fabulous fall feeling in the high country. These trees survive and thrive where evergreens are struggling to just get a toehold! On this moderate full day hike in the Lake Louise area you will discover the survival secrets of the alpine larch from birth to death, why you only see them in certain places, what treeline is really all about, larch sex (of course!), and the story that larch trees tell about past climates.

## **The World of Wildflowers - June 15 to August 15**

Guide: Nadine Fletcher

Wildflowers are more than just a pretty face. Looking more deeply, they tell intriguing stories about beautiful relationships - with the environment, with other creatures and, of course, with you!

Explore the world of wildflowers and have it open your mind to a much bigger picture of the Canadian Rockies. Easy to moderate hiking on the best blooming trail of the week.