

Up Close and Personal



When you think of Bragg Creek and K-Country, the first thing that comes to mind is the majestic grandeur of the mountain scenery, the bold landscapes and the boundless enormity of the region. But bigger isn't always better, and hidden amongst the bold backdrop are some tiny treasures with their own unique charms.

The spectacular colours of the Bluet Damselfly.



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Look down the next time you're out in the countryside and a whole other world will be revealed to you. A miniature world that lives near the ground – flowers of many stunning hues and forms can all be found with a simple glance downwards. These tiny gems are a fragile wonder in contrast to their rugged mountain backdrop, and all the more intriguing because of it. Some flowers only appear for a short time each year, so you'll need to do your research and get out often to maximize your chances of seeing each rare and unique beauty.

Bragg Creek and K-Country are truly wondrous places. The contrast between the grand mountains and tiny flowers, or the lush stream beds and stark lakes, each mirrors the miracle of nature that is Bragg Creek and K-Country. So wild, and yet so close to civilization. Truly the best of both worlds.

This spread, clockwise from top left: the Red Paintbrush; Pussy Willow; tiny Conocybe Tenera mushrooms; a Titania's Fritillary butterfly on a Purple Aster; a black beetle crawls across a Wild Rose petal.

Next spread, clockwise from top left: the Yellow Mountain Aven; a tight grouping of Common Yarrow; Mountain Fireweed by Forgetmenot Pond.



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The experience changes lives!

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The Banded Peak Challenge is a fundraising event in support of children with disabilities and special needs.

This 37 km bike and 13 km hike, requires 5 to 12 hours, depending on ability and fitness level. Participants can start anytime between 5:00 am and 10:00 am, at the Little Elbow Recreation Area, at the end of Hwy 66 in Kananaskis Country, 30 km South West of Bragg Creek, Alberta. Visit www.bandedpeakchallenge.com for more information, to print pledge forms or to register online.

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