

A Winter Wonderland

The hamlet of Bragg Creek, along with Kananaskis just to the west of it, incorporate some of the world's most beautiful scenery year-round ... and the winter is no exception! The clean, crisp air and snow-covered landscape provide the perfect antidote for cabin fever.

Covering over 4,200 square kilometers of pristine beauty, virtually untouched by any signs of human activity, the abundant seasonal snowfall in Kananaskis justifies its reputation as one of the world's true natural winter wonderlands.

Beautiful cirrus clouds behind the Opal Range reflect off the frozen surface of Spillway Lake.



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Frozen rivers gleaming in the early morning sunshine, ice crystals coating dark slate rocks, and snow-capped mountains as far as the eye can see: Winter in the foothills is a picturesque wonderland that will dazzle your senses.

Bragg Creek, the gateway to Kananaskis, delivers timeless landscapes to provide you with a winter escape that is reminiscent of walking into the scenes depicted on Christmas cards of our childhood memories.

Take time to explore the extraordinary world of West Bragg Creek, located just beyond the Elbow River bridge. You'll find numerous cross-country ski trails at the end of the West Bragg Creek Road that widely range in difficulty, providing entertainment for everyone from first-time skiers to seasoned veterans.

The winter vistas also present numerous opportunities for taking spectacular, uncluttered hikes through beautiful landscapes sprawling underneath the pure blue Alberta sky.



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From top left: the calming early winter view over Elbow Falls; a disused horse-cart rests quietly in the hamlet; an iconic red barn provides dramatic contrast to the pure fresh white snow.

Next spread from top left: the first signs of winter ice creeping over Spillway Lake; early morning frost clings to the trees just east of Bragg Creek; the Elbow River snakes through the countryside.



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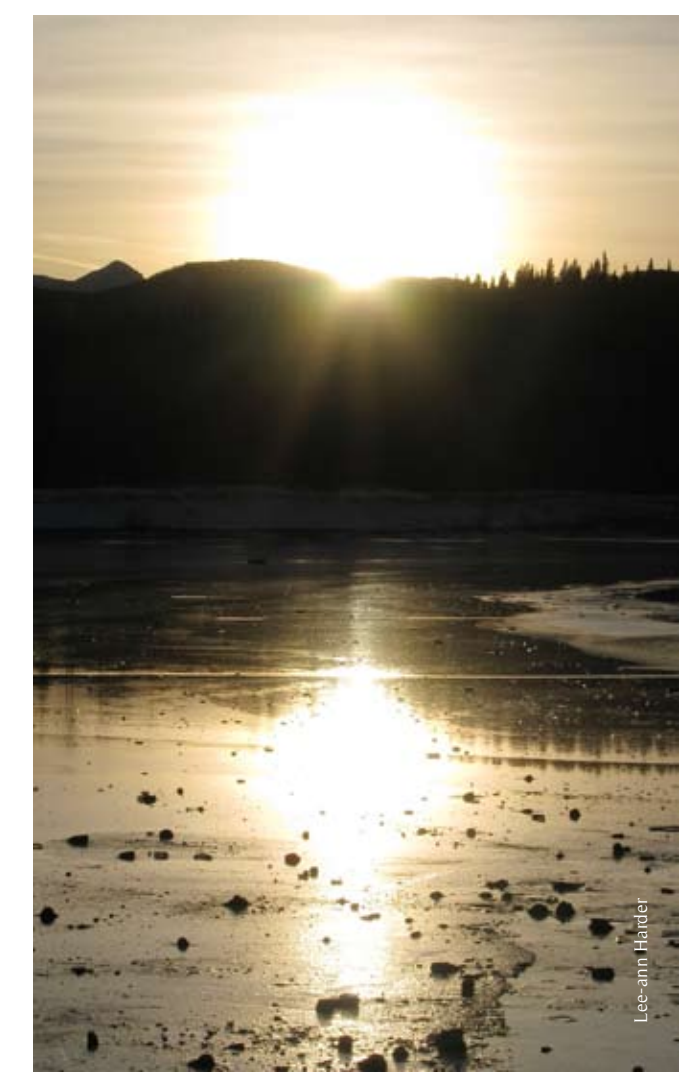
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Venture out in the latter half of the day, and you are confronted with a whole new palette of colours: From dusk's first misty clutch to the crystal-clear Aurora Borealis, untouched by the city's ambient lighting.

Dress warmly, bring a thermos full of your favourite beverage, a camera, a child's wide-eyed curiosity, and be prepared to be astounded by the awesome beauty of winter in the Rocky Mountain front ranges.



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Left: Bateman Creek next to the Sibbald Creek Trail in Kananaskis. Above: sunset over Allen Bill Pond.