



Banff

Banff was the birthplace of Canada's National Park system. In 1883 the Cave and Basin hot springs were discovered by railway workers building through the area. By 1887 the Rocky Mountains Park was formed around the area. The original town was established and developed by the Canadian Pacific Railway and promoted as a tourist destination.

Banff is named after a town in Scotland, where the railway company's president was born. The park grew over time until the current size was set in 1930, when the park was officially renamed as Banff National Park.

Much of the early development in the park was done by foreign workers in internment camps during both of the World Wars.

Today, Banff National Park is one of Canada's most popular tourist destinations. Every year, it is visited by four million people from around the world.

