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AMPPE's priorities continue to focus on closure issues such as Jasper's backcountry ski challenges and the Maligne River, the Bow Valley Parkway, and the seemingly-stalled (at the field unit level) process of establishing guidelines for nationally-approved new recreational activities. We'll keep you posted! Executive Director Monica Andreeff



[Banff Legacy Trail to be completed through Canmore.](#)

The extension of one of the most scenic routes in the world is the result of a \$4.35 million investment by the Alberta government, the towns of Canmore and Banff, and the Municipal District. Families, bikers, hikers, and roller bladers will have eight more kilometers to enjoy along the Rocky Mountain Legacy Trail between Canmore and Banff. Over the next year, the popular trail will wind its way from the Banff National Park East Gate to the Travel Alberta Visitor Information Centre in Canmore.



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[Banff's national historic site the Cave and Basin reopens](#)

Banff National Park's Cave and Basin National Historic Site reopened Friday, May 17 after undergoing a three-year renovation. The \$13.8-million renovations to the Cave and Basin, announced in 2009, were to include restoration of its historic buildings, a new plaza and interpretive displays and restoration of habitat for the endangered Banff Springs snail.



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[Calgary Herald Editorial: Creature comforts in our National Parks](#)

Parks Canada's 10 new canvas and wood tents oTENTiks – it's pronounced "authentic" are proving to be a hit. "Parks Canada is thinking on its feet right now with this project," says Monica Andreeff, Executive Director of the Association for Mountain Parks Protection and Enjoyment. "It's a way of moving forward and recognizing that the target market has shifted to urban people who might live in small condominiums without room to store camping supplies, or people who just don't understand how to do all of the stuff that our parents may have shown us on camping trips."



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[\\$1 Million in upgrades announced to Jasper's Old Fort Point Bridges](#)

Construction will likely begin next month on the Old Fort Point bridges – the funds will pay for new concrete decks, sidewalks and railing. Visitor fees collected in the Rocky Mountain parks will cover the \$1.05 million cost of repairs to the Old Fort Point bridges. The repairs, paid for by the "Fees at Work" program, are necessary as the bridges are reaching the end of their serviceable life. (Photo: Yellowhead MP Rob Merrifield and Jasper National Park Superintendent Greg Fenton)



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[Via Ferrata and summer use approved at Banff Mount Norquay](#)

Parks Canada has approved summer use at Mount Norquay ski area, a decision that will see a via ferrata – an adventure activity that fixes the mountain with cables, ladders and bridges to the upper cliffs – installed by next summer. On Tuesday May, 21 the federal government signed off on the resort's long-range plan, allowing its owners to operate Mount Norquay in the summer and expand its winter offerings.



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