



EXPERIENCE THE MOUNTAIN PARKS

Contributors

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A resident of Nanton, Alberta, Dave first began experiencing and learning about the Canadian Rockies as a child on family hikes. He has traveled extensively throughout the mountains by car, on foot, on skis, and by horseback. Professionally, Dave has worked as a geophysicist in the petroleum industry and as a teacher specializing in outdoor education and the incorporation of the Rockies into the curriculum.

The author of "*Calgary's Mountain Panorama*" & "*50 Roadside Panoramas in the Canadian Rockies*," Dave went on to develop his website, [Peaks of the Canadian Rockies](#). It is based on databases that include all 1558 peaks in the Canadian Rockies. A huge amount of information is available including over 3000 photos and links to the biographies of over one hundred individuals connected to the Rockies.

Dave has been a regular contributor to CBC Radio's Daybreak Alberta show and has given presentations to numerous conferences and meetings. His latest project is the development of content and the marketing of a GPS-based Audio Tour Guide of the Canadian Rockies that has been available since the spring of 2005. Visitors to the mountain parks may rent STG (Sawka Tour Guide) units and drive along over 1300 kilometers of our mountain highways listening to commentary that is triggered by their vehicle's location and direction and relates to what they are seeing at that moment through their windshield.

Dave is accredited as a Professional Interpreter by [MPHIA](#), the Mountain Parks Heritage Interpretation Association. As well as his mountain interests, Dave has played a significant role in the management and development of the Nanton Lancaster Air Museum. Primarily involved with research and displays, he has also developed the content for the museum's website <http://www.lancastermuseum.ca/> and is the author of four books that have been published by the museum.