

EXPERIENCE THE MOUNTAIN PARKS

Contributors

Kim Fraser and her husband Steve Fear bought **Storm Mountain Lodge** in February of 2003, and instantly began renovating the property.

Built in 1922 as a CPR bungalow camp, **Storm Mountain Lodge** is located just 20 minutes west of Banff. The lodge sits at the crest of Vermilion Pass at some 1,800 m (about 5,700 ft.), straddling the peaks of Storm Mountain, the Sawback Range, Castle and Copper Mountains.

If you want to wake up in a cradle of mountains, rocked in mist or rosy alpenglow, book one of the 14 cozy, historic cabins at the recently renovated [Storm Mountain Lodge](#).

Today, the newly appointed cabins feature antique clawfoot tubs, down duvets, handmade log beds, rock fireplaces, Settle benches, antler chandeliers and leather love seats. Those familiar with Rocky Mountain lodges know that they ooze sleepy, rustic charm. Still, very few provide you with this combination of sweeping vistas and drive-to accessibility.

But your vacation at **Storm Mountain Lodge** won't be limited to easy access to rustic cabins with fabulous vistas. You just have to sample the wide selection of organic produce and local game that awaits you in the dining room on site! Son, Corey Fraser's signature dish is the Wild Buffalo Tenderloin Medallions, soaked in a wild mushroom and cabernet sauce. You may prefer his venison, charred wild salmon or rosemary glazed rack of lamb, but no matter which dish you select, take your time and soak up the scenery. Storm's wrap-around log dining room provides you with a stunning panorama of mountain peaks.

If you're not quite ready to call it a day, linger in the lodge over an after-dinner drink. Swap stories with other travelers or just melt into a large comfy chair by the fireplace.

There is nothing like a well brewed cup of coffee and fresh pastries in the morning. So, after you rise, stop by the lodge for your complimentary breakfast prepared by Steve Fear. Steve's up very early each day, preparing mouthwatering treats to help you get your day started just right.

What will you do today – drive into Banff or Lake Louise? How convenient! **Storm Mountain Lodge** is located half way in between. Why not make Storm Mountain your hub and take day trips from here. And you don't have to go far to stretch those legs. Enjoy nearby hike such as Twin Lakes, Vista Lake, Marble Canyon and Stanley Glacier.

Storm Mountain Lodge is a family owned and operated authentic, historic Rocky Mountain retreat. It is open 10 months of the year – closing immediately after the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend 'til early December.

Have you ever been snowshoeing in the mountains on Christmas Day? For more details, check out their web site at www.stormmountainlodge.com.