

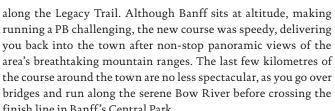




How to Get There

Where to Stay

affordable options, including the Inns of Banff, course, there's always the Fairmont Banff Springs,



Fittingly, the race hosts a small expo, race kit pickup and postrace festivities outdoors, surrounded by mountains in Central Park. Banff National Park is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site and, because the area is protected, the race is limited to 1,500 entrants. The inaugural event attracted an international field from over 30 countries, including a delegation of 100 Chinese runners looking for a uniquely Canadian marathon experience. And what an experience it was. Running the Banff Marathon's "A" course will make next another special experience, if the Grizzlies co-operate, of course.-MD

