ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Number of UNESCO World Heritage sites wholly or partly located in Canada: 13
in Alberta: 5
Number of Alberta Golf Association courses in Alberta: 127
Number of nudist camps in Alberta listed by the Federation of Canadian Naturists: 3

Number of visitors to Alberta's national parks, 1996, in thousands:
Banff, 4,752.5; Jasper, 1,759.8; Waterton, 347; Elk Island, 164.6
In 2000: Banff, 4,659.8; Jasper, 1,579.9; Waterton, 416.7; Elk Island, 225.5
Percentage change:
Banff, –1.95%; Jasper, –10.22%; Waterton, +20.09%; Elk Island, +37.00%

Passenger traffic through Edmonton airport in 1999: 3,791,500
Through Calgary airport, same year: 7,800,400

Additional commercial development being promoted by Banff Town Council Community Plan, square feet: 850,000
percentage increase: 25

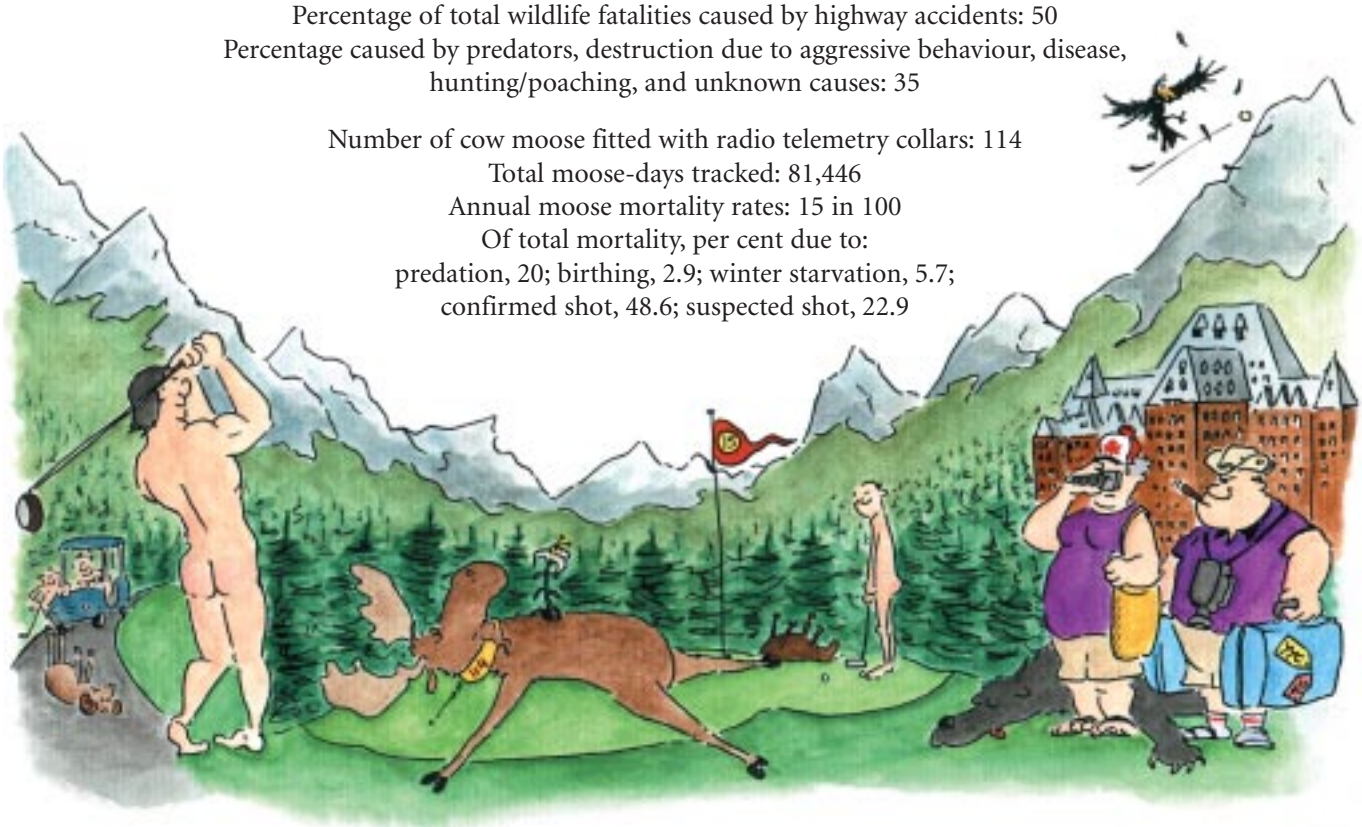
Percentage of Banffites who voted for pursuing incorporation: 60
Percentage of Jasperites who voted against cutting ties with Ottawa: 60

Extent of the Bow River Valley below 1,815 m elevation, in square kilometres: 874
Extent that is unique montane ecoregion, in square kilometres: 147
Percentage of this ecoregion within Banff National Park that is fully developed: 33

Number of member clubs in Alberta Fish & Game Association: 120
Number of individual members: 15,000
Acres of critical wildlife habitat purchased by clubs in past 10 years: 20,000

Number of large mammals and ungulates killed in Banff National Park between 1981 and 1997: 3,610
Percentage of these attributed to the railway:14
Percentage of total wildlife fatalities caused by highway accidents: 50
Percentage caused by predators, destruction due to aggressive behaviour, disease,
hunting/poaching, and unknown causes: 35

Number of cow moose fitted with radio telemetry collars: 114
Total moose-days tracked: 81,446
Annual moose mortality rates: 15 in 100
Of total mortality, per cent due to:
predation, 20; birthing, 2.9; winter starvation, 5.7;
confirmed shot, 48.6; suspected shot, 22.9



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