

The Burgess Shale Geoscience Foundation – Field, BC – Canada

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HIKE INFORMATION:

The meeting place for the Burgess Shale hike is the Yoho Trading Post - the gas station located opposite the Field information centre at the intersection to Field, BC. Meet at 8am. The village of Field is located in the Mountain Timezone. This is in the same time zone as Banff, Jasper, Waterton, Golden, Radium, Cranbrook and Calgary.

The Burgess Shale – Walcott Quarry hike is a ten-hour day & 50% of the ten-hour day is spent hiking.

Given the duration of the day hike we classify this as a moderate to difficult hike. Be sure to bring your lunch, extra snacks and lots of water. We recommend 2 litres per person. Your choice of footwear is critical. Don't wear 'new boots'. Wear your favourite well-broken in waterproof-hiking boots that provide for sufficient ankle support. It can snow every month of the year here in the Rockies, so bring along your gaiters, (if you have them). DO NOT wear running shoes, even those advertised as suitable for trail use. Yes, the guides have refused to allow people wearing Tivas, or Birkenstocks to participate in the hike.

In the event of a blister, bring some moleskin and tape - be prepared.

The fossil sites are very exposed and there is no natural protection from the elements. It can be scorching hot, windy, and cold and raining "all at the same time". We recommend you bring a windproof/waterproof jacket/shell, toque, wind pants, a sweater, and hat with brim, sunglasses, sunscreen and insect repellent. Umbrellas, the cheap pop-up drugstore type are wonderful. You don't sweat under them, and you don't have to stop to put them up or down.

[Bring a hiking pole or ski pole; it definitely helps to make it easier on your knees.](#)

This guided hike is being conducted in **The Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks – UNESCO World Heritage Site**: leave only footprints and take only photos.

The earth science educational guided hikes include learning about the History of Life – the Story of the Burgess Shale, the Mountain Building processes, Climate Change and Landscape

Please note: Each person participating in a guided hike must completely fill out and sign the Guided Hike Waiver form and have it witnessed. *Each person must bring the completed waiver form with them and present it to your guide on the morning/day of the hike.*

Persons who do not present a completely filled out and signed waiver form to the guide, will not be permitted to participate in the hike.