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## **Burgess Shale Centennial Package at Emerald Lake Lodge**

*Package Combines 'True Mountain Lodging' with*

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fossil Discovery*

*Field, British Columbia, Canada (March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009)* – Emerald Lake Lodge will be offering a unique package to guests this summer season. Throughout July and August, there will be a series of Burgess Shale packages available, to celebrate the centennial of what has been called the 'World's Most Important Animal Fossils' by world-renowned palaeontologist Stephen J. Gould.

The package at Emerald Lake Lodge includes two nights' accommodation, breakfast each morning, a hikers lunch, the Burgess Shale hike, and a limited edition Burgess Shale Centennial hat and t-shirt. Pricing for the two night package starts at \$465.00 per person plus tax, based on double occupancy. The package is available on select Mondays throughout the summer, visit [www.crmr.com](http://www.crmr.com) for specific dates.

The Burgess Shale hike is a fairly vigorous excursion-20 kilometres round trip-taking approximately ten hours to complete. There is an elevation gain of 760 metres. The hike will provide a glimpse of the fossils which give clues of what life was like 505 million years ago. The Burgess Shale fossils are so special because of their age and exquisite preservation. They were designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1981 and later were made a protected site within the Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site

Also available throughout the summer are informative Burgess Shale themed talks, given by renowned experts in the field. These talks are open to the public and guests of the lodge, as well as those who have registered for the Burgess Shale Package. Talks include a presentation by Henry Vaux demonstrating the receding nature of the glaciers through historic photographs; a presentation examining astrophysics and climate change; and a presentation of the early field trips to the Burgess Shale, when they were first discovered by Charles D. Walcott. This presentation will be given by Walcott's great-granddaughter. A fee for each talk of \$30.00 is payable at the door the evening of the talk. Advance reservations are not available, and space is limited.

The beauty of Emerald Lake Lodge, combined with the history of the Burgess Shale, makes this package an opportunity to experience something truly special and forever memorable this summer.

For more information please call 1-800-663-6336 or visit [www.crmr.com](http://www.crmr.com)

To learn more about the Burgess Shale, please visit <http://burgess-shale.bc.ca/>

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