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WINTER IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES - - PART 2

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Sunrise on Creek at Lake Louise, Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada

Sunset and blowing snow at Abraham Lake, Alberta, Canada

Sunset near Silverhorn Creek, Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada

Last month my Newsletter covered Part 1 of my winter trip to the Canadian Rockies and featured photographs from within 40 miles of the town of Banff. This month I feature photographs from the area of Lake Louise, and north.

From Lake Louise, the Icefields Parkway (Highway 93) travels 145 miles north to the town of Jasper. The Icefields Parkway is named for the Columbia Icefields along the highway and links Banff National Park with Jasper National

Park.

Unlike any other, this stretch of highway is dotted with more than 100 glaciers, cascading waterfalls, dramatic mountain peaks, and sweeping valleys of thick pine and larch forests. The lakes were, of course frozen and snow covered when I was there, but are normally emerald green. It's been named as one of the top 10 drives in the world by the critically acclaimed travel magazine, Condé Nast Traveler. I traveled various parts of the Icefields Parkway and the beauty was even more stunning since the region had received 3 times the amount of their normal snowfall. Of course, traveling was slow going since the entire road was snow covered and ice packed.

The sunrise in Featured Photograph No. 1 was shot very close to Lake Louise. Mount Temple is in the background.

Featured Photograph No. 2 of Abraham Lake was about 1½ hour drive north and off the Parkway from Lake Louise. The temperatures were well below zero and the winds were forecast to be approx. 40 MPR. Believe me, the forecast was correct. I thought the snow blowing across the lake's ice at sunset made for a unique photograph.

Featured Photograph No. 3 was shot at sunset about 55 miles north of Lake Louise, near the Silverhorn Creek area on the Icefields Parkway.

Although my winter trip to the Canadian Rockies had its obstacles, it was overall a spectacular trip with scenery beyond compare. I'm already thinking of when I can return.

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