

ACCESS AND ENVIRONMENT

PRESERVE OUR WILDERNESS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME



THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA | LE CLUB ALPIN DU CANADA

A night landscape featuring a yellow and white tent pitched in a dark field. In the background, there are dark silhouettes of mountains and a vibrant aurora borealis (Northern Lights) in shades of green and purple against a starry night sky.

“ Since 1906, The Alpine Club of Canada has been a national leader in preserving Canada’s mountain wilderness for generations to come. All Canadians have benefitted from the ACC’s efforts to increase responsible recreational use of our alpine areas, while continuing Canada’s tradition of strong environmental stewardship. In Alberta, we’re pleased to continue partnering with the ACC to bring thrilling mountain experiences to visitors far and wide.”

Shannon Phillips,
Alberta Minister of Environment and Parks

WE ARE CALLED TO PROTECT OUR WILDERNESS

Never before in human history have mountains been in such demand or regarded with such reverence.

Families, young Canadians and new Canadians are eager to experience the wonders of the wild, recognizing it as an essential part of Canada’s culture, heritage, health and wellness.

Human activities and changes in climate, however, have created unprecedented pressure on mountain species and ecosystems.

You can make a difference by supporting initiatives in the **ENVIRONMENT FUND** and new projects that ignite your passion.

It has never been more important for the ACC to have the resources to lead initiatives to ensure Canadians can access alpine environments – safely, affordably and responsibly – while providing leadership in conservation, responsible use, education and scientific studies.

MOUNTAINS MATTER TO US, TO THE PLANET & FOR THE FUTURE

As adventurers who cherish the natural world, Alpine Club of Canada members intrinsically understand the value to the human spirit of spending time in diverse and dynamic wilderness spaces.

As Canada's mountaineering organization, a vital part of our Club's mandate is to be the **nation's leading voice of environmental stewardship.**

Our Club founders underscored the importance of this role in 1906, by enshrining in our Constitution the objectives of *"preservation of mountain places, their fauna and flora, as well as promotion of scientific study and education of all Canadians about mountain environments."*

The **ENVIRONMENT FUND** is used to create a legacy of environmental improvement. It provides financial support to a range of sustainable access and mountain conservation initiatives across the nation. Our goal is to ensure this fund is well established with the resources needed to ensure its impact for generations to come.





HERE'S HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Donations to the ACC's **ENVIRONMENT FUND** support:

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Annual Grants

Support ACC Sections and partner organizations with projects that protect and preserve mountain and climbing environments while protecting flora and fauna in their natural habitat. Recent grants have contributed to:

- Preserving the Kinnard Bluffs rock-climbing area in Castlegar, B.C.
- Supporting mountain caribou conservation with the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS).
- Supporting research and advocacy by Y2Y to help conserve British Columbia's Wild Hart ranges.
- Funding new and maintained trails, composting toilets and solar panels, in regions across the country.

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Outreach & Partnership

Increase our ability to build and maintain relationships with government, land owners and relevant organizations on cooperative projects.

- The ACC's Memorandum of Understanding with the Royal Canadian Geographic Society, signed in 2017, lays out a path to work together to increase Canadians' awareness of mountain environments through joint educational and outreach initiatives. Opportunities are endless!
- The new annual State of the Mountains Report published by the ACC provides a synthesis of current knowledge and scientific understanding of the changing state of Canadian mountain environments, alpine ecosystems and human communities in a format that is open and accessible to all readers.

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New Opportunities & Technologies

The **ENVIRONMENT FUND** provides the ACC with the flexibility to quickly respond to new opportunities and provide members with tools to support environmental action.

- Our new smartphone app will allow members to share experiences in the mountains. You'll be able to post geotagged photos and stories online to capture in real time what's happening in our wilderness and within our Club.
- Your support allows us to include the latest in new green technology in new and existing huts and facilities.

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Advocacy & Visibility

As Canada's voice of the mountains, the ACC needs to be increasingly active in speaking out on access and environment issues at the national and international level, attending conferences, making submissions and being heard.

- The ACC has provided input on the proposed Jumbo Glacier Ski Resort, Alberta's Castle area provincial parks and Quebec's Gatineau Park, among others.
- With your support we can increase the Club's international visibility through participation in UIAA (International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation) access and mountain sustainability initiatives.





**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
TO OUR
MOUNTAINS
TODAY**

GIVE TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND

Your gift will be recognized in the ACC's Annual Report. Naming opportunities may be available for some projects.

Name a fund

Gifts of \$25,000 qualify to establish a named fund for you, or someone important to you. We will work with you to establish terms of reference for the fund that support environmental initiatives of mutual interest.

Leave a legacy

Include the ACC **ENVIRONMENT FUND** in your will.

Donate now

Gifts of all sizes are welcome. You can donate online, over the phone or by mailing your donation. A charitable tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.

**100% OF YOUR GIFT GOES DIRECTLY
TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND**



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Mountains needs stewards
now more than ever.
Please step up to protect
our wilderness landscapes.



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