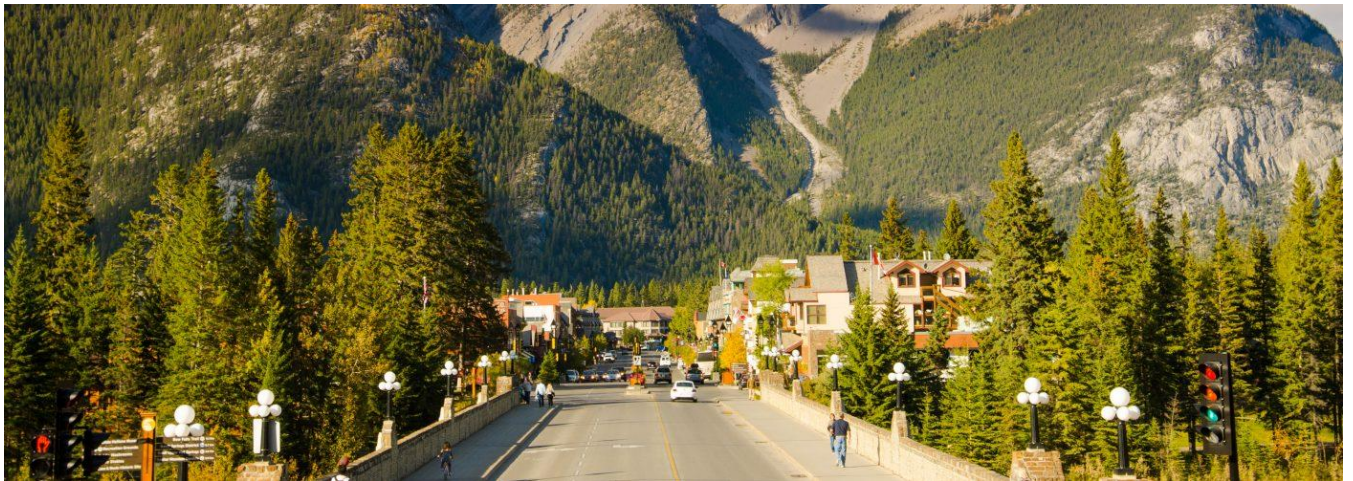


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## The Best Off-Season Mountain Towns in North America



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You probably recognize these ski towns for their popularity in winter, but they're just as good in the off-season. Late spring and summer yield warm temperatures for hiking and [water sports](#), while early fall brings vivid foliage. Here are 10 mountain towns that are great even without the snow.



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## McCall, Idaho

Known for its lengthy winter season and heavy snowfall, McCall expects snow from November to April. In the off season, though, its position on Payette Lake and an abundance of trails makes it a great spring, summer, and early fall destination.

***On the Mountain:*** [Brundage Mountain](#) is open off-season for scenic chairlift rides, mountain biking, hiking, disc golf, and mountain-top dining.

***Other Activities:*** Golf, hike, bike, camp, fish, river raft, boat, kayak, and jet skion Payette Lake and the nearby [Salmon River](#) in the spring and summer. There are also two different [hot springs](#) open year-round.

**Local Happenings:** You'll find [dining](#), museums, and [shopping](#) in downtown McCall.

**Where to Stay:** [Shore Lodge](#). Located on the shores of Payette Lake, Shore Lodge has a [spa](#) complete with [saltwater immersion indoor and outdoor pools](#), three restaurants, a fitness center, walking paths, and direct access to the lake. Those looking to make their vacation more permanent can do so via [Whitetail Club](#), the real estate community on property with a golf course, athletic complex, and private Fish & Swim Club.