

## **Shining Mountains**

Shining Mountains is a 4-part series that journeys through time to explore the natural wonders, cultural heritage and future of the Rockies.

Langue/Language : English

Sous-titres/Subtitles : -

### **Episode 1 The Ancient Ones (2005)**

Guy Clarkson – mountain guide, pilot and cinematographer – takes off in his bush plane to film the Rocky Mountains. He feels especially responsible for 2000 km, from Yellowstone National Park in the south to the Yukon in the north. For over 25 years he’s lived and worked here in the Great Divide and now fears for the future.

In Episode 1 he examines “the ancient ones”, the rock, ice, flora and fauna that, over eons, have adjusted to every fluctuation in nature. Since the arrival of Europeans, however, the damage to ecosystems has approached a point of no return. From the glaciers of the Columbia Ice Fields, to the wolf packs of Yellowstone National Park, to the sacred hunting grounds of the Blackfoot nations, Clarkson finds perspective in the wisdom of the experts and elders who know this region best.

Durée/Runtime : 47 min

### **Episode 2 Land of Riches (2005)**

How did the world discover the Rockies? To find out, Guy Clarkson traces the footsteps of the earliest European visitors who arrived by canoe, horse and dog team to expand their fur trading empires to the Pacific.

At first, The Rockies were just a barrier to be conquered. Footpaths became roads and finally a railway. On those first CPR trains came easterners armed with easels, cameras and climbing gear. Wilderness became like a religion for the affluent, and they told the world of a new Shangri-La.

Clarkson joins modern-day adventurers and historians to relive how the earliest visitors revelled in a land of riches. It’s a journey by dog team, locomotive, canoe and climbing party

to the roof of the Canadian Rockies. From there, Clarkson can almost see forever, and that's the problem. The future is cause for concern.

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### **Episode 3 On the Edge (2005)**

Are we loving our mountains to death? Guy Clarkson examines the current state of human encroachment in the Rocky Mountains. To explore this touchy subject, Clarkson skies virgin slopes with a heliski pioneer, hill climbs with snowmobilers, rides boundary trails with park wardens and talks to a First Nations chief.

On the eastern slopes of the Rockies, a housing development runs into a coalition of ranchers and conservationists. There's no question that this is an eco-region on the edge, but how to save it before it's too late?

Durée/Runtime : 47 min

### **Episode 4 Once and Future Wild (2005)**

Guy Clarkson completes his mountain odyssey with a search for solutions. He finds business, government and local residents joining forces to ensure that the grizzly, the wolf and the caribou remain at home on their range. He meets a cross-section of mountain people who are getting political to push their vision of a "once and future wild".

Clarkson investigates a coalition of passionate people and organizations known as Y2Y, The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative. Their aim is to connect wildlife corridors through over a million square kilometres. He also visits a Kaska-Dene youngster heading out on his first moose hunt. Clarkson takes heart in the wisdom of those who know best what it means to live in harmony with nature.

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