

RANCH IN BANFF 1940-1975

Traditional long, low Ranch architecture can be found in Banff predominantly in post WWII neighbourhoods. On smaller lots in older neighbourhoods, Ranch houses tend to be more square shaped than long, with hipped roofs, but can be distinguished from the Folk Pyramidal styles due to their horizontal emphasis, their modern picture windows, and their tendency to be raised off the ground. Ranch architecture is primarily residential, but was used in Banff through the 1950s for additions onto older commercial and institutional buildings as well. Ranch houses in Banff also come in split-level form, conducive to sloping lots with their multiple interior storeys and their lower-level integrated garages.

Architectural Principles

- Low horizontal emphasis
- Low-pitched hipped, side-gabled, cross-hipped or cross
- gabled roof, without dormers
- Free flowing, open-plan interior
- Moderate- to wide eave overhangs
- Large, square picture windows
- Entrance recessed and sheltered under the main roof
- Garage integrated into the building

Identifying Features

- Large square picture windows framed by narrow windows on either side, broken up into multiple lights
- Other forms of multiple-light windows, broken up vertically or horizontally
- Changes in wall-cladding materials (often integrating Rundle stone) at entry areas, bases of windows, and/or within gables
- Occasional window shutters and integrated planters

