

SURFING “THE MOUNTAIN”

Location: Kananaskis, Alberta

Photographer: Paul Manning-Hunter

Surfer: David Manning

Just as the sun was setting, my brother and I made a short hike through crunchy early-winter snow to a wave called “The Mountain” on the Kananaskis River. While David got ready to surf, I put my camera gear in a drybag and swam to the other side. To capture the stars I needed a long exposure, but to capture David I needed something quicker. So I set up my camera on a tripod in the river, opened the shutter and climbed up an icy rock with a strobe light in order to freeze him in motion—which at minus ten degrees Celsius was not something he needed any help with.

The hike back to the car was slippery in frozen booties and it wasn’t until we were well on our way home that our wetsuit zippers thawed enough to unzip. 📷

