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WELCOME TO THE BC HALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL SELKIRK LOOP

The international border is currently closed to non-essential travel at this time. However, Canadian residents can visit the BC half of the Loop.

Driving the International Selkirk Loop is truly a spectacular experience, as the 280-mile (450 km) international scenic byway winds around the Selkirk Mountains through Idaho and Washington, USA, and British Columbia, Canada. Often following lakes and rivers along the way, the Selkirk Loop circles an area brimming with outdoor recreation opportunities. Explore a wide variety of awe-inspiring sights and historic treasure.

In fact, the Selkirk Loop has garnered heaps of recognition. Rand McNally selected it as one of five "Best of the Roads" for its 2009 atlas. The U.S. Department of Transportation designated the Selkirk Loop an "All American Road" in 2005. And *Sunset Magazine* named it "The West's Best Scenic Drive." So put yourself in the driver's seat for one fabulous drive chock-full of scenery and friendly towns on the International Selkirk Loop!

Allow a minimum of three to five days to visit the International Selkirk Loop. "Sample Itineraries" can be found at www.SelkirkLoop.org.

Check the handy directory of businesses for each community. They made the Selkirk Loop Travel Guide possible and all offer wonderful experiences. Be sure to tell them you are **"Doin' the Loop."**

Before you hit the road, **download our FREE mobile app** (iOS or Android) at www.selkirkloop.org. Once it is downloaded, the app is offline and you can interact with the map, ferry schedules, border crossing information and everything there is to see and do along the way

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and share your experience and images using the hashtag **#selkirkloop**. We would love to see your **Two-Nation Vacation!**

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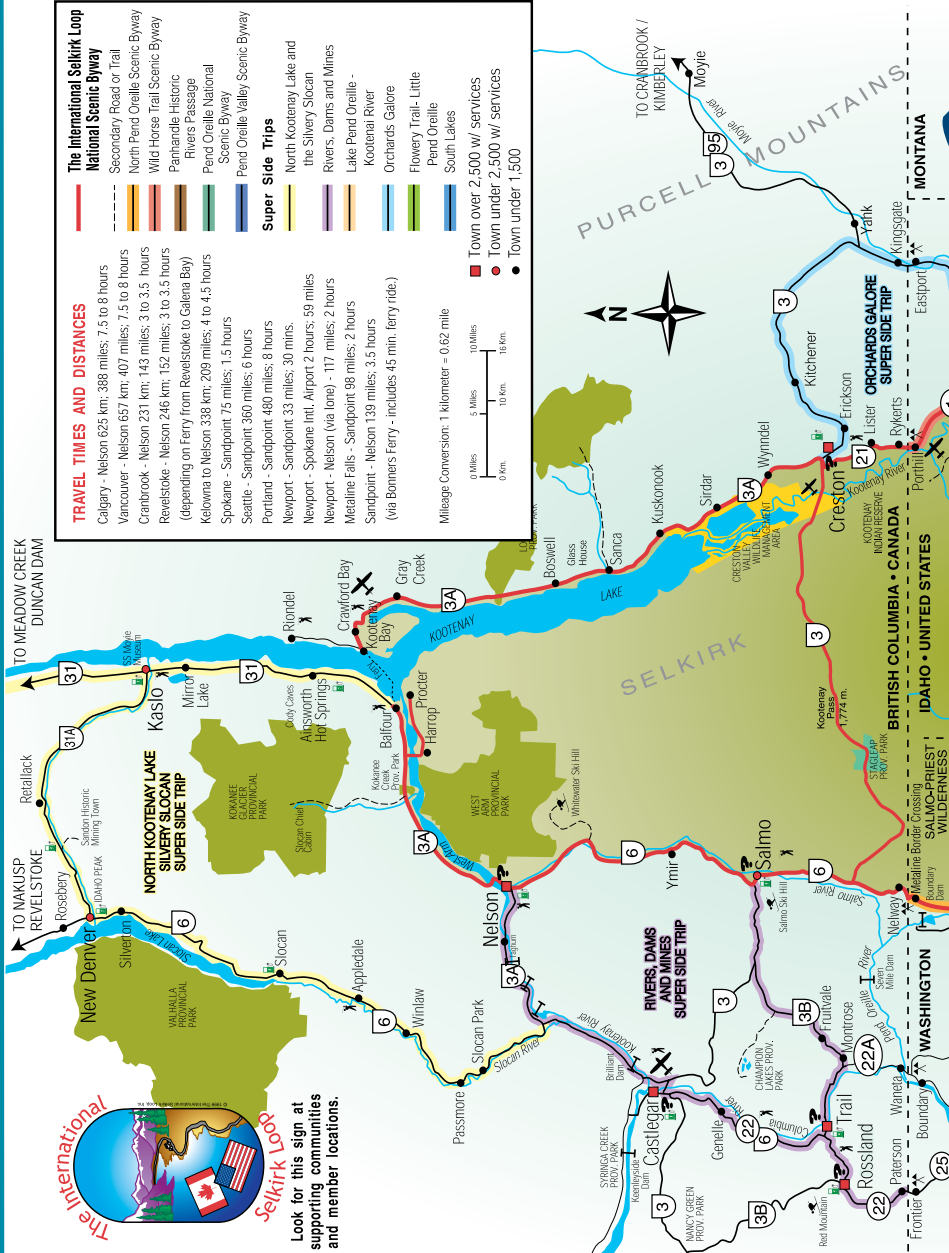
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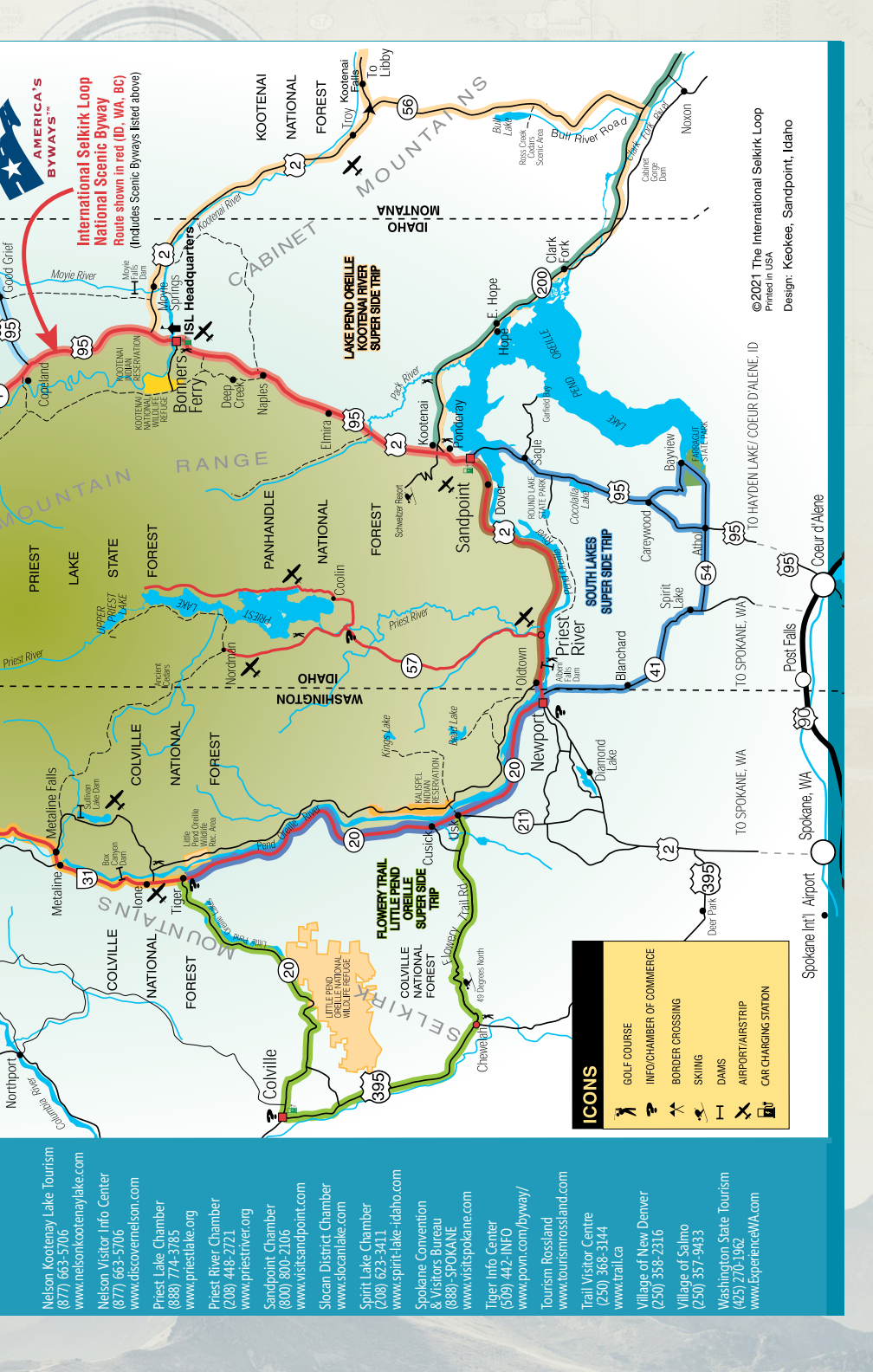
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Apple Orchard



Erickson • Kitchener • Yahk

50 MILES / 80 KM

Heading north from Bonners Ferry, remain on Highway 95 and head toward the Eastport/Kingsgate International Border Crossing. Stop at the new **scenic overlook** one mile north of the State Highway 1 junction. At the top of the grade, this area has opportunities for mountain goat viewing and traverses through wetlands where moose are often spotted.

Seven miles south of the international border is a small U.S. Forest Service campground at **Robinson Lake** (Memorial-Labor Day Weekend) with 10 sites available. Directly north of Highway 95, this small, 60-acre lake is a good trout and bass fishery with a dock for easy access.

Picnic at an unusual and unexpected interpretive site by turning south onto Meadow Creek Road No. 229 at Good Grief, marked by a store with a cafe. Travel 3 miles to **Moyie Crossing** (open year-round), where a beautiful overlook of the river is decorated with fish-and-rock sculptures. Travel an additional 5 miles south to **Meadow Creek Campground** (Memorial-Labor Day Weekend), a U.S. Forest Service facility with 22 campsites.

Another campground is found two miles south of the international border off Highway 95 at **Copper Creek** (Memorial-Labor Day Weekend). Follow Road No. 2517 to this U.S. Forest Service facility with 16 campsites. Be sure to take the hike to **Copper Creek Falls**, a short, easy forested walk to a serene, lovely waterfall.

As you cross the **international border**, (open 24 hours) at Eastport/Kingsgate, Highway

CAMPING ON PUBLIC LANDS - EAST KOOTENAY AREA, B.C.

| SITE | LOCATION | SITES | TENT | SHOWERS | RV FULL/LIMITED |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|------|---------|-----------------|
| Lockhart Beach-PP | Boswell | 12 | x | n/a | Limited |
| Yahk-PP | Yahk | 26 | x | n/a | Limited |
| Garland Bay-FRS | Riondel | 12 | x | n/a | Limited |
| Goat River Canyon-FRS | Kitchener | 5 | x | n/a | n/a |
| America Creek-FRS | Yahk | 5 | x | n/a | Limited |

*Reserve at www.discovercamping.ca 800-689-9025 / PP-Provincial Park / FRS-Forestry Recreation Sites



Yahk Soap & Candle Co.

95/3 follows along the **Moyie River**. The Moyie River from Moyie Lake in British Columbia to Kingsgate is an open **paddle route** ideal for a quiet river journey through prime wildlife country.

Watch for your turn west to Creston just before the charming town of **Yahk**. Consider taking the time to visit the Yahk area to enjoy the beautiful **Yahk Soap and Candle Company**, and their goats that you can sometimes find on the roof. Get a snack at **Two Scoop Steve** and take a stroll along the river at the Yahk Provincial Park.

As you approach the **Erickson** area east of Creston, savor the scenic beauty of the farm and orchard fields as this leisurely route winds its way west. Between Erickson and Creston, this route

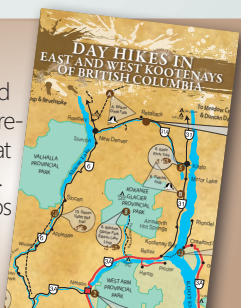


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passes 17 **fruit and vegetable stands** (June-September). Try some freshly picked cherries, peaches, apples, pears and more.

Day Hikes

Get off the road and into the hills to appreciate the beauty that surrounds the loop. Look for 3 trail maps [Wash., Idaho, and B.C.] produced by the Selkirk Loop.



FREE at area Chamber and Visitor Centers

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Baillie-Grohman Estate Winery

Creston

Discover the warm climate that provides the Creston Valley with a wealth of fresh fruits and vegetables - everything from asparagus to zucchini. Cherries are the primary fruit grown (exporting more than 3 million pounds annually), with apples being secondary as well as strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, apricots, peaches, pears and plums. There are numerous fruit and vegetable stands along Highway 3 east of Creston where you can purchase some locally grown produce.

Creston celebrates its agricultural heritage starting with the **Creston Valley Blossom Festival** on the Victoria Day Long Weekend in May that includes two parades, a classic car show, street vendors, live entertainment and events for all ages. While attending the annual Blossom Festival, take in the **Yaqaan Nuki Pow Wow** to make this Festival weekend a true family event.

Three km (1.5 miles) north of the border on Highway 21, the route travels through the Ktunaxa (pronounced *k-too-nah-ha*) Nation. This is the native name of the Lower Kootenay Band, which means "to travel by water." Visit the **Yaqaan Nuki Heritage Centre for native crafts and history** (April-October).

With three exceptional wineries in the region, the Creston Valley has been dubbed Canada's next wine region. Stop by for a tasting of these award-winning wines, and enjoy the view of this beautiful valley. Don't forget to visit the **Creston Valley Farmers Market** for everything grown, made or baked in the Kootenays. There are many U-pick orchards, an organic cheese making company, artisan breads can be found at bakeries, and many of these locally grown items are served in area restaurants.

If you are in the area in July or August stop by the Visitor Info Centre to get times and a ticket for the popular Bus Wine Art Tour that visits local artisans and serves local wine along the route.

Nine km (6 miles) north of the border crossing on Highway 21, watch for the turnoff to the **Creston Golf Club**, an 18-hole championship course, for one of the most scenic golfing experiences. The mild climate in the Creston Valley means a golf season starting in mid-March with great weather lasting until the end of October. There are 17 golf courses within two hours of Creston!

Across the valley, west of Creston off Highway 3, is the **Creston Valley Wildlife**



Creston Valley Farmers Market

Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre



Discovery Centre

offering wetland education programs at the
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Management Area and the Discovery Centre (CVWMA).

This internationally designated Ramsar site is a 17,000-acre wetland, home to one of Canada's densest populations of ospreys and more than 300 bird species. Boardwalks and dike trails are open year-round. Take a self-guided tour along wheelchair-accessible boardwalks. Two viewing towers provide excellent panoramas of the area. Naturalists are onsite at the Discovery Centre from May to October offering guided canoe tours, special programs and events as well as information on trails, wildlife sightings and much more. Wildlife viewing, fishing and boating on Duck Lake and surrounding wetlands are world class.

Watch for the signs to **Downtown Creston** off of Highway 21, turning east. On the way you will see the "Glacier Brewery of the Kootenays," home of Kokanee beer. **Columbia Brewery** offers tours on weekdays (mid-May to mid-October). The tour ends in the Kokanee Beer Gear Store where you'll sample the product and have a chance to shop.

In Creston's **downtown district** you will see some buildings in the Edwardian style, but the **Art Deco style** of the 1930s is most prevalent. While there are no skyscrapers, there are two landmark grain elevators. The elevators are the last in British Columbia and the last in a



Bird watching tower at the CVWMA



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Creston Museum and Archives

Canadian downtown center. Continue exploring this arts community visiting galleries and studios to appreciate many of the talented artists in the area.

For more in-depth history of the area, visit the **Creston Museum and Archives**, regarded as one of the finest small museums in British Columbia. Authentic historic buildings and unique artifacts can be found from Creston's past.

The closest regional airport is found in Cranbrook, a 75-minute drive to the east.

For some local flavor, the Orchards Galore Super Side Trip is just east of Creston on Highway 3 (page 42).

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS CRESTON

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| Jan-Dec | Creston Valley Farmers Market |
| February | Annual Women's Valentine's Curling Bonspiel |
| | Annual Men's Butterfly Curling Bonspiel |
| May | Creston Valley Bird Festival |
| | Creston Valley Blossom Festival |
| | Lower Kootenai Band Yaqaan Nuki Pow Wow |
| June | Creston Valley & East Shore Art Walk |
| | Tri-It Triathlon |
| | Kids Day at the Museum |
| July | Canada Day |
| | Kootenay Gut Buster |
| July-August | Bus Art Tours |
| | Music in the Park (Millennium Park) |
| August | Creston Old Fashioned Tea at Museum |
| | Columbia Basin Culture Tour |
| September | Creston Valley Fall Fair |
| | Creston Blue Heron Half Marathon + 10K run |
| | Quilt Show at the Museum |
| | Creston Art Club Show and Sale |
| | Gran Fondo |
| October | Oktoberfest |
| November | IMAGES Group Christmas Art Show & Sale |
| | Christmas Craft Fair |
| December | Santa Claus Parade and Festival |
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Creston Valley

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ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

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- Creston Valley Economic Development
(250) 428-4342
- Kootenay Employment Services Society
(250) 428-5655
- Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society
(250) 402-6905
- Town of Creston (250) 428-2214

PLACES TO STAY

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(250) 428-2225
- Creston Ramada
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(250) 428-9262
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Glass House

Wynndel • Boswell • Gray Creek • Crawford Bay • Riondel

North of Creston on Highway 3A is scenic **Kootenay Lake**, the largest natural lake in the Kootenay Rockies region and the third largest in British Columbia. Steep, forested slopes flank the 90-mile-long lake that many refer to as the “jewel of the Kootenay region.” Originally and still inhabited by the **K’tunaxa**, European settlers arrived in the late 1800s. As late as the 1950s, sternwheelers were the main link for many of the people that surround this huge body of water. These communities have become havens for artists, craftspeople, writers and musicians. The whole area is packed with cultural and heritage attractions, golf courses, and exciting wilderness parks and is connected to the west shore by the **free ferry** at Kootenay Bay.

Motorcyclists are exhilarated by the more than 300 curves as the road follows the lakeshore north of Creston. Take a break at Boswell and tour the unique **Glass House** (May 1-Thanksgiving), constructed of more than 500,000 discarded embalming fluid bottles. The square shape of the bottles makes possible a curiously beautiful home.

Kootenay Lake provides **year-round boating and fishing** opportunities since the lake does not freeze in winter. In fact, some of the best fishing happens during the winter months. The lake is renowned for the large Gerrard rainbow trout and the Dolly Varden.

Several **public boat launches and rest areas** are found along the way, with the first at Kuskanook, 24 km (15 miles) from Creston. Ten kilometers north is **Lockhart Creek Provincial Park** (Victoria Day-Labour Day Weekend) which has a broad sandy beach and a small separate camping area. The park covers approximately 3,751 hectares and contains old-growth cedar and hemlock forests along extensive hiking trails. Additional launches can be found at Boswell, Gray Creek, Kootenay Bay, Riondel and Garland Bay.

Gray Creek is the western terminus of the 85-km Gray Creek Pass forestry back road to Kimberley, which is 15 km to the pass. This scenic back road (four-wheel-drive recommended) accessible from either Anderson Road or Oliver Road, offers opportunities for alpine hiking, wildlife viewing, huckleberry picking and nature photography. Normally open mid-July to October, the road’s current condition may be checked by stopping at **Gray Creek Store**. The store, established in 1913 and still in the same family, holds wonderful memories of bygone general



East shore Biking Trail

stores and you can still find almost anything including a great collection of books on early British Columbia history.

At **Crawford Bay**, enjoy a round at **Kokanee Springs Resort**, a world-class 18-hole championship golf course situated among the historic fruit trees from former pioneer farms and designed by Norman Woods. Crawford Bay is a haven for working **artisan studios** and galleries featuring traditional crafts such as iron working, broom making, weaving and pottery. The unique food venues often feature live music. Local East Shore Trails and Bikes Association's (ESTBA) well maintained **network of trails** has a detailed map

available at the Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce visitor information booth. The ferry landing is just 10 minutes from the artisan workshops.

Inspiring views of **Kokanee Glacier** can be seen from the highway summit. The Kootenay Lake ferry is the **longest free ferry** in the world. It is part of the Highway 3A route between Calgary, Alberta (7 hours east), and Vancouver, British Columbia (10 hours west). In the summer there are two ferries running about 50 minutes apart.

Before getting to the ferry, three more areas are worth discovering. Not far north of the ferry landing, visitors are welcome to explore **Yasodhara**

Highway 3A - East Shore Kootenay Lake



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www.kootenaylake.bc.ca



Crawford Bay artisan shops

Ashram, a year-round yoga retreat and study centre. It features many unique buildings, an extensive garden and a new Temple of Light. Further north is the quaint, historic mining community of **Riondel**. To the south at the ferry landing is the **Pilot Bay Provincial Park**, a walker's paradise. From here, access the historic **Pilot Peninsula Lighthouse**, a short hike with a great view. The lighthouse was built in 1905, when it was the lake and not the highway that connected Kootenay communities. The park also includes **Pilot Bay Marine Park**, the most protected waters on Kootenay Lake. There are campsites and a nice picnic spot accessible by boat or foot. Follow along the shoreline of Pilot Peninsula

and connect with the ESTBA walking trails.

Plan to spend at least a couple of days to explore this awesome area and enjoy the many activities available.

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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS EAST SHORE COMMUNITIES

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| June-Sept | Art Tour, along East Shore from Wynddel to Riondel |
| June | Stawberry Social at Yasodhara Ashram |
| July | Starbely Jam Music Festival, Crawford Bay Gray Creek Hall Museum Days, Gray Creek |
| July-August | Sunday Market Riondel Daze, Riondel |
| September | Gray Creek Regatta, Gray Creek Kootenay Lake Fall Fair, Crawford Bay |

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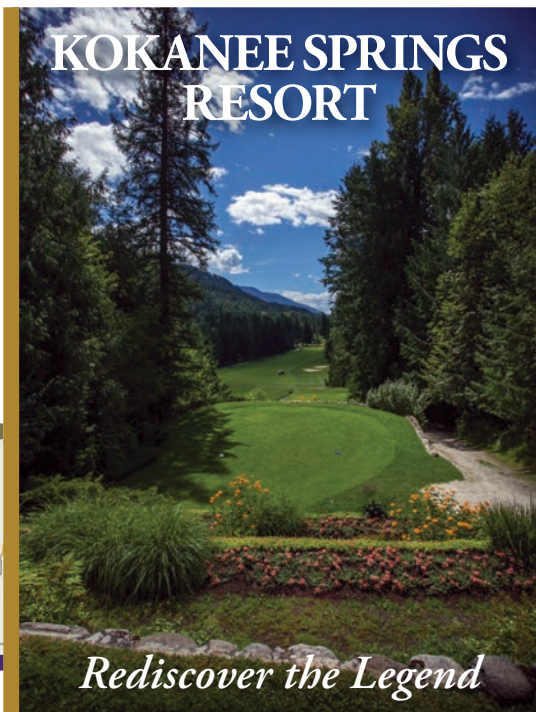
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Destiny Bay Resort - Boswell
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Lodges of Kokanee Springs, The -
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KOOTENAY LAKE FREE FERRY SCHEDULE

All times are Pacific time zone

| Balfour Departures | Kootenay Bay Departures |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 6:30 am | 7:10 am |
| 8:10 am | 9:00 am |
| 9:50 am | 10:40 am |
| *10:40 am | *11:30 am |
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| 7:50 pm | 8:40 pm |
| 9:40 pm | 10:20 pm |

*Additional summer sailings in **BLUE**,
 Summer schedule in effect from third week in
 June to Labor day. See current schedule at
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Times in black sail all year round.

ROUTE: Across Kootenay Lake, 32 km east of Nelson on
 Highway 3A, between Balfour and Kootenay Bay.

CROSSING TIME: 45 minutes.

EXPECT DELAYS peak periods, weekends & holidays

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Kokanee Mountain Zipline

Balfour • Harrop • Procter

A gateway to the wild and wondrous West Kootenay region, **the bustling lakeside port of Balfour** is located just inside the mouth of Kootenay Lake's West Arm that stretches west to Nelson. Set amidst mountainous walls of pine and fir with snowy peaks, Balfour is home for the *MV Osprey* and its historic sister ship, the *MV Balfour* (see ferry schedule, on page 59).

Five minutes southwest of Balfour on Highway 3A is **Kokanee Creek Provincial Park**, a popular, family-oriented park with full facilities: a spacious campground with a sand spit and a boat launch, picnic area and an adventure playground. See spawning channels where kokanee spawn in August and view interpretive signage describing this landlocked salmon. Eight walking trails, which take 1.5 total hours to hike, line the park. For a breathtaking day hike or backpacking trip, look for one of the access roads to **Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park**, designated as one of the top 10 scenic destinations in the Northern Rockies. Just west of the campground, this 32,035-hectare park holds 85-plus km of hiking trails.

You will also find **Kokanee Mountain Zipline** sandwiched between these picturesque provincial parks. Their family-friendly tours offer

spectacular views of the surrounding mountain ranges, Kootenay Lake and Kokanee Creek Provincial Park below. With nearly a mile of total ziplines, you'll have ample opportunity to admire the scenery.

From Balfour, turn north onto Highway 31 passing the 18-hole championship **Balfour Golf Course** and enter the Selkirk Loop's **North Kootenay Lake – Silvery Slovan Super Side Trip** (page 52) or turn southwest to Nelson (page 58).

On the way to Nelson, **don't miss a visit to Harrop and Procter**, accessed by a five-minute ride on a cable-ferry that crosses the West Arm of Kootenay Lake to a place locals call "The Little Village That Could."

Innovative and proactive, Procter manages its own forest and watershed and grows its own botanicals and herbs. **Heritage Theatre** performs here all summer long, and the town features great food and surprising craft, antique, gardening and shopping opportunities.

Stretch your legs by taking a hike on the **Harrop Creek Trail**, a 20-km moderate hike to Harrop Mill Lake, where there's fishing. The trail provides one of several accesses to the wilderness area of **West Arm Provincial Park** and Mount Lasca, at 2,379 meters (7,805 feet).



Kokanee spawning at Kokanee Creek Provincial Park

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Heading north from Balfour on Highway 31, this route circumnavigates Kootenay Glacier Provincial Park. Take the time to stop at the **unique caves of Ainsworth Hot Springs** (open year-round) where you also get a bird's-eye view of Kootenay Lake while soaking in the outdoor pool. Driving just 6 km (3.5 miles) farther brings visitors to the unusual **Cody Caves** (visit www.CodyCaves.ca for opening status) where guided, seasonal, one-hour underground tours are appropriate for anyone age 6 and up.

Kaslo is a charming, restored heritage village that features great restaurants and art galleries. One of the 60 designated heritage buildings is the **Langham Cultural Centre**, originally constructed as a hotel in 1896. Inside, take a self-guided tour of **Langham's Japanese Canadian Museum** to learn more about what happened to Canada's Japanese population during World War II. The community is home to the majestic **S.S. Moyie** (mid-May to mid-October)

the world's oldest intact passenger sternwheeler and a **National Historic Site of Canada**. The ship is also the location of the Kaslo Area Visitor Information Centre. For easy hiking and biking, take the River Walk along Kaslo River. Wardner Trail leads to a viewpoint overlooking the village and Kootenay Lake. In winter, Kaslo is a gateway to alpine skiing, cat-skiing, cross-country skiing, skating, snowmobiling and ice fishing.

Traveling west 28 km (18 miles) on Highway 31A from Kaslo, the roadway summits at 1,100 m (3,600 feet) at Fish Lake, site of a picnic area. Watch for the well-marked signs to the **mining ghost town of Sandon**. Visit the **Sandon Museum** (Victoria Day-Labour Day Weekend) or tour the adjacent, still-functioning powerhouse and explore the buildings that remain.

Idaho Lookout (Victoria Day-Labour Day Weekend) can be accessed via a steep, gravel road that begins at the far end of town. With a vehicle having sufficient ground clearance, it's



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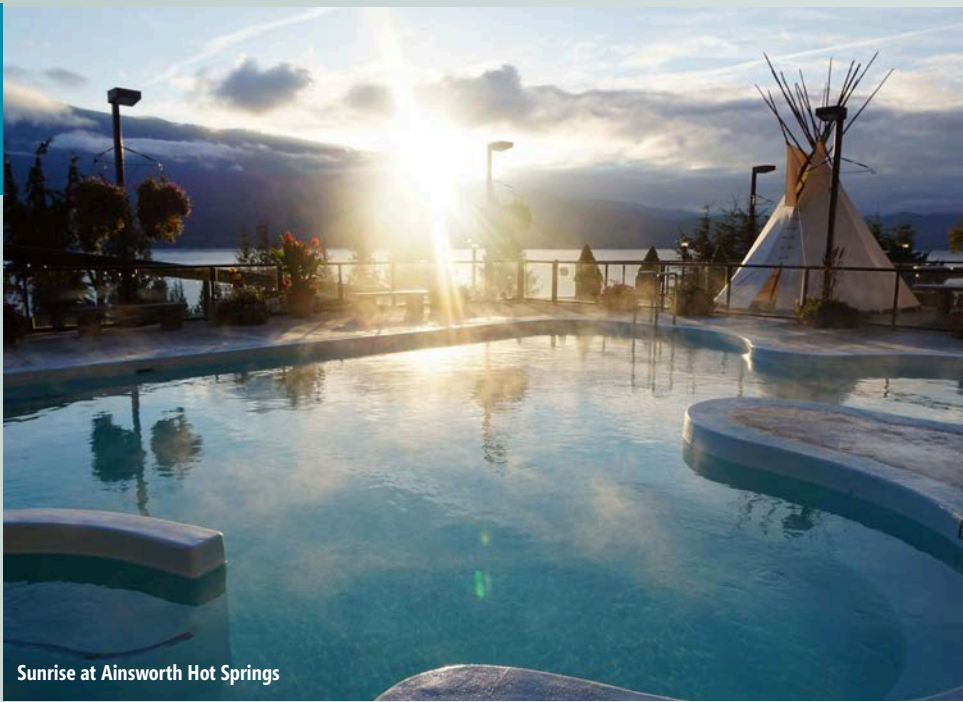
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Sunrise at Ainsworth Hot Springs

possible to drive up to a parking lot at 7,000 feet. A short hike takes travelers to the former fire lookout above Slocan Lake and quite possibly **the best 360-degree viewpoint on the entire Selkirk Loop route**. It is said that on a clear day you can see all the way to Idaho.

For bikers and hikers, two trails are found at the junction of Highway 31A and Sandon. The 13 km (8 mile) **Galena Trail** is an easy 2 percent grade on an abandoned rail line that takes you to the shores of Slocan Lake at **Rosebery Provincial Park**, a good place to camp or picnic. A manually operated cable car carries bikes and riders across Carpenter Creek at the start of the ride. The 13 km (8 mile) **K & S**

Railgrade Trail on the east side of the parking lot leads to Sandon.

Turn south onto Highway 6 to find the villages of **New Denver and Silverton**. These small communities are only 5 km (3 miles) apart on the eastern shore of beautiful Slocan Lake. In downtown New Denver there are colorful shops, cafes and Friday Market as well as the **Silvery Slocan Museum**. Take a stroll along the Mori Lakeside Trail at the end of Main Street or sit and reflect at the Japanese-style Kohan Reflection

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Sandon Museum

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| February | Winter in the Forest Festival |
| April | Woodbury Dolley Derby |
| May | May Days Garden Festival Kaslo Logger Sports |
| June-August | Kaslo Artwalk |
| June-Sept | Saturday Market |
| August | Kaslo Jazz Festival Pirate's Day on S.S. Moyie Sternwheeler Columbia Basin Culture Tour |
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- Kootenay Lake Historical Society /
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- Langham Cultural Socie Centre (250) 353-2661
- Village of Kaslo (250) 353-2311

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- Kaslo Municipal Campground
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- Kootenay Lake Provincial Park (250) 551-0100
- Wing Creek Resort (250) 353-2475

• THINGS TO SEE & DO

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- North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council –
Saturday Market (250) 366-4323

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Idaho Peak

Garden located next to the hospital. The **Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre** (Victoria Day-Labour Day Weekend) offers an hour-long tour dedicated to the memory of Japanese Canadians interned during World War II. In **Silverton**, British Columbia’s smallest municipality, take a stroll downtown and visit the Silverton Gallery with year-round exhibits, including the **Silverton Outdoor Mining Museum & Interpretive Centre** (Victoria Day-Labour Day Weekend), which holds 58 pieces of old mining equipment and a blacksmith shop. The village has a nice municipal campground and day park at the lake’s edge. Across the lake is **Valhalla Provincial Park**, a place for serious backcountry adventurers. Access is by water taxi, hiking trail at lake

level or via rough gravel roads into the interior of the park at the **Village of Slocan**.

South from Silverton, access **Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park** (open year-round) on Enterprise Road, where there is parking at the trailhead. A day hike or overnight backpack is well worth the time to get you into one of British Columbia’s high country parks.

Stop at the **Village of Slocan** on the south end of Slocan Lake, where Valhalla Provincial Park may be accessed on foot. For those who enjoy a short walk, view the Springer Creek Falls located alongside Springer Creek RV Park & Campground, or look at the longer falls from the highway.

From Slocan, the 80 km (50 miles) Slocan Valley Rail Trail is a gentle, lightly graveled trail that travels through a delicately beautiful area ending at the junction of Highways 6 and 3A.

The village of **Winlaw** lives up to its reputation of being the hip epicenter of the Slocan Valley’s diverse, rural lifestyle. Take a walk through the Winlaw Nature Park on boardwalks through marshlands with a riverside beach area, picnic tables and playground.

Highway 6 rejoins Highway 3A 16 km west of Nelson, returning to the main Selkirk Loop route.

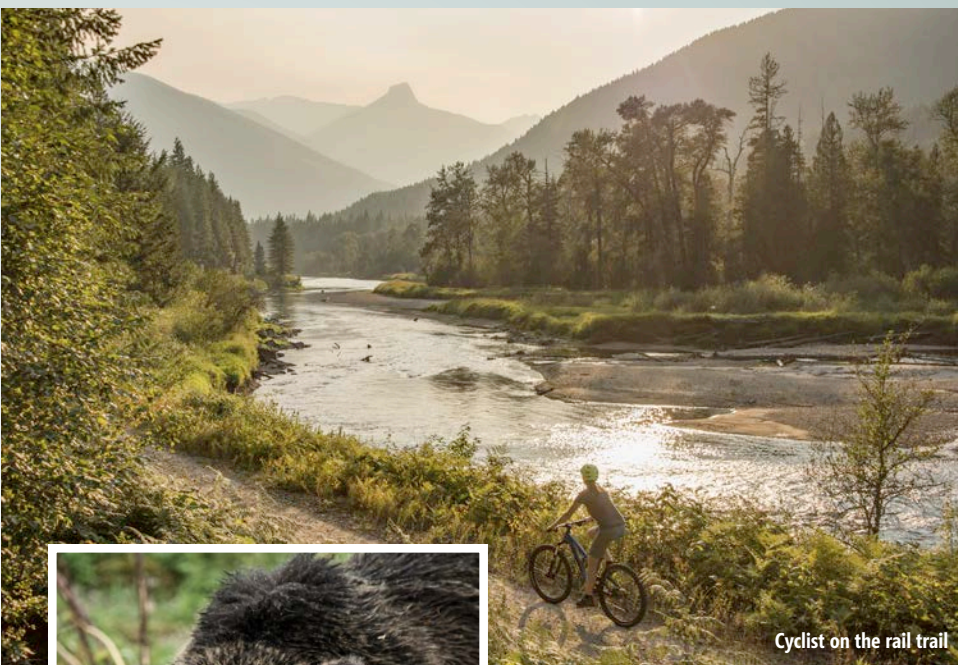
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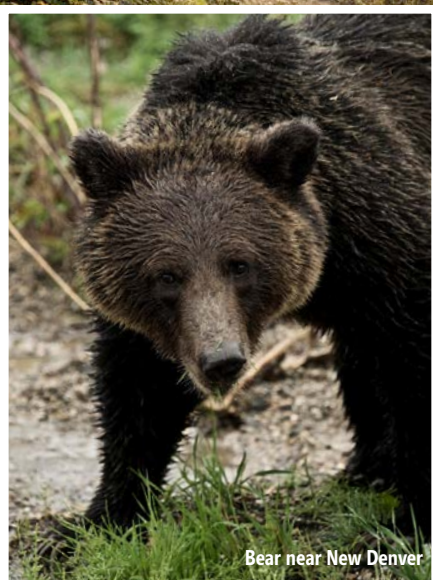
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Cyclist on the rail trail



Bear near New Denver

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| May | New Denver May Days |
| July | Canada Day Celebration, Silverton Unity Music Festival, Slocan City |
| August | Columbia Basin Culture Tour |
| September | Garlic Festival, New Denver |
| December | Christmas by the Lake, Silverton Merchants Night, New Denver |

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View of Nelson

Nelson

Nelson is called the “Queen City” of the Kootenays and wins accolades from everyone who visits. Learn why Nelson continues to be called **the No. 1 small arts town in Canada** and to be named in the “top five small arts towns in North America.” The community of 10,000 is the largest town on the British Columbia side of the Selkirk Loop. The downtown area is packed with fine restaurants, cafes, coffee houses, local shops, small art galleries and impromptu theatre venues. Nelson also has regular farmers markets where local artisans can be found selling a unique and diverse variety of arts, crafts and imports, as well as locally grown and organic produce.

The West Kootenay region of British Columbia, where Nelson is situated, is the traditional territory of the Sinixt or Lakes First Nation. The area also has a significant Kutenai (Ktunaxa) presence.

These waterways form the beginnings of a water course traveling into and becoming part of the **Columbia River**, eventually spilling into the ocean in Astoria, Oregon. This was the elusive waterway that early explorer **David Thompson**, famous Canadian cartographer and fur trader for the Hudson’s Bay Company and

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS NELSON

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| January | Winter Carnival, Whitewater Ski Resort |
| February | Coldsmoke Festival, Whitewater Ski Resort |
| May-October | Cottonwood Saturday Market |
| May | Kootenay Artisan Fair |
| | Tournament of Roses Golf Tournament |
| June-August | Marketfest |
| June-Sept. | Downtown Local Market (Wednesdays) |
| July-August | Nelson Art Walk |
| July | Canada Day Celebration, Lakeside Park |
| | MS West Kootenay Glacier Challenge |
| | Fat-Tire Bike Festival |
| August | IDiDaRide-Run |
| | Columbia Basin Culture Tour |
| September | Queen City Cruise & Car Show |
| October | Wine & Food Festival |
| November | Kootenay Artisan Fair |
| December | Christmas on Baker |

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North West Company, attempted to find in his quest to open a trade route to the Pacific Ocean.

Gold and silver were found in the area in 1867. Following the discovery of silver at nearby Toad Mountain in 1886, the town boomed quickly, leading to incorporation in 1897. Two railways were built to pass through Nelson. Due to its location near transportation corridors, Nelson grew to supply the local mining activity and soon became a transportation and distribution centre for the region.



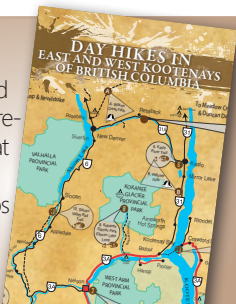
Numerous downtown restaurants



Motorcycling the Loop

Day Hikes

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FREE at area Chamber and Visitor Centers

The town soon matured from a false-fronted boomtown to a sophisticated city. **Francis Rattenbury**, a noted architect, designed chateau-style civic buildings made of granite, which are still in use today. A native of England, Rattenbury spent much of his career in British Columbia and had previously designed the legislature building in Victoria. By the 1900s, Nelson boasted several fine hotels, a Hudson's Bay Company store and an electric streetcar system. The local forestry and mining industries were well-established. Because of the enduring charm of Nelson's historic buildings, the city has become known as the "**Heritage Capital**" of British Columbia.

The town built its own hydroelectric generating system in 1910. English immigrants planted lakeside orchards, and Doukhobors from Russia, sponsored by Tolstoy and the Quakers, tilled the valley benchlands. To relive history, take a tour of a restored Doukhobor village at nearby Castlegar.

Kootenay Lake was a marine performance centre for speedboats in the 1930s and '40s. In 1933, Nelson resident Lou Gilbert set the World Speed Record in his class at 68 mph, and his boat, the *Lady Bird*, can be seen today at Touchstones, Nelson's museum and gallery.



Streetcar 23

Guided walking tours to more than 350 heritage buildings or self-driving tours are a great way to revisit the architectural treasures from the city's heyday.

A heritage streetcar, Streetcar 23, (mid-May to mid-October) runs along the lakefront park, through the middle of the Chahko Mika Mall parking lot to the Prestige Lakeside Inn. Maps for downtown and residential walking tours are available at Nelson's Chamber of Commerce Visitor Info Centre.

Due to its scenery and unique streetscapes, Nelson has been the setting for many popular movies, including "Roxanne," starring Steve Martin and Daryl Hannah.

Nelson has both the terrain and the scenery that makes for fantastic hiking and biking. At least 10 trails exist close to the city. Two popular **hiking trails** are the Santa Fe Railway Trail, a gently sloped rail trail that runs across Nelson and allows biking; and the Pulpit Rock Trail that offers a short, but somewhat challenging hike ending in a beautiful view of the city. After Pulpit Rock, the trail continues up the spine of Elephant Mountain (as the locals call it) to more postcard views, and eventually to the radio towers visible from everywhere in the city. **Mountain biking** is part of the local



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culture, and Nelson offers a wide variety of fat tire-oriented trails for all levels of experience. Excellent trail maps are available at local bike shops. **Rock climbing** is also a popular summer activity. Kootenay Crag, Hall Siding, Grohman Narrows and CIC Bluffs are popular city crags.

Just south of Nelson is **Whitewater Ski and Winter Resort** and **Apex Nordic** area, offering world-class alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding and endless terrain nearby for backcountry touring and snowmobiling. The area offers more than 20 cat-skiing, heli-skiing and ski-touring operators and hundreds of kilometers of cross-country trails. For more information on all of the area's activities, stop into the **Nelson Visitor Information Centre** located on Baker Street in the restored train depot.

If golf is your game, Nelson's **Granite Pointe Golf Club**, only minutes from downtown, is an 18-hole course that tests abilities while offering spectacular scenery. The view from the 16th tee box alone is worth the price of admission, so don't forget your camera. **Seven more outstanding courses lie within a one-hour drive of Nelson.**

For just plain relaxing with the kids, Nelson's **Lakeside Park** has a lifeguard-supervised sandy beach. Kayaking, rafting and canoeing can also

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be enjoyed from the lakeshores surrounding Nelson.

Nelson has a multi-purpose **Aquatic Centre**, including a **waterslide** and expanded fitness area. Be sure to visit **Touchstones Nelson Museum of Art & History** (open year-round) located on Vernon Street and the beautifully restored **live-performance Capitol Theatre**.

South of Nelson on Highway 3A, take the **Rivers, Dams and Mines Super Side Trip** (page 70). A fun day of exploring the towns of Castlegar, Trail and Rossland are worth the drive. Castlegar is the site of the closest **regional airport** on the west side of the Kootenays.

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nounced *duke-ho-bore*) **Discovery Centre** (May 1-Sept. 30), situated on Highway 3A just north of Castlegar, with 10 buildings from the turn-of-the-20th century pacifist sect from Russia. Regional art can be viewed at the **Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science**.

Cycle all or part of the 152-km, or 91.2-mile, **Kettle Valley Railway Bike Route or Pathway Trail** that ultimately leads all the way to Christina Lake and Grand Forks on an easy, unpaved railway grade. Allow four days for the entire route, which passes through seven tunnels and over 10 spectacular trestles. Camp northwest of Castlegar on the eastern shores of the Lower Arrow Lake at **Syringa Provincial Park**. Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, elk and mule deer are common.

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Mountain biking near Rossland

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Rossland’s wealth began with the legendary LeRoi Mine, which produced phenomenal amounts of gold. Stop by the **Rossland Historical Museum** to see a video of the **LeRoi Mine** (mid-May to mid-September), **Canada’s only historic hard rock** gold mine. Try your hand at gold panning and view the spectacular displays at the **Geology Centre**.

Rossland’s **Red Mountain Resort** is a first-rate ski mountain. Many famous alpine athletes came from the region and are highlighted at the **Western Ski Hall of Fame**.

Visit **Trail** and discover its rich mining history, still evident today. The original smelter was built in 1896 on the banks of the Columbia River to process this ore. Today, that smelter has grown to become Teck Cominco, the world’s largest zinc and lead smelter. Visit the **Teck Cominco Interpretive Centre** (Victoria Day-Labour Day Weekend) and take a **free, two-hour guided tour** at 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS CASTLEGAR

| | |
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| March | Fly Fishing Symposium |
| June | Sunfest Community Celebration |
| July | Bluegrass Jamboree |
| | Kootenay Festival |
| July-August | Artwalk & Sculpture Walk |
| | Concerts in the Park Series |
| July-Sept | Farmers Market |
| August | Columbia Basin Culture Tour |
| September | Pass Creek Fall Fair & Horse Show |
| December | Winterfest |

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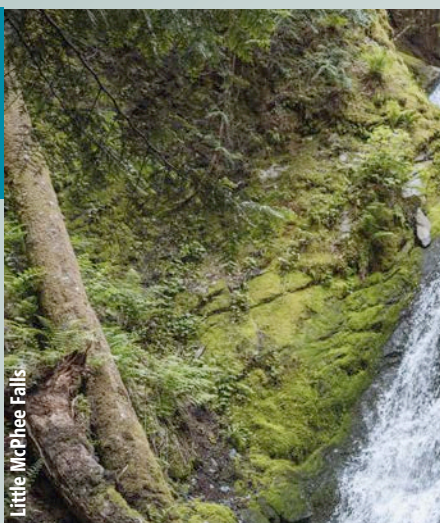
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Little McPhee Falls



Panning for Gold at Rossland Museum

Follow Highway 3B east of Trail to the villages of **Montrose** and **Fruitvale** to stock up on supplies before heading to **Champion Lakes Provincial Park**. Try camping at the third lake. Highway 3B rejoins Highway 6 at the Salmo Junction. Turn south and follow the Salmo River 25 km (15 miles) to the international border crossing at Nelway/Metaline Falls, open 8 a.m. to midnight.



**FESTIVALS AND EVENTS
ROSSLAND**

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| January | Blizzard Music Festival Rossland Winter Carnival |
| June - Oct | Farmers Market |
| July | Broken Goat - Trail Run |
| August | Huck'en Berries Bike Jam |
| September | Rossland Fall Fair Golden City Days |
| November | Rossland Mountain Film Festival |
| December | Rekindle the Spirit of Christmas |

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Columbia River



Grapes at Columbia Gardens Winery

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS TRAIL

| | |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| May | Silver City Days |
| May-August | Teck Cominco Tours |
| June | W. Kootenay Smoke & Steel Car Show |
| June-August | Music in Gyro Park, every Thursday |
| December | Silver City Night and Candy Parade |

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Cycling on the Great Northern Trail

Salmo • Ymir

Considered the hub of the Kootenays, located at the crossroads of Highways 3B and 6, the tale of **Salmo** is chronicled in a most unique fashion. Seven elaborate stone murals paint a picture of the community's mining and forestry heritage – all created by students from **Salmo's Kootenay Stone Masonry Training Centre**.

Every year in August, the annual Shambhala Music Festival, an internationally known music festival, is held at the Salmo River Ranch.


Cyclists love the abandoned Burlington Northern Railroad line that has been converted to a "rails to trails" route, the **Salmo-Troup Trail**. A scenic, fat tire route, the trail extends 48 km, or 28.8 miles, south from Nelson to Salmo. This stretch of trail is part of a much more extensive proposed system of trails known as "The Kootenay Loop" which connects to the **Trans Canada Trail** network in three locations. The Salmo-Troup Trail is surrounded by mountains, clear, pristine streams and rivers, and many small scenic lakes and marshlands. It is a natural haven for a variety of wildlife and passes through the historic settlement of Ymir, a former mining town, to Summit, and then descends past **Cottonwood Lake Regional Park**, to form the southeastern boundary of the City of Nelson.

Salmo Ski Hill provides thrills, as it is famous for night skiing on fully lit runs with small lift lines.

Follow Highway 3 east of Salmo toward Creston for a good opportunity to view bighorn

sheep near the top of Kootenay Pass. Stop and breathe that pure, alpine air at **Stagleap Provincial Park**, one of the most accessible backcountry parks in British Columbia. It is at the summit (1,774 meters or 5,820 feet) of one of the **highest paved highways in Canada**.

Between Salmo and Nelson on the Salmo River is the tiny community of **Ymir** (pronounced *why-mer*), and this little treasure is complete with a small, rustic camping park right in town. For a glimpse of Ymir's rich and colorful mining past, visit the historic **Hotel Ymir & Saloon**. Operating since 1896, it has the distinction of being the oldest, continuously run establishment in the region. The grand, old lady has gone through many loving restorations. You can also wander down the main street to the **General Store** and



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 Hub of Kootenays
 River Rafting
 ATVing

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Fly fishing in the Salmo River

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS SALMO / YMIR

| | |
|------------|---|
| June | Tiny Lights Festival - Ymir |
| June-Sept. | Farmers Market - Salmo (Thursdays) |
| July | Salmo Celebrations - Salmo |
| August | Shambhala Music Festival - Salmo |
| | Salmo & District Chamber (250) 357-2596 discoversalmo.ca |

see visible mine shafts in the area.

The Salmo River runs through the town as does the **"rails to trails" route**. Enjoy many outdoor activities while staying in this charming area. Ymir promises a "wild and woolly" time.

Just west of Salmo on Highway 3B is the Selkirk Loop's **Rivers, Dams and Mines Super Side Trip** (page 70).

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| Valhalla-PP-boat in or hike in | Slocan | 35 | x | n/a | n/a |
| Rosebery-PP | Rosebery | 36 | x | n/a | Limited |
| Lost Ledge & Davis Creek-PPs | Kaslo | 32 | x | n/a | Limited |
| Syringa-PP* | Castlegar | 60 | x | n/a | Limited |
| Champion Lakes-PP* | Salmo | 89 | x | n/a | Limited |
| Stagleap-PP | Salmo | 5 | x | n/a | n/a |
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Red Mountain Ski Resort

Winter on the Selkirk Loop is a blast...

The international border is currently closed to non-essential travel at this time. However, Canadian residents can visit the winter destinations on the BC half of the Loop.

You'll find that there are a wide variety of winter activities to satisfy every member of the family. Well-maintained roadways in the winter means that access to the Selkirk Loop's winter playgrounds is possible even with front-wheel-drive vehicles equipped with all-season tires. The driving elevation of the highways ranges from 1,800 feet to 2,500 feet.

The Selkirk Mountain Range averages **25 feet of snow** at higher elevations, starting in late October through early April. Outdoor enthusiasts are thrilled to find groomed Nordic trails, snowmobile trails and **six exceptional ski resorts** as well as a number of backcountry options for skiing and snowmobiling adventures. Many of the communities also offer ice skating (indoors and out) as well as curling rinks and hockey.

In Idaho, visit the Priest Lake area to travel more than 400 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, taking you to beautiful vistas

and magnificent bowls into a public land area of 500,000-plus acres of off-trail riding. The area also has more than 70 kilometers of groomed Nordic trails on six separate trail systems. Maps can be found on the Priest Lake, ID app.

Schweitzer Mountain Resort at Sandpoint is winter recreation central. It's one of the Northwest's largest ski resorts. Skiers and boarders enjoy being whisked on three high-speed chairs and choosing from 92 named runs. Try a **snowshoe hike** complete with a guide. Visit Hermits Hollow for loads of tubing fun. There are 32 kilometers of groomed Nordic trails as well as plenty of non-skiing activities for the whole family.

For extra helpings of winter fun, **Selkirk Powder Guides** offers cat skiing, heli-skiing, snowmobiling and sightseeing tours on thousands of acres in the Selkirk mountains near Schweitzer.

In Washington, only an hour from Spokane, **49 Degrees North** has 75 marked trails for skiers and boarders and 16 kilometers of groomed **Nordic trails** plus an additional 25 kilometers at the **Terrain Park**. Nordic ski the groomed Geophysical and Wolf trails, north of Newport, which offer numerous set tracks and skating decks for all levels of skill.

East of Usk are the popular **Sno-Park areas** of Bead Lake, Kings Lake and North/South Baldy with **access to 132 miles of groomed roads for snowmobilers**. There are **three Sno-Parks** in the **Gillette Recreation Area** west of Lone boasting 213 miles of groomed trails.



Schweitzer Mountain Resort

In Montana, just 22 miles outside of Libby, you will find undisturbed powder at **Turner Mountain**. Ski Magazine totes this ski area as the “best lift assisted powder in the US,” with 2,110 verticle drop and 22 named runs for your enjoyment. They are open Friday - Sunday or you can **rent the entire mountain** for a private gathering on Thursdays.

You can also find 200 groomed trails in the area offering 1,000 miles of fun for snowmobiles, cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. Contact the local visitor center for directions to these hidden gems.

In British Columbia, Nelson’s **Whitewater Ski Resort** boasts a 1,300-foot drop from more than 6,700 feet and an average **40 feet**

of dependable powder. They offer 82 named alpine and Nordic runs and a backcountry touring program in a safe, controlled environment. At **Red Mountain Ski Resort** in Rossland, visitors can choose from 110 runs spread across **three stellar mountains** that feature everything from wide-open groomers to steep, powder-filled glades. There is a lot to explore at RED.

Several snowcat operators exist in the area, plus plenty of indoor and outdoor skating and hundreds of miles of snowmobile trails. South of Nelson on Highway 6 are the **Clearwater Creek Cross-Country Ski Trails**, an extensive system of groomed trails maintained by the Nelson Nordic Ski Club, and the **Apex Busk Cross-Country Area**. Hate lift lines? **Salmo**

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The deep powder and terrain of this B.C. region is home to **five local cat ski operators**: Baldface, Selkirk Snowcat Skiing, Retallack, White Grizzly and Valhalla Powder Cats. Together, they have earned the designation as the **Cat Ski Capital of the World**.

The **deep snow** and **steep vertical** attracts pro skiers, snowboarders, heli-skiers and ski-touring fanatics from around the world. Enjoy **decadent dining**, and **comfortable accommodations** in the lodges on the mountains or in the nearby towns. Does it **sound a bit like heaven**? Well... it is.



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