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New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 15
President's Day	February 19
Daylight Saving Time Begins	March 10
Good Friday	March 29
Easter Sunday	March 31
Memorial Day	May 27
Juneteenth	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 2
Columbus Day	October 9
Daylight Saving Time Ends	November 3
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 28
Christmas Day	December 25

2024 CANADIAN HOLIDAYS & IMPORTANT DATES

New Year's Day	January 1
Daylight Saving Time Begins	March 10
Good Friday	March 29
Easter Sunday	March 31
Easter Monday	April 1
Victoria Day	May 20
Canada Day	July 1
Civic Holiday August	August 1
Labour Day	September 2
Thanksgiving	October 14
Daylight Saving Time Ends	November 3
Remembrance Day	November 11
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

CONVERSIONS: IMPERIAL-METRIC

1 mile = 1.61 km
1 acre = 0.405 hectare
1 U.S. gallon = 3.78 litres
1°F = 0.55°C
1 foot = 0.30 meter
1 pound = 0.45 kg

METRIC-IMPERIAL

1 km = 0.62 miles
1 hectare = 2.47 acres
1 litre = 0.264 US gallon
1°C = 1.8°F
1 meter = 3.28 foot
1 kg = 2.20 pounds

U.S. DESTINATIONS

Athol, Idaho	26
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Cusick, Washington	14
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Ione, Washington	8
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Usk, Washington	14

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WELCOME TO THE INTERNATIONAL SELKIRK 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 treasures in a two-state, two-country vacation.

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!

The book is organized into two sections.

The first half of the Selkirk Loop Travel Guide contains U.S. communities, and the second half contains Canadian communities with an overview map in the middle. The communities appear in traveling order when driving counterclockwise.

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



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Check the handy directory of businesses at the back of the travel guide organized by U.S. and Canadian communities, type and activity. 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!**



Scenic View of the International Selkirk Loop

BORDER CROSSING TIPS

Individuals entering Canada: U.S. citizens need identification that proves two things: Citizenship and identity by way of a photo. Passports are required to reenter the United States. The following pieces of identification will serve as satisfactory proof of U.S. citizenship to enter Canada: U.S. passport or birth certificate (photocopies must be notarized), or certificate of naturalization or citizenship and photo ID such as a driver’s license.

Note that restrictions pertain to fruits, vegetables, alcohol, tobacco and firearms. For more information on Canada Customs, look up www.britishcolumbia.com.

Returning to Canada with Purchases/Goods/Gifts: Individuals returning to Canada after 24 hours can claim up to \$200 CDN worth of goods without duty; after 48 hours, the limit is \$800.

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Returning to the United States with Purchases/Goods/Gifts: Individuals returning to the United States in a 30-day period may bring \$800 per person of approved items without paying duty. www.cbp.gov.

Minors traveling with people who are not their parents (applies for Canada and U.S. entries): Must have written authorization from parents along with phone numbers and identification such as notarized copy of birth certificate. U.S. and Canadian citizens under age 16 need only present a birth certificate, Canadian Citizenship Card, or a naturalization certificate. Birth certificates can be an original, photocopy or certified copy.

Traveling with pets: Dog and cat owners may generally travel with healthy pets with a current rabies vaccination certificate (issued within the past 36 months).

International Border Stations on the Loop:

Washington: Metaline Falls, Highway 31 (509-446-4421) – open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Frontier, Highway 25 North (509-732-6215) – open 24 hours

Idaho: Porthill, Highway 1 North (208-267-5309) – open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Eastport, Highway 95 North (208-267-3966) – open 24 hours

Canada: Nelway, Highway 6 (250-357-9940) – open 8 a.m. to 8 pm; Rykerts, Highway 21 (250-428-2575) – open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Kingsgate, Highway 3/95 (250-424-5391) – open 24 hours; Paterson, Highway 22 (250-362-7341) – open 24 hours

The border hours could be changed after this publication was printed. Please refer to our website for the most recent information.



Cutter Theatre

Metaline • Metaline Falls

A surprising treasure awaits visitors of the rural areas of northeastern Washington. From the international border to the junction of Highways 31 and 20, this segment of the Selkirk Loop drive is also Washington's North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway, one of this state's prettiest scenic byways. Once accessible only by horseback or river expedition, **Metaline Falls** was one of the first pioneer settlements in Pend Oreille County. Pend Oreille is French for "ear pendant," probably named by French fur traders after a native who wore such an earring.

Metaline Falls is now home to a charming collection of well-preserved historical architecture including **The Cutter Theatre** and the **Washington Hotel**. The town was the location

for Kevin Costner's film "The Postman."

With regular cultural productions at **The Cutter Theatre** and the town-wide **Bigfoot Festival**, it's no surprise that Metaline Falls was named one of the **100 Best Small Art Towns in America**.

This region, often called the "Forgotten Corner," contains one of the most diverse populations of big game animals in the Lower 48. The recently redesigned **Mill Pond** historic site provides an interpretive walk with a trail connecting it to the **Mill Pond Campgrounds**. Nearby pristine **Sullivan Lake** features recently upgraded campground and picnic facilities. Contact the **Sullivan Lake Ranger Station** at 509-446-2681 for camping in the area, a list of

BOUNDARY DAM

Located 110 miles north of Spokane, explore the beauty, recreation, and nature of Boundary Dam. Guided tours are available Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Visit www.seattle.gov/city-light/in-the-community/tours-recreation-and-education/boundary-tours-and-recreation for more details.



Seattle City Light



Caves near Peewee Falls

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS METALINE – METALINE FALLS

Jan - Dec	Concerts, Plays and events at the Cutter Theatre -www.cuttertheatre.com
June	Bigfoot Festival
June-August	Boundary Dam Tours
July	July 4th BBQ in Metaline Park
August	Pend Oreille County Fair
December	Deck the Falls Celebration

North Pend Oreille Chamber
www.npochamber.org

local day hiking and sightseeing trips as well as an interesting historical display.

Take a guided tour (reservations required) of **Gardner Cave** (Memorial-Labor Day Weekend), Washington state's third-longest limestone cave, located 11 miles north of Metaline Falls in **Crawford State Park**. Tours are conducted in the summer months. The cave is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



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ARTS, GIFTS & ANTIQUES

Big Foot Festival (844) 767-8287
Cutter Theatre, The (509) 446-4108

FOOD & EATERIES

5th Ave Bar & Grill (509) 446-4234
American Pie Drive In and Catering
(509) 446-2697
Farmhouse Café (509) 446-2447

ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

North Pend Oreille Chamber of Commerce
(800) 295-0671
Pend Oreille River Tourism Alliance
(509) 446-2447
Seattle City Light (509) 446-3083
Town of Metaline (509) 446-4641

PLACES TO STAY

Circle Motel (509) 446-4343
Mt. Linton RV & Trailer Park (509) 446-4553
Pend Oreille Luxury Vacation Rentals
(208) 217-0141
USFS Sullivan Lake Campground
(509) 446-7500

THINGS TO SEE & DO

Big Foot Festival (844) 767-8287
Cutter Theatre, The (509) 446-4108
Seattle City Light - Boundary Dam Tours
(509) 446-3083
USFS Sullivan Lake Ranger District
(509) 446-7500



lone Bridge

Ione • Tiger

The story of Ione is one steeped in legends of the timber industry, the railway and the lore of the Pend Oreille River. Follow the story of the mills, mines and railroads of yesteryear by stopping at designated points of interest along Highway 31 marked as **North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway**. There are several interpretive sites along this section covering many topics important to this area and are worth exploring. In 1901, the community built its first sawmill. Eight years later, the Panhandle Lumber Company employed more than 700 men. The arrival of the railroad in 1909 was almost as vital to the region's survival. But none of it would be here if it weren't for the Pend Oreille River.

Today, the community's residents celebrate the Pend Oreille's bounty every July, when **Downriver Days** arrive. The events are marked by family-friendly, river-based activities including "water skipping" of snowmobiles across the Pend Oreille River. Ione has a lovely day-use park along the water's edge. You will also find the **Lions Club Rail Riders** where you can enjoy the unique experience of a four seated, pedal powered, railroad bicycle along some of the most stunning fall scenery in the Pacific Northwest as it runs along the Pend Oreille River. First ride south through scenic pastureland then north to the impressive Box Canyon Trestle.

Sweet Creek Rest Area also offers a picnic site, interpretive panels and a hiking trail to Sweet

Creek Falls. The first part of this trail is paved with hard packed gravel to the falls - it is worth the short hike to see it.

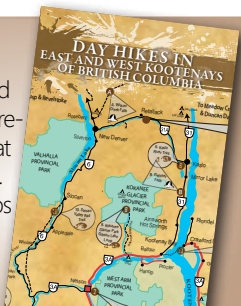
Just north of Ione is **Box Canyon Dam**. The site provides tours, camping, a swimming pond and is a great place to have a picnic.

Stop by the **Meadow Lake Wildlife Observatory** (Memorial-Labor Day Weekend) located west of Ione, where a dismantled fire lookout was reconstructed on this site as a wildlife-viewing tower.

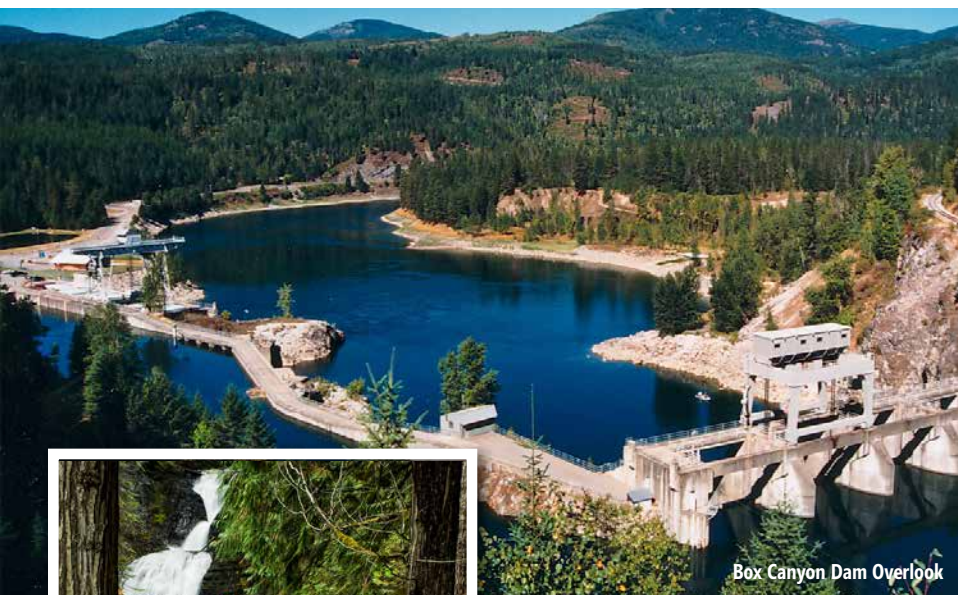
At the junction of Highways 31 and 20, the **Tiger General Store** is all that remains of this once-thriving pioneer town. Peer into the past at the store's museum with early history of the region, including a mining display and an on-site

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



Box Canyon Dam Overlook



Sweet Creek Falls

blacksmith shop containing a lot of original items. A state designated **rest area** is open Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend.

At the junction of Highways 31 and 20, turn west to go on the Selkirk Loop's **Flowery Trail – Little Pend Oreille Super Side Trip** (page 10).



Riverview Motel

120 Riverside Ave
Ione, WA

www.riverviewmotelionewa.com

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS IONE

June - Oct	Rail Riders-check their schedule for dates
July	Downriver Days Tri-Town Float Down Hydroplane Boat Races
August	Pend Oreille County Fair and Rodeo

North Pend Oreille Chamber (509) 446-1721
www.npochamber.org

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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(509) 442-2144

PLACES TO STAY

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(509) 442-3728 • (800) 676-8883
Cedar RV Park & Sasquatch Crossing
(509) 442-2144
Coop B&B, The (509) 442-3344
Karin's Bed & Golf / Serendipity Golf Course
(509) 442-3313
Riverview Motel (509) 442-2990

THINGS TO SEE & DO

Karin's Bed & Golf / Serendipity Golf Course
(509) 442-3313
NPOV Lions Rail Riders (844) 724-5743
Pend Oreille County Public Utility – Box Canyon Dam Tour
(509) 447-3137 • (800) 767-2823
Tiger Historical Center / Museum
(509) 442-4656



See wildlife at the Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge.



Colville / Kettle Falls

80 MILES / 129 KM

This scenic mountain route leads drivers up and over one of the ridges of the Selkirk Mountain range twice, offering stellar views. More than a dozen unique and varied barns are visible along this route.

This Super Side Trip begins at the junction of Highways 20 and 31 at **Tiger**. Turn west onto Highway 20 toward Colville. Take a break along the glittering chain created by the **Little Pend Oreille Lakes** system at the Frater Lake Rest Area. Several Forest Service campgrounds exist near these lakes. Stop and take a short walk to view **Crystal Falls**. Contact the **Colville National Forest** at 509-684-7000 for information on other camping available in the area.

Seven miles east of Colville on Highway 20 is the **Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge** (open year-round). It's the only mountainous, mixed-conifer forest refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge system. Take the auto tour route through the refuge for a great overview. You'll see older forests consisting of pines and other conifers. More than 200 nesting and foraging migratory bird species, 58 mammal species, and 14 reptile and amphibian species use the refuge's 40,198 acres of forests, streams and wetlands seasonally.

At the junction of Highway 20 and Highway 395 is one of Washington's oldest cities, **Colville**,

known as a leader in historical preservation with a large museum and the "**Keller House**," (May 1-Sept. 30) a well-appointed reminder of the turn of the century. Stevens County was recently awarded a "Preserve America Presidential Award," one of only two counties in Washington to receive this award. Take a walking tour through the **historic downtown** business district. Visual and performing arts abound with a pavilion in the 18-acre Yep Kanum City Park – host to several major events during the spring and summer months. Colville has its own 18-hole public golf course, **Dominion Meadows**. Nearby **Lake Roosevelt**, accessed by a short drive farther west at Kettle Falls, is the area's largest water

COLVILLE / KETTLE FALLS BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

- Colville Chamber of Commerce (509) 684-5973
- Tri-County Economic Development District (509) 684-4571

PLACES TO STAY

- Beaver Lodge Resort & Campground (509) 684-5657
- Comfort Inn - (509) 684-2010
- Selkirk Motel - (509) 684-2565

THINGS TO SEE & DO

- Kettle Falls Historical Center (509) 738-6964
- Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge (509) 684-8384
- Stevens County Historical Society (509) 684-5968



Waterfall in Douglas Falls Grange Park

sports playground. Heading south on Highway 395 toward Chewelah, visitors travel through a lovely wide valley of mixed cultivated fields and coniferous forests.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS COLVILLE

March	Home and Garden Show Woodland Theater Annual Musical Stevens County Historical Museum Opens
May	Farmers Markets
May - Sept	Colville Rodeo
June	Tiger Tri and Du Race
August	Northeast Washington Fair
September	Farm Jam Music Festival
December	Home for the Holidays Christmas Tree Extravaganza

Colville Chamber of Commerce
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Beautiful view along the route



Chewelah

80 MILES / 129 KM

Chewelah has approximately 2,600 residents, and is nestled in a mountain valley providing spectacular views. The town was formed in the early 1870s and was the site of a magnanese mine during World War I. Nowadays, it can be seen as a place with vibrant culture, unique shopping, outdoor adventures and is also known as the southern gateway to the Colville National Forest.

Chewelah is home to one of Washington's first **Creative Districts**, featuring downtown artistic murals and artists displaying their work in several businesses around town. The art gallery in town, **Trails End Gallery**, hosts an art walk every

month known as the **First Thursday**. For those that enjoy live theatre, the area also offers a wide variety of performance arts at the **Chewelah Center for the Performing Arts**.

If you seek adventure in the winter months, travel 10 miles to the top of the Flowery Trail pass at 4,046 feet where **49 Degrees North Ski Resort** offers a family-oriented ski hill with miles of groomed trails. The area also has many snowmobiling and cross-country opportunities for people to enjoy.

When snow is not on the ground, visitors can enjoy the only 27-hole golf course in eastern Washington, **Chewelah Golf & Country Club**. There are also plenty of scenic roads, trails for bike tours, mountain biking and hiking as well as several lakes for fishing and recreation. To further expand this playground, the **Chewelah Valley**



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Chewelah Golf and Country Club

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS CHEWELAH

Jan-Dec	Art Walk, first Thursday of month
February	Chewelah Arts Guild (CAG) Annual Community Arts Show
March	BIG Home and Garden Show
April	Golf Course Opens
May - October	Farmer's Market
June	Art on the Green
July	Children's Art Festival
August	Chewelah Car Show
September	Taste of Chewelah Romp "N" Roar Golf Tournament
October	Lions Club Bike Tour 25K & 50K
November	Winter Craftfest
December	Joy to the World Winter Concert (CAG) Chewelah Chamber City Sidewalks

Chewelah Chamber

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CHEWELAH BUSINESS DIRECTORY

FOOD AND EATERIES

Rusty Putter Bar and Grille (509) 935-6807

ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

Chewelah Chamber of Commerce (509) 935-8595

PLACES TO STAY

Chewelah Golf and Country Club RV Park
(509) 935-6807

City of Chewelah Camping at Jenne Memorial Park (509) 935-8311

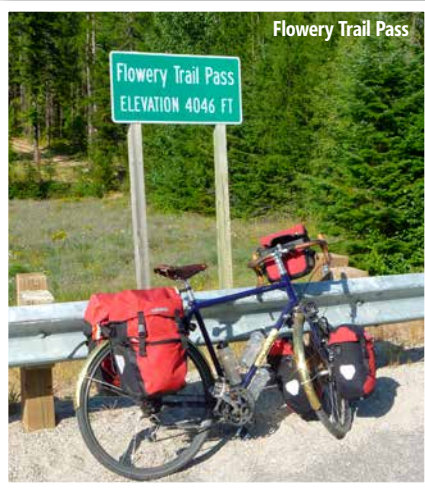
49 Degrees North RV Parking (509) 935-6649

THINGS TO SEE & DO

49 Degrees North (509) 935-6649

Chewelah Creative District (509) 935-8595

Chewelah Golf and Country Club (509) 935-6807



Flowery Trail Pass

Land Trust recently acquired over 400 acres in the Gold Hill area to serve as a community forest and hiking mecca for residents and visitors.

Chewelah is home to an art gallery, the **Chewelah Casino**, several coffee shops and restaurants, a bike and ski shop, the **Walt Goodman Historical Museum** and an indoor marketplace and vibrant farmers market during the summer months. Stop by the Visitor Center or contact the chamber for more information.

This route rejoins to the main Selkirk Loop route at Usk. Turn south onto Highway 20 toward Newport.



Salish Pow Wow

Usk • Cusick

The beginnings for these small communities started with two friends. **Cusick** was founded by Joe Cusick in the mid-1880s. **Usk** was established by Cusick's good friend George H. Jones. The two competed for everything – from post offices and steamboat service to baseball bragging rights. Today a lovely riverwalk lies between the two communities, with a park and boat launch in Cusick.

Along Highway 20, river timbers are seen standing as silent reminders of the heyday of logging when the Diamond Match Company, then located in Cusick, created a heavy demand for white pine. The Pend Oreille River provided the transportation for millions of feet of timber, using these pilings to guide, sort and hold logs.

Today, the biggest competition is amongst the region's incredible birdlife population. The pilings and surrounding timber along the river is now home to hundreds of **osprey and eagles**. Huge flocks of **tundra swans** migrate through Cusick and Usk in February and March.

The region's most fascinating points of interest await on the 4,600-acre **Kalispel Tribe's Reservation**, across the Pend Oreille River from Usk. The tribe manages a **large herd of buffalo**, providing an excellent viewpoint for visitors along LeClerc Road. The tribe also operates a **bass fish hatchery** that may be visited by advance reservation. Farther north on LeClerc Road, the **Manressa Grotto system of caves**



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Lupines



Bison herd is managed by the Kalispel Tribe

(April-November) is a glacially formed, above-ground cave system used for religious ceremonies by early American Indians and missionaries. There is a winding dirt trail to the cave which affords spectacular views of the Pend Oreille River and surrounding mountains. Just beyond Cusick visit the new **Kalispel Rest Area** with a display of historic and contemporary images and cultural items of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians. The tribe also established the second casino on the Selkirk Loop route where they host a variety of events.

Just north of Cusick on the west side of the road, watch for a small sign to the **Batey-Bould ORV Area**. There is trailhead parking with facilities. Excellent motorcycle and ORV riding in this large area of the Colville National Forest connects to more off-road riding on the Little Pend Oreille ORV trail system to the northwest.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS USK - CUSICK

March	Tundra Swan Festival
June	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
July	4th of July Celebrations Kalispel Casino Car Show
August	Pend Oreille County Fair and Rodeo Kalispel Tribe Pow Wow
September	Pend Oreille Harvest Festival

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- **Camas Center** - Usk (509) 447-7122
- **Kalispel Market** - Cusick (509) 447-7144
- **Wetlands** - Cusick (509) 281-7577

ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

- **Kalispel Tribe of Indians** - Usk
(509) 445-1147(509) 445-1147

THINGS TO SEE & DO

- **Kalispel Casino** - Cusick (509) 447-7144

PLACES TO STAY

- **Kalispel RV Resort / Cottage Rentals** - Cusick
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- **Ruby Creek Resort** (509) 957-3331



Swans can be found in early spring on open water



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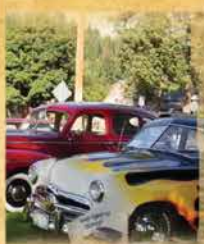
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THE CITY OF NEWPORT

It's a wild ride

Rodeos, concerts in the park, parades, Spray Park, Playhouse, and hot rod car shows are some of the wild and fun things that happen here in Newport. The rest of the year we are just a quiet city with antique stores, historic buildings, camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, boating, snowmobiling and a friendly welcome to all. **Watch for these Special Events:**

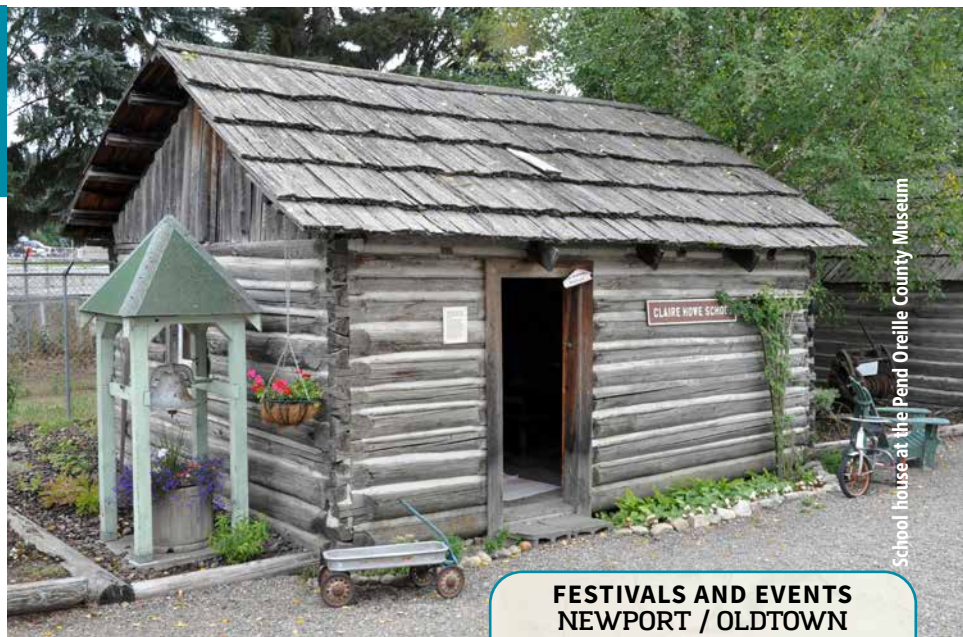
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| PRCA Rodeo | Car Shows |
| Rodeo Parade | Art in the Park |
| Farmers Market | Jeep Rodeo |
| Rough Stock Rodeo | Historical Museum Tours |
| Downtown Trick-or-Treat | Relay for Life |
| Christmas Celebration | |
| Newport Autumn Bloom Run | |

City of Newport

200 S. Washington Ave. • Newport, WA 99156

(509) 447-5611

www.newport-wa.org



School house at the Pend Oreille County Museum

Newport • Oldtown

Newport, located at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Washington State Highway 20, features historic Washington Avenue as its "main street," where some shops display a plaque showing the name of the original business and its date. Many buildings are constructed of locally made bricks. Plan to visit the Newport / Oldtown Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center and the adjacent Pend Oreille County Historical Society Museum to pick up the booklet "**Historic Tour of Newport.**" Both the visitor center and museum are located in **Centennial Plaza**, which was built to celebrate the Washington State Centennial in 1989.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS NEWPORT / OLDTOWN

- May-October** Farmers Market
- May** Who Let the Girls Out shopping event
- June** PRCA Rodeo and Carnival
Fore! The Health of It!
Golf Tournament
- July** 4th of July Celebrations, Diamond Lake
Hydroplane Boat Races
Rough Stock Rodeo
Timber Days Lawn Mower Street
Drags, Oldtown
- August** Pend Oreille County Fair and Rodeo
Hydroplane Races
- September** Bob's Car Show / Vintage Trailer Rally
Autumn Bloom Fun Run 5K & 10K
Pend Oreille Harvest Festival
- November** Hometown Christmas downtown
- December** Stratton Craft Show
Festival of Trees

Greater Newport Area Chamber
www.newportareachamber.com • (877) 818-1008

Pend Oreille County HISTORICAL MUSEUM

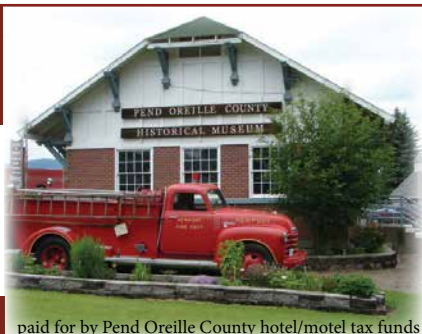
OPEN Memorial Day - Labor Day

Monday - Saturday 10:00-4:00

Sunday 1:00 - 4:00

\$5.00 Adults, children 12 and under free

pochsmuseum.org | 509.447.5388



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Step back in time and enjoy ice cream at Owens

The museum's exhibits in several outbuildings showcase the area's history. Look for the "Big Wheel," a 16-foot, steam-driven sawmill generator, and the gazebo with picnic area,

summer flower displays and winter holiday lights.

Newport is the county seat of Pend Oreille (*pon-duh-ray*) County, Washington's 39th and youngest county. Formed in 1911, it was originally

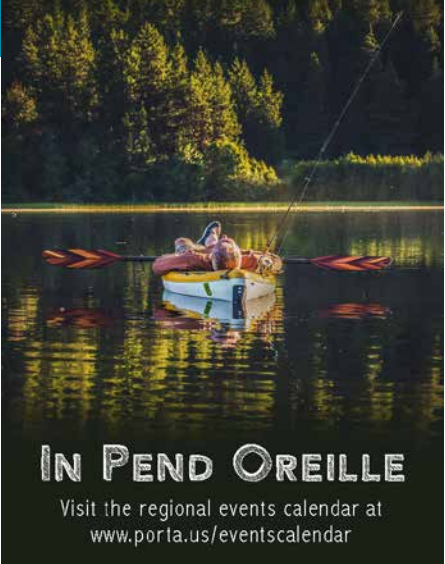
CAMPING ON PUBLIC LANDS - WASHINGTON

SITE	LOCATION	SITES	TENT	SHOWERS	RV FULL/LIMITED
East Sullivan Lake-USFS*	Metaline Falls	38	x	n/a	Limited
West Sullivan Lake-USFS*	Ione	7	x	n/a	Limited
Noisy Creek-USFS*	Ione	19	x	n/a	Limited
Crescent Lake-USFS	Metaline Falls	6	x	n/a	Limited
Edgewater-USFS*	Ione	20	x	n/a	Limited
Mill Pond-USFS (closed 2018)	Metaline Falls	10	x	n/a	Limited
Panhandle-USFS	Ione	13	x	n/a	Limited
Pioneer Park-USFS	Newport	18	x	n/a	Limited
South Skookum Lake-USFS	Usk	18	x	n/a	Limited
Browns Lake-USFS	Usk	18	x	n/a	Limited
Lake Leo-USFS	Colville	8	x	n/a	Limited
Lake Thomas-USFS	Colville	16	x	n/a	n/a
Gillette-USFS	Colville	30	x	n/a	Limited
Lake Gillette-USFS	Colville	14	x	n/a	Limited
Little Twin Lakes-USFS	Colville	20	x	n/a	Limited

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COME PLAY



IN PEND OREILLE

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part of Stevens County. The town began as Newport, Idaho, in 1889 when Mike Kelly erected a log building on the banks of the Pend Oreille River. In 1892, a post office was added to Kelly's store, and mail was brought in from Rathdrum, Idaho, via Blanchard. Original transportation depended on the riverboats until the Idaho and Washington Northern Railroad was extended from Newport to Metaline Falls in 1910. The arrival of the Great Northern Railroad in 1892 started Newport's move from the Idaho side to the Washington side of the state line. Today, the businesses and residential areas are divided by the state line. Oldtown, Idaho, is also the start of the Idaho Scenic Byway **Panhandle Historic Rivers Passage** on Highway 2.

After taking in Newport's charming downtown district, take the time to explore the natural splendor of the surrounding Colville National Forest. Check with the **Colville Ranger Station** at 509-447-3129, on Highway 20 just north of Newport, to discover a host of year-round recreational opportunities including the Upper and Lower Wolf Trail hikes. Camping, boat launch and hiking are available at **Pioneer Park** east of Newport along the Pend Oreille River.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ARTS, GIFTS & ANTIQUES

Seeber's Pharmacy
(509) 447-2484 • (800) 326-2484

FOOD & EATERIES

Golden Spur Motor Inn
(509) 447-3823

Owen's Grocery, Deli & Soda Fountain (509) 447-3525

PLACES TO STAY

DannyAnn's Bed & Breakfast
(509) 447-3787

Golden Spur Motor Inn
(509) 447-3823

K / M Resorts - Old American Kampground
(509) 447-3663 • (800) 392-5722

GENERAL BUSINESS

Owen's Grocery, Deli & Soda Fountain (509) 447-3525

Seeber's Pharmacy
(509) 447-2484 • (800) 326-2484

HEALTH SERVICES

Newport Hospital and Health Services
(509) 447-2441

ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

City of Newport (509) 447-5611

Greater Newport Area Chamber & Information Center (509) 447-5812

Newport - Priest River Rotary Club
(208) 428-8006

Pend Oreille County (509) 447-4119

Pend Oreille County EDC
(509) 447-5569

Pend Oreille County Public Utility District (509) 447-3137

PORTA (509) 447-5286

THINGS TO SEE & DO

Pend Oreille County Historical Society & Museum
(509) 447-5388 • (509) 447-2770

USFS Colville Forest Ranger District
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Scenic View from fire lookout tower

Priest Lake

Turn north on Highway 57 in the town of Priest River for a scenic drive into the heart of the Selkirk Mountains. **Priest Lake** earns its "Idaho's Crown Jewel" status because of the clarity and purity of its water. The pristine, 19-mile-long lake coupled with the surrounding mountains offer myriad year-round recreational opportunities. In the summer season, the location and sheer size of Priest Lake afford **ample space for all water sports**. Explore the **72-mile shoreline** with its numerous white, sandy beaches by powerboat, sailboat, canoe, kayak or personal watercraft, and include visits to the lake's seven islands. Is **fishing** your forte? Priest Lake is renowned for trophy-sized lake trout, aka mackinaw.

Upper Priest Lake lies north of Priest Lake and offers visitors a unique experience. This 1,300-acre lake and surrounding mountains are a **federally designated Scenic Area**. As such, the area is restricted from development and remains as it has been from time immemorial. Upper Priest Lake is accessible only via hiking and biking trails or a 2.5-mile, no-wake waterway named The Thoroughfare. The Thoroughfare and Upper Priest Lake are ideal **playgrounds for the kayaker and canoeist**.

The **main campgrounds** on the east shore are Lion Head and Indian Creek state parks; phone 208-443-2200 or 208-443-6710 for information and reservations. In the early 1920s,

Nell Shipman (1892-1970) built a movie camp called Lion Head Lodge. This actress produced her own films and maintained a menagerie of wild animals, using Priest Lake's wilderness setting as a natural filming location. Other designated camping areas accessible only by boat are also available. For Forest Service campgrounds in the area, contact the **Priest Lake Ranger District** at 208-443-2512 or Reserve USA at 877-444-6777 for reservations.

In addition to water sports activities, there are miles of **hiking and biking trails surrounding the lake**. Walk among **giant cedars** on the Hanna Flats interpretive trail located at approximately milepost 32 on Highway 57. Only 14 miles north of Nordman is the unique **Roosevelt Grove of Ancient Cedars and Granite Falls** (Memorial-Labor Day Weekend). The trees range from 4 to 12 feet in diameter and reach heights of 150 feet, some as old as 2,000 years. While out for a hike, look for **Priest Lake's** world-famous **huckleberry**, found in August to mid-September. Or foray into the woods to look for fall mushrooms; 450-plus species are present in the area. Duffers may want to try a round of **18 holes at Priest Lake Golf Course**, a challenging and beautiful course that turns into a Nordic center in winter with an ever-expanding **cross-country ski trail system** with more than 70 kilometers.

Visit the **Priest Lake Museum** (Memorial-Labor Day Weekend) on Luby Bay near Nord-



There are many hiking trails in the area.

man, situated in a log building built by the CCCs in 1935. Catch a glimpse of the region's early days through revolving interpretive displays.

Destination resorts, RV parks, B&Bs, and numerous campgrounds, including island campsites, provide an abundance of accommodations. Full-service marinas provide boat moorage, rentals and repairs. Grocery stores, gift shops, galleries, several restaurants and other guest services

are conveniently located around the lake.

Priest Lake is also becoming an ever-increasing popular winter season recreation area. The area boasts **400-plus miles of groomed snowmobile trails** amidst more than **500,000 acres of public land for off-trail riding**. Meadows and ridges are suited for family fun, while machine aficionados are challenged by hill climbs.

CAMPING ON PUBLIC LANDS - IDAHO (PRIEST LAKE)

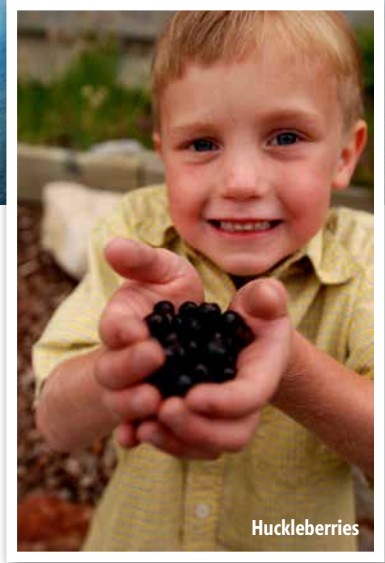
SITE	LOCATION	SITES	TENT	SHOWERS	RV FULL/LIMITED
Indian Creek (Priest Lake State Park)*	Priest Lake	93	x	x	Full/Limited
Dickensheet (Priest Lake State Park)*	Priest Lake	11	x	n/a	n/a
Lionhead (Priest Lake State Park)*	Priest Lake	47	x	n/a	Limited
Outlet Campground-USFS*	Priest Lake	28	x	n/a	n/a
Osprey Campground-USFS*	Priest Lake	18	x	n/a	n/a
Upper & Lower Luby Bay-USFS*	Priest Lake	54	x	n/a	Limited
Reeder Bay-USFS*	Priest Lake	24	x	n/a	n/a
Beaver Creek-USFS*	Priest Lake	41	x	n/a	n/a
Stagger Inn-USFS	Priest Lake	2	x	n/a	n/a
Upper Priest Lake CG's-boat-hike in	Upper Priest Lake	15	x	n/a	n/a
Priest Lake Islands-3 CG's-boat in	Priest Lake	65	x	n/a	n/a

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Upper Priest Lake



Huckleberries

**FESTIVALS AND EVENTS
PRIEST LAKE**

- January** Nordic Ski Races, Priest Lake Golf Course
- Jan - Feb** Snowshoe Softball Tournament
Vintage Snowmobile Races
- February** U.S. Pacific Coast Championship Sled Dog Races, USFS Airstrip
- April** Loggers Day at Nordman
- May** Spring Festival, Memorial Day Weekend
- May** Fireworks Display, area resorts
- July** Annual Ice Cream Social, Coolin
Huckleberry Festival
- September** Annual Dry Rot Wooden Boat Breakfast & Parade, Reeder Bay
Priest Lake Yacht Club Gin Fizz, Luby Bay
Annual Boat Poker Run, Cavanaugh Bay

Priest Lake Chamber
www.priestlake.org • (888) 774-3785

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ARTS, GIFTS & ANTIQUES

- Indian Creek State Park Store** (208) 443-2200
- Leonard Paul Store** (208) 443-3800

FOOD & EATERIES

- Elkins Resort on Priest Lake** - (208) 443-2432
- Hill's Resort** (208) 443-2551
- Indian Creek State Park Store** (208) 443-2200
- Leonard Paul Store** (208) 443-3800
- Priest Lake Golf Club** (208) 443-2525

ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

- Priest Lake State Park** (208) 443-2200
- Priest Lake Chamber of Commerce**
(208) 443-3191 • (888) 774-3785
- Priest Lake Noric Club** (208) 443-5027
- Priest Lake Trails & Outdoor Recreation Association** (509) 466-3331

PLACES TO STAY

- Elkins Resort on Priest Lake** - (208) 443-2432
- Hill's Resort** (208) 443-2551
- Indian Creek State Park** (208) 443-2200
- Priest Lake Lodge** - (208) 443-2538
- Priest Lake State Park** (208) 443-2200

THINGS TO SEE & DO

- Elkins Resort on Priest Lake** (208) 443-2432
- Hill's Resort** (208) 443-2551
- Priest Lake Golf Club** (208) 443-2525
- Priest Lake State Park** (208) 443-2200
- Priest Lake Museum** (208) 443-2676
- Priest Lake Trails & Outdoor Recreation Association** (509) 466-3331



Creek fishing near Priest River

Priest River

Located at the confluence of the **Priest Land** and **Pend Oreille** rivers, the town of Priest River is conveniently centered an hour away from Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Highway 2 from Oldtown through Priest River and into Sandpoint is the Idaho Scenic Byway **Panhandle Historic Rivers Passage**.

The town's first sawmill was built in 1897. Logs were driven down the Priest River to sawmills from 1901 to 1949. View one of the last of the riverboats, called "bateaux," from the Diamond Match Company at the **Priest River Museum and Timber Education Center** (Memorial-Labor Day Weekend).

Take a walking tour of **historic downtown** and see some of the beautifully renovated buildings, such as the Beardmore Block, a 1922 structure restored to its former glory.

Priest River is a recreational paradise with top-notch boating, hunting, fishing, skiing, golfing, snowmobiling, camping, cross-country skiing and hiking all nearby. Stop in at the **Albeni Falls Dam Visitor Center** (Memorial-Labor Day Weekend), just west of Priest River on Highway 2, to take a tour. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains three campgrounds in the area: Albeni Cove, Priest River Mudhole and the newly redone Riley Creek. For the **rock climbing enthusiast**, Riverside Rocks, six miles east of Priest River, has six technical climbs on the river side of the road. More information can be found in the "Climber's Guide to North Idaho" by Thaddeus Laird.

A 9-hole golf course and driving range at **The Ranch Club** west of Priest River also includes the Restaurant. The gorgeous Priest River offers 42 miles of floatable water ranging from slow-moving sightseeing to fast-moving Class III rapids. Pend Oreille River holds largemouth bass

CAMPING ON PUBLIC LANDS - IDAHO (PRIEST RIVER)

SITE	LOCATION	SITES	TENT	SHOWERS	RV FULL/LIMITED
Riley Creek-USACE*	Laclede	67	x	x	Limited
Priest River-USACE*	Priest River	20	x	x	Limited
Albeni Cove-USACE*	Priest River	14	x	x	Limited

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Deer hiding in the grass.

as well as brook, brown, rainbow and cutthroat trout; walleye; whitefish; and various panfish.

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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS PRIEST RIVER

- July** Fireworks over the Pend Oreille River
Timber Days Celebration
- August** PORPA Sprints Rowing
- September** Panhandle Blues Festival
- October** Oktoberfest
- December** Christmas on Main Street

Priest River Chamber
www.priestriverchamber.com • (208) 448-2721

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

FOOD & EATERIES

Ranch Club Golf Course &
Restaurant (208) 448-1731

ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

- City of Priest River (208) 448-2123
- Newport - Priest River Rotary Club
(208) 428-8006
- Priest River Chamber of Commerce
(208) 448-2721
- Priest River Development
Corporation (208) 448-1312

PLACES TO STAY

Eagle's Nest Motel (208) 448-2000

THINGS TO SEE & DO

Ranch Club Golf Course &
Restaurant (208) 448-1731



Hiking Trail at Farragut State Park.

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Blanchard • Spirit Lake • Athol • Bayview • Sagle

60 MILES / 98 KM

The South Lakes route takes visitors within close proximity to the area's pristine large and small lakes. Starting this side trip from **Newport / Oldtown**, follow Highway 41 south. Just west of the small community of **Blanchard**, **StoneRidge Resort** is located within **Stone-Ridge Recreational Community**, which boasts a par 71, 19-hole golf course, restaurant, swimming pools and many activities for families.

The community of **Spirit Lake** and the serene 4.5-mile long Spirit Lake offers easy access at three public boat ramps. This community also offers several scenic trails for hiking and mountain

biking. Pick up an **Empire Trails** map which includes directions and skill level. A few miles south of Spirit Lake, turn east on Highway 54, traveling 11 miles (18 km) to the junction of Highways 54 and 95. The small village of **Athol** is a good place to pick up quick supplies before heading east to **Farragut State Park** situated on the southern shores of Lake Pend Oreille. Camping cabins, full hookups and tenting sites, boat launch, hiking and biking trails are available here. It's **Idaho's second largest state park** at 4,000 acres, and also includes a museum to learn about this park's fascinating military history.

A few minutes south of the Athol junction is **Silverwood**, the **Northwest's largest theme park** (May 1 to September 30, weekends in October), with more than 65 rides, shows and attractions, including four roller coasters, a steam locomotive and a water park. RV/tent camping is available on-site.

Visit nearby **Bayview** with its tower-

CAMPING ON PUBLIC LANDS - IDAHO (GREATER SANDPOINT)

SITE	LOCATION	SITES	TENT	SHOWERS	RV FULL/LIMITED
Farragut State Park*	Bayview	300+	x	x	Limited
Round Lake State Park*	Sagle	53	x	x	Limited
Springy Point-USACE*	Sagle	38	x	x	Limited
Whiskey Rock Bay-USFS-boat in	Lake Pend Oreille	9	x	n/a	n/a
Green Bay-USFS	Lake Pend Oreille	1	x	n/a	Limited

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Mountain Biking on Empire Trails

ing mountains and steep, rocky cliffs that have become a haven for **mountain goats**, eagles and other alpine wildlife. Bayview is a favorite location for all types of boat moorage. The bay is also home to several float-house communities, which lends a feeling of an ocean-side resort to the area. The southern end of Lake Pend Oreille is more than 1,000 feet deep and provides an excellent, quiet, ocean like location for the U.S. Navy to perform experiments and research to aid in submarine and sonar designs.

Returning to Highway 95, head north 14 miles to **Cocolalla Lake**, on the west of the highway, with easy year-round access to fishing and camping. A few miles farther is **Round Lake State Park** with camping, fishing, hiking, as well as canoe and paddleboat rentals.

Return to Highway 95 and head north to Lakeshore Drive. Turn west to explore the **WaterLife Discovery Center** (May 1-Sept. 30) with 3.5 acres of developed interpretive exhibits and 6.5 acres of forested wetlands. The self guided educational center combines a fish hatchery, nature trails, overlook bridges, wildlife watching areas, interpretive signs, and underwater viewing opportunities along a stream and a pond.

On the north end of this section you will find a paved path along the east side of Highway 95 for cyclists and walkers connecting the communities along the way. The path extends north to the long bridge and into Sandpoint.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS BAYVIEW

May	Memorial Day Very Berry Pancake Feast
July	Old Fashioned July 4th Celebration
September	Labor Day All You Can Eat Pancake Feast

Bayview Chamber of Commerce
www.bayviewidaho.org

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS SPIRIT LAKE

January	Winterfest
May	Opening of Empire Trails (Biking/Hiking)
June	The Big Back-In Lawn Mower Drags
July	Independence Day Parade, vendors, live music and fireworks
September	Labor Day on the Grass Festival - music, car and motorcycle show, mountain bike ride, live music, vendors and a parade

Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce
www.spiritlakechamber.com • (208) 623-3411

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

- Bayview Chamber of Commerce
(208) 683-1980
- Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce
(208) 623-3411

PLACES TO STAY

- Farragut State Park - (208) 683-2425
- MacDonald's Hudson Bay Resort - (208) 683-2211
- Silverwood Theme Park - (208) 683-3400
- Stoneridge Resort - (208) 437-2451

THINGS TO SEE & DO

- Farragut State Park - (208) 683-2425
- MacDonald's Hudson Bay Resort - (208) 683-2211
- Silverwood Theme Park - (208) 683-3400
- Stoneridge Resort - (208) 437-2451



Sandpoint Farmer's Market

Sandpoint

Sandpoint's experienced a lot of buzz in recent years. Rand McNally and *USA Today* declared it the **"Most Beautiful Small Town."** *Sunset* magazine voted Sandpoint the **"West's Best Small Town."** *Outside* magazine named it one of the nation's **"Top 10 Great Outdoor Towns."** The *New York Times* called Sandpoint **"a sporting paradise."** *USA Today* described Sandpoint as a **"Norman Rockwell-meets-Ansel Adams classic, brought to life every summer."**

Just an hour north of Coeur d'Alene,

Sandpoint is about 90 minutes away from the closest international airport, found at Spokane, Wash. Driving from the south into Sandpoint on Highway 95 sets the stage for a dramatic entrance. Travelers cross the two-mile Long Bridge to reach Sandpoint, sitting on the northwestern

shore of Lake Pend Oreille (pronounced *pon-duh-ray*), the **second-largest freshwater lake** west of the Mississippi. For decades, Lake Pend Oreille held the world record for a rainbow trout caught in 1947. Many fishing charters operate on the lake. The average size trout is around 12 pounds, but local derby winners boast catches topping 20 pounds. The lake is 43 miles long, up to 6 miles wide and has depths of more than 1,000 feet, offering myriad fun activities.

Windsurf, kayak or simply swim in the beautiful clear water. **City Beach** at the end of Bridge Street, in the heart of downtown, has beautiful sandy beaches and a lovely park with barbecue pits, tennis and volleyball courts, and a public boat launch. Get out on the water and learn about the area's history and geology on a daily

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Night Sky on Lake Pend Oreille

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tour with **Lake Pend Oreille Cruises**, (early May to mid-October) departing from City Beach.

High atop the Selkirk Mountains above Sandpoint is year-round mountain adventure with world-class accommodations. **Schweitzer Mountain Resort** is the Inland Northwest's largest ski resort with 2,900 acres of terrain. Nordic and snowshoe trails, snowmobile and backcountry tours offer endless adventure. Ride the lift in the summer to get to the top for spectacular views all the way to Canada and Montana, then hike or mountain bike on the many trails back down to the village.

With the population at about 8,000, Sandpoint impresses visitors not only with the scenery but also the friendliness of the townsfolk and a casual pace of life. Sandpoint is the Selkirk Loop's largest U.S. town and is Nelson, B.C.'s sister city. There are designated **bicycling paths** both south and west of town offering

more than 12 paved miles of peaceful pedaling for the whole family. The **Bonner County History Museum** (open year-round) is a wonderful place to learn about the area's first settlers and native peoples. Next to the museum is the **Native Plant Arboretum** at Lakeview Park that includes a wild medicinal herb collection. Three national forests are easily accessible from Sandpoint: Idaho Panhandle, Colville and Kootenai national forests. Stop in at the **Sandpoint Ranger Station** west of town on Highway 2 or call 208-263-5111 for maps to hundreds of miles of outstanding hiking, backcountry camping and mountain bike trails.

Truly an arts town, Sandpoint has close to two dozen galleries located in town and the surrounding area. Each summer the **Festival at Sandpoint** features the Spokane Symphony Orchestra along with other international talents. The town's shopping and fine dining are major attrac-

CAMPING ON PUBLIC LANDS - IDAHO (GREATER SANDPOINT)

SITE	LOCATION	SITES	TENT	SHOWERS	RV FULL/LIMITED
Sam Owen-USFS*	Hope	81	x	n/a	Limited
Springy Point-USACE*	Sagle	38	x	x	Limited

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tions any time of year. Experience theater from a bygone era at the restored Spanish-mission-style **Panida Theater**, built in 1927. Do a wine tasting while downtown at the **Pend d'Oreille Winery**, Idaho's Winery of the Year in 2003. World-class shopping wouldn't be complete without visiting the unique shops in downtown. A beautiful log structure on Sand Creek downtown houses the **Cedar Street Bridge Public Market** filled with all sorts of unexpected treasures.

It wasn't until the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads arrived, that the town grew and became home to the Humbird Lumber Company, in 1900. At that time, Sandpoint became the Northwest's leading supplier of cedar telephone poles. Today, Sandpoint is one of the

West's greatest railroading towns, known as the spot where the Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Montana Rail Link and Spokane International rail systems all converge to create "The Funnel," an amazingly active rail crossroads with more than 40 trains a day traveling through. Rail buffs come from around the world to see them.

Follow Highway 200 northeast of Sandpoint to the **Pend Oreille National Scenic Byway** and the start of the loop's **Lake Pend Oreille-Kootenai River Super Side Trip** (see page 33 for more details).

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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS SANDPOINT

January	Banff Mountain Film Festival MLK Weekend, Schweitzer
February	Winter Carnival, multiple locations in Sandpoint and Schweitzer President's Day Weekend, Schweitzer
March	The Follies
April	Season Finale, Schweitzer
May	Lost in the '50s Weekend
May - Oct	Farmers Market (Saturday and Wednesday)
June	CHAFE 150 Benefit Bike Ride Summer Sampler
June-Sept	ArtWalk
July	4th of July Celebration and Parade Inland Empire Antique & Classic Boat Show Northwest Winefest, Schweitzer Beer Fest
August	Festival at Sandpoint Long Bridge Swim Arts & Crafts Fair Artists' Studio Tour
September	Schweitzer Fall Fest
October	Harvest Fest
November	Holidays in Sandpoint kickoff
December	Festival of Trees

Greater Sandpoint Chamber
www.sandpointchamber.org • (800) 800-2106

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ARTS, GIFTS & ANTIQUES

- Pend Oreille Arts Council (208) 263-6139
- Pend d'Oreille Winery (208) 265-8545 • (877) 452-9011

FOOD & EATERIES

- 113 Main (208) 946-5309
- Bottle Bay Resort & Marina (208) 263-5916

- Cedar Street Hotel & Suites (208) 263-9581
- Eichardt's Pub, Grill & Coffee House (208) 263-4005
- Evans Brothers Coffee Roasters (208) 265-5553
- Jalapeno's Mexican Restaurant (208) 263-2995
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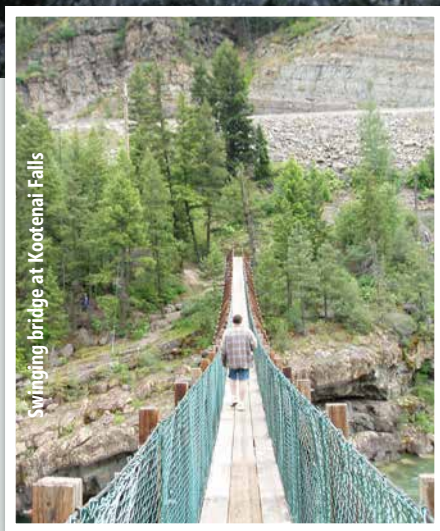


Scotchman Peaks Proposed Wilderness

From Sandpoint along the Lake Pend Oreille-Kootenai River Super Side Trip, serious seekers of solitude can easily access the 88,000-acre **Scotchman Peaks** roadless area that spans the Idaho-Montana border. Since the 1970s, when the U.S. Forest Service carried out extensive evaluations of lands suitable for wilderness, this rugged, scenic and biologically diverse portion of the **Cabinet Mountains** has been managed for its wilderness potential. Scotchman Peak, at 7,009 feet, is the highest peak in Bonner County and one of the best-loved hikes in the Cabinet Mountains, a range that runs for 150 miles and spreads across two states, Idaho and Montana.

The views from Scotchman Peak are magnificent: the expanse of Lake Pend Oreille to the southwest, the rugged proposed wilderness to the north, and the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness Area to the east. Some say that the views are better than Washington's Abercrombie Mountain, Hall Mountain and Copper Butte, or Idaho's Mount Roothaan (near Chimney Rock). The views are truly hard to beat, plus there's a strong likelihood of seeing **mountain goats**, making for a special wildlife-viewing treat.

Scotchman Peak also serves as a great jumping off point for excursions into some fabulous backcountry. To learn more about the proposed wilderness and see a schedule of



Swinging bridge at Kootenai Falls

guided hikes, look up **Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness** at www.ScotchmanPeaks.org. The group is working to preserve the Scotchmans and recently published a detailed, informative map. For a complete guidebook to hikes in the Cabinet Mountains, pick up a copy of "**Trails of the Wild Cabinets**" sold at the Sandpoint Visitor Center.

This roadless area is part of the **Cabinet-Yaak ecosystem**, a home for a few grizzly bears as well as wolves, which reestablished themselves naturally from Canada (they were not reintroduced). Present also are rare birds and animals such as the fisher, pine marten, wolverine and boreal owl.



Hope • Clark Fork • Moyie Springs • Troy • Libby

Just north of 112 MILES / 180 KM
Hopepoint, Idaho, take Highway 200 east to Hope. This is also the start of the **Pend Oreille National Scenic Byway.**

This photographic stretch allows for stunning vistas along the north shore of Lake Pend Oreille. Watch for wayside geologic and historic sites with wide pullouts. Look for the historical marker at the Hope Peninsula turnoff and take a moment to view the site of Idaho's first structure made by white men, Kullyspell House, a trading post established by David Thompson in 1809. Sam Owen Campground is one mile past Hope on the Hope Peninsula and Game Preserve. This popular campground has a day use area (fee required), swimming beach and boat launch. Contact Reserve USA at 1-877-444-6777 for reservations.

Just east of **Clark Fork**, across the Montana State Line, stop at scenic overlooks at Cabinet Gorge Dam and Noxon Rapids Dam. Complete with local interpretive information, beaches and lawn, these are pleasant stops from which to view the Clark Fork River.

Turn north onto Highway 56, aka Bull Lake Road. One point of great interest is the ancient grove of the **Ross Creek Cedars** (mid-May to Sept. 30) with an interpretive trail through numerous stands of 500-year-old trees. There is a nice Forest Service campground on Bull Lake nearby. Contact the Kootenai National Forest at 406-293-6211 for reservations.

At the junction of Highways 56 and 2, take an optional turn east, and go 3 miles to the **Kootenai Falls Overlook** (mid-April to mid-October) and suspension bridge, a nice place for a picnic and short hike to the falls. Driving 15 miles farther brings you to **Libby**, a hub for outdoor adventure. Take a free tour of Libby Dam and camp at Lake Kooconas.

Turning west at the Highway 56/Highway 2 junction takes you through the community of **Troy**. Stop at the Troy Ranger Station for information on recreational opportunities in the area. A lovely Forest Service Campground exists at the Yaak River junction. Watch for another scenic overlook at the **Moyie River Canyon** (pronounced moy-YAY), eight miles east of Bonners Ferry just before crossing the Moyie River Bridge.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS LIBBY / TROY

- May - October** Libby's Farmers Market (Thursday)
- June - Sept** Troy's Farmers Market (Friday)
- June** Logger Days (Libby)
- July** Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration (Troy)
- August** River Front Blues Festival (Libby)
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- September** Chainsaw Carving Competition (Libby)

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Glamping Wagon at North Haven Campground

Bonnors Ferry

Located just 30 miles south of the **U.S.-Canada border**, Bonnors Ferry is the county seat of **Boundary County** – a sparsely populated county of less than 10,000 residents – where unlimited **outdoor recreation** is coupled with a down-home, **friendly atmosphere**. **Mirror Lake Golf Course**, a municipal 9-hole par 3 course on the south end of town, offers views all the way to Canada at every hole.

When heading north on Highway 95 from Sandpoint toward Bonnors Ferry, travelers follow the Idaho Scenic Byway named **“Wild Horse Trail”** that connects to the international border on Idaho State Highway 1 at Porthill.

The route takes you past **McArthur Lake**, where the Selkirk and Cabinet mountains are at their closest point, establishing a natural migratory wildlife corridor between the ranges. **McArthur Lake Wildlife Management Area**

was established in 1942 to protect and enhance Idaho’s waterfowl habitat. Operated by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the habitat encompasses more than 1,200 acres and includes a dock, sportsman’s access, boat launch and restroom.

The modern-day history of Bonnors Ferry began in 1864, when merchant Edwin L. Bonner, from Walla Walla, Washington, established a ferry to serve thousands of prospectors and miners crossing the Kootenai River en route to the newly discovered goldfields on Wild Horse Creek in the East Kootenays of British Columbia, Canada.

In the 1880s the community thrived as a major supplier for the mines to the north in the Ainsworth-Kaslo area of British Columbia. Beginning in 1883, steamboats on the Kootenai River created a romantic history, carrying passengers and freight between Bonnors Ferry and British

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Copper Creek Falls

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS BONNERS FERRY

- May** Memorial Day Veterans Parade & Ceremony
- May-October** Saturday Farmers Market
- June** Borders 3 Jamboree Car Show
Kootenai River Run
Rotary Club Fishing Derby
- July** 4th of July Celebrations
Kootenai River Days
- August** Boundary County Fair
- September** Demolition Derby
Kootenai River Ride
- November** Turkey Trot Fun Run
Holiday Craft Fair and Farmers Market
- December** Community Choir Concert

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Columbia for 25 years. One of these steamers, the *SS Moyie*, was fully restored and is open to the public in Kaslo, British Columbia. (See page 58, "North Kootenay Lake – Silvery Slocan" Super Side Trip to learn more.)

The charming, **historic downtown** is filled with two-story brick buildings that were built to withstand annual spring flooding, replacing earlier wooden structures – many built on stilts. The **Boundary County Museum** holds hundreds of historic photos showing flooded streets, many showing buildings that are still recognizable. The adjacent **International Gateway Visitor Center** offers more area information and hiking maps for over 50 maintained trails on over 500,000 acres of public lands. You are sure to find a trail to suit your needs.

Early settlers discovered that the repeated flooding of the **Kootenai River** produced rich soil in the valley. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers created dikes to allow commercial farming of grain and hay in the early part of the 20th

century. Remnants of commercial orchards, decimated by a series of severe winters in the 1920s, may still be spotted throughout the area.

Overlooking Bonners Ferry is Black Mountain at 6,100 feet and Clifty Mountain at 6,700 feet. A wonderful panoramic view of the area can be seen by driving to the Black Mountain Lookout from Twenty-Mile Road. High-clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicles are recommended.

For an alpine lake experience, visit **Roman Nose Lake** west of Bonners Ferry, the only lake in the Selkirks that is wheelchair accessible. The **Bonnors Ferry Ranger District** (208-267-5561)

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SITE	LOCATION	SITES	TENT	SHOWERS	RV FULL/LIMITED
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Robinson Lake-USFS	Robinson Lake	10	x	n/a	Limited
Meadow Creek-USFS	Meadow Creek Road	22	x	n/a	Limited
Copper Creek-USFS	Eastport	16	x	n/a	Limited

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Above: Moose and her twins in one of the ponds at the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge.
Left: Owlettes at the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge.

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on Highway 95 just south of town provides maps to this lake, plus guides to local hiking trails and camping in the Selkirk Mountains.

Bonnars Ferry is home to the **Kootenai Tribe of Idaho**, one of six bands of the Kootenai Nation. Historically a semi-nomadic people roaming the entire Selkirk Loop region, the Kootenai Tribe has retained its native language and other cultural elements more strongly than most other American Indian groups in the United States. In the 1990s, the tribe successfully established the first casino on the Selkirk Loop route at the Best Western Kootenai River Inn. The tribe operates an **impressive state-of-the-art hatchery that rears white sturgeon and burbot**, both endangered species in the Kootenai River.

The **Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge**, (open year-round) located 5 miles west of town, was established in 1965 to reclaim some of the Idaho Panhandle wetlands. The 2,774-acre refuge was purchased with funds generated from the Federal Duck Stamp Program. Its primary purpose is to provide resting and feeding habitat for migrating waterfowl using the Pacific Flyway. Open year-round, a 4.5-mile loop tour road for automobiles and bicycles guides visitors to wildlife observation points. Foot trails provide access to wildlife habitats. In the valley to the north, the **Nature Conservancy's Ball Creek Ranch Preserve** and the **Boundary/Smith Wildlife Management Corridor** provide 4,000 additional critical habitat acres for migrating waterfowl and large mammal species.

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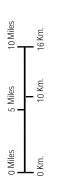
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- (depending on Ferry from Revelstoke to Galena Bay)
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- Spokane - Sandpoint 75 miles; 1.5 hours
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- Rivers, Dams and Mines
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Seven 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

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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
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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.

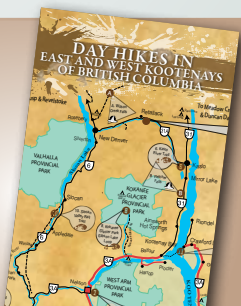
As you approach the **Erickson** area east of Creston, savor the scenic beauty of the farm and orchard fields as this leisurely route winds its way west. Between Erickson and Creston, this route



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

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Scenic View of the Creston Valley

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.

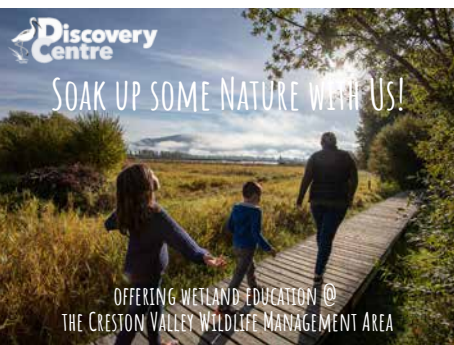
If you are in the area in July or August stop by the Visitor Info Centre to get times and a ticket for the popular Bus Wine Art Tour that visits local artisans and serves local wine along the route.

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!



Creston Valley Fruit Stand

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



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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-September). 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 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).



Creston Valley Farmers Market



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Creston Valley Tourism Society
 (250) 402-3030
Kootenay Employment Services Society
 (250) 428-5655
Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society
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Town of Creston (250) 428-2214

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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS CRESTON

Jan-Dec	Creston Valley Farmers Market
February	Women's Valentine's Curling Bonspiel
March	Men's Butterfly Curling Bonspiel
May	Creston Valley Bird Festival Creston Valley Blossom Festival
July	Canada Day
August	Just Tri-It Triathlon Columbia Basin Culture Tour
September	Creston Valley Fall Fair Creston Kootenay Lake Gran Fondo Blue Heron Half Marathon
November	7th Siding Festival of Film Christmas Art and Craft Fair
December	Creston Valley Winterfest

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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 Com-

merce 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

Highway 3A East Shore
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landing, visitors are welcome to explore **Yasodhara 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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July	Starbelly 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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Kootenay Lake Ferry

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GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Gray Creek Store** - Gray Creek (250) 227-9315

ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

- **Artisans of Crawford Bay** (250) 227-9466
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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
11:30 am	12:20 pm
*12:20 pm	*1:10 pm
1:10 pm	2:00 pm
*2:00 pm	*2:50 pm
2:50 pm	3:40 pm
*3:40 pm	*4:30 pm
4:30 pm	5:20 pm
*5:20 pm	*6:10 pm
6:10 pm	7:00 pm
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 www.selkirkloop.org

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Kokanee Mountain Zipline

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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

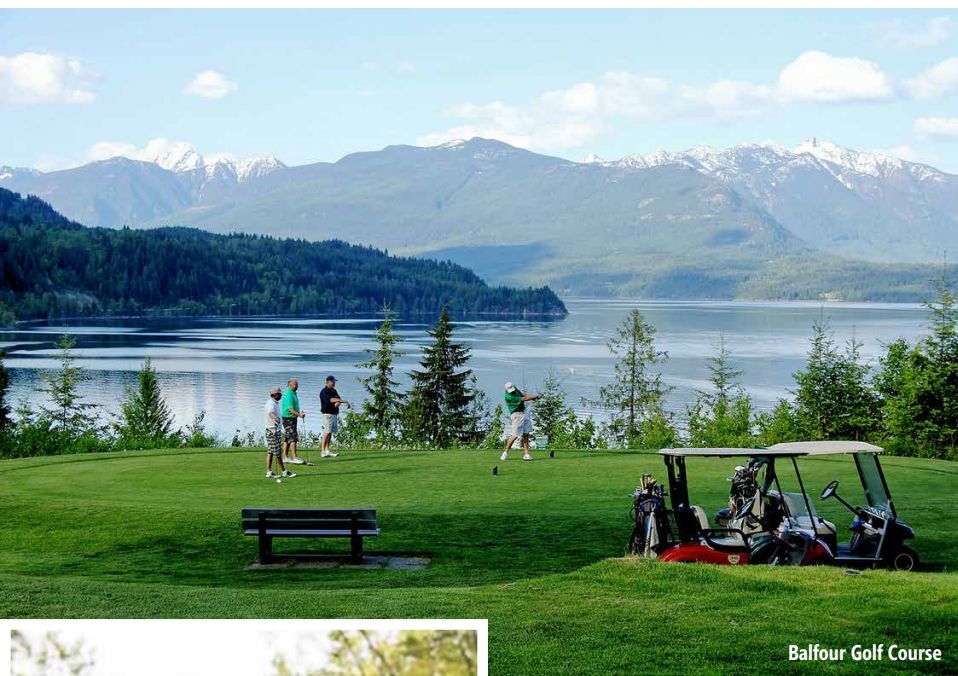
spectacular views of the surrounding mountain ranges, Kootenay Lake and Kokanee Creek Provincial Park below. With nearly a mile of total ziplines, you'll have ample opportunity to admire the scenery.

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 Slokan Super Side Trip** (page 58) or turn southwest to Nelson (page 64).

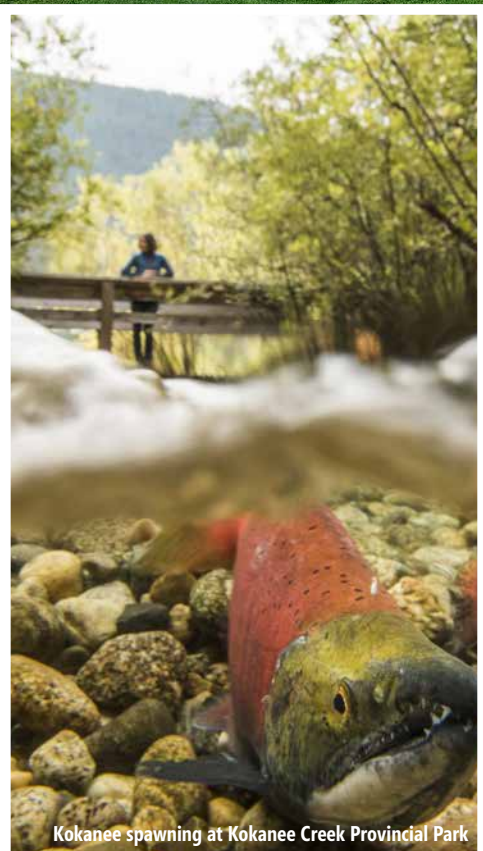
On the way to Nelson, **don't miss a visit to Harrop and Procter**, accessed by a five-minute ride on a cable-ferry that crosses the West Arm of Kootenay Lake to a place locals call "The Little Village That Could."

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).



Balfour Golf Course



Kokanee spawning at Kokanee Creek Provincial Park

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Balfour Golf Course

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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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Red bridge on the Kaslo River Trail

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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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June-Sept	Saturday Market
August	Kaslo Jazz Festival Pirate's Day on S.S. Moyie Sternwheeler Columbia Basin Culture Tour
September	British Car Show
December	Kaslo Light Up Celebration Kaslo Christmas Fair

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• ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

- Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce (866) 276-3212
- Kootenay Lake Historical Society /
• SS Moyie National Historic Site (250) 353-2525
- Langham Cultural Socie Centre (250) 353-2661
- Village of Kaslo (250) 353-2311

• PLACES TO STAY

- Kaslo Hotel & Brew Pub (250) 353-7714
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- Kootenay Lake Provincial Park (250) 551-0100
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- Wing Creek Resort (250) 353-2475

• THINGS TO SEE & DO

- Kaslo Jazz Etc. Summer Music Festival
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• National Historic Site (250) 353-2525
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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.

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Cyclist on the rail trail



Bear near New Denver

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS NEW DENVER – SILVERTON – SLOCAN

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May	New Denver May Days
July	Canada Day Celebration, Silverton
July-August	Mountain Music Festival
August	Columbia Basin Culture Tour
September	Garlic Festival, New Denver
December	Christmas by the Lake, Silverton

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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 Wonderland, Whitewater Ski Resort
February	Coldsmoke Festival, Whitewater Ski Resort
May-October	Cottonwood Saturday Market
May	Kootenay Artisan Fair
June	Kootenay Burlesque Festival
June-August	Marketfest
June-Sept.	Downtown Local Market (Wednesdays)
July-August	Nelson Art Walk
July	Canada Day Celebration, Lakeside Park Nelson Sailing Regatta Market Night
August	Nelson International Mural Festival Columbia Basin Culture Tour
September	Queen City Cruise & Car Show
October	Nelson Culture Days
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



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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 culture, and Nelson offers a wide variety of fat tire-oriented trails for all levels of experi-



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ence. 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 be enjoyed from the lakeshores surrounding Nelson.


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Children enjoying ArtWalk

Nelson has a multi-purpose **Aquatic Centre**, including a **waterslide** and expanded fitness area. Be sure to visit the **Nelson Museum and Art Gallery** (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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- Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism Society
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Chapel House on Zuckerberg Island



Castlegar
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Castlegar is located at the confluence of the Columbia and Kootenay rivers and features many excellent heritage sites to visit. Stop by the **Station Museum** (Victoria Day-Labour Day Weekend), located in the downtown district, to view one of the best preserved railway station museums in British Columbia. Stroll over the suspension bridge to **Zuckerberg Island Heritage Park** for a self-guided tour (April-October) or stop in at the re-created **Doukhobor** (pro-

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

City and is renowned as the “**Mountain Biking Capital of the World**.” It may be one of Canada’s highest cities at 4,000 feet. Pick up a trail map at the local visitor centre. The International Mountain Biking Association has recognized the **7 Summits Trail** as one of its epic rides. The 7 Summits Trail follows the alpine ridges of the Rossland Range for 25 km, or 15 miles, of spectacular scenic hiking or mountain biking.

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

April	Castlegar’s Spring Fling
June	Sunfest Community Celebration
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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CASTLEGAR / FRUITLAND

FOOD & EATERIES

- Castlegar Golf Club and RV Park**
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ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

- Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce**
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PLACES TO STAY

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- Champion Lakes Provincial Park** (250) 551-0100
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- Kootenay River RV Park** (250) 365-5604 • (877) 318-0008
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THINGS TO SEE & DO

- Castlegar Golf Club and RV Park**
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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.

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	Golden City Days Between the Peaks Music Festival
November	Rossland Mountain Film Festival
December	Rekindle the Spirit of Christmas

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- **THINGS TO SEE & DO**
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- **ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT**
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Columbia River



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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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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

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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

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Big Horn Sheep outside Salmo

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 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).

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

GENERAL BUSINESS

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- **Salmo Pump** (250) 357-2227

ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT

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PLACES TO STAY

- **Hotel Ymir** (250) 357-9611
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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
Beaver Creek-PP	Trail	19	x	x	Limited

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Red Mountain Ski Resort

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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.

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



Schweitzer Mountain Resort

vertical 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 Ski Hill** is a local alpine area that offers a nice, uncrowded change with T-bar and handle-pull lifts. It is also famous for its **great night skiing** on fully lit runs that are groomed to perfection.

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