

A scenic landscape featuring a dirt trail winding through a lush, green area with tall grass and wildflowers. In the background, a calm lake is nestled among dense evergreen trees, with mountains visible in the distance under a clear blue sky. Several people are engaged in outdoor activities: two men with bicycles on the left, a person on horseback in the center, a hiker with a red backpack and a dog in the foreground, and a mountain biker in the right foreground. A group of hikers is also visible further down the trail.

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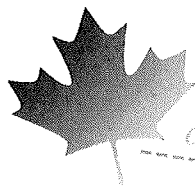
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Trans Canada Trail

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the Boundary Region

The Trans Canada Trail through the Boundary Region follows primarily the old Kettle Valley railbed all the way from Rock Creek to Christina Lake.

Through the city of Grand Forks, the trail follows a combination of side streets and local trail systems, eventually re-connecting with the Kettle Valley railbed and heading east.

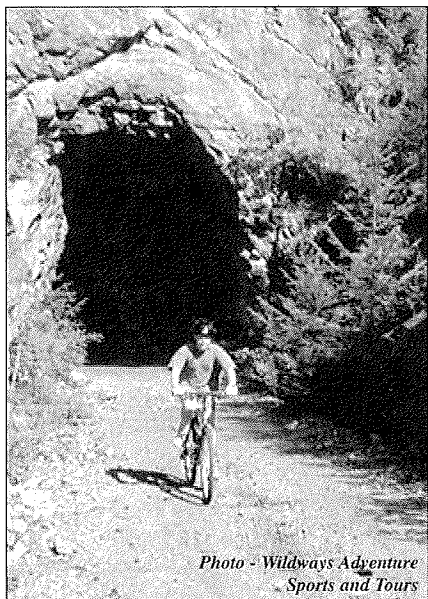
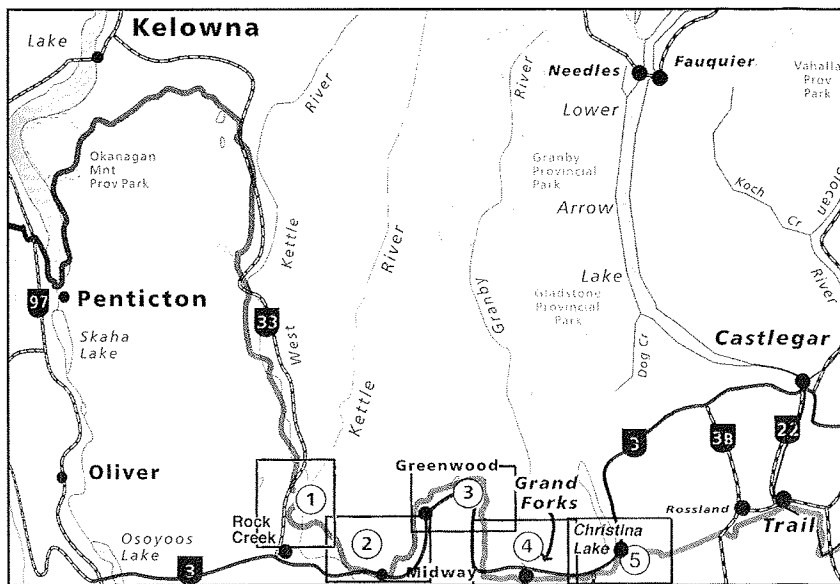


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Just south of Christina Lake, the Trans Canada Trail veers off the Kettle Valley railbed for the last time and traverses north to Christina Lake via the Highway 3.

The Boundary Region is rich in history, culture and awesome scenery.

Be sure to take the time to explore all the communities in this colorful and inviting region.



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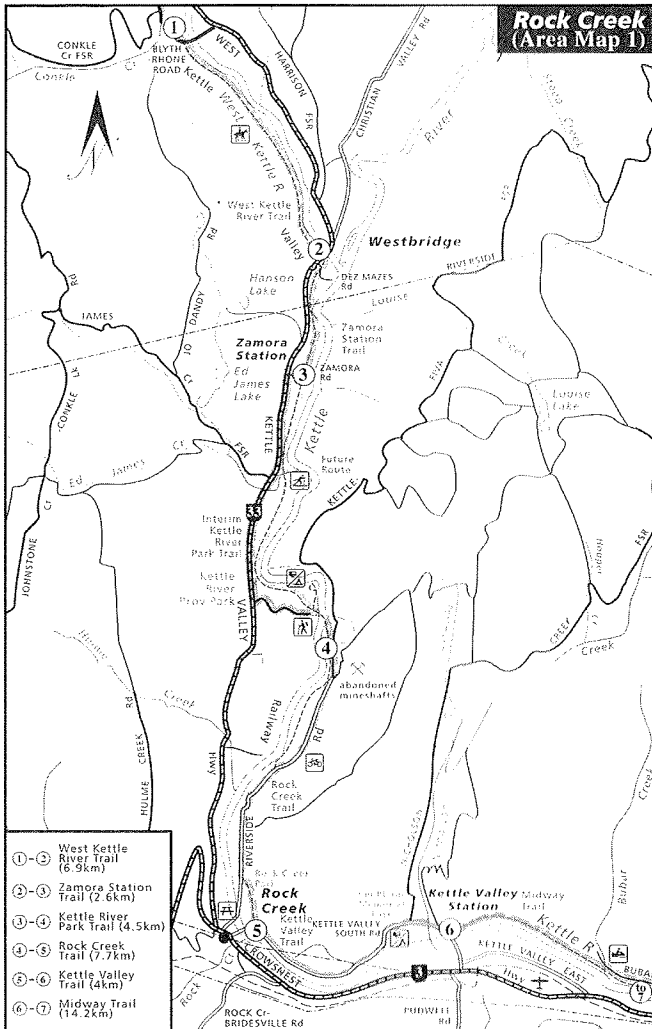
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The information found in this guide regarding the Trans Canada Trail is provided courtesy of Mussio Ventures and Trails B.C. The maps and descriptions are taken from the publication *Trans Canada Trail - the British Columbia Route*, published by Mussio Ventures Ltd.

The information in this publication has been edited for space constraints. For more detailed descriptions, including points of historical and scenic interest on the Boundary section of the Trans Canada Trail, and complete information on the trail as it continues through Southern British Columbia, you are encouraged to purchase the book.

Trans Canada Trail - the British Columbia Route can be purchased at several different retail locations throughout the Boundary. For information on a location nearest you contact the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce at (250) 442-2833 or Mussio Ventures Ltd. at (604) 438-3474. Partial proceeds fund the development and maintenance of the trail in B.C.



West Kettle River Trail (Section 1 to 2)

Distance: 6.9 km

The Trans Canada Trail travels south along the Blythe-Rhone Road over the Rippertoe Creek Forest Service Road and shortly after, Conkle Creek. Just past the creek crossing, the road branches from the KVR. The trail follows the railbed down the west side of the West Kettle Valley River all the way to the intersection of Hwy. 33 and Westbridge Station. Evidence of the station is no longer visible.

Zamora Station Trail (Section 2 to 3)

Distance: 2.6 km

The Kettle Valley Railway bed continues south to the Zamora Station site. However, portions of the railbed travel through what are now farmer's fields. It is still permissible to travel along the old railbed but please make sure you close the gates after yourself. Also, sections along this stretch can be overgrown and hard to track.

A good alternate option is to follow Hwy. 33 south from Westbridge to Zamora Station. The highway is not very busy and there is a decent shoulder for travel. Off the east side of the highway, you will come to Zamora Road, which travels east back to the KVR and the site of the former Zamora Station. One of the original station buildings continues to stand beside the railbed and has been converted to a private residence.

Kettle River Park Trail (Section 3 to 4)

Distance: 4.5 km

From Zamora Station, it is actually best to continue along Hwy. 33 all the way to the Kettle River Provincial Park due to current land disputes.

As the highway approaches Kettle River Provincial park it is possible to reaccess the KVR to travel through the park, although there is also an access road to the park off the highway.

Rock Creek Trail (Section 4 to 5)

Distance: 7.7 km

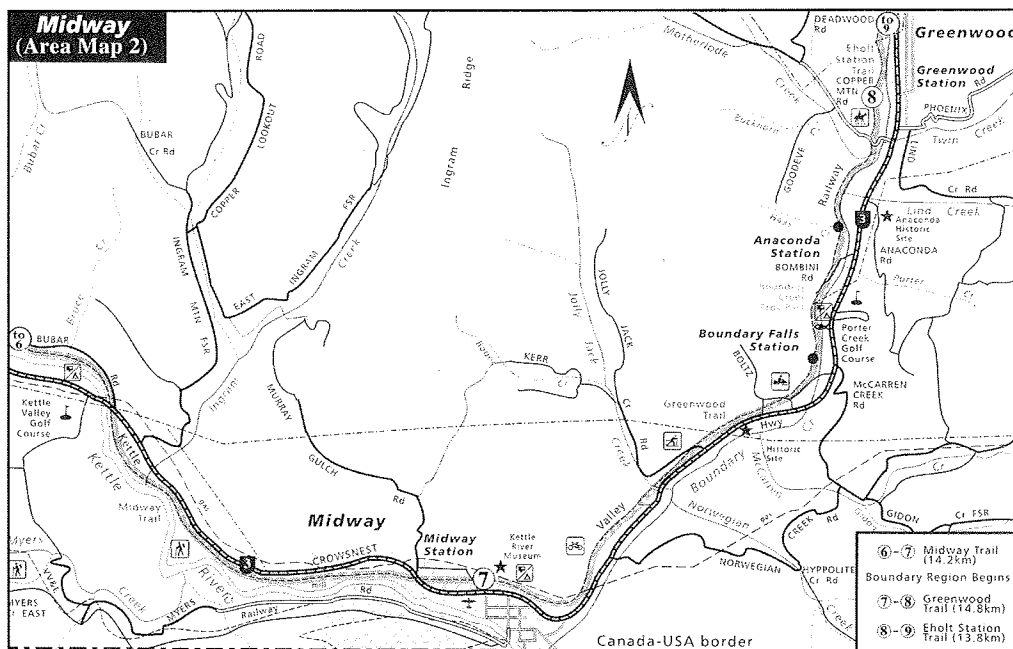
From within the Kettle River Provincial Park, the old railbed can be picked up off the park access road. The Trans Canada Trail/Kettle Valley Railway continues its journey over a trestle crossing the Kettle River. On the east side of the river, the trail continues along the old railbed until it reaches an intersection with Riverside Road.

From the intersection, the Trans Canada Trail route follows the rural road towards the town of Rock Creek. Be sure to have your camera ready as there are several picturesque sights of the Kettle River that can be seen along the way.

Kettle Valley Trail (Section 5 to 6)

Distance: 4 km

The trek from Rock Creek to the former Kettle Valley Station site continues along the roadway (Kettle Valley South Road) as the KVR has been claimed by the road for much of the way to the former station. Not far from Riverside Rd., the trail passes by an abandoned sawmill and shortly before Kettle Valley, Jim Blaine Memorial Park. Near the park, the old KVR can be seen, although it is best to stay on the road due to current land disputes over the railbed. The site of the former Kettle Valley Station is located near the bridge over the Kettle River.



Midway Trail (Section 6 to 7) Distance: 14.2 km

The trail reconnects with the KVR just before the Kettle Valley South Road crosses over the Kettle River.

The trail follows the old railbed through ranch country along the meandering shore of the Kettle River.

The route follows the old railbed along the north side of the Kettle River bypassing the Pope & Talbot sawmill grounds, to a crossing of the highway.

The route takes you right to the steps of the Kettle River Museum.

Greenwood Trail (Section 7 to 8) 14.8 km

Beginning at the Kettle River Museum in Midway, the Trans Canada Trail continues its trek eastward by following the old Kettle Valley Railway. The old railbed has recently been the site of a massive BC Gas pipeline improvement project. From the museum, the railbed trail leads out of the town and towards the city of Greenwood.

The trail parallels Highway 3 much of the way and travels upward along a marginal grade through rock bluffs and open grasslands. The route passes by Boundary Creek Provincial Park and over Copper Mountain Road before reaching the former site of the Greenwood Station.

Trail Etiquette

Along any trail system, including the Trans Canada Trail, there is a certain code of etiquette. The code has evolved to ensure safety and limit environmental impact. In general, the recommended rules for trail travel is summed up below:

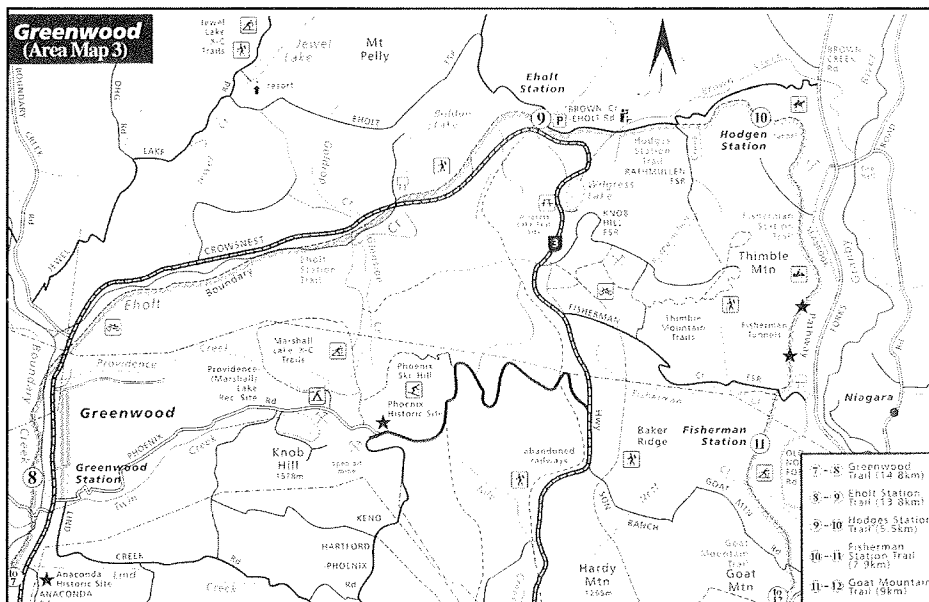
- 1) travel only on marked routes especially on farmland
- 2) respect private property and the privacy of nearby residents
- 3) take only pictures and nothing else from the area
- 4) leave no trace of your travels and carry out all garbage
- 5) camp at designated campsites only & follow fire regulations

When on a trail, the general rule is that horses always have the right away. hikers yield to horses and bikers yield to everyone.

(information courtesy of "Trans Canada Trail- The British Columbia Route" - Mussio Ventures)



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Eholt Station Trail (Section 8 to 9) 13.8 km

The subtle uphill climb continues from Greenwood to the former station and town site of Eholt. The route begins by following the former Columbia & Western (C&W) Railway. The old railbed is locally referred to as the Boundary Pathway and continues to parallel the highway through a mix of ranch land and thickly vegetated areas.

Travelling west on this section of the trail makes for an easy enjoyable downhill ride, suitable for all abilities.

North of Greenwood, just before Boundary Creek Road, the route crosses over Highway 3.

The trail then follows the old railbed parallel to Highway 3 and crosses the Eholt Creek before crossing over the highway again near the large Trans Canada Trail sign. Please be sure to use extra caution at all highway crossings as traffic moves at an average rate of speed of around 80 - 100 kms per hour. Just before the trail reaches the former station site of Eholt, the route crosses a few farming areas. There may be gated fences along the way.

For a further adventure, you can access the Thimble Mountain Trails by heading south on Rathmullen Creek Forest Service Road just east of the old Eholt rail yard. This trail system is well maintained and offers a mix of single and double track trails (see page 14.)

Hodges Station Trail (Section 9 to 10) 5.5 km

The route east from the field area known as Eholt Station to the former site of Hodges Station is relatively easy to follow and offers a nice wilderness setting. The trail begins by crossing the Eholt Road and follows the Brown Creek-Eholt Road, an interesting forestry road that also plays host to rumbling logging trucks on occasion. Shortly down the road, the railbed cuts its way through a wall of new growth and away from the road. The last couple kilometers slowly winds its way down to the old Hodges Station. The station site can be recognized by the remaining water tower foundation.

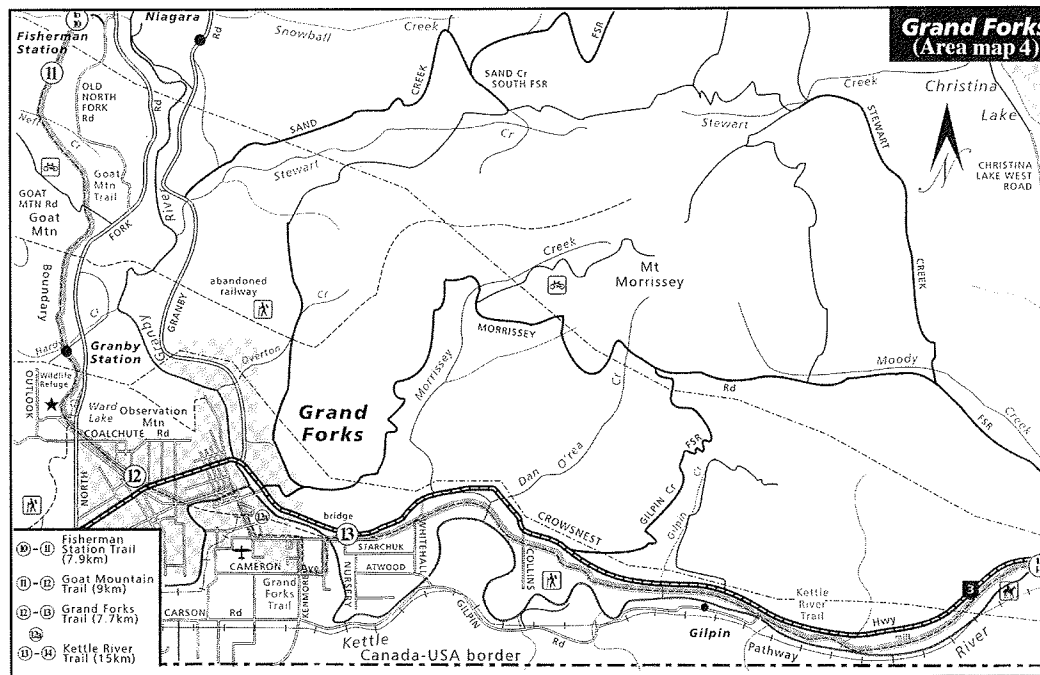
Fisherman Station Trail (Section 10 to 11) 7.9 km

Shortly after the Trans Canada Trail/Boundary Pathway passes the Hodges Station area, the route begins to veer south towards Grand Forks along a more substantial downhill grade. After the first kilometer of this section of trail, the route passes a former railway tunnel.

The tunnel is about 150 m (492 ft) in length and is one of the few tunnels that were constructed along the western portion of the C&W Railway. Another 4.6 km down the trail, the route encounters another tunnel of similar size.

The trail crosses over Fisherman Creek Forest Service Road and Goat Mountain Road before reaching the former site of the Fisherman Station. There is also a short hiking trail along the Fisherman Creek at the junction of the old railbed and the Fisherman Creek Forest Service Road. The rustic footpath treks through the forest cover on the north side of Fisherman Creek and leads to a scenic waterfall.

For a further adventure, you can head west along the Fisherman Creek Forest Service Road to the Thimble Mountain Trails. The trail system is well maintained and is comprised of a mix of single and double track trails, which interconnect with the Knob Hill Forest Service Road. The trails can be followed to the top of Thimble Mountain where you can enjoy a fabulous view of the Granby River Valley (see pg 14.)



Goat Mountain (Section 11 to 12) 9 km

From the former Fisherman Station site, the Trans Canada Trail/ Boundary Pathway Trail continues its downward trek along the old C&W Railbed.

The route begins by crossing Neff Creek and then over Goat Mountain Road before reaching Hardy Creek and the former Granby Station site.

You will probably not notice the site of the old station but cannot miss the view above Ward Lake as the Trans Canada Trail/Boundary Pathway Trail veers southeast towards Grand Forks.

Grand Forks Trail (Section 12 to 13) 7.7 km

Beginning at the Columbia Grill & Station Pub/Restaurant, the route continues east into Grand Forks. The old railbed crosses over Highway 3 and travels towards the meandering Kettle River through the outskirts of town. Eventually you meet up with Kettle River Drive just before the river.

Currently the official Trans Canada Trail route continues through Grand Forks east along Kettle River Drive to 8th Street. The route follows 8th Street north to 72nd Avenue and then heads east to 2nd Street. The route turns south along 2nd Street and crosses over the Kettle River where the road changes to International Road.

Follow International Road south to Sagamore Avenue and then veer east along Sagamore Avenue to Kenmore Avenue. Follow Kenmore Avenue south to Cameron Avenue and then head east long Cameron to Darcy Avenue. Darcy Avenue will take you north to a trestle back over to the north side of the Kettle River and onto the old C&W Railbed.

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An alternate more scenic route is to be completed in early 2003. Please check with the Chamber of Commerce for details. It will cross the 2nd Street bridge and then follow the footpath east along the south side of the river. Cross over or under the new bridge and continue on the side of the river until you come to a gate. Open and close the gate and continue until you come to the trestle that will take you back over the Kettle River.

Shortly after the river crossing, the trail meets up the main trail on the old C&W Railbed.

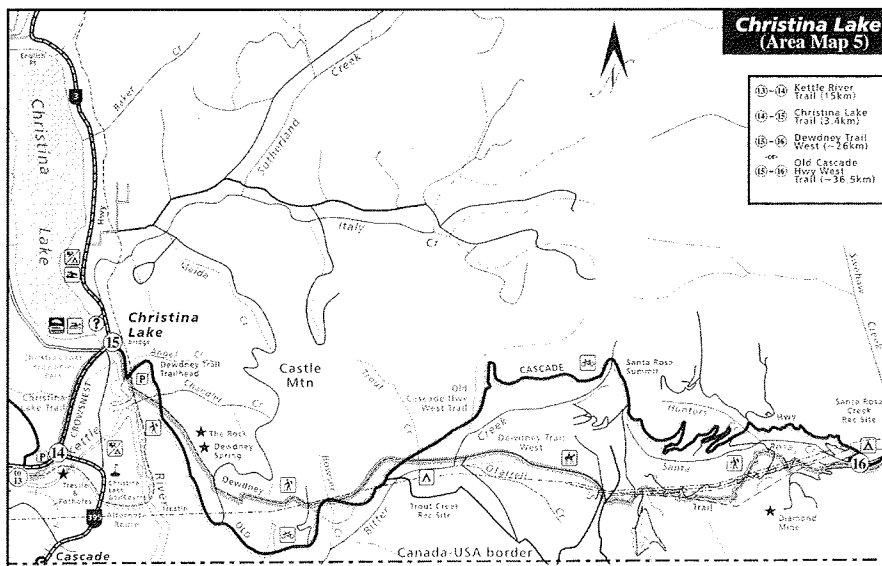
Kettle River Trail (Section 13 to 14) 15 km

In the fall of 2000, the C&W railbed heading east from Grand Forks towards Christina Lake was also completely torn up by new pipeline construction by BC Gas. In 2001 the pipeline was restored with a crush gravel surface and now makes a fabulous path.

The route begins near the Nursery Road intersection and heads east along the old railbed passing through farmland with the odd home or barn dotting the landscape. On the way towards Christina Lake, the scenic route parallels Highway 3 and the Kettle River.

The odd gate, a small mill and the necessary rerouting along the highway create a more challenging route than other old railway sections of the Trans Canada Trail route. Please stay on the trail, as this is all private land. The trestle crossing the Kettle River over the Cascade Gorge is being redecked in the fall of 2002. (The trestle is officially closed until the redecking is complete. Use at your own risk)

Adventurous travellers can continue over the trestle while those afraid of heights are recommended to take Highway 3 into Christina Lake. **Continued on page 7)**



Kettle River Trail (Section 13 to 14, con't. from pg. 6)

Travellers can access Highway 3 at the designated parking area just before the Gorge Trestle.

Although there is no established trail, there are a number of easy access areas leading from the railbed to the highway. Follow Highway 3, which has a broad shoulder to travel on, to the junction of Highway 395.

Regardless of which route you choose, the old railway and trestle access a beautiful cascade gorge area that is worth the effort to visit.

From the trestle, careful travellers can overlook the potholes and whirlpools created by the Kettle River as it falls towards the south. At midday the bowls formed by the falls are filled with numerous rainbows.

Aptly named Rainbow Rock offers the most spectacular viewing sight.

Christina Lake Trail (Section 14 to 15) - 3.4 km

The route from the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 3 requires you to climb up and over a small hill before dropping down to the town of Christina Lake. This section of trail will be busy with vehicle traffic so be sure to take advantage of the broad highway shoulder. At the bottom of the downhill section a few buildings mark the beginning of the town of Christina Lake. Look for Santa Rosa Road off the east side of the highway for the continuation of the Trans Canada Trail

Dewdney Trail West (Section 15 to 16)- 26 km

The historic Dewdney Trail trailhead is located off the south side of the Santa Rosa Road. The 38 km pack trail takes you over two different summits and through some challenging wilderness terrain.

For this reason, this section of the Trans Canada Trail route is intended for hikers and horseback riders. Experienced mountain bikers are allowed on the trail providing they give all other travellers the right of way. For loaded cyclists looking for an easier route, see the Old Cascade Highway description below.

The noted junction of the Santa Rosa Road and the Dewdney Trail is currently quite difficult to spot; however, there should be signs posted in the near future designating the trailhead off the road. The trailhead is located off the right side of the Santa Rosa Road at the first switchback, or you can skip the first steep part of the trail by following the Santa Rosa Road to 3.5 km and take the road off to the left marked with the Dewdney Trail sign. The Dewdney Trail begins by travelling eastward over Chandler Creek. The trail then crosses over the old Cascade Highway and parallels the highway to the east. Shortly after the highway, crossing the trail passes by the Dewdney Spring, which is a natural water spring from the rocky ground.

The trail continues eastward and crosses the Cascade Highway again and from here on the old trail has become the base for a logging road for a number of kilometers. The road/trail crosses Bitter Creek and underneath the powerline before branching off the road system eastward toward the Santa Rosa Summit.

Look for the arrows to the right of the road after the Trout Creek Campsite. As the trail passes over the summit, there are several great views available from the mountain. The trail continues eastward past the vicinity of an old diamond mine and eventually crosses the Cascade Highway again near the Santa Rosa Creek Forest Recreation Site.

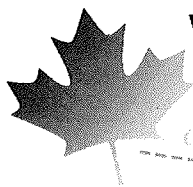
Much of the Dewdney Trail goes through private lands. It is important for trail users to obey all signs and to stay on the trail when going through private land.

Old Cascade Highway West (alternate route, section 15 to 16) - 36.5 km

This is the alternate route to the Dewdney Trail intended as an easier route for cyclists. The road is shared with 4wd vehicles, ATV's, horseback riders and even hikers. Bikers should expect a good workout on this mountain route.

The fabulous scenery, the remote setting and the wilderness camping opportunities certainly make up for the more challenging nature of the trail. The road climbs steadily towards the Santa Rosa Summit.

The route travels through mainly wooded terrain and crosses the historic Dewdney Trail and a few small creeks. As you drop down into the Big Sheep Creek basin, the road becomes quite rough and care should be taken.



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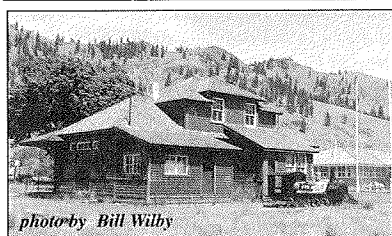
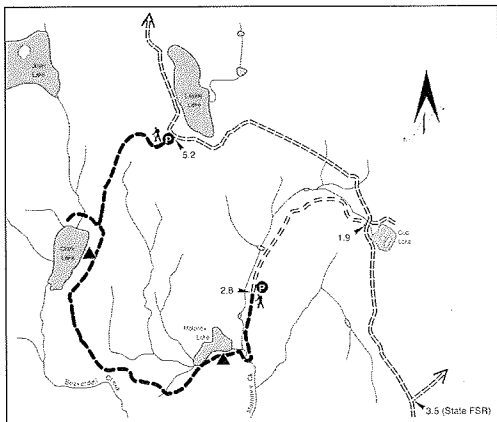


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Tall tales of lost treasure and hidden gold mines still linger from days gone by when the search for gold and copper brought settlers to this area over a century ago.

Explore the many old mine sites or discover the countless remote lakes atop secluded mountain getaways. Don't forget to pack your rod, this area is known for great fishing.



Clark- Maloney Trails

Clark-Maloney Lakes from Lassie Lake

Distance: 2 kms to Clark; 4 kms to Maloney via Clark (one way)

Hike Time: 40 mins to Clark; 1.5 hr to Maloney (one way)

Difficulty: Easy to Clark; Moderate to Maloney

Maloney Lake from Cup Lake

Distance: 3.5 kms (including access road); 1 km (just trail)

Hike Time: 65 mins (including hiking access road); 20 min (just trail)

Difficulty: Moderate

The trailheads into these two campsites can be reached from three directions; from the north via Trapping Creek Forest Service Road (FSR); from the east via the Main Kettle River-State FSR; from the west via Beaverdell - State FSR. Directions are provided below for the most commonly used access route from the west.

From the junction of Hwys. 3 and 33 in Rock Creek, turn north onto Hwy. 33. Follow this highway for 50.8 kms to the junction with the Beaver Creek Road located just north of the town of Beaverdell. Turn right onto this road and follow it for 24.6 kms to the junction with the State FSR. Turn left onto State FSR and continue for 3.5 kms to the junction with Lassie FSR. Stay left at this junction and proceed for another 1.9 kms to a junction with a small road on the left across from Cup Lake.

This is the access road into Maloney Lake and is narrow and has frequent waterbars. If you don't have a high-clearance vehicle, you probably shouldn't attempt to drive this road. Turn left up this road and proceed for another 2.8 kms to the trailhead.

To find the Clark Lake trailhead proceed north on Lassie FSR another 3.3 kms past the turnoff to Maloney Lake (a total of 5.2 kms up Lassie FSR). Look for a small parking area and a brown 4 x 4 post marking the trailhead on the left just past the Lassie Lake campsite turnoff.

Lassie Lake to Clark-Maloney Lakes:

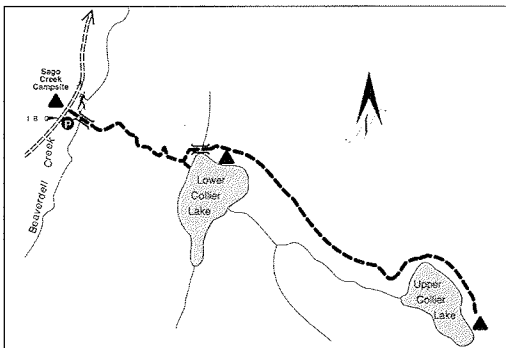
The first few hundred meters of the Clark Lake trail follow an overgrown skid road through an old cutblock to a wire gate. Please leave the gate as you found it. Shortly after the gate the trail narrows and enters a forest of small lodgepole pine. The trail winds across the gently rolling forested landscape and crosses several muddy areas before reaching a junction at 1.75 km just before Clark Lake.

Stay left at this junction and follow the trail for a short distance to the forested campsite on the east side of the lake. Clark Lake is a medium-sized lake with a shallow, weedy, muddy shoreline. There is good fishing in the lake. Fishers should consider bringing an inflatable boat or hip waders to reach deeper water. The trail continues along the south shore of Clark Lake past the campsite and slowly swings eastward towards Maloney Lake, another 2 kms distance.

Cup Lake to Maloney Lake:

The trail into Maloney Lake starts at the end of a small road in the middle of a cutblock. This trail is not signed and has not been maintained for some time. Look for orange markers on trees that mark the trail as it skirts the bottom of the cutblock and proceed south.

As the little-used trail nears the campsite on the south side of the lake it joins a road leading from a cutblock into the site. The campsite itself is located in a small grassy opening in the trees. Maloney Lake is small, muddy and shallow. The shores are so marshy it is difficult to approach open water easily. However, the lake offers good trout fishing if you persevere.



Collier Lakes Trails

Lower Collier Lake

Distance: 1 km (one way)

Hike Time: 20 mins (one way)

Difficulty: Moderately Difficult

Upper Collier Lake

Distance: 2.5 kms (one way)

Hike Time: 50 mins (one way)

Difficulty: Moderately Difficult

From the junction of Hwys. 3 and 33 in Rock Creek, turn north on Hwy. 33. Follow this highway north 50.8 kms to the junction with the Beaver Creek Road located just after the town of Beaverdell.

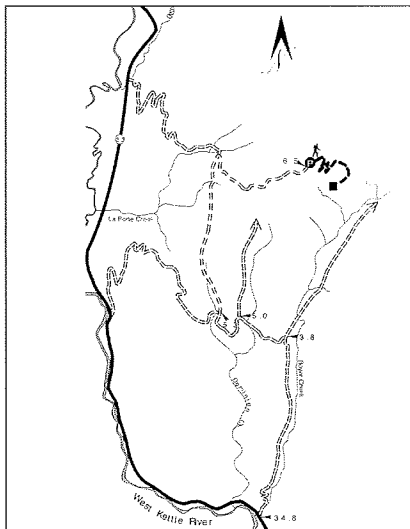
Turn right onto this good gravel road and follow it for 18 kms, staying right at the junction at 5.6 km to the Sago Creek campsite. Park on the right side of the road and look for the trailhead starting at a footbridge crossing the creek to the east.

An alternate access route to the east end of Upper Collier Lake can be reached by a 1 km trail from the Deer Creek road, although this route is not maintained or signed and is only suitable for 4wd vehicles.

The trail into Collier Lakes starts by gently winding its way through a mixed forest of pine, fir and larch. The huge fire-scarred larch dwarf hikers as they pass and coat the trail with a golden carpet of needles in the fall. The gentle incline quickly steepens as the trail crosses a ridge before dropping into the first lake.

Stay left on the trail as you near Lower Collier Lake and look for a boardwalk crossing the marshy area. Cross the boardwalk and continue a short distance to the attractive small treed campsite on a knob at the north end of the lake. Please note that this campsite may not be maintained. The lake shore near the campsite is open, allowing fishers access to the lake. Lower Collier Lake is a medium-sized lake with reeds and lily pads along much of its shore line.

From Lower Collier Lake continue east on the trail for another 1.5 kms to Upper Collier Lake. This upper section of trail is rougher than the first section and there are several muddy areas as the trail nears the campsite. The small, treed campsite is located at the east end on a shallow arm of this medium-sized lake. The lake is shallow and the shoreline is muddy and weedy.



Goat Lookout Trail

Distance: 0.7 (one way)

Hike Time: 15 mins (one way)

Difficulty: Moderate

From the junction of Hwys. 3 and 33 in Rock Creek, turn north on Hwy. 33. Follow this highway north 34.8 kms to the junction with the Boyer-Dominion Creek Forest Service Road (FSR) on the right.

Turn onto this road and follow it for 3.8 kms to a junction and turn left. Proceed to the junction at 5.0 km and take another left. Continue to the junction with the Goat FSR at 5.3 km.

Turn right onto the Goat FSR and follow the most travelled route for another 6.5 kms to the parking area below Goat Peak.

The Boyer-Dominion Creek FSR is a good two-lane gravel road with some short, moderately steep sections.

The road changes shortly after the turnoff onto the Goat FSR to a narrow single-lane road with infrequent, moderately deep waterbars. A high-clearance 2wd vehicle is recommended as a minimum.

The flat-topped rock knob that makes up Goat Mtn. is an intriguing feature that stands out from the surrounding landscape. The exposed southern cliffs of the peak above the parking are composite of huge vertical columned rock formations called columnar basalt. These columns were formed as large accumulations of liquid rock cooled and took on the characteristic 6-side shape. The columns are now covered with bright green and orange lichen which make them even more spectacular.

The trail to the top of the peak starts at the east end of the parking area. The trail wraps around the peak, climbing steeply to the lookout. Once at the top hikers are treated to outstanding 360 degree views of the surrounding landscape.

Be prepared for strong winds and cool temperatures at the summit and bring your own water as there is none available. There are no barriers, so use extreme caution.

Trapping Creek Discovery Trails

Hike Time: 1 hour (for all three trails)

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Explore three trails that demonstrate the efforts to restore a rainbow trout habitat in Trapping Creek. These self-guided discovery trails inform visitors of fish and trees; the future of fish and forestry and land use history.

The development is an effort by Pope & Talbot - Boundary Timber Division - of Midway BC, the company holding the tree farm license on the property. The trails system is a restoration project turned into an educational, interpretative tourist attraction.

The stream restoration project has been very scientifically planned and executed. The Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, as well as Pope & Talbot and Forest Renewal BC, have lent their expertise to assure the rehabilitation in three different sections of the stream. Log jams have been artificially built to eliminate bank erosion and to provide habitat for trout. As you walk along the trails you will appreciate the many hours of work which have gone into this project. Thousands of feet of cable were used to tie boulders and logs together over an area of 15 kms. Helicopters and special low ground pressure equipment were used to do the excavating and placement work in the stream. Thousands of willow tree cuttings were placed, as well as alder seedlings, to promote the revegetation in this area.

Sometimes we think of insects as pests to human beings, but in nature insects are a significant component in the diet of many birds and fish. Aquatic insects spend part of their life underwater and are important for trout. The old logs accommodate the "bugs".

Trail guide folders, corresponding to markers all along the trails, are available at the site. Visitors can spend their time following the tour and take as long as they want to enjoy the natural beauty and wildlife. This is very educational for children and adults alike.

Two access sites are available, one from Christian Valley Road and one from Highway 33, approx. 65 kms north of Rock Creek (just north of Beaverdell).

Trail 1- Fish and Trees

Trapping Creek originates on the Big White Mountain and the spring rushing waters tumble stones and trees downstream. See the trees and embankments; notice the pools for fish and the newly rooted trees, planted by foresters to hold the embankment.

Trail 2- Future of Fish and Forestry

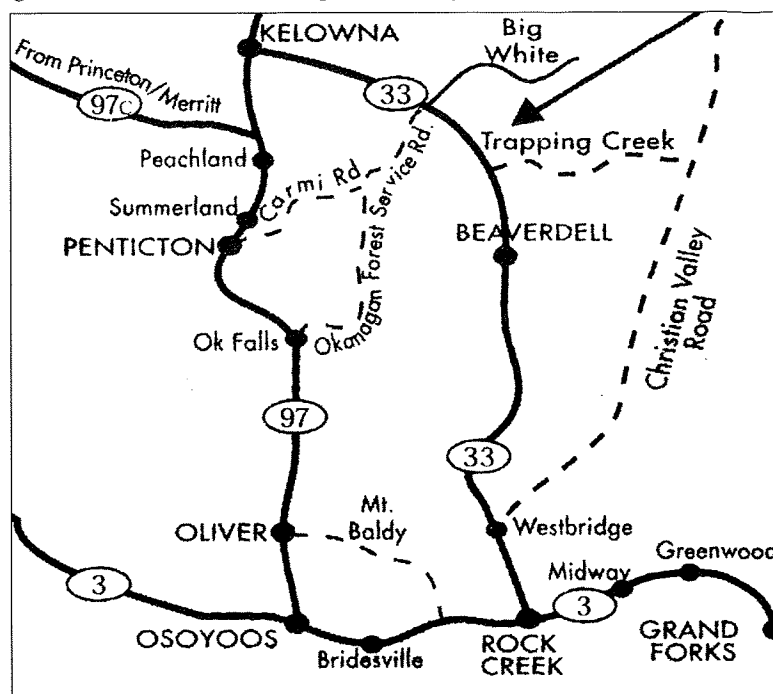
We can clearly see the renewal of the creek. Logs have been placed strategically to steer the stream toward the opposite shore.

This will help to keep the channel deep and narrow for fish. Over-hanging shrubs provide cover while helping to maintain cool water temperatures during the summer.

Trail 3- Land Use History

The abundant surface water in this part of the valley bottom has created a wetland environment and ideal habitat for various wildlife species.

See an entire gravel bar planted with willow cuttings. Notice the alder trees growing. Ideal conditions will quickly turn the seedlings into trees for shade, nitrogen and fertilizer.



Midway Community Trails

Distance: Approx. 6.0 km round trip to top

Hike Time: 2 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

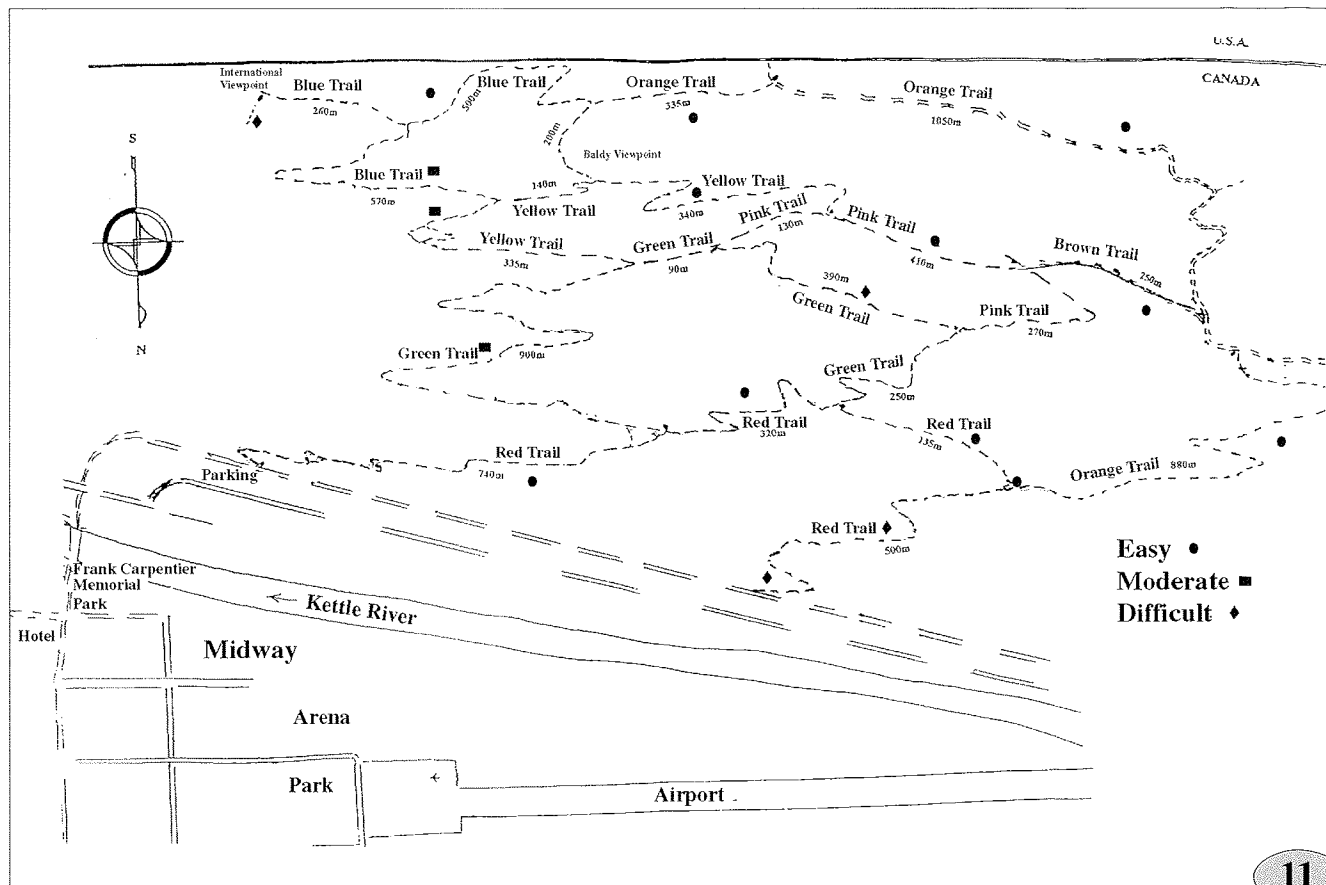
To reach the trail heads, drive across the Kettle River bridge in "downtown" Midway, take the second right turn (Fritz Rd.) after the bridge and proceed approx. 0.7 kms along this old railway grade to the first trail head, or 1.5 km to the second. Pull off space for vehicles are provided at both trail heads.

All trails have medium grades, interconnecting loops, and are well marked, making them easy to follow. Rest areas and picnic tables have been placed in various locations as both resting and viewing areas.

To get to the top follow the easterly edges of the red, green, yellow and blue trails. The international viewpoint at the top straddles the Canada/U.S. border and provides an aerial view of Midway and the Kettle River valley.

Watch for deer, as the hillside is a favorite area for both whitetail and mule deer. Woodpeckers, especially the large pileated woodpecker, are common in this area.

Watch especially for the black-backed woodpecker, quite rare but can be observed along the upper sections of the trail.



Greenwood Community Trails

Jubilee Mountain Trail and Deadwood Wagon Road

Hike Time: 2 hours

Difficulty: Medium steepness and gradual

Access this trail from Louisa Street in Greenwood. This was where the CPR Station stood, used until it was destroyed by a train wreck and fire in 1964. Go up the hill to Togo Street, follow the road until you see a tall red building. Behind this building you will see a sign marked Jubilee Mountain Trail. This trail gradually climbs the west ridge above Greenwood branching out about 1.5km up the hill.

Stay to the left. There are about three switchbacks. You will pass through a wire gate. Please close all gates behind you as this is a ranching area. Soon you will pass by an old mine shaft right beside the trail. Although it is not very deep, do not climb inside.

Further along the trail is a branch to Jubilee Mountain. It is a nice medium climb and offers a great view of Greenwood and Ananconda at the top. From here you may want to descend the trail and end up on the Motherlode Road above the Greenwood Smelter. If you want, you can descend the original trail and follow this one back to the Motherlode Road. This will bring you out to the 2km mark of the Motherlode Road. Lower down you will see the old railroad grade from the Motherlode spur of the CPR.

Paralleling Motherlode Creek, this trail/grade will take you back to the Greenwood Smelter smokestack, and if you stay on the grade it will take you back to the Greenwood Station grounds on the Trans Canada Trail. Done in reverse, this tour makes a great 1 hour mountain bike trip with little technical expertise needed as the trail is wide.

Tramway Bore and Viewpoint

Hike Time: approx. 1 hour (one way)

Difficulty: Very steep

At Highway 3, take Berta Street as far as it will go, turn left and ascend to the Greenwood Phoenix Tramway Bore. Do not enter! There are dangerous gases and possible falling rocks! The trail is marked at the trailhead. It is a wonderful trail for hiking but is very steep for mountain bikes and has many sharp switchbacks. This trail takes you along the line of the tramway bore and past a couple of mineshafts and the remains of an ancient miner's cabin. This takes you to a spectacular view of Greenwood marked by a Canadian flag. In the spring and early summer be sure to check for woodticks.

Lind Creek Reservoir Trail

Hike Time: approx. 1 hour (total)

Difficulty: Moderate

Starting at the Greenwood Post Office, turn right on Lind Creek Rd. (Skylark St.). Stay on the road about 2 kms, cross a cattleguard and about 100m further on the right you will find a trail descending to the Lind Creek Reservoir. Descend then follow the trail uphill to the reservoir. To leave, follow the trail downhill to Anaconda. A great spot to watch birds and wildlife. Please do not swim in the reservoir!

Phoenix Wagon Road

Hike Time: unconfirmed

Difficulty: Incomplete and rough, steep and constant climb

From the post office in Greenwood, follow the Phoenix Road to the first crossing of Twin creek. The sharp bend is the trail head. The Old Wagon road followed Twin Creek originally, but the first 1.5 km has been roughly cleared. At a fence blocking the original trail you will see a trail climbs steeply to the right. (The original road followed Twin Creek and hopefully it may be open for recreation in the next few years.) Follow the new trail to the top where it branches. Stick to the left and it will parallel Twin creek until you return to a forest service road. To return to Greenwood, follow the road back to the paved Phoenix Road and into Greenwood.

Boundary Creek Nature Walk

Hike Time: unconfirmed

Difficulty: easy, but can be rough and overgrown at times

This trail parallels the Trans Canada Trail and Boundary Creek. It is a nice place to watch for birds and wildlife. Please be respectful of all wildlife. This trail can be rough and overgrown at times.

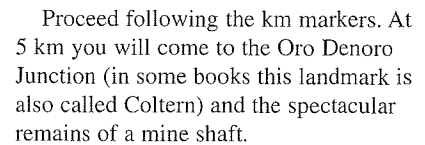
Access can be obtained from various points in Greenwood: 1) from the trestle by the old West Kootenay Power Building; 2) at Deadwood Street where it follows the alley from the skating rink to Louisa Street, passing O'hairi Park, the City Park and the Kettle Valley Lions Park and playground; 3) crossing Louisa Street it parallels Boundary Creek to Berta Street behind the Boundary Creek Motel. Parts of this trail are very rough and caution should be exercised. 4) Another branch of the trail starts north of Louisa Street on the Trans

Distance: Varies depending on route, outside loop is approximately 31 kms
Hike Time: Varies depending on route
Difficulty: Easy - Moderately Difficult

Difficulty: Easy - Moderately Difficult

Outside Loop:

To enter the PIF trail at 0 km and follow the Outside Loop trail, access the Phoenix Ski Hill Road from Hwy. 3, west of Grand Forks, and proceed to 4 km on the Phoenix Road. You will need a 4 x 4 from this point. (You may also enter at 1 km on the Phoenix Road, which will place you approximately 3 kms into the trail system).



At this point you may continue on the PIF trails or join the Thimble Mountain trails (pg 14) and/or the Trans Canada Trail (pg 5). Your crossing on Hwy. 3 to the BC Mines Road is on a blind corner. For a safer crossing to the Trans Canada Trail, we recommend the Eholt Link.

Continuing on the PIF trails, at 8.5 km you will come to the Glenside Creek trestle.

This was once the largest trestle site in the Phoenix area and today part of the trestle is still standing across the canyon.

When in operation, the trestle was 200 m long and 60 m high. Danger - do not climb the relics.

This trail, (no access to motorized vehicles) starting at the old trestle site, will lead you to the Rock Oven Camp at 11.5 km (the site is marked).

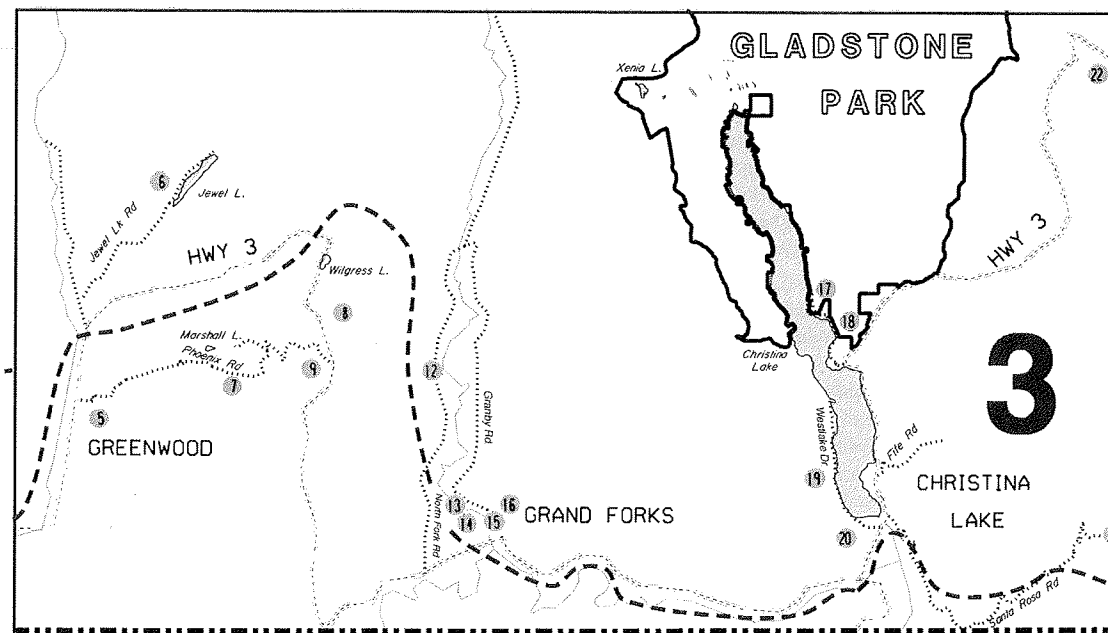
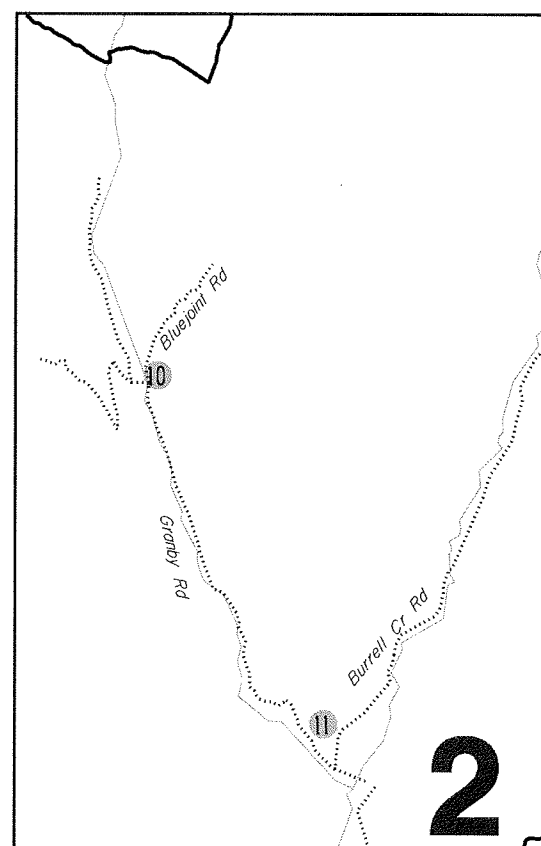
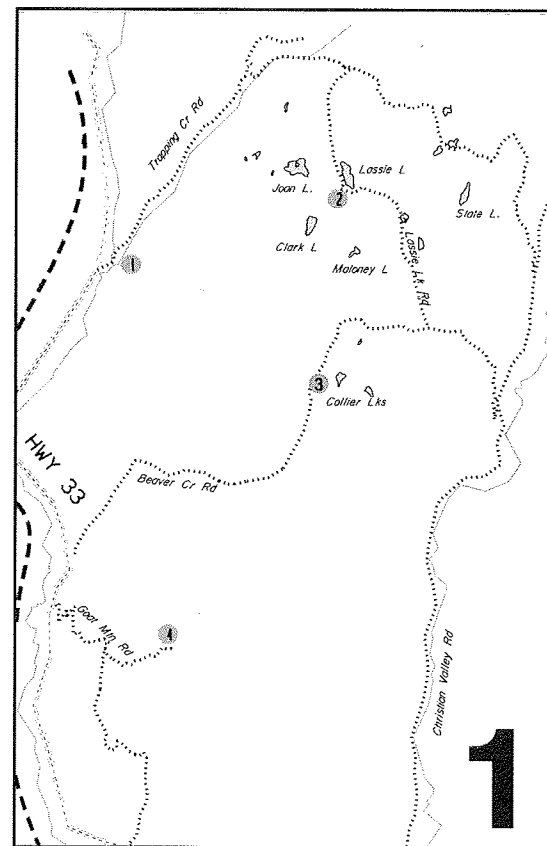
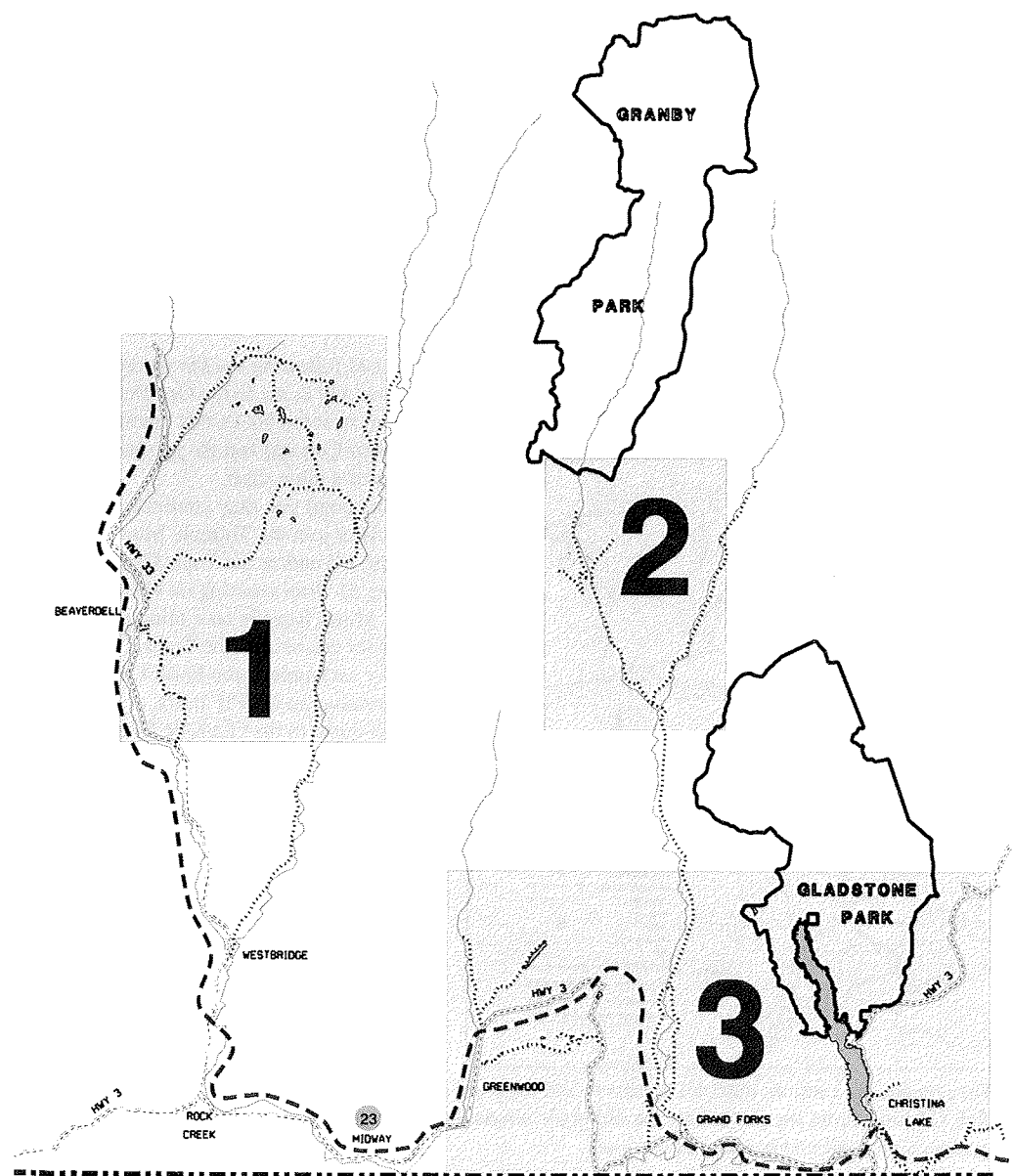
Please do not remove artifacts. Also, please use caution, this trail is narrow and there are some steep sections. Proceed until you reach the powerline (13 km). From the powerline, the old grade winds through scenic wilderness (15 km to 18 km has been logged but the grade has not been restored and is rough in sections).

You will reach the Phoenix Road at 18 km. Continue on until you see the Cenotaph or your left at 20km. The old City of Phoenix townsite is on your right starting at 19 km to 21 km (please note, this site is privately owned and posted no trespassing).

Continue east and south (right) to the Lone Star Road, and called the Haul Road. You will come to Hartford Junction at 23 km. The trail continues downhill (some steep sections - no vehicle access) until 26 km and intersects the deactivated Athelston-Hartford Road (you can access Hwy. 3 along this road).

Turn left (some steep, narrow sections) to the Lower Snowshoe line which will bring you to the Snowshoe Road at 30 km and the Phoenix Road at 31 km/0 km, your original starting point.

There are many other trails through the Phoenix Forest. Consult the map to select a trail of your choice.



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*This map is only intended as a general reference to the trails covered in this guide. If you are interested in exploring the many backroads of the Boundary you are encouraged to purchase a complete guide book for this area, such as **Backroad Mapbooks - the Kamloops/Okanagan Region or Kootenay Region** versions, published by Mussio Ventures. These map books may be purchased at several locations in the Boundary or by calling Mussio Ventures at 1-877-520-5670*

LEGEND



Highway

Main Road

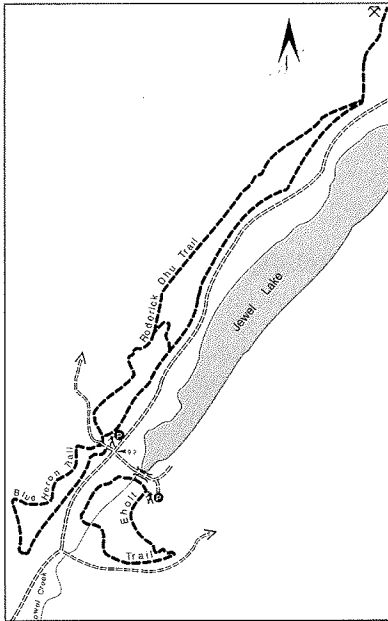
Trans Canada Trail

Park

US Border

Jewel Lake Trails

Distance: Blue Heron Trail 2.5 kms • Roderick Dhu Trail 5.8 kms • Eholt Trail 2.1 km
Hike Time: Varies depending on route
Difficulty: Easy - Moderately Difficult



From Greenwood proceed east on Hwy. 3 for approximately 2.5 kms to the junction with the Boundary Creek Road. Turn left onto this road and drive 1 km to the junction with the Jewel Lake Road. Turn right and follow this road for 9.2 kms to the trailheads.

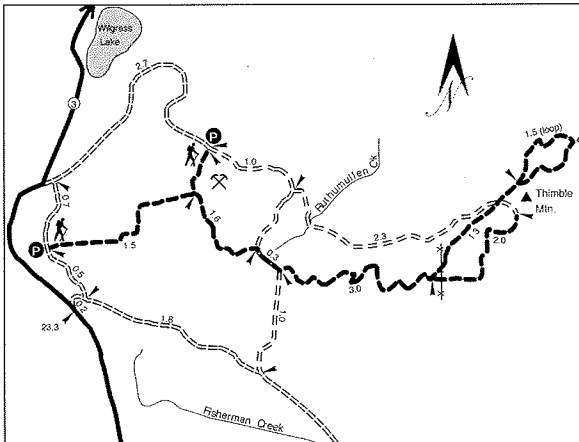
Look for a large trail map sign and a registration box on the left side of the road. This is the trailhead for the Roderick Dhu and Blue Heron Trails. The trailhead for Eholt Trail lies across the road and 200 m up Jewel Lake Avenue at Jewel Lake Resort. Drive through the resort, cross the bridge, then turn right into the parking area.

There is another trail map located in the resort. Access roads are a combination of paved and high-quality gravel. This trail system contains 3 loop trails located on the south and west sides of Jewel Lake. The Blue Heron and Roderick Dhu trails run through forested terrain with some small open marshy areas. The Eholt Trail skirts a large grassy meadow surrounding the outlet stream for Jewel Lake. Although the trails we designed chiefly for winter use by cross-county skiers, they are excellent for hikers, joggers and mountain bikers. The trails are fairly level for the most part, but all contain short hills that add variety.

The linear trail adjoining the north end of the Roderick Dhu Trail is a steep continuous hill that leads to a small abandoned mine. Trail users may find the horizontal shaft and collapsed buildings interesting, but there are no safety barriers so explore at your own risk.

Thimble Mountain Trails

Distance: Combined length 18 kms
Hike Time: Varies depending on route
Difficulty: Easy - Moderate



This trail system can be accessed from several places where it crosses roads. Directions to the two most popular access points are provided below.

From the bridge over the Granby River at Grand Forks, follow Hwy. 3 west for 23.3 kms to the wide pullout on the right side of the road. From the pullout proceed across the cattleguard to start of the Fisherman Creek Forest Service Road (FSR). Follow this road for 0.2 km to a junction and turn left at this point. Proceed another 0.5 km to the lowest access point on this trail system.

Look for a brown 4 x 4 post and registration box marking the trail. There is no designated parking area in the location so be sure to park your vehicle as far off the road as possible. To find the second access point for this trail system, proceed north 0.7 km past the first trail access point (total 1.4 kms from hwy).

Here you will arrive at a junction with the Knob Hill FSR. Turn right at this junction and drive another 2.7 kms. The trailhead is located on the right side of the road and is well marked with a plank sign and registration box. This trail system consists of 18 km of well-maintained single tract trails and 8 kms of gravel road. Although the trail surface is relatively smooth throughout, the difficulty of the trails range from easy to moderately difficult, depending on the steepness of the slope.

The trail system starts at 1000 m elevation and winds eastward up a ridge to the summit of Thimble Mtn. at 1300 m. Upon reaching the top of the open rocky knob of Thimble Mtn., you will be treated to panoramic views of the rolling hills and valleys of the Granby River Valley, Grand Forks, Wilgress Lake and the mountains to the north. The trail system is located in a fir and pine forest with several open grassy knobs that allow frequent views in many directions. There is also an abandoned turn-of-the-century mine site located close to the second trail access point that has many fascinating features including a flooded deep excavation, old machinery and collapsed buildings.

There are no restrictive barriers here so explore at your own risk. The Thimble Mountain trails are also accessible from the Fisherman Creek/Neff Creek trail north of Grand Forks (see page 18) although this is a challenging route. For an easy-to-moderate alternative route to Thimble Mountain, access can be obtained from the Trans Canada Trail (see page 5). Start at the old Eholt rail yard and travel east for approx. 2-3 kms along the trail to Rathmullen Creek Forest Service Road. Turn south onto the road and travel another 4 or 5 kms.

Marshall Lake - Providence Lake Trails

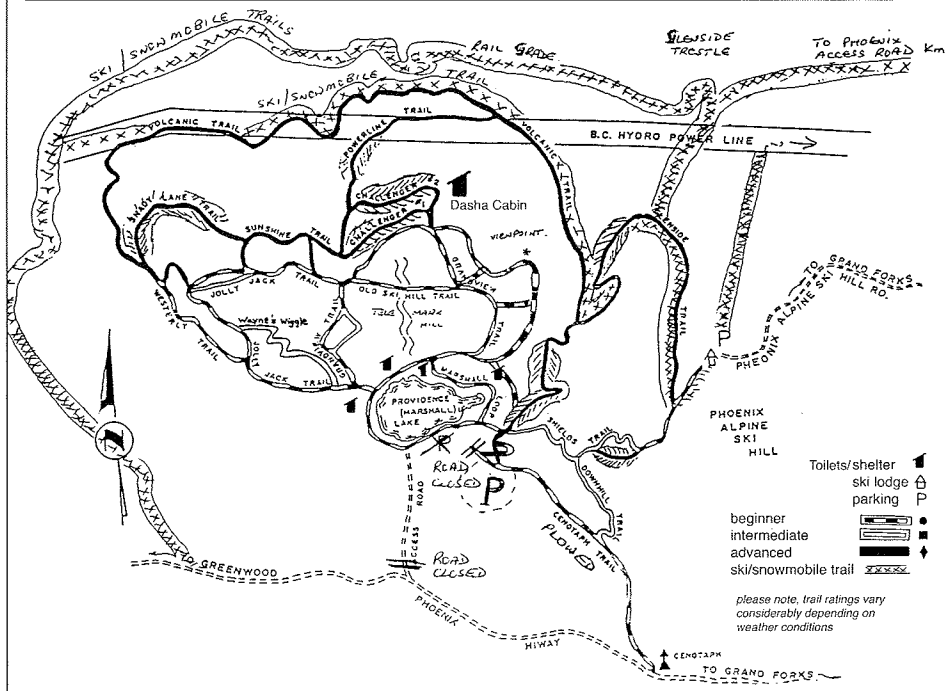
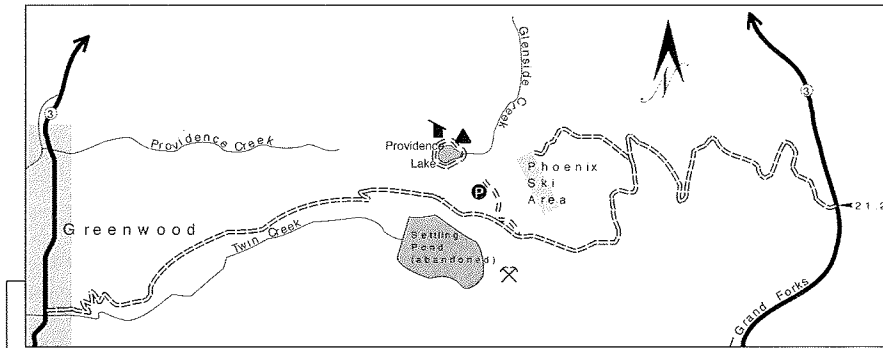
Distance: See detailed map

Hike Time: varies

Difficulty: Easy - Moderate

Trail Distances

Challenger 1	.4 km
Challenger 2	.4 km
Downhill	.5 km
Glenside	1.6 km
Grandview	1.8 km
Jolly Jack	1.6 km
Marshall Loop	1.2 km
Old Ski Hill	.4 km
Powerline	1.3 km
Railgrade	16 km
Shady Lane	.7km
Shields Trail	1.1 km
Sunshine	.4 km
Volcanic	4.0 km
Waynes Wiggle	1.5 km
Westerly	.7 km



Providence Lake is a small lake with a weedy shoreline and gradual drop-off. In several places the shoreline has been altered by past mining activities which have created grassy meadows and small gravel beaches.

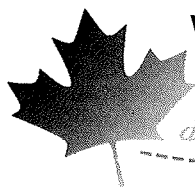
The site receives heavy use by picnickers and ATVs in the summer and the many trails and roads in the area are track set in the winter for cross-country skiers. It is a pleasant place for families with small children to spend an afternoon.

The small campsite is located on the north side of the lake at the edge of a grassy meadow. One table and toilet are nestled in a stand of trees and the other table and toilet are located near a warming shelter designed for cross-country skiers.

This site can be reached from both the east via Greenwood and from the west via the Phoenix Road. Directions are provided below for the Phoenix Road access. Check local road maps for access information from Greenwood.

Starting at the bridge crossing the Granby River in Grand Forks, follow Hwy. 3 west for 21.2 km to the Phoenix Road turnout. Turn left onto this good gravel road and follow it for 8.9 km to Marshall Lake road, following signs for the Providence Lake Cross Country Ski Area.

Park in the designated area and continue by foot, mountain bike or 4wd vehicle on the dirt road to the right. The main access road is blocked. Do not cross the barricade as this is private property.



West Boundary Attractions

discover boundary country

Beaverdell to Phoenix

Take time out from the trails to discover these, and other, educational and adventurous activities in the West Boundary...

Go golfing...

Two golf courses are ideally situated in the West Boundary. **The Porter Creek Golf Course** in Greenwood and **The Kettle River Golf Course**, located halfway between Midway and Rock Creek, both offer golfers a relaxing afternoon or day of golf. Didn't pack your clubs? No worries - rentals are available.

For more information:

Log onto

www.boundary.bc.ca

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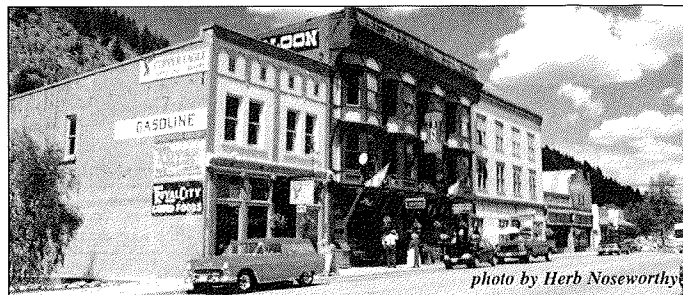
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Enjoy the Kettle Rivers or a secluded lake...

Pack a picnic lunch and plan to spend a day at one of the many beautiful beaches along the Kettle and West Kettle Rivers or one of several secluded lakes. The waters are clear and cool and are perfect for fishing, swimming, kayaking or canoeing.

Explore an old abandoned mining town...

Phoenix city, once a bustling mining town now lays abandoned just east of Greenwood. See the Cenotaph that marks the former town site, and explore the trails to find relics and a huge railway trestle. You can drive right through to Greenwood on a good quality gravel road, and tour the ruins in Lotzkar Park in Greenwood. On route, be sure to stop at the old Phoenix Cemetery.



Visit a museum or historical site...

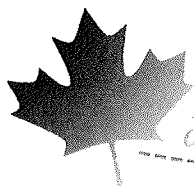
The **Kettle River Museum** in Midway is dedicated to the history and heritage of Midway, the Kettle Valley Railway and surrounding area. It is open May to September.

The **Greenwood Museum** on Copper Street in Greenwood is dedicated to preserving the heritage and history of Greenwood and the Boundary Mining District, as well as the Japanese Internment of 1942. The museum also showcases the forest industry in the Boundary and the movie "Snow Falling on Cedars", which was filmed in Greenwood.

The **Greenwood Courthouse** is one of the last remaining wooden courthouses of its kind in BC. The building has been undergone restoration work to bring it back to its original size and glory. Much more work is scheduled to be completed.

Go gold panning...

Guided gold panning tours are available in the scenic Gold Canyon, west of Bridesville. A true delight for the whole family.

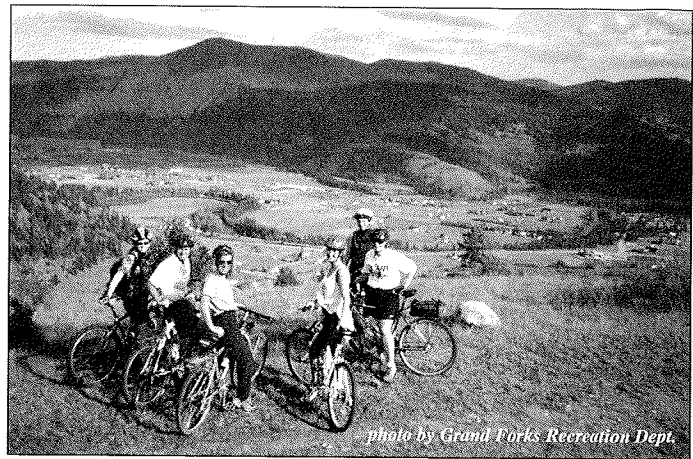
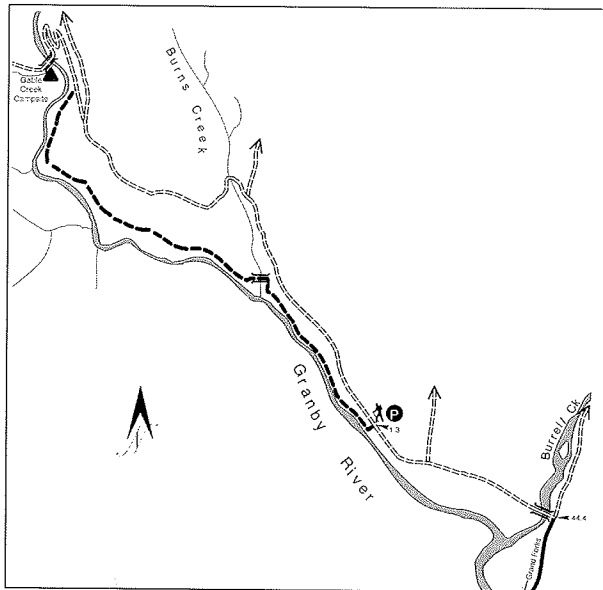


Grand Forks Trails

discover • explore • conquer and surrounding areas

Nestled between two pristine rivers, the Granby and the Kettle, the picturesque community of Grand Forks lies in the heart of the “sunshine valley,” aptly named for the 2000 hours of sunshine its residents enjoy annually.

Rich in culture and history, remnants of days gone by are scattered along backroads and trails, waiting to be discovered.



Lower Granby - Wolf Trail

Distance: approx. 5kms one way

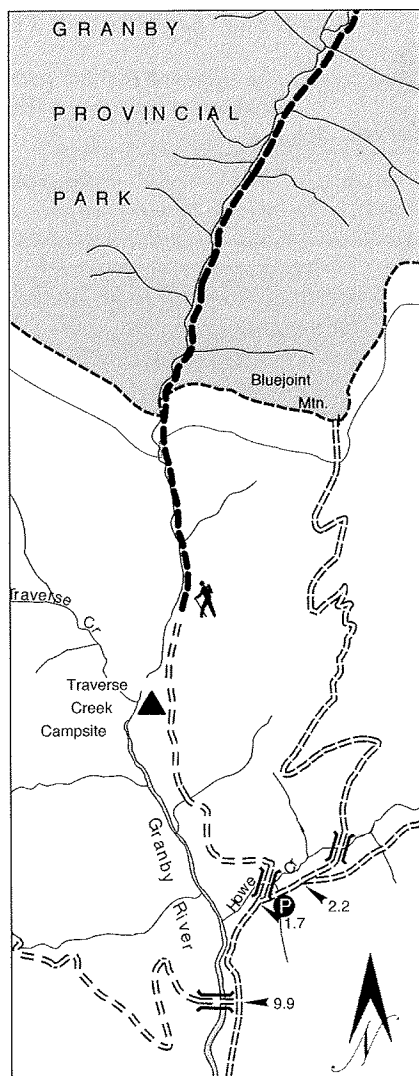
Hike Time: 1 1/2 hours (one way)

Difficulty: Easy

From the bridge in Grand Forks, drive east on Highway 3 for 50 m to the junction with the Granby Road on the left. Turn left up the Granby Road and follow it for 16.3 km to a junction. Turn right at the junction and proceed north for another 28.1 km (total 44.4 km from the highway) to where the paving ends at a junction. Turn left across the bridge onto the Granby River Forest Service Road (FSR) and proceed 1.3 km to the trailhead.

Look for a brown and white sign post marking the trailhead on the left side of the road and a large pullout area used for parking on the right side. All roads are well maintained and suitable for 2wd vehicles.

The trail follows an old route that was used at the beginning of the century by miners, trappers and fire fighters. Sections of moss-covered rock retaining walls and old trail tread are still visible in several locations. The trail starts in an open forest on the west (left) side of the road and continues west for a short distance to the bank of the Granby River. Once it reaches the river the trail turns right and winds its way north staying close to the river bank. Use care if you venture off the trail as there are steep drop-offs along much of the river bank. Features along the trail include the clear water, pools and boulders of the Granby River, rock bluffs along the river and small waterfalls on Burns Creek. The trail stays high on the riverbank for the majority of its length. There are a few points where the trail drops down close to the river to access small sandy beaches and the shallow rocky river. This is an easy trail that is suitable for most ages and abilities. It is relatively flat throughout with short moderately steep climbs. The trail surface is mostly smooth with some rougher narrow sections. This trail is easier when done in reverse thus avoiding the short inclines. Access the north trail head via the Gable Creek Campsite further up the Granby Forest Service Road.



Granby Provincial Park

The Park encompasses the headwaters of the Granby River and, as a major watershed for the Boundary Region, is protected from logging. The lower part of the watershed includes rare old-growth interior rainforests of cedar and hemlock. In the higher elevations, large alpine meadows blanket the hills.

Granby River Trail/ Traverse Creek

Trail Distance: 4.5kms one way to Park bdry (access trail is another 4kms)

Hike Time: (Granby Trail - 1.5 hrs one way, (3 hrs including access trail)

Difficulty: Easy

From the bridge crossing the Granby River in Granby Forks, drive east on Hwy. 3 for 50 m to the junction with the Granby Road on the left. Turn north up the Granby Road and follow it for 16.3 km to a junction. Turn right at this junction, and proceed north for another 28.1 km (total 44.4 km from the highway) to where the paving ends at a junction. Turn left across the bridge and onto the Granby River Forest Service Road ((FSR).

Proceed along this road for 5.1 km to a junction. Stay right at this junction, and continue for another 9.9 km to the junction with the Bluejoint Lookout FSR. Stay right at this junction and drive another 1.7 km.

At 1.7 km there is a trail marker (Granby river Trail) where a small road goes off to the left and ends abruptly at a creek.

Park at the junction of these two roads, safely off to one side. Descend to the creek, cross the footbridge and cycle or hike to the Traverse Creek Recreation Site. From there you can continue by foot along the historic Granby River Trail .

This is an easy, well-maintained, relatively level trail that follows an old route established at the turn-of-the-century on the east bank of the Granby River by miners, trappers and foresters. Each bend of the trail reveals a new view of the clear Granby River and its tiny sandy beaches and characteristic huge boulders. Giant cedar trees lean out

The first 4.5 km of this trail lies in the Provincial Forest and the last 8 km lie in the Granby Provincial Park. The information provided here is for the first 4.5 km. The trail was designed for non-motorized uses only; please refrain from using mountain bikes or motorized vehicles on the trail.

Because of the remote setting of this trail, users should be entirely self-sufficient. If you wish to hike the whole length of the trail (including the section in the park), you should consider staying overnight.

There are many small level areas close to the trail that can be used for picnicking or camping. There is also the Traverse Creek Campsite located on the access road approximately 1 km from the trailhead.

Campers and hikers should keep in mind that this area is often used by grizzly bears and take the necessary precautions. Bears may use the area at any time of the year, but especially in the spring when they move down the valley to feed on new vegetation.

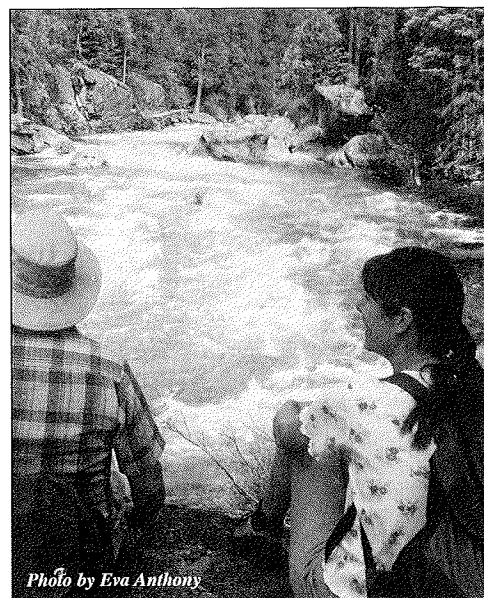
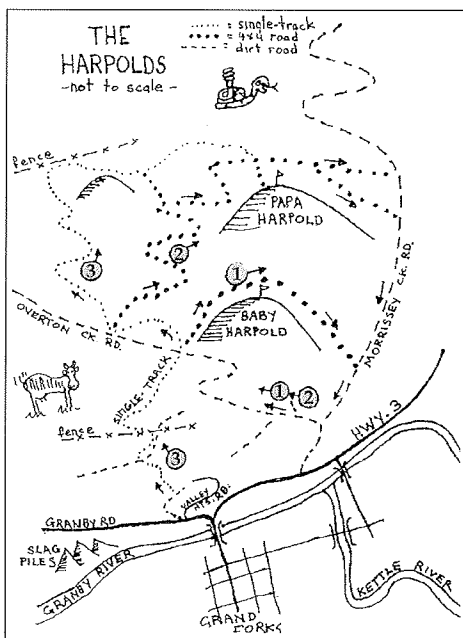


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The Harpold Trails

The Harpolds area is the home to some of Grand Forks' favourite, more challenging rides due to its proximity to town, variety of roads, and variety of trails. In the warmer months the odd rattle snake has been known to wriggle around these hills so be cautious. The Harpold area is best ridden in the spring and fall. It can be stifling hot in the summer. Here's a few suggestions for rides in this area so try them then mix and match. The possibilities are endless.

Baby Harpold Ride #1

Time: 1 Hour Difficulty: Hard

This ride is a Grand Forks classic. It starts with an easy to moderate climb followed by some good will-I-make-it pitches followed by a short hike-a-bike section followed by a great view of town followed by a real honest to goodness steep and technical downhill. All this in around one action-packed hour. Don't forget your helmet.

The ride starts just east of downtown Grand Forks at the large landscaped Grand Forks sign on Hwy. 3. Here you turn left (north) onto Sand Creek Road.

Continue until you cross a cattle guard and then take a left at the "T" junction. Turn right at the 2nd right spur. The first spur goes right uphill to telephone poles. If you go straight here you'll end up in upper suburbia. Shortly after going around 2 switchbacks in the first wooded section a road goes right into a grassy meadow. Take it.

Climb straight up the painfully obvious hill in front of you. After flattening out for too short a distance this road curves right up another short steep lung buster then peters out.

Continue upwards and a bit right. You'll run into a bit of a game trail here, but don't stay on it too long. Instead, veer cross-country up and to your left onto a broad ridge.

From this ridge pack your bike up and right through a short rocky section. From here it is possible to either walk or bike more or less straight up to the height of land. From the top of the first hump descend 100 or so feet to the west (towards town). Look for a cow trail/4 x 4 track descending steeply left. By now you'll want to have your seat as low as it'll go and your helmet firmly clinched. This cow trail intersects a 4 x 4 track in the draw between the two humps of Baby Harpold. Turn left and down. Choose your line carefully as only a couple actually work. Climb a short steep hill back up onto the shoulder of Harpold. From here the downhill is a series of steep pitches complete with a variety of challenges ranging from boulders to side-hills to rock bands, etc. Exercise caution and have fun. Turn right at the bottom then turn left back to town.

Papa Harpold Ride #2

Time: 1.5 Hours Difficulty: Hard

This ride is a real good test of cardiovascular stamina and strength. Many great views of the Grand Forks valley await you. Start as for Baby Harpold, but do not turn right at the grassy meadow after two switchbacks. Continue straight ahead and take the next right. This is at a little dip in the road. Up and up through the switchbacks. Eventually you'll wind up on top. On the way down you'll see a faint road coming in from your right. This is at the bottom of the last pitch to the top. Take this road. This will take you down to the Morrissey Creek Rd. Turn right at Morrissey Creek Rd. and swoop back to town. Be careful on blind corners as this road sees a bit of traffic.

Harpold Singletrack Ride #3

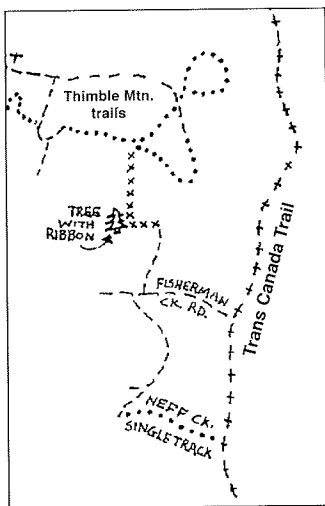
Time: 2 Hours Difficulty: Hard

This is a mountain bike established singletrack that starts right from downtown Grand Forks and takes you 1500 vertical feet to the top of Papa Harpold. From downtown Grand Forks go east out of town across the Granby River bridge on Hwy. 3. Immediately after the bridge go left on Granby Road. Just past Valley Heights Rd. go right up a gravel road. Go around a switchback to the right and through a steel gate. A hundred yards or so past the gate keep take a trail to the left. From here the trail's fairly obvious, crossing an old road at one point then switchbacking to hit the same road again. Just past this it goes through a gate in a fenceline (leave the gate as you found it) then immediately turn left along the fenceline. Soon it climbs over a little rock bump and angles up and away from the fence. The trail then intersects Overton creek road right at the junction to Baby Harpold. Cross the road into the grassy meadow, but instead of going up the track to Baby Harpold stay on the left of the meadow and go into the trees by a stock watering pond.

The trail next intersects Overton Creek Road at the Papa Harpold junction. It then climbs the steep bank right at the junction. At the top of this hill it goes left along a bench then up into a draw with a steep hill at the end. From here the trail zigzags up several benches before hitting another fenceline. Go right along the fenceline. After a hundred yards or so the trail takes off to the right and ends up on top of a knoll. Drop down into a little pass with a road on it. The trail is straight ahead across this road. Continue up.

In one section with some burnt trees it switchbacks left then right again. When the trail seems to top out in a grassy area it crosses to the right then up across a steep bank then right up onto the Papa Harpold Road just below the top. Follow the road to the top.

Return to the bottom.



Fisherman to Neff Creek

Distance: Approx. 10 kms

Difficulty - Moderate to Difficult

This trail can be easily accessed from the Trans Canada Trail where it intersects Fisherman Road (see page 5.)

It can also be accessed from North Fork Road. Turn North off Hwy 3 West of Grand Forks onto North Fork Road and travel for 10 kms. Turn left on Old North Fork Rd. just past the gravel pit. The first road on the right is Fisherman Creek Road. Follow this road up across the Trans Canada Trail to the powerline. Take the first left after the powerline and follow the signs to Neff Creek. Turn down the Neff Creek Singletrack back to the Trans Canada Trail.

Note: If you continue up Fisherman Creek Road you will ultimately connect with the Thimble Mountain Trail system (see page 14.) This route is rated difficult as it is uphill all the way on rough terrain.

North Fork Cycling Tour

Distance: approx. 32 kms

Bike Time: approx. 3-4 Hrs

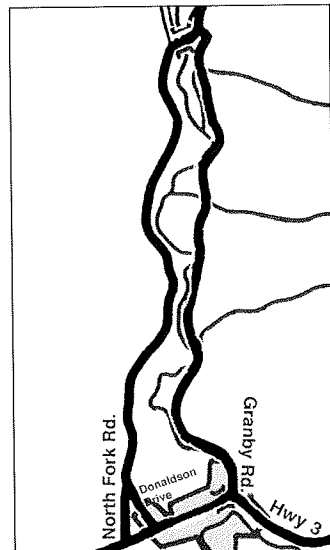
(Please note that this tour is easier for beginners and children when completed in reverse of description below) Begin the tour at the Chamber of Commerce on 5th Street. Turn right onto Central Ave., go across the steel bridge and turn left at the Omega Restaurant. You are now on Granby Road. At km 1 you will see a large pile of a black substance called "slag". This is one of the only remnants of the Granby Smelter, once the largest copper smelter in the British Empire.

The smelter was built in 1899 and operated until 1920. At the height of operation Granby Smelter employed 350-400 men and operated 24 hours a day. It processed copper brought by train from the Phoenix Mine, located 30 kms west of Grand Forks.

Today Pacific Abrasives processes approximately 10,000 to 15,000 tons of slag each year for sandblasting materials and roofing granules. Continue northward for approximately 5 minutes. In 1983 a small herd of California Big Horn sheep were transplanted here from the Okanagan Valley. They joined a diverse wildlife population which also included black bears and bald eagles.

At km 3.2 look left and down towards the river. This was the site of the Granby Dam. There is a rough road/ trail on the left down to the site, however a mountain bike or 4wd vehicle is required to access the dam site.

The area behind it was Smelter Lake which was drained, leaving behind 750 acres of farm and ranch land. The dam was built in 1898 and supplied water and electricity to the smelter and later electricity to the Grand Forks area. The dam was abandoned early in 1948. That same year the dam burst sending millions of gallons of water rushing into downtown Grand Forks, forcing residents to use rowboats to navigate the flooded streets.



Continuing northward you will pass a number of small family owned farms and ranches. The grazing livestock and abundant wildflowers make for a very peaceful and scenic ride.

At km 16 is Hummingbird Bridge, also known as 10 Mile Bridge. The relatively calm water here makes this spot a popular local swimming and fishing hole. Both trout and whitefish have been caught here. Go across the bridge and continue until the road splits. Take the left fork and head south back towards Grand Forks. The bridge marks the halfway point of your tour. Heading south you will pass a number of working ranches. At km 21 there is a cluster of approximately a dozen houses and a road sign that says "Niagara Town Site Road".

The town of Niagara once stood here. It was created to house the construction crews that were building the Columbia and Western Railroad. Like many other towns along the railway, Niagara sprang up quickly, enjoyed a brief period of prosperity and died as quickly as it had been born. The life span of this city was a little over a year. At km 23 to the right, is the Pines Bible Camp, a popular summer camp for families and children. To the left is a bend in the river and a large empty field. This was the site of Sons of Freedomite settlement. They were a religious sect that rejected modern ways and clung to their traditional beliefs. At km 27 is Ward's Lake, a wildlife refuge. Ducks, geese, blackbirds and migrating swans are sometimes seen here. Continue south until Donaldson Drive. Turn left onto Donaldson; this will take you past the old Canadian Pacific Railway station, which is now a popular pub and restaurant. Continue to the traffic light and turn left to end the tour and return to downtown Grand Forks.

Copper Ridge Trails

Several unmarked trails wind their way along top the picturesque Copper Ridge Estates Development and connect with the Observation and Lincoln Trails. To access this easy -to-moderate trail system, travel 3 kms North on North Fork Rd (west of Grand Forks.) Turn right at the signs marking the entrance to the estates. Park your vehicle at the end of Prospect Drive. Please note that these trails are located on private property. Please be respectful of residents and use at your own risk. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the trails.

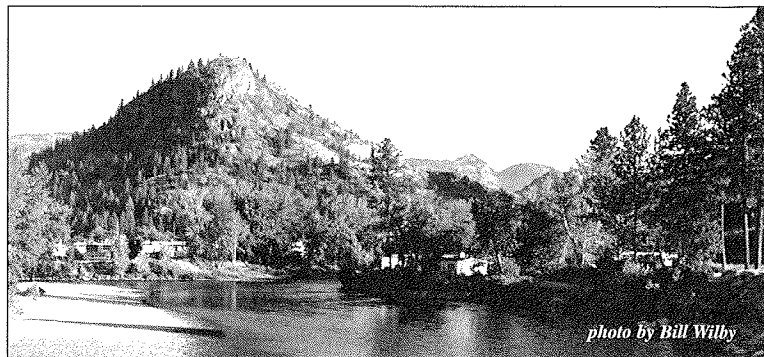
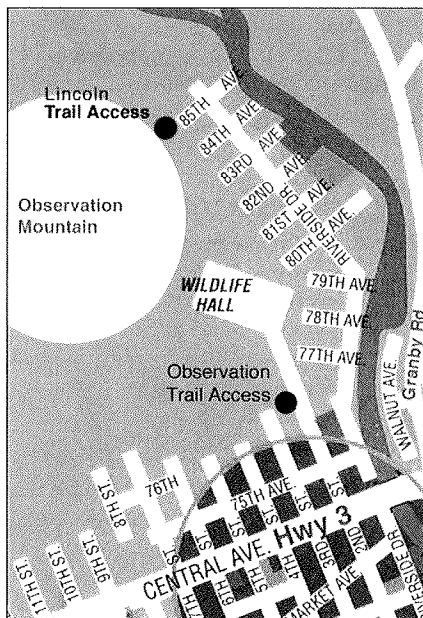


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Observation Mountain

Observation Mountain Hike

Distance: unavailable

Hike Time: Varies depending on route

Difficulty: Easy - Moderately Difficult

There are many different ways to reach the top of Observation Mountain. The most popular route is up along a road just southeast of Copper Ridge Estates.

A quicker, but steeper, route starts at the turn-around at the bottom of the gravel road going to the Wildlife Hall on 2nd Street.

Heading off the parking lot area and up the hill to the left, you will find a faint walking trail that winds through the trees. This part is quite steep until you get to the open hillside. At the top of this section you veer off to the right onto a trail (look for a large flat rock pointing the way into the trees).

The trail wraps around the right side of the hill overlooking the Wildlife Hall and parking area. Eventually the trail turns left and climbs straight up until you suddenly come out at the top of Observation Mountain under “the star”.

If you don't want to go back down the same way you can take an easier route to the road. Walking west along the top you will come to a 4wd road that winds down the back (north) side of the mountain. After dropping a fair distance take the road to the right which eventually brings you to the Granby River.

Walking east (down river), you will see a flagged trail that goes up a path off the river trail to the right. This trail starts just before you come out into a very large open area which is private property. Go off the river path and up into the trees to reach one end of the “Lincoln Trail”. It is a much smaller, single track trail.

Lincoln Trail

Distance: unavailable

Hike Time: unconfirmed

Difficulty: Easy - Moderate

There is a very pleasant walking trail up along the Granby River past the slag piles and slag beach (which are on the opposite side of the river). This area can't be accessed from the very end of Riverside Drive because of private property issues. The Lincoln Trail is a way around this very large piece of property. Just before the end of Riverside Drive turn left onto 85th Ave. Just fifty or so meters ahead the road ends in a turn-around. Walk up a path (start is short and steep) and keep walking up through the open hillside. Continue until you enter the trees.

Do not cross the fence into the pasture even if there appears to be a trail. This is private property and a private trail. At the old fence post the trail parallels the river. This is the only way up along the edge of the private property. After winding through the trees for about 1 km, the trail comes down to join the main riverside trail (actually an old road) just past the open private property area.

You can follow the riverside trail all the way up to the Old Dam Site or veer off to the left at the power lines pylon and wind your way up to the plateau southeast of Copper Ridge and eventually up the back road to the top of Observation Mountain.



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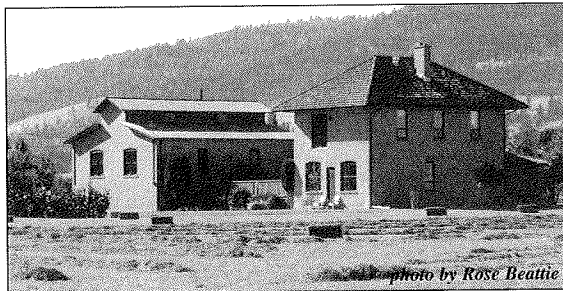


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Experience Doukhobor Culture...

The Doukhobors have contributed greatly to the rich history of the area. There are many historical sites that are open for tours by appointment. Please phone the Chamber of Commerce for more information.

- The **Doukhobor Museum**, located on scenic Hardy Mountain Road, is a traditional brick 2 storey house that contains many artifacts.
- **Grand Forks Milling Co-operative** is an historic operational flour mill. View an original old stone-ground press on the premises.
- **Fructova Heritage Center** was original built as a schoolhouse, and now houses a peace library.

Be sure to try Grand Forks' world famous borscht, and other delicious Russian favorites, available at many local restaurants.

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Take an historic walking tour...

Step back in time and take a walking tour through the downtown core of historic Grand Forks. This self guided tour takes you past several charming heritage buildings. Be sure to stop by the **Boundary Museum** located on 5th and Central and learn about our stellar mining and agricultural past. Grand Forks was once home to the largest copper smelter in the British Empire, and we produced nearly one third of BC's apple crops.

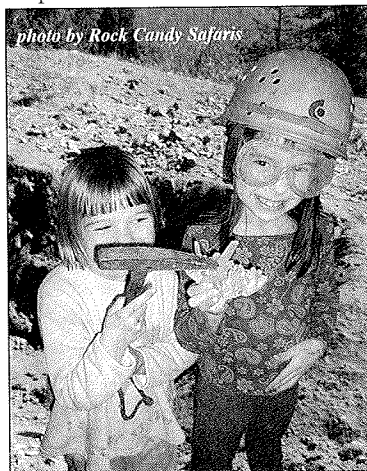


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Search for gems...

Go on a guided tour of Big Rock Candy Mountain to explore an old ghost town and mine for colorful fluorite and other gems. All the tools are provided and you come away with all the treasures you can dig up. An unforgettable experience.

Visit the art gallery...

Grand Forks boasts one of the finest galleries in Southern BC. Tour the exhibitions in air conditioned comfort. A perfect retreat on those hot summer days.

Two rivers mean twice the fun...

The Granby River and the Kettle Rivers meander through the surrounding mountain valleys to converge in the heart of the city of Grand Forks. Enjoy their cool waters while swimming, canoeing, kayaking or lazily floating on a tube. Visit City Park to access the Kettle River, or Barbara Ann Park to access the Granby.

Swim...sweat...stretch...or skate...

The **Grand Forks Recreation Complex** offers a full array of recreational activities year round. It is conveniently located on 19th street, one block from Highway 3.

Visit with the cows and the bees...

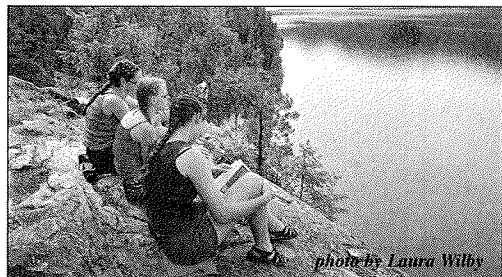
Take a tour of **Jerseyland Organic Dairy Farm** and sample their delicious cheese (every Mon-Fri from 1-5pm); or in Aug. and Sept., tour **Flower Power Apiaries** to see the honey production process.



Christina Lake Trails

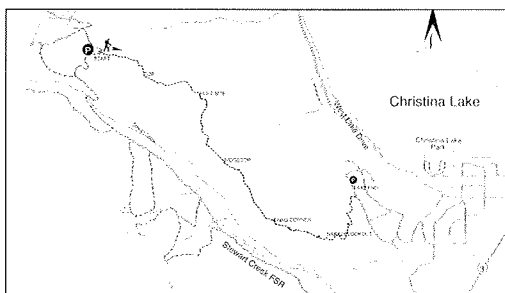
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Christina Lake, the warmest tree-lined lake in Canada, is home to three provincial parks. It also boasts an impressive network of trails that wind their way along the lakeshore, across streams and rivers and climb to alpine terrain with unparalleled views.

From the soft adventurer to the extreme rider, Christina Lake offers it all. Be sure to bring your swimsuit!



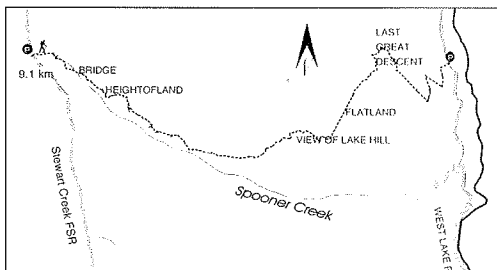
Westlake Trail- TNT

Distance: 34 kms Bike Time: 1 hour 20 mins Difficulty: Difficult

The trailhead is located at 6.5 km on Stewart Creek Forest Service Road. The road is 3 kms west of the bridge in Christina Lake on Hwy 3 or 17.5 kms east of the Granby Bridge on Hwy. 3 in Grand Forks.

Set your odometer at the beginning of Stewart Creek FSR and at 6.8 km mark you'll see a grown-in deactivated road leading off to the right. Turn right on this road for about 100 m, park in the vehicle turn around. The trail starts off in the NE end of this turn around. The trail end (where you may want to have another

vehicle waiting) is located on a logging road at 1.5 kms on Chase Road (north off West Lake Drive in Christina Lake). The trail starts out in a bushy area that transits to a cedar forest surrounding a creek. The first part descends quite rapidly but not with really steep slopes. There are several lookouts: to the north end of the lake with mountains in the background, views of the lake and residences and a view to the south with an endless background. The end of the trail is a long great switchbacking descent that passes from open fields to a cedar-lined creekside, which then ends at a gravel road at the end of a residential area on Christina Lake.



Spooner Creek Trail

Distance: 9 kms Hike Time: 2 hrs Difficulty: Moderate - Difficult

This trailhead is located at 9.1 km on Stewart Creek Forest Service Road. Stewart Creek FSR is 3.3 km west of the Hwy. 3 bridge at Christina Lake, or 17.5 km east on Hwy. 3 from the Granby River bridge at Grand Forks. Stewart Creek FSR heads NE off of Hwy. 3.

Set your odometer to 0 at the beginning of Stewart Creek FSR and at 9.1 km on the right side of the road there is a sign that reads Spooner Creek Trail.

The trail end, (where you may want to have a vehicle waiting) is located at km 9 on West Lake Drive. West Lake Drive is a paved secondary road and Stewart Creek FSR is a logging road accessible by 2wd vehicles although a little rough in places.

This trail has a variety of terrain, most of which is downhill and quite rocky. There are a number of obstacles, jumps and steep declines. The trail crosses Spooner Creek a number of times. Cedar and Poplar trees, moss and ferns are the dominating ecosystem, with open Fescue covered rock bluffs with Fir, Ponderosa Pine and Larch trees dotting the landscape. There are a few outlooks where the canopy of the very large and old Cedar trees creates an air of mystical journeys and unknown adventure. It's quite an exhilarating ride or walk, where skill, agility and experience are definite pre-requisites. This trail is not recommended for the casual rider, unless you don't mind walking your bike for most of the route. The trail surface has a lot of rocky outcrops with some smooth breaks. Most of the trail is narrow and requires quick maneuvering to remain upright if you are riding.

Vertical Smile Trail

Distance: 9 kms

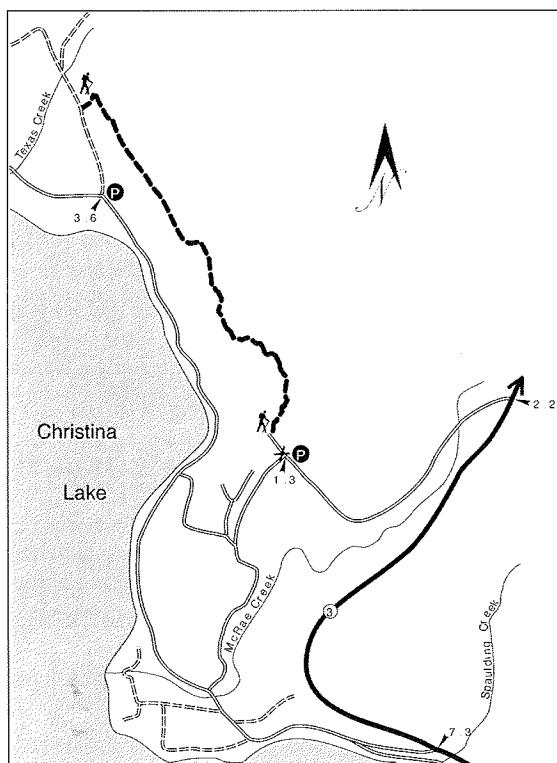
Bike Time: Day trip

Difficulty: difficult

Take Hwy. 3 north 31 kms from Christina Lake to Bonanza Creek Rd on the right. Follow 2 kms to junction, then left another 1 km to the next junction. Turn right here until you reach the barricade and park.

The site of a previous downhill race, this trail is not for novices! From the barricade you can ride a mountain bike almost to the summit.

At the top landing, walk your bike to the top of the mountain (20 minutes) and following flagging from the repeater tower south until you reach the old logging road. You'll go through several picturesque meadows. Enjoy a fast, steep descent down through Fife, ending up at Wildways on Hwy. 3 in beautiful Christina Lake.



Badger Trail

Distance: 2.3 kms one way

Hike Time: 40 mins (one way)

Difficulty: Easy - Moderate

From the bridge on Hwy. 3 in the town of Christina Lake, head north-east for 7.2 kms to the junction with East Lake Drive.

Turn left onto this road and follow it for 3.6 kms to Biner Road on the right. Biner Road is the start of the trail and is a private road. Park your vehicle off to the side of the road out of the way of local traffic.

To find the start of the actual trail follow Biner Road approximately 0.5 km past several houses. Look here for a sign marking the trailhead.

The south end of the trail can also be reached by vehicle, providing hikers with a chance to hike the linear trail in one direction.

It can be found by driving northeast on Hwy. 3 from East Lake Drive for 2.2 kms to the McRae Road turnoff on the left (total 9.5 kms from Christina Lake).

Turn left on this road and follow it for 1.3 kms to a steep left turn in the road where the original straight-ahead section of road has been blocked. Park off to the side of the road here and proceed past the barriers approximately 50 m to the trailhead.

Badger Trail is a moderately easy hiking trail through a dry forested rocky hillside that offers frequent panoramic views over Christina Lake.

From the northern trailhead the trail starts a steady but easy climb to the south. As the trail gains elevation it enters an open forest of fir and

pine. Many of these trees are massive and they filter the sunlight and offer shade on this otherwise hot, dry hillside.

The trail continues to climb steadily, leading past frequent rock outcrops where hikers can get panoramic views of Christina Lake. Close to the southern end of the route the trail begins to drop down a series of rock steps, winding its way down to the end of an abandoned short section of paved road. A few meters down this road is the junction with McRae Road.

This is an easy trail that is suitable for most ability levels, although those with bad knees may want to avoid the section with rock steps near the southern end of the trail. It was primarily designed for hikers, but receives some light mountain bike use as well. Be sure to bring water with you as there is none available along the route.

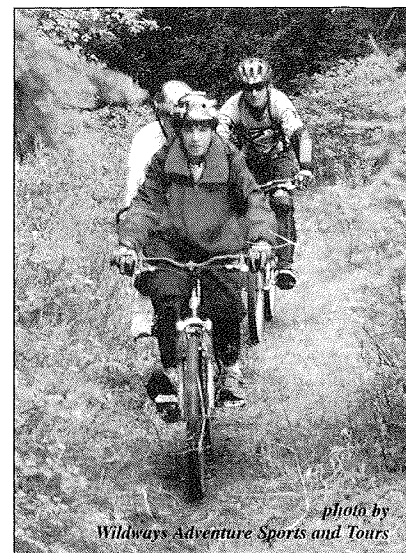
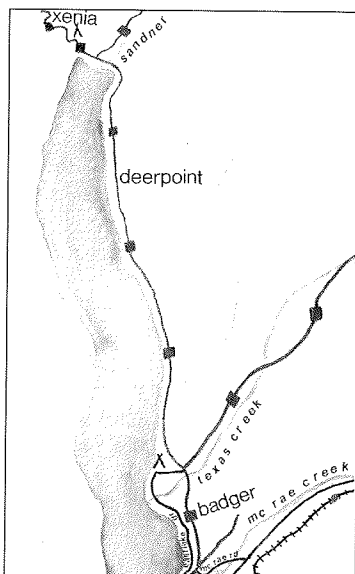


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Christina Crest

Distance: 16.5 kms (one way)

Hike Time: 9 hrs (one way)

Difficulty: Moderate - Difficult

To reach the southern end of this trail, start at the bridge in the town of Christina Lake. Head northeast on Hwy. 3 for 0.2 km to Santa Rosa Road. Turn right onto this good gravel road and follow it for 23.5 kms to a cattleguard and road junction. The trailhead is marked with a brown and white 4 x 4 sign, and is located on the left just after the cattleguard.

Park on the shoulder of the road well out of the way of traffic. This road is suitable for 2wd vehicles and receives heavy use, so be prepared to meet other vehicles on corners.

The northern end of this trail is a bit harder to find and a 4wd, high clearance vehicle is recommended. Start at the bridge in the town of Christina Lake and drive 31 kms east on Hwy. 3 to Bonanza gravel pit on the right side of the highway.

Drive through the gravel pit and take the first right. Follow this road for 2.0 kms to the junction and turn left. Continue for another 1.0 km and then take another left.

At the next junction at the top of a hill, again stay left. Stay right at the next junction and continue on the main road. From here the road gets rougher and has frequent large waterbars. Continue on to the last junction and take a right.

Follow this road a short distance to the parking area on an old log landing. Look for a brown and white 4 x 4 sign post marking the trailhead. The trail follows old skid trails to the basin below Mt. Saint Thomas before it starts winding its way slowly toward the ridge to the south of the peak.

This long, high-elevations, ridgetop trail is one of the few trails in this region located in an alpine setting. Unless you plan to use it in the winter, you will need to wait until the trail is snow free, which is usually mid-June through mid-October.

Be prepared for a rugged backcountry experience. You will also need to carry water with you as there is none available along the route. Check at Wildways (located on Hwy. 3 at Christina Lake) for trail conditions. The trail starts on an old road at the height of land on the Santa Rosa Summit. From here it winds its way north up a ridge line towards Mt. Saint Thomas. Starting in a sub-alpine forest, the trail climbs up and down the rolling ridge line, dripping in and out of the trees. On the high points along the ridge, the trees give way to open alpine meadows and rock bluffs. From these areas trail users are treated to spectacular panoramic views in all directions. As the trail nears Mt. Saint Thomas it splits into three: the right fork drops down to the Bonanza Creek parking area; the left fork is the Vertical Smile trail (see pg. 22); and the middle fork is the trail that leads to the peak of Mt. Saint Thomas

Deer Point / Troy Creek Trails

Distance: 10 kms (one way)

Hike Time: 6 hrs to the head of the lake

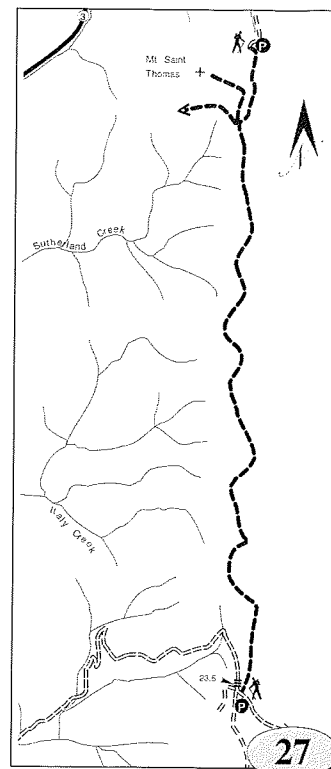
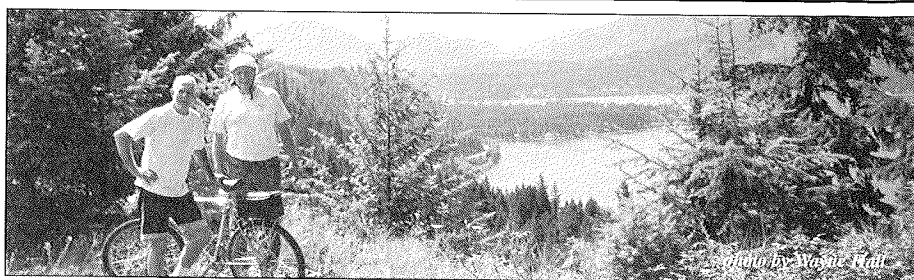
Difficulty: Easy- Moderate

The trailhead is located between the boat parking area off East Lake Drive and the provincial campground at Texas Creek (just off Hwy. 3 at Christina Lake). Signs and a comment box mark the trailhead at the rear of the parking area.

A beautiful trail to the head of the lake where huge cedar trees and a sandy beach await you. The trail starts out steep but levels off and rolls gently up and down along the shoreline to Deer Point.

At 8 kms, take the Troy Creek Trail to get to the head of the lake, avoiding private property enroute, or you can descend to Deer Point camping area on the lake. Please respect all private property signs and areas at the north end.

You can go up another 10 kms on Sandner Creek Trail, or just enjoy the north end of the lake, where in the fall Red Kokanee fill the creek which is bordered by giant cedars.



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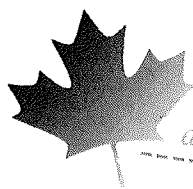
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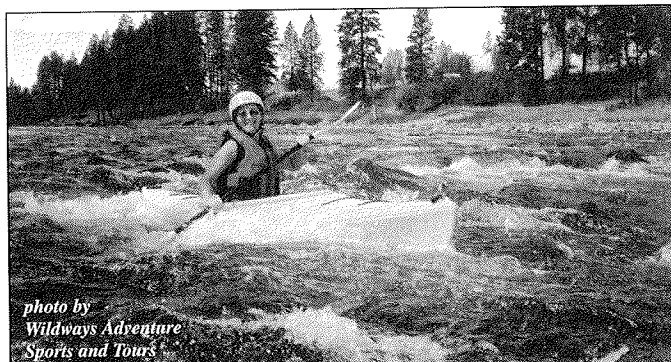


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Rent a Paddle boat or a kayak...

Whatever your need, whatever your speed, Christina Lake has various rental shops that can accommodate your desire for adventure. Guided biking, kayaking and horseback tours are available for individuals and large groups. Contact the Christina Lake Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Swim or boat the warmest tree-line lake in Canada ...

There are several beaches and boat launches to access the lake.

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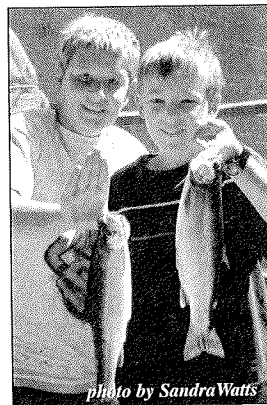
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Discover the Cascade Falls...

Take the highway turnoff to the border and golf courses as you approach the lake heading east, and drive to the bridge pullout. The falls can be seen from the bridge but a quick 5 minute walk (the trail is marked) will take you to the most impressive part of the canyon, where deep kettles have been formed by the cascading water.



Go fish...

Rainbow trout, kokanee, small and large mouth bass and whitefish can all be found in Christina Lake.

There are several creeks that feed into the lake that offer great spring and fall fishing but be sure to check regulations. Fishing is restricted during spawning season and other times of the year.

Golf the day away ...

Christina Lake is home to two golf courses: the picturesque 18 hole **Christina Lake Golf Club** and the family oriented **Cascade Par 3**. Which ever way you decide to play, you're sure to enjoy your day.

Take a walk on the wild side...

If you stay awhile you're sure to see a deer or two - perhaps many. There's turtles, frogs, and heron along the creeks and lake shore and don't be surprised by the wild turkeys that roam freely throughout the area.

Search for Native Indian remnants ...

Just east of the Texas Creek Provincial campground, along the rock bluffs you can view ancient Indian pictographs. Access is by boat only. Ask any local resident for directions.