

THE KETTLE VALLEY *Express*

Adventure Travel Guide to the
HISTORIC KETTLE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

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& the Othello Tunnels

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**Columbia Western &
Slocan Valley Rail Trail**

Large 32"X9" BC Rail Trail Map

South Central British Columbia

A beautiful place to be and see!

When the Coquihalla Highway was finished in 1987, the communities in South Central BC along the Crow'snest Hwy 3, lost much of the traffic and economy driving thru their towns, but did not lose any of their friendly charm, beauty and appeal. When I moved to the southern interior of BC in 1996, specifically Grand Forks, I felt like I was consumed by an overwhelming feeling of being back home. It is with the **"The Kettle Valley Express"**, that I would like to invite you to experience the awesome beauty, welcoming atmosphere and well kept secret that may make South Central BC your new home.

Our rail trails have quite a history of starting out as trails such as the Dewdney, that brought the discovery of reasons like copper to bring in the rails, and now after decommissioning, are being refitted back as quality recreational trails. On page 6 & 7 you'll find out how the BC government along with the Trans Canada Trail Foundation and others, purchased more than 20,000km of rail corridors for recreational use. These trails and the highways like #3, #33, #97 will connect you to and take you through our wide open sunny valleys, awesome panoramic views and friendly welcoming communities.

This annual guide starts out this year in Hope and the Othello Tunnels at the west end of the Kettle Valley Railway, then on through the Similkameen Valley and the VV&E with Hedley Mining History. Next it's off to the South Okanagan where no story of the KVR can go without mentioning Myra Canyon. Just south on Hwy 33, enter Boundary Country, home of the Kettle Valley and namesake of the trail. The East and West Kettle Rivers run south from just below Big White, join in Westbridge, flow south a few kilometers to Rock Creek to then wind its way east, mostly along the US

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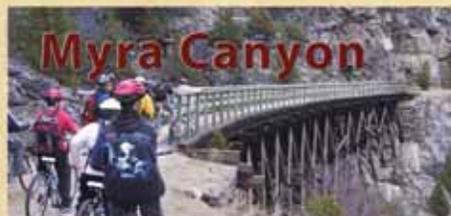
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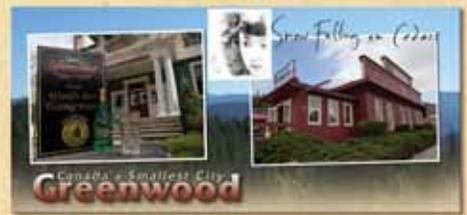
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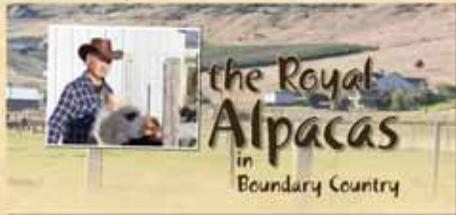
/ Canada "boundary", then joining with Christina Creek, flowing south to the US. The Columbia Western Rail Trail will take you from Mile Zero Midway through Greenwood, Grand Forks, Christina Lake and beyond to Castlegar in the West Kootenays

this will give you a taste of the authentically good life we have here, tempt you to discover us and then come back to stay.

Thank you and enjoy
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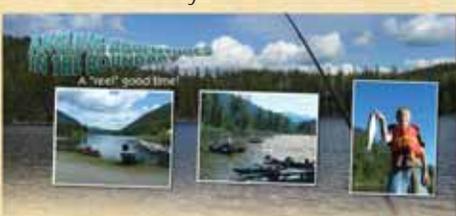
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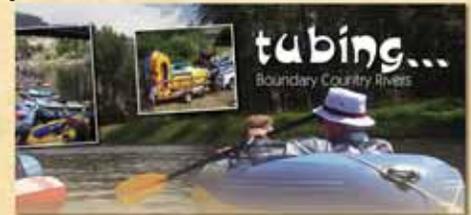
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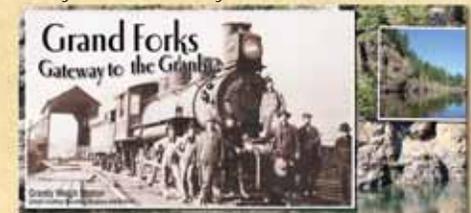
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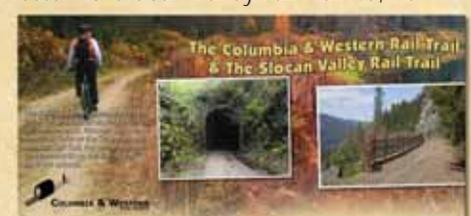
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South Central BC Rail Trails

Where to go...

What to do....

How long to get there...



The Othello Tunnels and Hell's Gate of Hope start your adventure off with incredible views and examples of engineering feats. From Hope it's approximately a 2 hr drive through the now infamous "Highway through Hell" scenic part of Crowsnest Hwy 3 that brings you to Princeton at the start of the long Similkameen Valley. Follow the smooth, winding, easy drive beside the Similkameen River to Hedley and check out their museum, tours and excellent shops. Hwy 3 heads on into the fruit & wine famous Southern Okanagan. After Keremeos and Cawston, is Osoyoos where you can either continue east on Hwy 3 to Boundary Country or North on Hwy 97 to the orchards and vineyards of Oliver, Okanagan Falls, Penticton, Summerland and Peachland. In Summerland there is even a working stretch of KVR track, where you can ride an original working steam locomotive.

East of Osoyoos at the small community of Bridesville, on the Crowsnest Highway 3, is the south western border where Boundary Country begins, and if you continue traveling on this route, it will take you to Christina Lake where Boundary Country ends. The route is scenic with many historic attractions along the way.

Traveling south on Hwy 33 from Kelowna, just past Big White Ski Resort, is the north western border of where Boundary Country begins. If you continue traveling this route, it will take you through the historic mining town of Beaverdell, and join up with Hwy 3 at the Rock Creek junction. Turn left at the Rock Creek junction and follow the Crowsnest Hwy 3 to Midway, Greenwood, Grand Forks, Christina Lake, into East Kootenays and beyond.

This is a large region with a fairly small population making for wide open spaces and opportunities for a diverse and thriving agricultural sector. The region encourages sustainable farming practices, and there are a variety of agritourism opportunities offered that involve tours, workshops and other ways of participation, depending on where you go.

Stopping at local Farmers Markets offers great insight into rural farming life, local produce, arts, crafts, and culture among other benefits. This region boasts many talented artists of all genres who often display or sell their works at local markets, festivals, and fairs. Most of the communities hold markets and to find out when a market is happening, stop by the local visitor information centre or check their town website.

Trail use and outdoor recreation are a large part of the lifestyle and attraction to the area and there are many points of historical interest on the various paths, trails and routes. The Kettle Valley Rail

Trail, Columbia Western, VV&E and GN Railway trails are easy to access and cover a vast amount of territory. See the map inside this publication and be sure to read "BC Rail Trails: Where we are now", on page 4 & 5

Where can I get on the Trail?

The trails are located in the South Central Interior of BC and stretch from the Kootenay region through the Okanagan and into the Fraser Valley. There are many north and south branches that leave the main trail along the route, and also a number of access and egress points starting at Midway in the east all the way to Hope in the west. There are countless trails and spur line trails, so we have listed only a few of the access/egress points for each area. Many routes make for a nice day trip; one example of an easy ride is the Myra Canyon section of the KVR outside Kelowna. The trail grade on most trails is 2.2% but can increase to 3.4% in some areas. See story on Myra Canyon (page 10).

Hope: Othello Tunnels

Head south on Kettle Valley Rd. Park at the end of the dirt road.

Princeton: Ochre Bluffs

The Kettle Valley rail trail passes under Hwy 3 at the west end of town or travel through town on Bridge Street, cross the one lane bridge and turn left on Coalmont Road. The KVR will emerge 5 km past the bridge on the left side of Coalmont Road.

Oliver:

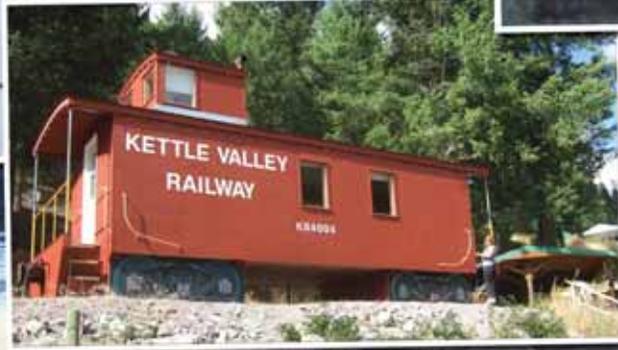
There are many access locations throughout the town. A good access location can be found by turning east off of Hwy 97 onto Fairview Road, which will cross the Kettle Valley rail bed 200m from the highway. Access is also at the Visitor Information Centre.

OK Falls:

Travel to OK Falls via Hwy 97. Park at the Railway Inn on the north side of the highway. The KVR trail is accessible from Highway 97 south of Vaseux Lake and continues towards Oliver.

Midway/Rock Creek to Osoyoos Loop via Penticton:

Trail is approximately 215 km long. Park and start at Midway Station, now the Kettle River Museum, in the Village of Midway. You will pass through Rock Creek and climb gently but on a steady grade to the Okanagan Highlands. Continue on to the Rhone Rest Stop, Taurus, Beaverdell and onto the abandoned townsite of Carmi. Continue through Lakevale, Cooksen, McCulloch, Myra, Ruth, Lorna, Chute Lake, Glenfir, Adra, Arawana, Poplar Grove to Penticton.



Penticton to Osoyoos 58.1km - Osoyoos Subdivision: -

Where the mainline turns north at Penticton, the spur to Osoyoos heads south. The trail takes you through the heart of the southern Okanagan, fruit orchards and vineyards. Unfortunately the trail requires a number of detours but if you're determined you can manage the entire route. The gentle grade along the trail works for you if you're traveling north to south. From Penticton the trail passes through Skaha, Kaleden, Okanagan Falls, McIntyre, Oliver, Hayes and Ellis before heading into Osoyoos.

Grand Forks – Christina Lake:

Columbia & Western rail trail / Trans Canada Trail - There are several entry points to the Trans Canada Trail in Grand Forks and Christina Lake. Access the trail from Grand Forks Station Pub and Columbia Grill with the trail located behind the pub. Follow the trail along the paved upgrade to Riverside Dr. and turn left to City Park. After the park, follow 2nd St. south from Central Ave (Hwy 3), continue until you reach Roxul Inc., and park at designated area. The trail goes through the Gilpin Grasslands to Christina Lake and Cascade Falls. Trail access points are along the south side of Hwy 3. From Christina Lake, you can continue on the trail to Castlegar, yet another interior BC city that boasts a ton of history!

What is there to do?

Hope: Stay at Coquihalla Canyon Provincial Park and hike/cycle a preserved section of the Kettle Valley Rail Trail, visit the Hope Museum, Hope Art Gallery, Japanese Friendship Garden in Memorial Park, tour downtown and view the 50 large carved wooden sculptures. Hope is known as the Chainsaw Carving Capital. See page 8.

Princeton/Hedley:

Visit Princeton (named after the Prince of Wales) Museum, Princeton Castle, hike, fish, trail ride, mountain bike, golf, snowmobile.

Visit Hedley Museum, Mascot and Nickel Plate Mines (check the visitor information centre for tour times), fish, camp, stay at Stemwinder Provincial Park, Bromley Provincial Park, Cathedral Provincial Park, numerous historic sites, gold pan. See page 9.

Osoyoos:

Learn about aboriginal culture at the N K'Mip cultural centre, wine tours, bird watching, golf, swimming/water sports, camping, hiking. Go to the Visitor Information Centre for souvenirs and a cultural display. Check for discounts on certain admission tickets and accommodations. Only minutes to the US Border.

Rock Creek/Midway:

Gold panning, camping, tubing, cross country skiing, fishing, go to the 67th Annual Rock Creek and Boundary Fall Fair Sept. 14th & 15th, 4th Annual Rock Creek Rodeo, Farmers Market, & Sky High Blues Festival.

Midway:

Visit the Kettle River Museum, see historic sites such as Delisle House, Kamigochi House, Kettle River Inn, learn the story of the entwined trees, tube, cycle, hike, camp. Only minutes to US Border.

Greenwood/Phoenix:

Visit Greenwood Museum, Spectacular Mine Tours, see ad on page 16 to book your tour; fishing, hiking, hunting, cycling, camping, history tours, winterfest. Visit the Phoenix Cemetery, Phoenix Cenotaph, Phoenix Ski Hill, Marshall Lake, cross-country skiing, Phoenix Heritage self-guided driving tour (see Grand Forks or Greenwood visitor information centres for more information).

Grand Forks:

Visit the Boundary Museum, Gallery 2 Arts and Heritage Museum, Doukhobor flour mill, tube, hike, cycle, camp, ATV, trail rides, agritours, Historic Walk, Art Walk, live theatre, fall fair, dig for fluorite crystals at Rock Candy Mine.

Christina Lake:

Visit the Christina Lake Welcome Centre, adventure tour with WildWays, boat, hike, camp, artists and artisans fundival, winterfest, C.L triathlon, C.L homecoming. Short drive to the US Border.

How long till we get there?

From	To	Distance (approx.)
Hope	Princeton	134 kms
Princeton	Hedley	30.6 kms
Hope	Osoyoos	232 kms
Osoyoos	Rock Creek	61 kms
Rock Creek	Midway	14 kms
Midway	Greenwood	14.5 kms
Greenwood	Grand Fork	41 kms
Grand Forks	Christina Lake	19 kms

British Columbia's Rail Trails

Where we are now....

A group of people, including children and adults, are gathered on a dirt trail. Many are standing next to their bicycles. The trail is set against a backdrop of a steep, rocky mountain slope on the left and a wide valley with a large lake and distant mountains on the right. The sky is blue with some clouds.

From humble beginnings, BC's now extensive rail trail network has the potential to be one of the world's best, winding its way through some of the most spectacular scenery in the province. Over high mountain passes, through historic rock tunnels, along idyllic rivers and lakes, and across impressive trestles spanning deep canyons, these remarkable trails offer something for everyone.

The dream of building a provincial rail trail system has its roots in the early 1990's, when the BC government began acquiring abandoned railway lines for public recreation and transportation routes with the encouragement of the Trans Canada Trail Foundation. BC eagerly partnered with the Trans Canada Trail Foundation to begin developing a connecting network of rail trails across the southern part of the province.

By the mid 1990s, the Province had purchased most of the abandoned Kettle Valley Railway (KVR) from CP Rail, and after a series of public consultations and open houses, portions of the KVR were dedicated as part of the BC Trans Canada Trail. In 1998, the Trans Canada Trail Foundation purchased the Slocan Valley Rail Trail and the Columbia and Western Rail Trail from CP Rail and later transferred ownership to the Province to continue developing the BC portion of the trail. The government has now acquired more than 2,000 km of former rail corridors, almost half of which have been developed as recreation trails.

B.C.'s rail trails are owned and managed by a variety of provincial entities. The Kettle Valley, Slocan Valley, and Columbia and Western Rail Trails have been legally established as recreation trails and are currently managed by Recreation Sites and Trails BC, a branch

within the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. The Great Northern and Cowichan Valley Rail Trails are owned by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. BC Parks looks after the KVR within the spectacular Myra Canyon Provincial Park. Many rail trails are managed through partnerships with regional districts, municipalities, other provincial agencies and volunteer groups, and, in some cases, are owned outright by regional or municipal governments.

Rail trails represent an extraordinary recreation opportunity for BC and have the potential to contribute significantly to the local economies of rural communities along the trail network. Worldwide, there are tens of thousands of developed rail trails. In the US, there are more than 32,000 km of rail trails, many of which support thriving small businesses such as bike rentals, shuttle services, accommodations, and other service providers.

The vision for the Province's rail trails is to create a world-class network of trails intended primarily for non-motorized summer use, such as walking/hiking, cycling and horseback riding. Winter use of rail trails includes cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling where supported by local communities.

For over a decade now, BC's rail trails have been unable to realize their potential in spite of heavy investments in trail surfaces, bridges, trestles and other infrastructure. Lack of an overall governance model has resulted in escalating conflicts between non-motorized and motorized users, which in turn has created an effective barrier to the further development and sustainability of the rail trail network.



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Many of the attributes inherent in rail trails – length, varied scenery, historic value, and proximity to communities, combined with the consistent low grade and wide track – are highly desirable attributes for recreation, particularly cycling. Touring cyclists often travel long distances carrying the additional weight of overnight gear, which requires a smooth compacted trail surface for a safe and enjoyable ride. Prolonged use of rail trails by motorized vehicles can impact the trail tread and create a loose, uneven surface that cyclists will quickly abandon. As a result, repeated motorized use discourages investment in a high quality tread surface as ongoing maintenance and repair costs would simply be too high.

At the same time, use of off-highway vehicles for recreation is increasing at a rapid rate in BC, and off-road vehicle users are seeking high quality, long distance riding opportunities. By their nature, rail trails connect communities and are located along main valley bottoms, making them ideal travel corridors for off-road vehicle users seeking access to additional riding opportunities. For this reason, BC's rail trails are heavily sought after by motorized recreationists.

In an attempt to address this current impasse, the Province recently established the Conflict Resolution Steering Committee to develop a consensus-based, community-led process for addressing non-motorized/motorized use conflicts on rail trails. Membership consists of representatives from Recreation Sites and Trails BC, the Quad Riders ATV Association of BC, the BC Off-road Motorcycle Association, and Trails BC.

The steering committee initiated a pilot project in the Naramata and Chute Lake Area of the southeastern Okanagan. A working group of local motorized and non-motorized users and provincial representatives was convened to identify opportunities for resolving conflicts while continuing to meet the needs of various user groups.

The Naramata resolution plan was presented at a community open house in September 2012. The plan identifies certain sections of the Kettle Valley Rail Trail between Naramata and Chute Lake as non-motorized and other sections as shared use with clearly defined user etiquette. It also incorporates new motorized recreation trail routes to provide access to certain highly desirable destinations in situations where shared use will not work.

If the process proves successful in resolving user conflicts in the pilot area, it will be expanded to other areas along the rail trail network. In a province as large and diverse as British Columbia, there are plenty of opportunities to accommodate the needs of everyone. From an economic and social standpoint, it is just as important to develop a non-motorized rail trail system to meet the needs and values of self propelled users as it is to develop opportunities for the rapidly expanding community of motorized recreationists. In many cases, however, this will involve developing separate trail systems designed for specific users. The key is communication and understanding from both sides, not to mention plenty of cooperation.

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HOPE



Photo: Riley Forman

Hope is strategically located at the junction of Hwy # 1, 3, 5 & 7 at the confluence of the Fraser and Coquihalla Rivers where the Fraser Valley and Fraser Canyon meet. It was founded in 1848 by the Hudson's Bay Company as Fort Hope, as they "hoped" it was the key to success for their new HBC 1849 fur trade route which replaced the routes they had lost to the Americans when the 49th parallel became the border between US and British held territories in 1846.

old railway grade through the 4 tunnels and over the 2 bridges that KVR engineer, Andrew McCulloch, designed to conquer the river canyon terrain.

There is yet another section of rail grade to explore in Thacker Regional Park. This is a short 1 km section that is beside Thacker Marsh, a great bird watching area and home to resident beaver. In the late fall, returning salmon crowd the creek as they complete their life cycle by spawning in the shallow waters along the walkway.

History buffs can learn more about the Kettle Valley Railway by visiting the Hope Museum (open mid-May to September).

Hope is a vacation destination for more than just Kettle Valley Railway heritage as it is blessed with easily accessible mountainous terrain as well as lakes and rivers that offer a wide range of outdoor activities. There is camping, hiking, fishing, golf, river rafting, soaring and mountain biking to enjoy as well as boating, gold-panning and rockhounding. Winter sports are also available in nearby Manning Park where visitors can enjoy cross country skiing as well as alpine downhill skiing, snowboarding or snowshoeing.

The Skagit Valley Provincial Park just south of Hope, reputedly one of the best dry fly-fishing destinations in British Columbia, is not to be missed by wilderness and history buffs alike. Ask about interpretive options from BC Parks or the Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning.

Hope was also the western terminus of the Kettle Valley Railway during its operation from 1916 to 1959. While this rail line is now closed, visitors are still able to marvel at the famous engineering feat of its Othello-Quintette Tunnels. These can be found in the Coquihalla Canyon Provincial Park (open April to October) just outside of Hope. Here rail enthusiasts can walk or cycle 4km of the

Visitors to the area can also view the 50+ large downtown wood sculptures that make Hope, BC's Chainsaw Carving Capital. Marvel at the scope of the Hope Slide; and travel to the attractions of the mighty Fraser Canyon, the Yale Heritage Site, Alexandra Bridge Provincial Park and world famous Hell's Gate Airtram (*all open throughout the summer months*).

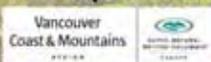
EXPERIENCE HOPE



Photo: Riley Forman

There are many services and amenities for visitors here as Hope offers almost 30 dining options, more than 15 motels, 10 campgrounds, a variety of unique bed & breakfast homes and resorts plus 2 large supermarkets, 3 pharmacies and a variety of retail shops.

For further information about Hope and the surrounding region please contact The Hope Visitor Centre and Museum Complex at 604-869-2021 or 1-866-HOPEVIC or email destinationhope@telus.net or visit www.Hope.TravelTheCanyon.com
The Hope Visitor Centre is open year round at 919 Water Avenue.





HEDLEY HISTORY



Historic Hedley, "Famous for Gold" is located in the Similkameen Valley on the Crowsnest Highway 48km east of Princeton and 29km west of Keremeos. This village of 325, including the residents of the neighbouring Chuchuwaya #2 Reserve, is nestled in a canyon bordered by the Stemwinder and Nickel Plate Mountains and, to the south, by the Similkameen River. Gold, the cause of Hedley's existence - was found on Nickel Plate Mountain in 1898. Robert Rist Hedley, for whom "Camp Hedley" was named, grubstaked some of the prospectors staking claims on the surrounding mountains of "Sna-za-ist," the Striped Rock Place, as Hedley is known to the First Nations Similkameen people, by way of its distinctive striations visible on the overhanging cliffs.

By 1903, men were digging the first of 120km of tunnels into the mountain and building a tramway and a 40-stamp mill. The Nickel Plate operated as an underground mine until 1955. It was later reopened in 1986 and worked for ten years as an open pit mine.

The neighbouring Mascot Mine was dug into the mountainside high above the valley, driving 67km of tunnels between 1935 and 1949. These mine buildings still cling to the cliff and have been repaired by the Upper Similkameen Indian Band, so that visitors may safely explore them. Go to www.mascotmine.com for details.

Approximately 2,500,000 troy ounces (77,760 kg/86 tons) of gold were produced from Hedley's mines between 1904 and 1996. Using the current price of gold, at \$1,660 CND per troy ounce, the present day value would be about \$4.5 billion. Mining claims in the hills and along the Similkameen River are still actively worked, and people continue to pan the river as well.

In its boom years, Hedley was a town of about 1,000 residents with five hotels, a bank, a daily newspaper and many thriving businesses. Now it is a tourist destination, a favourite of mining history buffs, campers, fishermen and hikers. There are two Provincial campgrounds and three Recreation Site campgrounds between

Hedley and Princeton, all located upon the banks of the pristine Similkameen River where the wild rainbow trout thrive abundantly. There is also the Nickel Plate Provincial Park and Wilderness Camping, and Nickel Plate Lake, at the top of the mountain an hour's drive up Nickel Plate Road (located just outside of town) for the more adventurous. Three hiking trails meander in various directions immediately outside of town; there is the 20 Mile Creek hike, the River hike by the old dam on the Similkameen River and a third trail, which starts from the ruins of the 40-stamp mill site and heads east along the bottom of the mountain to the old railway bed.

The Hedley Heritage Museum offers historic mining displays, a 1904 cabin and barn, Heritage Park with mining artifacts, a superb b&w photo collection, family history research, volunteer guides, a spotting scope for viewing, Tea Room and Gift Shop, and tourist information. Please visit our website www.hedleymuseum.ca and/or e-mail the Museum at hedleymuseum@nethop.com for further information.

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Myra Canyon



The world famous Myra Canyon is a must see destination along the highest reaches of the Kettle Valley Rail Trail. Featuring 20 major wooden trestles over a span of less than 10km, Myra Canyon remains a wonder of Canadian railway engineering. In a tragic wildfire in the summer of 2003, most of the historic trestles were destroyed. A concerted restoration effort followed a year later, and with the help of disaster relief funding and an army of committed volunteers, the final trestle was restored in 2008.



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The Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park section of the KVR was constructed in the early 1900's and abandoned in 1973, but the KVR rail trail has become a very popular recreational route and is now part of the Trans Canada Trail, managed by Recreation Sites and Trails BC, a branch within the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

The "Kelowna South Slopes", part of which is now Myra-Bellevue, has also experienced a history of recreational use and land use conflicts. Historic trails such as the Crawford Trail have been reclaimed for shared use recreation, and trail networks have evolved on the lower slopes that are now used widely for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. The area is great for wildlife viewing and hunting, winter and summer motorized recreation, camping and picnicking. Keep aware, you are in the wilderness and may encounter a variety of wildlife.

In 2003, the Okanagan Mountain fire ravaged parts of Myra-Bellevue, affecting the areas of highest recreational use. Low and mid-elevation portions of the Bellevue Creek/Crawford trails area and parts of Myra Canyon were the most impacted. The fire had a heavy impact on the KVR rail trail destroying 12 of 16 wooden trestles and damaging the decks of the 2 metal trestles. The Bellevue trestle on the western edge of Myra-Bellevue was undamaged but following the fire, Myra-Bellevue was closed because of concern for public safety. In 2004, the public was permitted access part way into Myra Canyon at either end of the KVR. Hazardous tree removal was completed in early 2005 to allow public access to the more popular trails in the park.

The Myra Canyon section of the KVR railway is designated a National Historic Site. One of the most interesting parts of the KVR, the

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Myra section, includes 2 tunnels and 18 trestles, as well as rock ovens and historic railway sidings. The impressive Bellevue Creek trestle is the longest steel trestle in Myra-Bellevue.

In addition to the Kettle and West Kettle Rivers, Okanagan Highland is the source of several other rivers including the Sanpoil.

The Okanagan Highland is located between the Okanagan Valley on its west and the Kettle River on its east. The highest summit of the Highlands is Big White Mountain at the northeast extremity and is also the highest summit of the Beaverdell Range. This mountain range extends south of Big White between the Kettle and West Kettle Rivers. Mount Baldy is also included in this highland and is a noteworthy summit, which includes Mount Baldy Ski Resort.

The Kettle Valley Steam Railway
 invites you
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The Anglo-American Convention Treaty of 1818 resolved standing boundary issues between two nations, allowing for joint occupation and settlement of the "Oregon Country", known in Canadian history as the Columbia District of the Hudson's Bay Company, including the southern portion for the District of New Caledonia, now known as British Columbia. The Oregon Treaty of 1846 established the 49th Parallel as the international boundary between the United States and Canada.

Before the 49th Parallel was initially established, the Kettle River was key to the naming of Boundary Country, as the river was and is shared by both Washington State and the Province of BC. One of the creeks that flowed into the Kettle River along the 49th parallel was called Boundary Creek.

In 1849, the California Gold Rush brought hundreds of miners westward and northward, and in 1859 placer gold was discovered at Rock Creek. This early mining established the Boundary Country, and the search for more precious minerals drew more miners and merchants.

The first hard rock claim was staked in 1884 near Boundary Falls, which produced gold and silver, and further north up Boundary



Creek two significant copper deposits were discovered. One claim was located on the eastern slope above Boundary Creek, a site later named Phoenix, and the other claim became known as the Mother Lode near the city of Greenwood. Boundary Creek was so important, that the area became known as the Boundary Mining District, which was soon after shortened to "The Boundary", and later "Boundary Country."





West Boundary

The West Boundary encompasses rural areas from Eholt Summit to Anarchist Summit, and from the Canada / US border to Big White. Within this lightly populated region are the unincorporated communities of Rock Creek, Beaverdell, Bridesville and Westbridge, with Big White Ski Resort, Christian Valley, Mount Baldy Ski Resort, Anaconda, Jewel Lake Resort and Idabel Lake Resort also being included in this region.

Although the area was rife with miners in the mid 1800's, the main industries are now forestry, ranching and tourism. There are still those in search of the precious metals found here, and many visitors to this region like to try their hand at gold panning.

The Kettle River winds its way from behind Big White, where it flows down the Christian Valley to Westbridge, then into the West Kettle that carries on past Rock Creek and Midway before it flows into the US. The river is a favorite of both locals and visitors for spending a relaxing day on the banks, swimming, picnicking, or tubing. Although the water can be fairly shallow in some spots, there are also wonderfully cool and clear deep swimming holes for dunking yourself when the sun's rays become a bit too hot. Be sure to

check with locals where to put in your floatation device as they will share with you the safest spots, length of time it takes and where to get out. There are some shuttle services available in most of the towns, so ask about that too.

Anarchist Mountain, just a 30 minute drive east of Osoyoos has more than an interesting name: this place has more sunshine hours than any other area in Canada, and just a short drive further is Sidley Mountain, home to Miller Springs Bottled Water. The pure natural spring water is bottled at its source, which originates from a mountain spring near Bridesville. The deliciously refreshing water is available at various local retailers in the Boundary, so quench your thirst in a pure and natural way.

Cycling is an immensely popular activity that brings tourists both nationally and internationally and with literally hundreds of kilometres of trails to explore, Boundary Country is your oyster! If you don't feel you want to go exploring without a guide, there are several tours that can be booked. Didn't bring your bike? No worries, the tour guides have rentals available, so saddle up and off you go!

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Rock Creek, located at the junction of Hwy 3 and Hwy 33 and once known as a thriving mining town, has recently become known again for the incredible Rock Creek and Boundary Fall Fair. For 66 continuous years the fine people of Rock Creek and surrounding areas have volunteered tirelessly to plan the fair, and have grown it into the biggest fall fair for miles around. This is a true testament to what communities can do when everyone works together! We hear

it all the time, but this fair really does have something for everyone. If you want to fall in love with rural life and country fairs, this is the place. Check the website for more information at:

discoverrockcreek.com or rockcreekfallfair.ca. The Rock Creek Rodeo is also calling all cowboys and cowgirls, so if you want to get your boots dirty and have a barn burner of a good time, just mosey on down! For more details on dates, entry forms, how to volunteer and more, check www.rockcreekrodeo.ca.

Community spirit is alive and well in Beaverdell, so make sure you schedule in a stop here. The people and food are the highlights and if you're hungry and on the fly, you can grab something at the food stand at the west end of town. Beaverdell Highland Cabins will have you staying right on the Kettle Valley rail trail, so it's a great location to stay for hikers and bikers.

If you love to feel the rumble of an engine rattle your bones, then Thunder Mountain Raceway, a 1/8 mile drag strip located south of Big White, is a must on your backpack list of travel plans. Open for racing all summer, there is a concession stand, camping and a grand stand viewing area, so get out your ear plugs and get ready to roar with excitement. Check out thundermountainraceway.com

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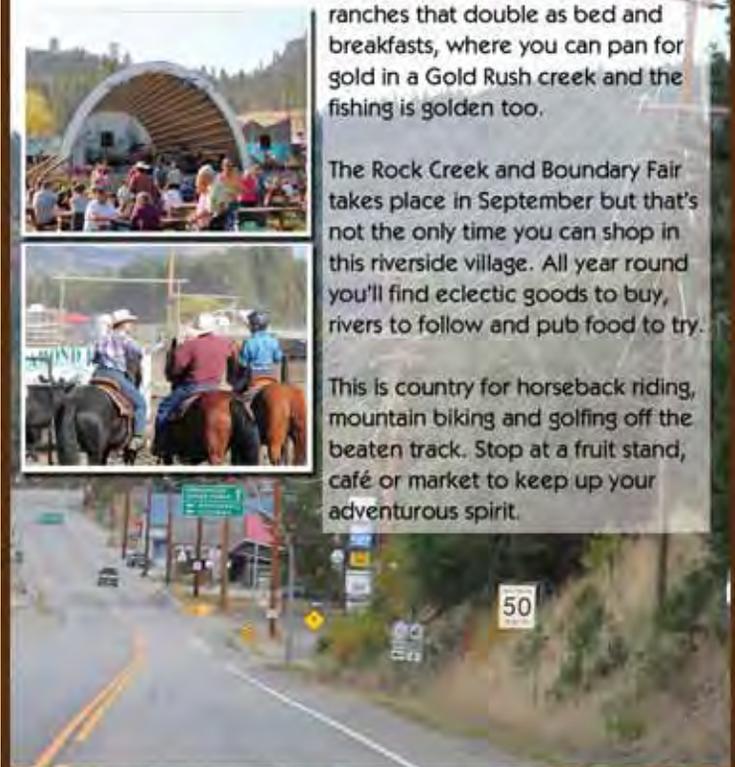


ROCK CREEK

Rock Creek is where you'll find ranches that double as bed and breakfasts, where you can pan for gold in a Gold Rush creek and the fishing is golden too.

The Rock Creek and Boundary Fair takes place in September but that's not the only time you can shop in this riverside village. All year round you'll find eclectic goods to buy, rivers to follow and pub food to try.

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As the story goes, competition between the CPR and the Great Northern Railway was fierce as each one tried hard to push their lines through to the mines and smelters of the region. Many brawls were fought between these two rival railway companies, most of them taking place at Midway/Mile 0. At one point, the brawling men were camped a scant few metres apart, each group unwilling to move off the spot the railway was to begin, and the authorities were eventually called in to restore peace and order.

Andrew McCullough and J.J. Warren of the CPR were the successful candidates of the ensuing court case and awarded the right to lay rail. They designed the Kettle Valley Rail route and were in charge of directing the men working on the railway. Construction started in 1910 at Midway, and progressed across the Southern Interior of BC all the way to Merritt in what is known now as the Nicola Valley. The work was very dangerous, some of the terrain was treacherous and unforgiving and many men lost their lives during the construction; many more didn't possess the clothing needed to stay warm in the high mountains during the winter months, making for a miserable time. Dynamite was used to blast away rock to make way for the 2.2% grade of rail bed, and again, many of the men were inexperienced and accidents and tragedies alike occurred. The Myra Canyon section boasted no less than 18 trestles. In the great firestorm of 2003, some of the trestles burned, but have since been rebuilt to the original scale and offer spectacular views.

As you take in the breathtaking scenery along this route from your bike or cross-country skis, imagine the sound of pick axes and blasting, men toiling away in the heat of summer and the frigid cold of winter - the sound of progress at the turn of the century. If you look closely, you may still be able to see the remnants of the rock "ovens" from hollows in the rock face the workers made to bake their bread. Times were tough and the camps were basic, the weather could be unforgiving and the bugs relentless. They worked 10 hour days for \$2.75 and the railway was finally completed in 1915.

The men are long gone now, but not forgotten, the rails have been lifted and removed, and the valleys are again quiet

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Canada's Smallest City Greenwood

Welcome to Greenwood, Canada's smallest city. Let the stories of this former boomtown reveal to you the city's fascinating past and bright future. At the start of the 20th century, people came in droves to find their fame and riches during the copper mining frenzy, and left an exceptional legacy in their wake. Here you will see some of the finest examples of early 20th century architecture in buildings and heritage homes of the city's first residents. See the Visitor Information Centre at the museum to pick up your map of the Heritage Walk and also learn about Deadwood and Anaconda, two towns that are now part of Greenwood, but at the turn of the century were separate entities. Stop into Deadwood Junction at the west end of town for coffee and a snack, and admire the original board and batten style building. Open mike nights during fair weather seasons offer a taste of local talent and a place to gather and play.

Lotzkar Memorial Park is a testament to these early days and the remains of the massive slag ridge and 36m smoke stack of the smelter ruins are a sight that prompt many visitors to query "What is that?" Amble along the walking trails to have a closer look at the smelter and the "Hells Bells" slag cones at your own risk, but please leave any artifacts you discover on the site. Mine tours will time warp you back to an era when the smelter would have been in full operation. Visit the "egg place" on the outskirts of town across from Boltz Rd. and see Dale to book your Spectacular Mine Tour (see ad on this page). Greenwood has seen its share of difficult times. 1918 saw a shift in the copper market, and the downturn forced the BC Copper Company smelter to close, causing many of the town's people to board up businesses and leave. By 1940, only 200 people remained and the fate of the city seemed doomed to become a ghost town. In 1942, a new group of people arrived over a period of several months that would change Greenwood's destiny. Although a traumatic experience, the involuntary internment of 1200 Japanese Canadians who were forced to abandon their coastal lifestyles brought new life and vigour to the community, and the remaining townspeople welcomed their new brethren with open arms and hearts. Once boarded up hotels and businesses became living quarters for the new residents, and the little mountain town, so different than the coastal regions they were familiar with, slowly but surely became home despite harsh winter conditions. Just as the miners who came before them had done, these new residents transformed Greenwood into a bustling community where

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The Greenwood Heritage Society Museum Visitor Centre and Archive is a great place to spend a couple hours and the entry fee is by donation.

For those who enjoy hiking and cycling, there's no shortage of

trails for all ages, as the Trans Canada Trail is easily accessible right from town. Jubilee Mountain provides a great view of the city and valley or you can explore the abandoned mine sites, lakes and streams. Camp, fish or boat, you can find it all at Jewel Lake Provincial Park, just 9km north of Greenwood or stay in town at one of the hospitable motels. There is also a municipal campground right in town, if that is more suitable.

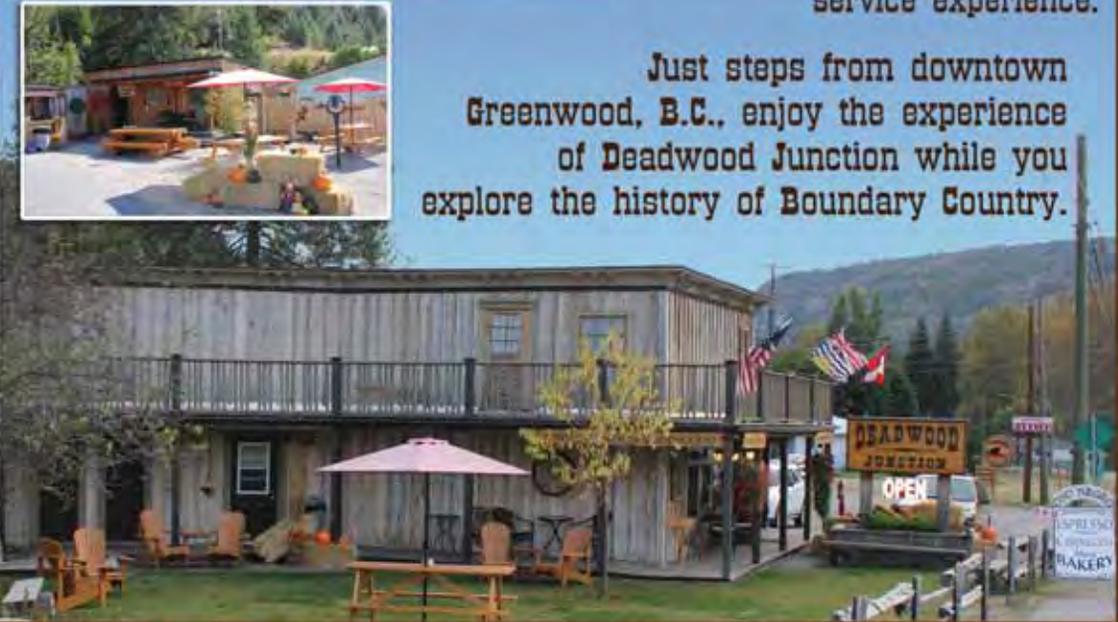
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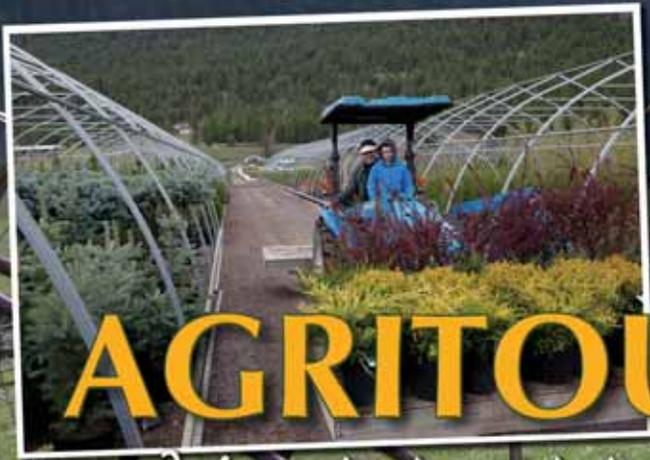



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Most towns promote various types of sustainable farming practices in the form of local farmers markets, festivals and fairs. Many farms offer tours, which can include some level of participation whether that be observing chores being done, learning about a process, or sampling the product.

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Invasive species love to hitchhike on shoes, bikes, horses, boats, wading boots and other equipment so it is very important to do a few key things before leaving for your trip:

Learn to identify invasive plants.

Inspect clothing, gear and pets for invasive plant fragments and seeds; place seeds in a refuse bin or bag and properly dispose of them later.

Stay on existing roads and trails and avoid traveling through weedy areas. Minimise your footprint since bare dirt is an invitation for invasive plants to make a new home.

Choose parking, unloading and staging areas that are free of invasive plants. If you see problem areas, please report them to trail maintenance organisations, so they can deal with the problem.



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Hosts and farm owners Wayne and Noreen Johnson are a welcoming couple with a vast amount of knowledge and fun facts about their alpaca family, farming practices, and alpaca products. The alpacas are unique and beautiful creatures with very much their own personalities, and after being around them for a short time, you'll see how easy it is to fall in love with these intelligent and mystical animals.

The farm is open for tours from May to October, is easy to locate, accessible for all ages and is on level ground, making for an easy stroll to the fields. Once there, you will smell fresh, clean air, as alpacas are clean and discreet, and usually do their "dirty business" in one spot. You must ask the Johnsons to tell how they took some of their herd on a van trip! The story is short and comical, and with a little imagination, you'll surely have a laugh. Be sure to call ahead to the farm for tour times.

So what do you wear to an alpaca farm tour and what can you expect to do? Keeping in mind it's a farm, dress comfortably and for the weather. To interact with the alpacas, nutritional food pellets are available to hand feed them, a very interesting experience! Finish off the visit by seeing and feeling the variety of exquisite alpaca products. If you are so inclined, you can also learn why alpacas are a wonderful and easier farming alternative to livestock.

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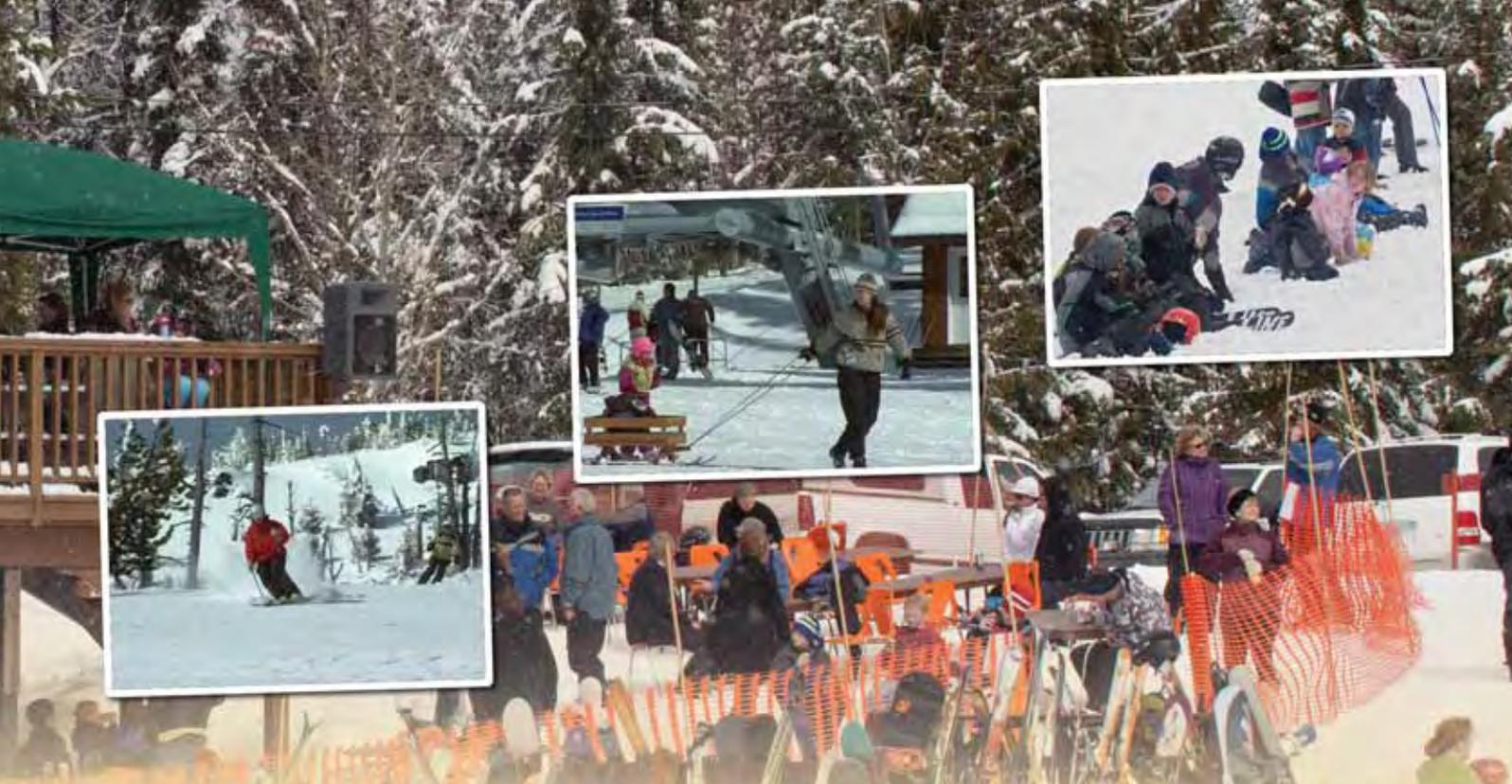
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By Brian Fletcher, Chain Reaction Ride and Slide

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Beginning in the east at Christina Lake, Dewdney Free Ride trail, which this year was extended by the Kettle River Mountain Bikers' Association, can be accessed from the Trans Canada Trail uphill from the community at the lake. After crossing the Kettle River twice traveling west, the trail brings us to Bundschuh cross-country trail which is an 8 km out and back over winding open grassland home of the bighorn sheep.

Once in Grand Forks, a short hop off the Trans Canada Trail brings you to the base of Harpold cross-country and Ripper free-ride trails which afford splendid views of the city and valley beyond. If one follows Hwy 3 through town, then picks up the Trans Canada Trail again, it brings you into the picturesque Granby River Valley, once known as the North Fork of the Kettle River.

As the trail winds it's way north along the west side of the valley

it invites us to explore a number of cycling routes. At 5 km, Goat Mountain draws you to explore and follow your nose along wooded dual tracks. At about 10km from town at the junction of Fisherman Creek and the Trans Canada Trail, Fisherman-Neff cross-country trail starts. This is a blissful summer ride affording some shade from the heat including a gorgeous cedar creek bed section. This is also an access route for hard core climbers to connect to Thimble Mountain cross-country trail. Once atop Thimble at the lookout the Needle Down Hill trail plunges you straight back down to the valley bottom at Hummingbird Bridge and since you're so close why not pedal 1 km up the North Fork Road to find the newly hewn Volcanic Creek cross-country/free-ride trail. This 4.5km climb up the FSR is followed by a fast flowy downhill interrupted by some awesome photo opps of the Granby Valley.

Now we've reached Eholt on the Trans Canada Trail, a major town and junction to the Phoenix Mine on the KVR 100 years ago. Now it is home to 10 families and affords access to XC ski trails at Marshall Lake. Phoenix Mountain was once the mine which sourced the ore for the largest Copper Smelter in the British Empire during the Great War. Now workers on the mountain pull tees at the local ski hill,

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Bike



while in the warm season those XC ski trails can be ridden on a bike.

Following the trail further west we come upon Greenwood, Canada's smallest city, renowned for its award winning water. Midway is next, where once the Battle of Midway raged between workers of the KVR (CPR) and the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railway. If you follow the old VV&E (GN) route across the Kettle River, you'll find access to the Midway cross-country trails that have recently been upgraded & signed and offer fine vistas of the Kettle Valley.

Continuing along the Trans Canada Trail one reaches Rock Creek, home of the Rock Creek Fall Fair and a gold rush a century earlier. Here the trail turns north, and for those who enjoy stretching out the legs on fat tires, this is it, all the way through Beaverdell and on to Myra Canyon.

If you're the type of rider that obsesses about detail, there's only one way to check my writing and that's to bring your family, bring your friends and ride what we love to call home on the boundary.



long distance

Grand Forks Cycling Club

Founded by cycling enthusiast Anton Kew and joined initially by a small group of friends, the Grand Forks Cycling Club (grandforkscyclingclub.com) was formed about ten years ago. Its purpose then and now is to encourage others to ride a bike. This inclusive club has grown since then to include about 40 road riders. All are welcome, but before you sign up there are a few things you might like to know first.

Of course, a certain degree of physical fitness is required, and you will need to obtain Cycling BC insurance after your first "trial ride" with the group. Wearing a helmet is mandatory and each rider is responsible to bring their own nutritional and hydration needs such as energy bars, gels, bananas and water.

Past club events have included the BC Masters Race Weekend, a 4 person Team Time Trial, the Grand Forks Century Ride and Club Championships. The length of weekly club rides are of course dependent on available daylight and the weather. The cycling season typically starts in March, ends in September and all rides start at Chain Reaction Ride and Slide. If you try a road ride, be sure you are prepared with the proper gear, and are physically fit enough to spin for an hour or two. The club also enthusiastically supports Robb's Ride, a local and ever growing 3 day/2 night road ride.

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Formed in 2008 by recreational outdoor enthusiasts, the Grand Forks ATV Club has grown from 15 members in the first year to 51 members, which are comprised of singles, couples and families. Some of the goals and purposes of the GFATV Club is to ensure the trails are here to use for future generations. To promote the safe operation of ATV's, the club sponsors lessons on how to safely operate your all-terrain vehicle, led by a Certified Canadian Safety Council Instructor. New members are always welcome to join.

To protect trail access for riders, the club also maintains part of the Columbia Western trail from Fife to Paulson Bridge, adjacent to Hwy 3, and under an agreement with Parks BC, has recently become responsible for the care of recreational sites up Granby Rd., past the 28 Mile bridge including Blue Joint, St. Anne's, and Howe Creek. The group plans to utilize the Blue Joint recreational

site as their designated mustering spot for club outings and have information kiosks at both Blue Joint and 28 Mile bridge, so keep an eye out, as their plan is to include a map of the trails for ATV use.

They are also concerned about the spread of noxious weeds within the Boundary area and the effects all-terrain vehicles may have. The club has the safety and enjoyment for all concerned in mind, and are wonderful examples and teachers of environmental stewardship. (see story pg 20)

One misconception some people not involved in ATving have is that all ATV riders are intent on zooming down the trails at the peril of all on horse, foot or bicycle, ripping up the rail bed, and creating havoc and danger. Not true! Sure, there are bad apples in all groups who share a common activity, but the vast majority of riders are respectful and helpful. Some of the members go out on the trails in early spring to clear debris and report potential trouble spots, using their own personal time and equipment.

The Grand Forks ATV Club fosters community spirit by their participation in community parades, fall fairs, and the Canada Day celebrations to name a few. For information on events for 2013, or to join the club, contact BCATV or the Grand Forks ATV Club at: www.gfatv.ca or www.atvbc.ca

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The KVR trail system starts at Hope, BC and makes its way through the Coquihalla River gorge to a part of the trail system known as the Othello and Quintette tunnels, named after popular Shakespeare characters such as Othello, Iago, Lear, Romeo and Juliet. The line continues onto Princeton, then follows the south side of Okanagan Lake into West Summerland and Penticton and continues south all the way to Midway, also known as Mile 0. Branch lines to Merritt and Osoyoos complete the line for a total of 525 km of awesome hiking experiences. The only remaining tracks

still in use are 16 km of railway at Summerland. See the Kettle Valley Steam Railway ad on page 11.

Now a ghost town, Carmi was a booming gold mining town that had a jail, hospital, two hotels, two stores and a gas station. Continuing onto Beavercreek, named for the joining of two separate towns, Beaverton and Rendell, the KVR has become the road that runs through the centre of the village.

Once at Midway, you can see a short portion of original track and a CPR caboose at the Kettle River Museum, located where the KVR joined the Canadian Pacific Railway, which continued onto Alberta and beyond. To learn about the Myra Canyon, Bellevue Provincial Park section, see story on page 10.

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ANGLING ADVENTURES IN THE BOUNDARY

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There are many great places one can go to angle in this serene and natural region, and there are a variety of fish to catch.

The regulations for catch and release and catch and keep vary from area to area, river to river, so check the local regulations before heading out.

If fly-fishing is your passion, you can drift on the rivers in a personal pontoon boat or, alternately, spin cast from the shore on the crystalline Kettle and Granby Rivers.

The Granby River is catch and release and can be fished from the confluence of the Granby and Kettle Rivers up to 28-mile bridge.

The types of fish are rainbow trout up to 7 lbs., the occasional brook trout and dolly vardens.

On the Kettle River you may keep one fish if you are angling from the little black train bridge just east of the Victorian Motel up to the Carson Border Crossing. The types of fish are rainbows, brown trout up to 7 lbs and white fish.

For shore fishing, Jewel Lake, just outside of Greenwood is great for kids, and is a catch and keep lake. There are campgrounds close by, and the lake accepts boats with maximum 9.9hp. The lake is stocked each year in spring with up to 20,000 fish, which compliment the natural fish population, and in winter, ice fishing is popular among locals. The types of fish here are rainbow and brook trout.

Wilgress Lake is a great place to catch rainbow trout up to 13 lbs., but you will need a boat or personal pontoon boat, as there is a reed bed that goes around the shoreline. Although there are no motor size restrictions on this lake, it is not a large lake so smaller might be easier to manage.

Christina Lake boasts 17 varieties of fish and has several places to put in your boat; the shoreline fishing is great here too. There are big and small mouth bass, walleye, kokanee, browns, perch, rainbows, and some of the creeks leading into the lake have cut throat trout.

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Although Grand Forks has many fascinating points in mining and rail history such as Granby Smelter. The smelter, owned and operated by the Granby Smelting Co. was "blown in" in the fall of 1900, prompted by the success of the Phoenix Mine. Eventually growing to be the largest copper smelter in the British Empire, it was the first in the district. A power plant was constructed on the

Granby River, which was known then as the "North Fork" of the Kettle River. The smelter was in use until 1919, before falling into disuse when the world copper market crashed. The black slag bells, or waste rock from the smelting process can still be seen across the Granby River from Barbara Ann Park at Riverside Drive. The slag pile is about a mile in length and is currently used in the making of rock wool insulation and abrasives. Visit the GF Visitor Info Centre for maps of the North Fork Driving Tour, or Phoenix Interpretive Forest driving route to the once thriving town of Phoenix For those interested in the arts and architecture, Grand Forks downtown Historical Walk and Art Walk tours are essential.



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The downtown core, which included a large number of wood frame buildings, succumbed to fire in 1908 and was virtually destroyed in 1911 when fire struck again. Business was flourishing and many of the buildings were rebuilt and are still in use today. Head down to Market Avenue, just one block off the highway and stop into the quaint shops like Thistlepot Gifts and Jogas Café. You'll find places to buy electronics, clothes, nick nacks, local art and souvenirs, have a bowl of borscht, and meet the locals who are always up for a friendly hello as you pass by.

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The Trans Canada Trail runs through City Park, past the BMX park and along the Kettle River that offers easy access to the city center. It is the same trail as the one that took you past the Station Pub. If you want a detailed community trail map, just stop into the GF Visitor Centre and ask Dawsha, she has a wealth of knowledge about the area and is always happy to "tell you where to go". A municipal campground is also located within the City Park with full service hookups, washroom facility and playground and again, simply stop into the Visitor Centre for more information. There is a nice sandy

beach to hang out on, and a large grassy section to play and laze.

The first hospital and school were established about 1892; since then, the city has grown to include two elementary and one secondary school and Selkirk College. Boundary Hospital is located on 22nd St. and offers emergency care, chemotherapy, dialysis, x-ray, ultrasound and lab tests, but doesn't deliver babies anymore; moms must go to Trail or Kelowna. On site and part of the hospital building which was made to look similar to a heritage Doukhobor house, are assisted living wings and extended care wings. The staff members work tirelessly to serve the residents of Grand Forks with care and dedication. Grand Forks also has several assisted living complexes including Broad Acres Care Facility, so relocating with an older adult should be relatively straight forward.

The residents of Grand Forks, are extremely community minded and participate in and spectate annual events like the Santa Parade, Canada Day Parade and the Fall Fair Parade, which are all volunteer run and tons of fun. Residents attend the Farmers Market to support

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Grand Forks is the place 4,000 people proudly call home and we welcome you and your families to join our community.

Oh Deer!

Grand Forks is home to approx. 225 urban deer, and even though they look gentle and approachable, don't be fooled, they are indeed wild animals. Every year, communities in Southern BC report altercations between humans and deer, and although the reports mostly concern vehicle/deer collisions, those of dog/people/deer altercations are on the rise. It often doesn't end well in a deer attack, as the deer are unpredictable, fast and have very sharp hooves. If your dog chases a deer, not only is it very possible Fido will be on the receiving end, it is considered illegal under the Wildlife Protection Act.

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The original structure, representing a royal crown, was erected in honour of the reign of His Majesty, King George VI. The structure was made up of 25 large lights, which symbolized each year of his reign, with smaller lights completing the outline. Erected by John A. Hutton, a city clerk at the time, the original structure measured some 16 ft. by 16 ft. and was installed at an elevation of nearly 1,000 ft.

A.N. Dockstader, a city engineer at the time, was responsible for building the power line up Observation Mountain to illuminate the crown, making it visible at nightfall to give a beautiful effect. The crown was blown down by a forceful windstorm in 1940, but the residents of Grand Forks, who were proud of this homage to the Monarchy, re-erected it.

During wartime, many American servicemen of British descent came to Grand Forks to be married under this symbol of the British Empire and the European and Eastern press of the day lauded the town "Crown City of the Rockies."

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The building is identified on the 1899 fire map as a furniture store and may be the oldest commercial building in Grand Forks.





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Over the next few years, the crown withstood all types of weather, and although replaced, had multiple lights shot out several times, the crown finally succumbed to the elements by disintegrating.

In 1975, a City Works employee by the name of Eugene Traynor constructed a five point star using left over material from other city projects, once again placing it atop Observation Mountain. In 1997, just in time for the Grand Forks' Centennial, the original star was restored and supplemented with more lighting. The star has

become a beacon of Grand Forks more recent history, and is a much loved and familiar sight to those who call this proud city home. To see it, simply wait for nightfall, and train your eyes to the mountain.

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Pyrahi

(ped-a-hey) are essentially tarts, which are made from various doughs and different fillings. Doukhobors favour peas, beans, beets, sauerkraut and dry cottage cheese, wrapping these fillings with dough into an oval-shaped vegetable tart. Pyrahi can be eaten freshly baked, or frozen and thawed as required. They are best eaten hot with either melted butter or sour cream.

Galopsi

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A brief history:

With the help of famed author Leo Tolstoy, the Doukhobors arrived in Canada in 1899 after being forced from their homelands of Russia, Ukraine and Georgia following two centuries of persecution. Originally settling in Saskatchewan, it became apparent there were issues revolving around communal living and land registration. Still not permitted to exist in their accustomed way of living split the group into those who would comply with government regulation, and those who would not. After years of conflict with Canadian government policies, John J. Verigin began purchasing large tracts of private land in south-eastern BC. Between 1908 and 1912, some 8,000 people relocated to the verdant and lush growing regions of the Kootenay Boundary. Once here, they planted orchards and built packing houses, made jam and fruit preserves to be sold at local markets, and grew large communal gardens to sustain their vegetarian lifestyle. They are an incredibly important and interesting part of our history both during and after the settlement of the area. You will notice on your travels, the

large square red buildings with a chimneystack in the centre of the roof. These are original or reproduced buildings, were typical communal homes for families of the Doukhobor culture.

The Doukhobor people have faced many challenges and heartbreaks in the past century, ranging from children being removed from their homes for compulsory education in government schools to the still unsolved murder of leader Peter V. Verigin on Oct. 29, 1924, who was a passenger on a CPR train that exploded near Farron, between Castlegar and Grand Forks. To date, it is still unknown who was responsible for the explosion. Peaceful and devout people, the Doukhobors are involved more than ever in global peace initiatives and whether as individuals or organizations, continue to be active pacifists who seek to preserve their traditional values, russian language and customs. They are proud Canadian citizens and valuable participants in the economic, social and cultural landscape of this country who strive for a peaceful world. To learn more about the Doukhobors, their customs, and what they are doing now, visit the Boundary Museum for a first hand look.

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There are also two noteworthy museums that are quite dissimilar from each other, and a heritage Doukhobour Flour Mill that all tell the story of the region's humble beginnings. Boundary Museum is located at the historical Fructova School, which was opened from 1929 to 1949, and was meant to teach Doukhobor children how to speak, read and write English. Its purpose now is to preserve the

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history of the entire region and enlighten others about the Doukhobor culture and influence in our region. The Boundary Community Archival Collection is run by the museum, but is located in the basement of City Hall. It has a vast collection of local photos, documents, maps and vital stats, is open to the public and is handicap accessible. Boundary Museum has also formed a partnership with the Woodworking Shop. To learn more visit boundary-woodworkers.com. Gallery 2 Grand Forks and District Art & Heritage Centre provides visual arts and heritage exhibitions, educational programs, and special events. Located in the former Grand Forks Provincial Courthouse building on Central Ave., it was officially completed in 1912, with the architectural specifications for the building relying

heavily on local materials; lumber was procured locally, the iron fence surrounding the building was fabricated by a local blacksmith, the exterior brick was manufactured in BC and the white marble stone trim was purchased from a quarry near Grand Forks. Visit the gift shop and exhibits, and admire the works of the many local artisans this area is proud to support.

Grand Forks and Christina Lake, just 19km further up Hwy 3, have a wonderful long-term symbiotic relationship with each other. It is common to hear, I live at the "Lake" and work in Grand Forks, from Christina Lake residents, and, I'm going to the "Lake", from Grand Forks residents. Our fire personnel work closely together when needed, and both communities are concerned with living "green".

BOUNDARY MUSEUM

at the Historic Fructova Heritage Site.

Fructova School was built by the Doukhobor Christian Community amongst vast fruit orchards and was operated as part of the Grand Forks School District rural education system from 1929 to 1949. The building and property were left vacant for many years until 2009 when the USCC offered it to the Boundary Museum Society who were looking for a new home for the Community's Museum.

The Museum sits on over two acres of benched hillside and features original brick from the factory once located just South of the Museum. Outside you will find among other things a 20' x 40' picnic shelter, wood-fired cooking oven, blacksmith shop and lots of parking. We welcome people to leave their RV's for the day while they explore the rest of the Valley including the Doukhobor Heritage Flour Mill. The Museum is a mix of cultures dating back to our 1st People's exhibits, mining and smelting, Chinatown & a large Doukhobor display and collection. A work in progress, you will find interactive areas inside and outside of the Museum, and we encourage our visitors to 'please touch'.



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Christina Lake and village was named after the daughter of Angus MacDonald, a fur trader that ran the Hudson's Bay Company's trading post in Fort Colville from 1852 to 1871. Christina MacDonald accompanied her father on his many trips while he conducted his business for Hudson's Bay Company, working in the capacity of bookkeeper. While crossing En-Chalm Creek by raft on one fateful return, there was a serious mishap. The raft broke apart, throwing Christina and a year's worth of bookkeeping records into the water. Angus and his native guide quickly rescued her by pulling her to



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safety, and found to their astonishment that she still had the books clenched tightly in her arm. She had saved the account records, and for her bravery, both En-Chalm Creek and Lake En-Chalm were renamed Christina Creek and Christina Lake in honour of her courage.

Originally, Christina Lake was called En-Chalm by the first nations people of the area. Sinixt, Sanpoil, Okanagan and other native tribes that lived in the region, hunted the abundant wildlife and fished the bountiful rivers and lake. Before modern day roads were built, waterways in the region were used to travel up and down the valley. Trading was a way of life, and from 1826 to 1871, there were

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fifteen species most commonly traded by the first nations people. These species included beaver, black bear and grizzly bear, marten, mink, raccoon, wolverine, badger, wolf, coyote, otter, muskrat, fox and fish. Pictographs on "Painted Rock" show the legacy of the first inhabitants of the area and can still be seen on the north-east shore of the lake.

The Dewdney Trail pushed through a Canadian route, and this opened the area up to settlers in 1865, but it wasn't until the mining boom of the late 1890's to the early 1900's that hundreds of prospectors descended on the region. In 1896, Cascade City was laid out and settled on the Kettle River, about 3 km from present day Christina Lake Village, and it wasn't long before the city boasted upwards of 1,000 people.

Cascade City's future seemed to be assured, but even the best-laid plans go awry. It had been anticipated that the CPR railway would build a smelter in Cascade, but they changed their plan and built it in Trail instead. With the arrival of the Columbia & Western Railway (C&W) to Cascade Falls in 1899, things

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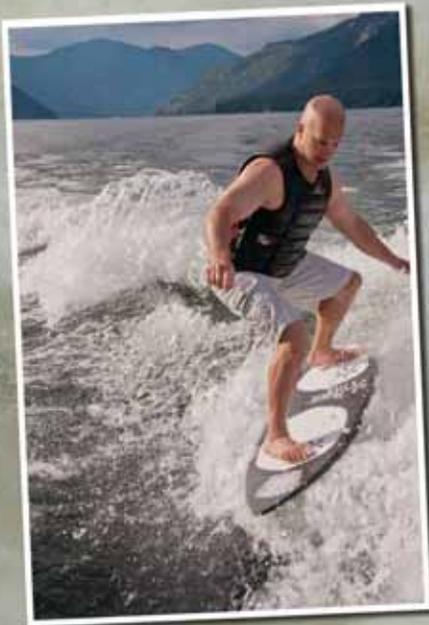
seemed to be looking up, but September 30th, 1899, just over six weeks after the railway arrived, a devastating fire erupted. It is believed the fire started in an unused shack and spread rapidly. Six hotels and several other structures burned within half an hour, and as the city had no fire department, it was decided that some of the buildings in the path of fire should be blasted with dynamite to make a firebreak. One man lost his life rescuing patrons from a hotel, and most of the hotels that were destroyed had no fire insurance. Before the city could be rebuilt, another catastrophic fire laid low the rest of the city in 1901, and all but 75 of the residents packed up and left. The city of Cascade no longer exists, but if you were to poke around the old town site, you just might find some treasure of old silver or gold coins from the turn

of the last century. Another point of interest that has unique history is Cascade Falls. If you follow the C&W rail trail from Grand Forks to Christina Lake, you will

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Since the early part of the 1900's Christina Lake has steadily grown as a paradise for vacationers. There is plenty to see and do in all four seasons, but the population grows exponentially in summer, as the lake is the warmest tree-lined lake in Canada, and with clear, clean water and sandy beaches, it's great for every member of the family.

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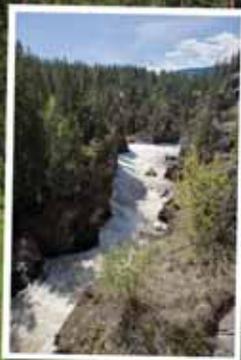
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Christina Lake is a diverse and community minded village, and if you are looking for some fun and interesting ideas, here is a short calendar of events for 2013:

Christina Lake Winterfest, Feb 1, 2, & 3, Polar bear swim, torch light parade, bonfires, snow pitch, cardboard box luge, ball hockey, pancake breakfast & lots more!

Christina Lake Homecoming, July 20, a whole day to celebrate your connection with Christina Lake or make a new one. Activities, displays, contests, food, games, prizes. Bring the whole family!

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The Castlegar to Grand Forks section

In 1890 gold and copper were discovered near Rossland. The Columbia and Western Railway (C&W) was chartered to run from the smelter in Trail to Penticton. This line was completed to Robson West in 1897. The C&W from Rossland to Trail was a narrow gauge railway to the smelter at Trail. On April 2, 1898 surveyors led by a man named Rice reached Grand Forks with slashing crews following close behind them. By September 24, six railway construction camps between Cascade and Grand Forks employed 250 men. A portable sawmill, operated by McPherson and Stout, supplied rail ties and timbers and W.H. Fisher supplied 70,000 rail

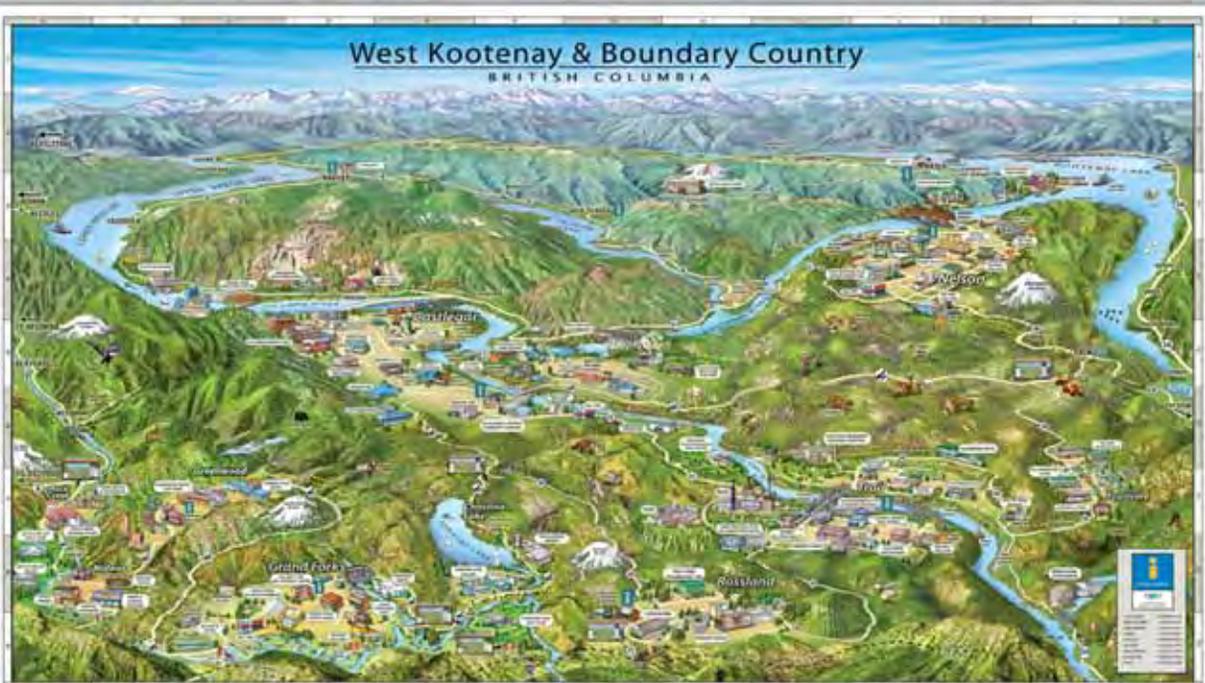
ties from a site north of Niagara. The Columbia and Western Railway was purchased from mining developer Fritz Heinze, along with the trail smelter by CPR in 1898.

The Boundary country ore (from the City of Paris Mine) was delivered to the Trail smelter. On November 25, 1899 passenger service extended to Greenwood. By 1900 the railway had reached Midway with a branch line from Eholt to the copper-rich area of Phoenix. Construction of this railway required great effort and was often times extremely dangerous. On January 11, 1900 two men were killed by flying rock. On February 4, 1900, 100 men were lost when sent out to shovel drifts. By reaching the Boundary District, the CPR had scored a major victory against its American railway

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competitors in its bid to re-establish Canadian control in southern British Columbia. American communities along the Kettle River and tributary valleys south of the international boundary found it easier to ship via CPR than to use the long and rough wagon roads leading to J.J. Hill's Great Northern (GN) railway in Washington State.

Although the KVR produced an operating profit for most of its years, the railway never came close to paying off the massive capital investment of its difficult construction. Nevertheless, the KVR halted the flow of Kootenay trade to the United States at a critical time in B.C.'s history and thus provided an important contribution in the development of the Province. Though freight service on the KVR was terminated shortly after abandonment of the Coquihalla line in July of 1961, due to major devastation by avalanches the previous winter. The line was abandoned after serving for nearly 50 years. The extensive bridges of this line quickly succumbed to the forces of nature and the demolition practices of the Canadian Army.

Some of the smaller bridges that crossed narrow creeks were sold for scrap. Most of the resident buildings, station platforms and other Right of Way buildings were torn down or set ablaze. Rolling stock was removed, followed by rails and ties. The 131 miles of trackage between Penticton and Midway were abandoned in 1978. This portion is now part of the Trans Canada Trail network in southern BC. Rails were removed between Midway and Castlegar in 1990. Today Burlington Northern continues to provide rail service to Pope & Talbot (now Interfor) sawmill for a little longer as they too are struggling along. The section in the industrial area between the two bridges in Grand Forks was purchased from CPR in 1992 by Pope & Talbot and CanPar Industries which operate it as a private railway. This section of the railway has remained in active use. A bypass trail routes you to the town of Grand Forks and connects you back on the Columbia and Western. The entire railway including the Kettle Valley Railway is now part of the Trans Canada Trail systems in British Columbia.

Castlegar saw the last train leave in 1989 and the abandoned rail bed has now become a popular cycling trail for both locals and visitors. The mountain trails will take you into awe inspiring wilderness where you may see indigenous species such as black bear, coyote, grouse, and deer to name a few. When cycling along the highway, the traffic is usually light, however, the mountain passes tend to be a bit of a haul, but you can do it one turn of the pedal at a time.

The Slocan Valley Rail Trail follows the gently winding Slocan River and you will find easy access to the 50km of magnificent scenery on the trail. Take highway 6 off highway 3A, and you will find yourself in the gorgeous Slocan Valley. The trail makes its way from Slocan Lake in the north towards the Kootenay River in the South. Along the route, you will find river front beaches, wildlife sanctuaries, world class fishing spots, and white water rafting. Bringing you into close contact with forests, meadows, wetlands and rocky escarpments, cameras are a must to bring along as you are sure to see something you will want to share.



There is so much history to learn, sites to see and things to do, it would be impossible to contain it all into one publication like this, so we have included some resources below to give you even more reasons to explore and experience the beauty of this part of South Central British Columbia.

Trail websites:

- gftrails.ca
- trailsbc.ca
- kettlevalleyrailtrail.com
- wikipedia.org/wiki/Beaverdell_Range
- kettlevalleyrailway.ca
- kettlevalleyrailtrail.ca
- trails.com
- spiritof2010.net/bike-trail/bike-trail-maps.php
- slocanvalleyrailtrail.ca
- columbiaandwestern.ca

Museum websites:

- boundarymuseum.com
- midwaybc.ca/museum.htm
- hedleymuseum.ca
- kettlevalleyrail.org

City websites:

- city.grandforks.bc.ca
- christinalake.com
- cityofgreenwood.ca
- midwaybc.ca/attractions.htm
- slocanvalley.com
- hope.travelthecanyon.com
- hellobc.com/osoyoos.aspx

Regional websites:

- bcadventure.com/adventure/explore
- spiritof2010.net
- hellobc.com
- adventurebc.ca
- rdkb.com
- rdos.bc.ca/
- boundarybc.com/

boundarycf.com

- boundarychamber.com/
- crowsnest-highway.ca

Books:

- Trans Canada Trail: the British Columbia Route
- www.backroadmapbooks.com
- Mussio Ventures Ltd.
- ISBN 1-894556-15-1

- Cycling the Kettle Valley Railway – third edition
- Dan & Sandra Langford
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