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smithers *at a* glance

seasonal snapshot

spring (apr–may) Snow melts, rivers roar, and everything turns green overnight. Weather is a little bit of everything—sunshine, rain, and the odd surprise April snowflake.

summer (jun–aug) Warm days, cool nights, long daylight hours, 10pm sunsets... perfect for lakes, trails, patios—repeat.

fall (sep–oct) Crisp air, spectacular golden colours, ideal for scenic drives, fishing and evening campfires.

winter (nov–mar) Snowy and magical, with real-deal mountain powder. A winter playground for skiing, snowshoeing, sleigh rides and more.

weather + what to pack

- Dress in layers—mountain weather can change quickly
- Even in summer, bring a light jacket for cool mornings and evenings
- Comfortable footwear is a must (you'll want to explore!)
- Sunglasses, sunscreen, bug repellent... and a rain shell (just in case)

the story of alpine al

Smithers adopted an “alpine theme” in the 1970s, transforming Main Street with alpine-style rooflines, red brick sidewalks and a wood sculpture called Alpine Al, who plays the alphorn. Alpine Al has captured the hearts of many Smithereens and become the guardian of Main Street. The current statue, erected in 2016 near Hwy 16, stands seven feet tall, carved by chainsaw from 1,000-year-old red cedar. In recent years, Alpine Al has come to life through animations on TourismSmithers.com—now hiking, biking and snowboarding throughout the site, inviting you on a good-natured adventure in this special place we call home.



smithers visitor centre

Follow highway signage to 1411 Court St. | Ph 778-640-1100 | info@tourismsmithers.com

Start your Smithers experience here. Whether you're planning your trip or already in town, we're here to help you make the most of your time in the valley.

- Local & regional maps, brochures & travel advice
- Visitor Guide pickup
- Souvenirs & local goods
- Free Wi-Fi, RV-friendly (sani-dump, potable water, big rig friendly / easy access from Highway 16)



We gratefully acknowledge that in Smithers we live, work and play on the unceded traditional territory of the Gidim'ten (Bear/Wolf) Clan of the Witsuwit'en Nation.

www.TourismSmithers.com [@tourismsmithers](https://www.instagram.com/tourismsmithers)

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in the land of the witsuwit'en

hello! hadih!

(hah-dee) • Witsuwit'en greeting

A fitting way to arrive in **Smithers**, also known as **Dzilh Cin'** (*dzuhl kyuh-n*) — "foot of the mountain" — within the unceded traditional territory of the **Gidimt'en** (*Bear/Wolf*) Clan of the Witsuwit'en Nation, whose culture, language, and stewardship of this land reach back thousands of years.

Witsuwit'en (*wit-SOO-wit-en*) roughly translates to "people of the lower drainage." Their territory surrounds much of the Bulkley River | Widzin Kwah (*wud-zun kwah*) and stretches from the east near Burns Lake to ~20km west of Witsset, and from the northern Babine Mountain Range to the south near Whitesail Lake (Tweedsmuir Provincial Park boundary).

The Witsuwit'en are part of the Na-Dene Language Family (also known as Athabaskan), a large family of indigenous languages in western North America. The Witsuwit'en people had inhabited this area for over 10,000 years when European settlers first arrived in the late 1800s, and continue their stewardship of the territory (*yintah*) today.

Today Witsuwit'en culture continues to shape the valley through language, art, governance and community life. The largest Witsuwit'en community today is the village of Witsset (*previously Moricetown*). Visitors can experience this living culture through cultural sites, local art, events and at the Widzin Kwah Canyon House Museum in Witsset.

Witsuwit'en fisher dip-netting salmon for his family. Many from the Witsset community flock to the Widzin Kwah Canyon every summer to harvest food for their families, canning and smoking their catch, or simply barbecuing fresh salmon for supper. • Dale Cutler

the five witsuwit'en clans

The Witsuwit'en are organized into five clans made up of several house groups that work together on the land.

C'ilhts'ëkhyu (Big Frog Clan)
Pronunciation: *guihl-tseh-hryoo*

Likhsilyu (Small Frog Clan)
Pronunciation: *luh-sil-yoo*

Likhts'amisyu (Fireweed Clan)
Pronunciation: *luh-tsah-mis-yoo*

Gidimt'en (Bear / Wolf Clan)
Pronunciation: *gui-dum-t-en*

Tsayu (Beaver Clan)
Pronunciation: *tsa-yoo*



Community members from all clans gathered in September 2024 for the Witsset Day Care Totem Pole raising ceremony, brushing the pole with cedar boughs as part of a powerful cultural tradition. Chief Smogilhgim can be seen in traditional regalia alongside others taking part. The brushing of cedar is a meaningful act, breathing life into the pole so it can stand as a guardian, grounding it in the shared history, culture, and future of the community. This pole can be seen next to the Witsset Band Office. • Dale Cutler

witsuwit'en place names

Before the Bulkley Valley had the name we know it by today, the Witsuwit'en were already here — knowing the rivers, the ridgelines, and the seasons with a fluency passed between generations since time before memory. Their language carries that relationship. Every Witsuwit'en place name encodes knowledge of the land's features, its resources, its stories and its spirit.

Below you will find Witsuwit'en names alongside English ones. A river is "kwah," a lake is "bin," water is "to" — words that appear again and again across this landscape, a reminder that this valley was intimately known long before it had any other name.

We invite you to use them — a small way of honouring the people whose culture, clans and stewardship shaped this place.

witsuwit'en or wet'suwet'en?

Witsuwit'en

People, culture, language & land
(used most often)

Wet'suwet'en

Legal & governmental bodies
(e.g. Office of the Wet'suwet'en)

english place name	witsuwit'en name	translation
Witsuwit'en	Witsuwit'en (wit-SOO-wit-en)	"people of the lower drainage"
Smithers	Dzilh Cin' (dzuhl kyuh-n)	"foot of the mountain" Dzilh = mountain + Cin' = foot of the
Bulkley River	Widzin Kwah (wud-zun kwah)	"Kwah" = river
Hudson Bay Mountain - Peak	Dzilh Yez (dzulh yez)	"little mountain" Dzilh = mountain + Yez = little
Hudson Bay Mountain - lower area	Dzilh Yuntan (dzuhl yoon-tan)	"it holds the mountain"
Glacier Gulch & Twin Falls	Ts'idek'iy (tsuh-da-kh-aye)	"woman spread" female anatomy
Lake Kathlyn	Tasdliz Bin (tas-dleez bin)	"boiling Lake" Tasdliz = boiling + Bin = lake
Witset	Witset (wit set) also Këyikh Wigít (kay-yuh whu-git)	Witset = "first" or "before anyone" Këyikh = village + Wigít = old
Silver King Basin	Widilt'its Bít (wuh-dul-tluts beet)	unconfirmed
Tyhee Lake	Tacot (tah-kyote)	"water taking" to=water + cot=taking
Telkwa River	Nde' Ilkwah (ndeh-eel-kwah)	Nde' il = "westward" or possibly "flowing toward ocean" + kwah =river
Mt. Cronin	Holits Ts'ilhdziz (ho-leets ts-uhl-dziz)	"skunk spraying" or "someone makes the skunk drink"
Lagopus Peak	'Is Co (us kyo)	"large precipice"
Driftwood Creek	C'ide' Ilkwah (gui-day ee-kwah)	"the creek that flows west" or "the downriver creek"
Telkwa Mountains	Nelgí Dzil	"boundary" (meaning unconfirmed)
Dennis Lake (lake, camp & trail)	Dzilh K'inetyi (dzulh k-uh-nay-teye)	"trail that goes over the mountains"
Toboggan Lake	Ts'en Co Tanedilh (ts-ayn kyo tah-nay-dihl)	"where swans land"
Evelyn Mountain	C'iyiz K'iz (guh-yeek k-uz)	"half a rack" (for drying meat)

how to experience & learn

FIND DETAILS in "Arts, Heritage & Witsuwit'en Culture" [page 39](#)

In Witset

- Widzin Kwah Canyon + Widzin Kwah Diyik Be Yikh / Widzin Kwah Canyon House Museum & Cultural Tours
- The Residential School Memorial Pole
- Idiot Rock fishing spot

In Smithers | Dzilh Cin' (dzuhl / kyuh-n)

- Bulkley Valley Museum
'Alhk'ikh Ts'ëdilh (Walking Together): The Shared Histories Exhibition
- Self-Guided Indigenous Culture & Carvings Walking Tour (page 18)



Deniwh Dīlh! Welcome to the Widzin Kwah Diyik Be Yikh / Widzin Kwah Canyon House Museum in Witset.
• Sandra Smith

Tourism Smithers is grateful to be working with our Witsuwit'en language partners and the Indigenous Education Council of School District 54, whose support, guidance and approval have made it possible to share place names in the Witsuwit'en language. These names are referenced in *Niwhts'ide'ni Hibi'it'en (The Ways of Our Ancestors)*, as well as the Witsuwit'en dictionary project, *Witsuwit'en Hibikinic: Witsuwit'en-English and English-Witsuwit'en* by Sharon Hargus.

welcome to smithers

Alex Cuba Grammy Block Party celebration in Bovill Square on Main Street • Dylan Marek



“...the town is the people and the people are the town.”

—from "This Town" by local musician Mark Perry



One-of-a-kind finds, straight from Main Street • Jake Day



Smithers Visitor Centre welcome! • Louella Hartling-Sippel

what's a smithereen?

Spend a few minutes on Main Street and you'll find out.

Smithers is a mountain town where people know their neighbours, wave from pickup trucks, and slip away into the woods or mountains whenever they can. Locals paddle the rivers, ski deep powder, pedal forest trails, and fish the valley's legendary waters.

But Smithereens also run shops and cafés, teach in the schools, farm hay, cattle and vegetables, cut timber, build houses, guide visitors into the backcountry, and generally keep the community humming.

Living almost five hours from the nearest major urban centre breeds a certain independence. Many people here heat with wood from trees that they felled themselves. Doctors, mechanics, artists and engineers alike often have a chainsaw, a shovel, or a rescue tow rope ready by the door.

It's a place where people care deeply about the land and about each other — and we hope our visitors can feel it too. Enjoy your visit!

why you'll love it here

- **Big mountain scenery** right from town, with Hudson Bay Mountain and the Kathlyn Glacier towering above the valley on one side and the Babine mountains on the other
- **Authentic small-town charm** with locally-owned shops, cafés and breweries
- **Year-round adventure** — skiing, hiking, fishing, biking, paddling and wildlife viewing
- **A vibrant arts and culture scene** with festivals, live music, theatre, local artisans and food producers
- **Easy access to wilderness** — provincial parks, alpine trails and remote backcountry
- **Legendary fishing waters**, including the Bulkley and Morice Rivers
- **A welcoming community** that celebrates both its heritage and its future



Exhibit: Mark Tworow

exhibitions artisan shop workshops

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BULKLEY VALLEY museum

check out our website for current
hours, exhibits, events, and more

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more info tourismsmithers.com

town history



(main) At a mine site near Smithers, circa 1913-1918 • photo by Gilbert Clarke Killam, P1332 Bulkley Valley Museum

(top right) Smithers two months before lots were formally offered for sale, merchants and businesses such as druggist J. Mason Adams and the Union Bank began operating out of tents on the Smithers townsite.

• Photo by William W. Wrathall, P2599 Bulkley Valley Museum

(bottom right) Christine Namox, Madeline Dennis, Connie Tiljoe, Mary George and Madeline Alfred at Smithers, B.C. 25th anniversary celebration Aug 1938. • Photo by Val Tomlinson, P3518 Bulkley Valley Museum



SMITHERS TWO MONTHS BEFORE LOTS WERE OFFERED FOR SALE



from railway roots to mountain town

When the first Europeans arrived in the mid-1800s, they came to satisfy Europe's growing appetite for fur. Trappers and traders reached the region by trekking overland and navigating its rivers, seeking what they believed were untapped resources in the new colony of British Columbia.

Soon after, the construction of the Collins Overland Telegraph Line brought surveyors and workers into the area, marking the beginning of non-Indigenous settlement. The ambitious project aimed to connect North America to Europe via the Bering Strait, but was abandoned in 1866 when the trans-Atlantic cable was completed first, making the telegraph line unnecessary.

Traces of this early period can still be found across the valley today—abandoned mine shafts, hiking trails that were once mining roads, and ghost town sites. Together, they tell the story of exploration, settlement, and colonial expansion led by Hudson Bay Company traders, government land surveyors, Yukon telegraph workers, and prospectors heading north to the Omineca and Klondike gold fields.

The story of the Town of Smithers itself begins in 1913 with the arrival of the railroad. As Canada expanded its trade and transportation networks, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (GTPR) selected a stretch of swampy land beneath the slopes of Hudson Bay Mountain as a divisional point between Prince George and Prince Rupert—after two earlier attempts elsewhere had failed.

Named after Sir Alfred Smithers, a senior official of the GTPR, the town quickly took shape. Early advertisements captured the pace of growth: "A new building is erected every day in Smithers!"

Historic landmarks such as the Smithers Railway Station (1918) and the Central Park Building (1925) reflect the town's early role as a regional centre and its important place in British Columbia's rail history.

The railway remains a vital transportation corridor today. Linking the interior of North America to the deep-water port in Prince Rupert, it forms part of a global trade route. Freight moves west for shipment across the Pacific—primarily to Asia—and east across Canada and into the United States via the Canadian National Railway network, carrying forestry products, minerals, grain and other resources to markets around the world.

LOCAL TIP

Visit the BV Museum to explore exhibits, book guided tours, or follow the self-guided walking tour of Smithers' historic buildings and landmarks.

➔ more info page 20

quick history timeline

mid-1800s • European trappers and traders arrive seeking fur resources.

1860s • Construction begins on the Collins Overland Telegraph Line, intended to connect North America to Europe via the Bering Strait.

1866 • The trans-Atlantic cable is completed first, making the telegraph project obsolete.

early 1900s • Exploration and settlement continue as traders, surveyors, telegraph workers and prospectors travel through the region.

1913 • The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway establishes Smithers as a divisional point beneath Hudson Bay Mountain.

1918 • Smithers Railway Station is built.

1921 • Smithers incorporates as a village—the first in British Columbia.

1925 • Central Park Building constructed as a provincial government office.

maps & getting oriented



Motorcyclists overlooking view in Smithers BC • Jong Sun Park / Destination BC

getting here

by road

Drive, ride or cycle into Smithers via the scenic and relatively quiet Yellowhead Highway 16.

by air

Smithers Regional Airport (YYD) is just 5 minutes from downtown and 30 minutes from alpine hiking or skiing.

by rail

Ride VIA Rail's spectacular Jasper-Prince Rupert route, featuring dome cars for wildlife and scenery viewing.

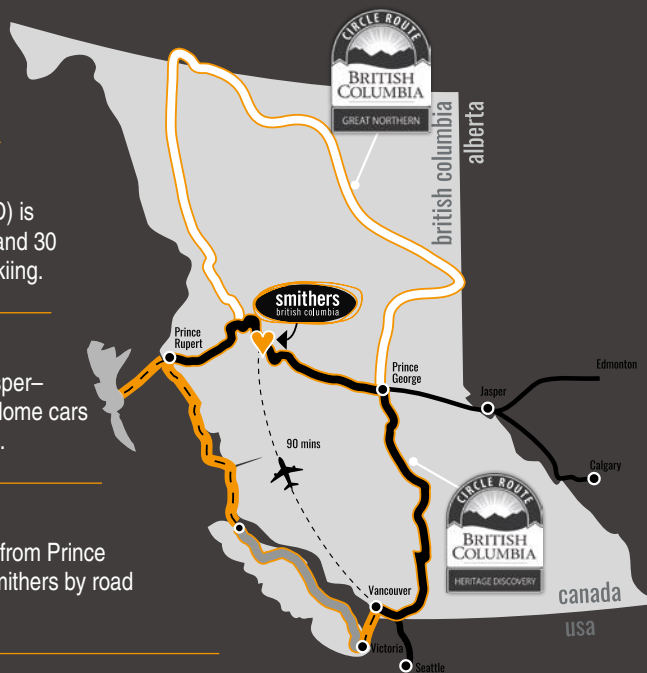
by boat & ferry

Cruise BC's Inside Passage to/from Prince Rupert, plus 350 km to/from Smithers by road or rail.

by bus

Northern BC: BC Bus North connects communities across the region.

Regional: BC Transit links Smithers with Burns Lake (Route 162) and Prince George (Route 161) and various stops in between.



FIND US IN The Great Wilderness

BRITISH COLUMBIA

driving distances

rough estimates using fastest routes on dry roads

coming from	km	(mi)	time
Prince Rupert	350 km	(217 mi)	4 hrs
Terrace	200 km	(124 mi)	2 hrs 20 min
Stewart	330 km	(205 mi)	3 hrs 45 min
Hazelton	75 km	(47 mi)	1 hr
Prince George	370 km	(230 mi)	4 hrs 15 min
Fort St. John	810 km	(503 mi)	9 hrs
Quesnel	485 km	(301 mi)	5 hrs 30 min
Kamloops	890 km	(553 mi)	9 hrs 45 min
Vancouver	1150 km	(715 mi)	13 hrs
Edmonton	1100 km	(684 mi)	12 hrs
Calgary	1160 km	(721 mi)	13 hrs

PLAN YOUR TRIP

Find links to BC Touring Route options & learn how to get around once you're here.





bc touring routes

Scan QR code for more info and links (page 6)



great northern circle route



ride north bc



bc totem circle tour



northern bc ale trail



ski north bc



route 16 motorcycle tour

getting around the valley

smithers visitor centre Your go-to stop for local tips, maps, souvenirs and friendly advice to help you make the most of your time in the Bulkley Valley. Free Wi-Fi and RV-friendly (sani-dump, potable water, easy Highway 16 access).

ev charging stations are located downtown on 2nd Ave. near Main St. (fast chargers; shops and cafés nearby), at local hotels and some car dealerships, and at Tyhee Lake Provincial Park Campground.

☛ see map page 17; more info and addresses page 52

car/truck rentals are available in town and the airport.

taxi Kalum Kabs serves Smithers & the Bulkley Valley. Check online for updates.

local bc transit bus Smithers to Telkwa & Witset

bikes, paddle sports, winter sports & outdoor gear rentals

McBike & Sport rents e-bikes, gravel bikes, mountain bikes and nordic skis.

Aquabatics rents kayaks, lake canoes, paddleboards & related gear.

Local Supply Co. rents paddleboards, snowboards, skis and snowshoes.

accessibility Smithers offers a mix of easy-to-access experiences and park adventures. Some local trails and two popular Provincial Park sites (**Driftwood Canyon & Tyhee Lake**) are wheelchair accessible. You'll find accessible washrooms and parking at key locations in town. ☛ see map page 17

playgrounds Several playgrounds throughout town and one at Tyhee Lake Provincial Park. ☛ see map for Smithers playgrounds page 17

camping & RVing

Serviced Campgrounds & RV spots ☛ see page 50

Wilderness Camping ☛ see recreation map pages 10-13

EAT • DRINK • STAY

DOWN TOWN

SMITHERS



Locally Crafted Menu

Large Beer &
Wine Selection

Summer Patio

Craft Brewery

Taproom & Patio

12 Rotating Taps

GF & Non-Alc Options

Modern Suites

Located Above
the Alpenhorn

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scenic high road circle tour

A Bulkley Valley Museum

Dive into the rich human and ancient natural history of the Bulkley Valley. Admission by donation.

B Aldermere Trails

Enjoy easy walking trails around the Village of Telkwa—wander along the river and explore the site of the valley's earliest non-indigenous settlement.

C Tyhee Lake Provincial Park

A local favourite for good reason—sandy beach, accessible bird-viewing platform, walking trails, playground, firepits, covered picnic areas, campsites, and more.

D Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park

Known locally as “the Fossil Beds,” Driftwood Canyon is the site of the world's earliest known salmonid fossil—*eosalmo driftwoodensis*. Since the Bulkley River is one of the world's great steelhead rivers, it's no coincidence that salmonids got their start in this valley. The fossils here are up to 50 million years old and include plants, insects, fish, birds and rodents. The short 300 metre trail to the fossil beds is wheelchair accessible. Enjoy the small roadside park and the interpretive material, but please do not collect fossils. The fossil beds are now managed by BC Parks as a day-use area with picnic tables beside Driftwood Creek. The land was donated by long-time Bulkley Valley resident Gordon Harvey.

E Babine Mountains Provincial Park

You can go big and access the alpine or simply enjoy hiking the lower-elevation trails in this vast and spectacular park.

F Mountainview Adventures Horseback Riding

Saddle up for a scenic trail ride—choose from one-hour outings to full-day adventures. Call ahead: 250-847-0325 • mvtrailriding.com

G Witset (formerly Moricetown)

Visit the oldest Witsuwit'en settlement in the Bulkley Valley. In August and early September, witness the traditional dip-netting salmon harvest in the canyon. Stop by the Cultural Interpretive Centre at the Widzin Kwah Canyon House Museum (May–October) and follow the **Indigenous Culture & Carvings Walking Tour** (page 18) to discover the Residential School Totem Pole.

H Toboggan Creek Fish Hatchery

A scenic stop to learn about salmon—integral to northern BC's heritage, lifestyle, and economy.

I Mountain Viewing

A classic pull-over spot (west side of the highway) for a commanding view of Hudson Bay Mountain—perfect for photos.

J Twin Falls & Glacier Gulch

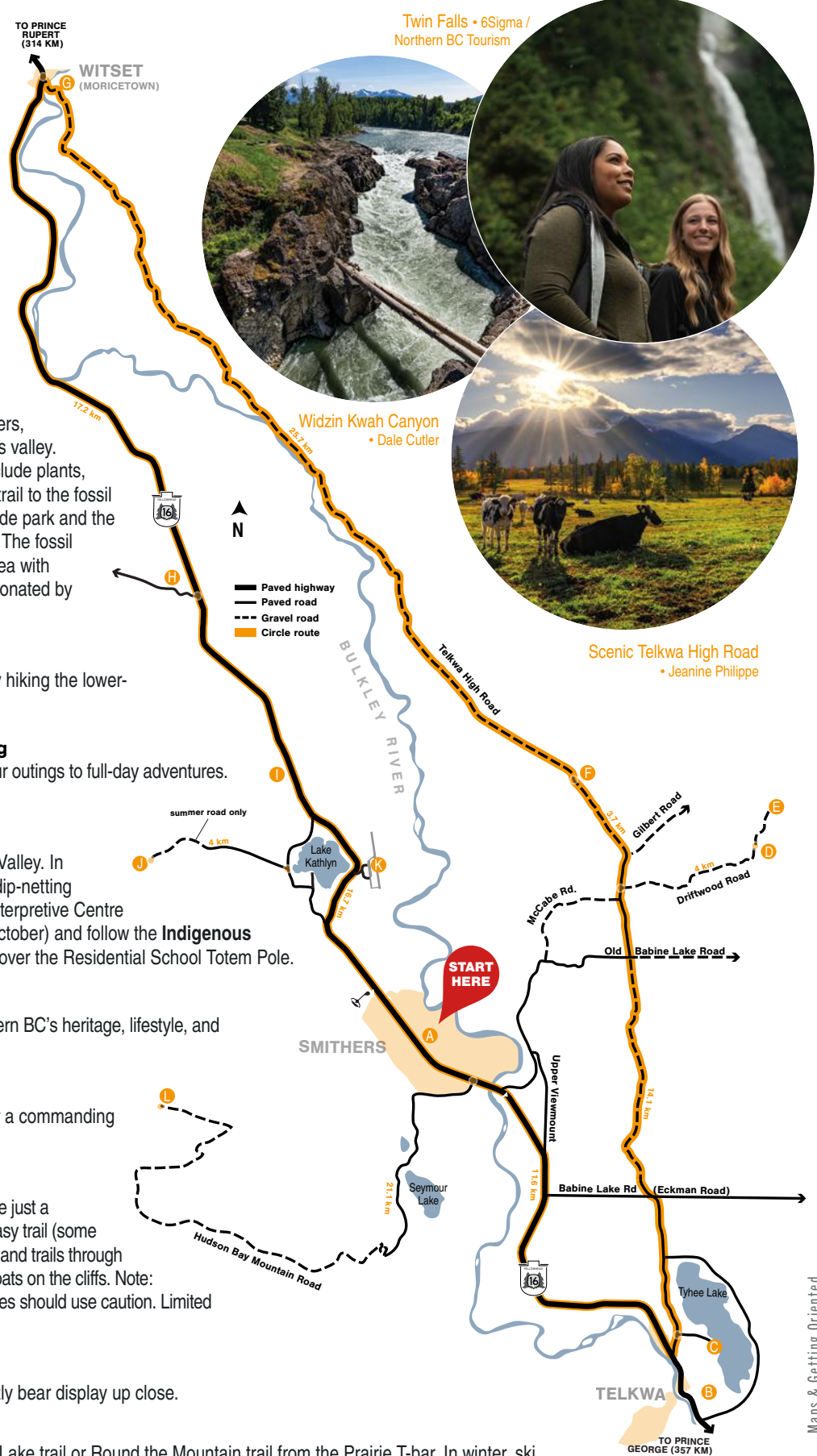
Fed by the Kathlyn Glacier, these stunning “twin falls” are just a 15-minute walk to a viewing platform on a moderately easy trail (some uphill). Explore a unique ecosystem with a campground and trails through mature hemlock forest. Keep an eye out for mountain goats on the cliffs. Note: Access road is narrow with sharp corners—larger vehicles should use caution. Limited turnaround space. Not plowed in winter.

K Grizzly Bear at the Smithers Airport

Make a quick stop inside the terminal to see the grizzly bear display up close.

L Hudson Bay Mountain

A year-round playground. In summer, hike the Crater Lake trail or Round the Mountain trail from the Prairie T-bar. In winter, ski and snowboard at Hudson Bay Mountain Resort. In every season, enjoy incredible views over Smithers and the valley.



Twin Falls • 6Sigma / Northern BC Tourism

Widzin Kwah Canyon • Dale Cutler






Scenic Telkwa High Road • Jeanine Philippe

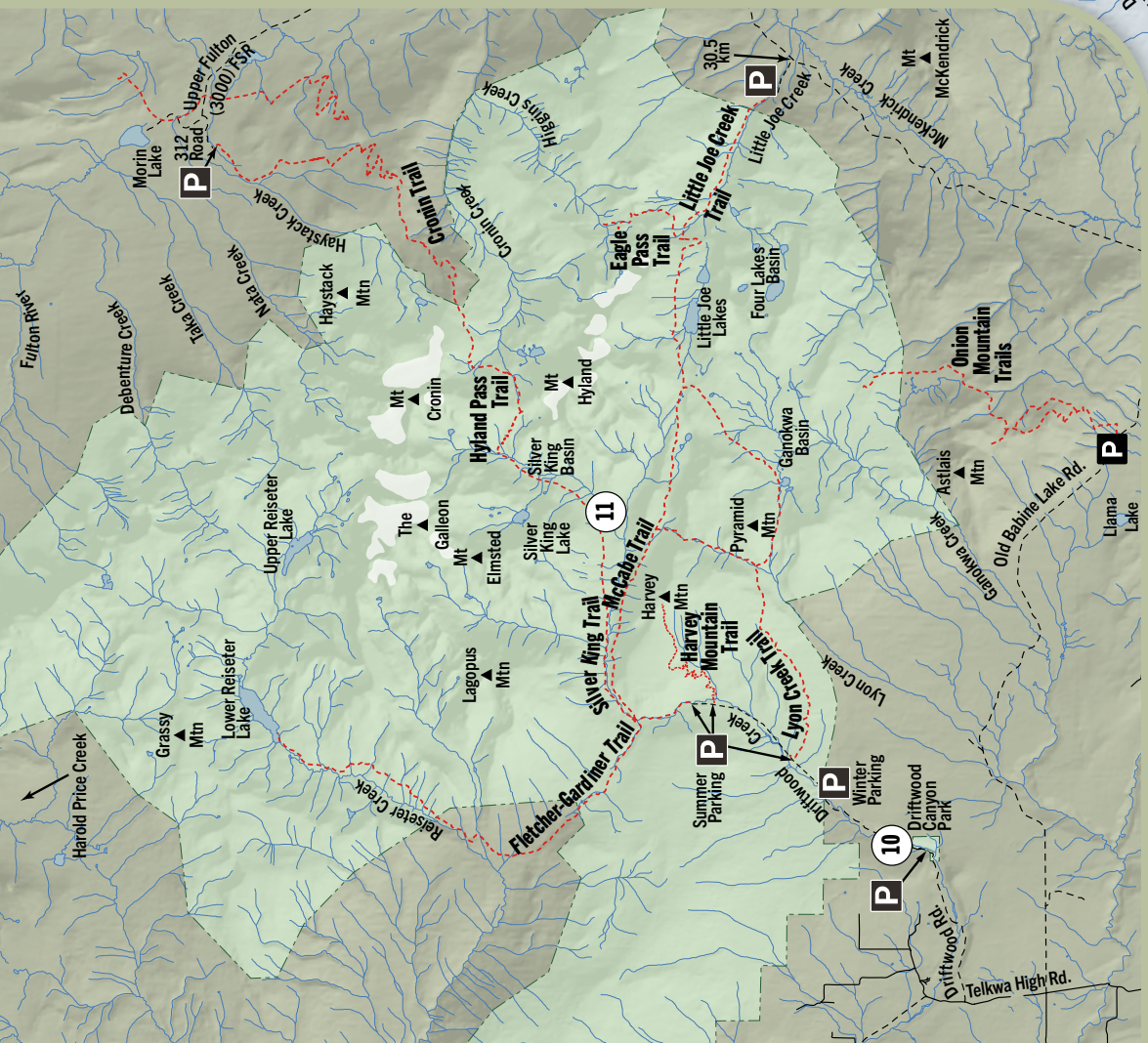
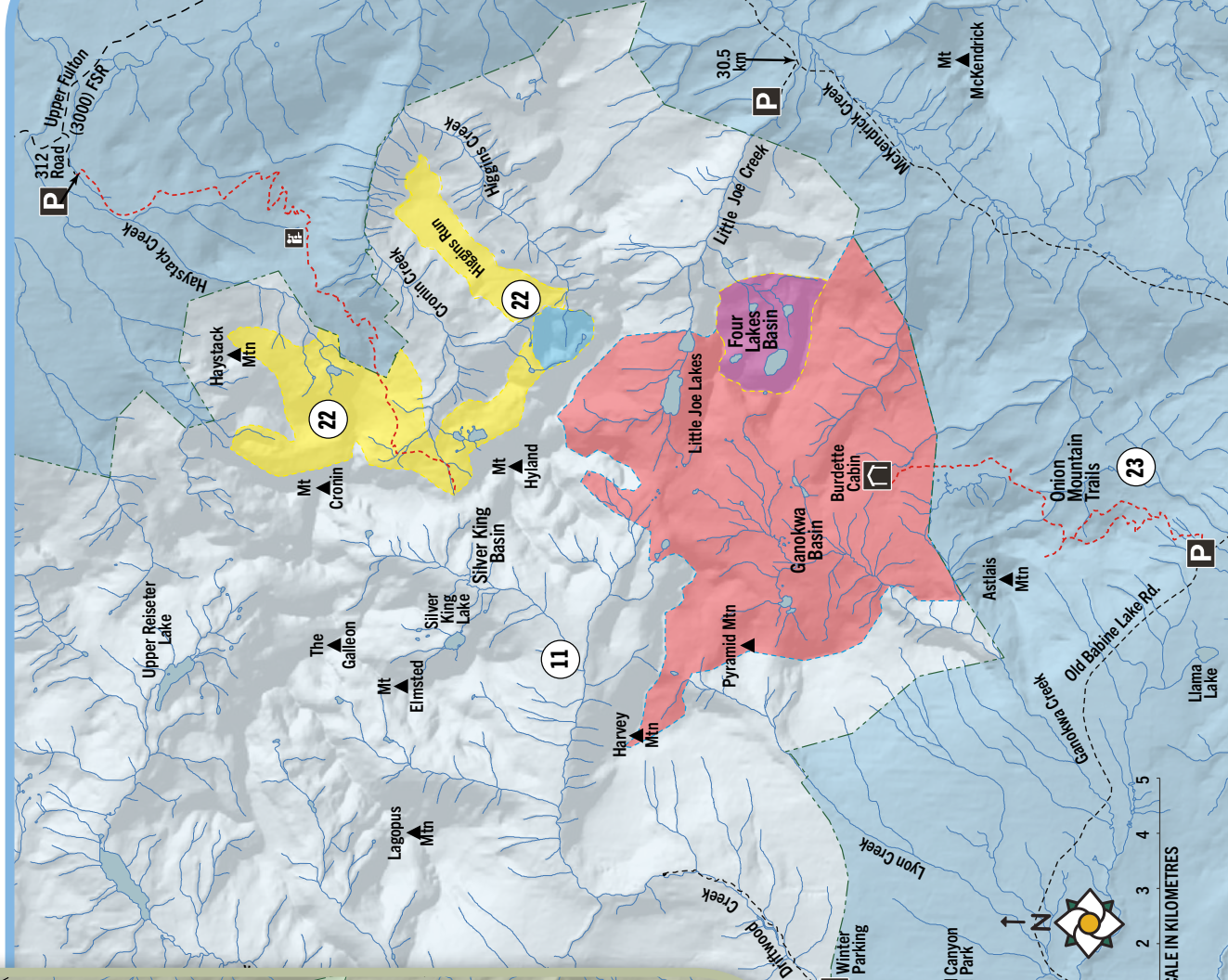
Maps & Getting Oriented

bulkley valley—smithers area recreation sites & trails









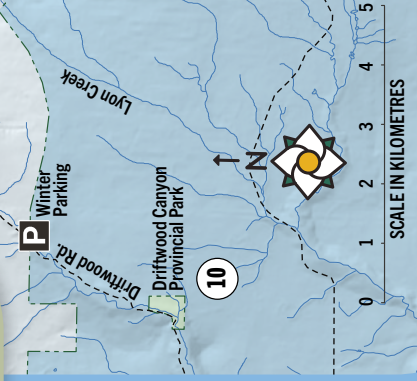
babine mountains provincial park winter trails

-  Cronin Special Permit Area
-  Higgins Run Access Corridor
-  Four Lakes Special Permit Area
-  Designated Snowmobile Area
-  Snowmobiling not permitted outside of designated areas



babine mountains provincial park summer trails

-  Road - paved
-  Road - loose gravel
-  Trail
-  Non-park Area
-  Park Area
-  Ice / Glacier



summer sites & trails

1 DENNIS LAKE RECREATION SITE



EASY

This compact forested site offers four tent sites with easy access to the lake, boat launch, & dock, along with great views of Hudson Bay Mountain. Nearby, the Silvern Lakes Recreation Trail (around 9 km on the McDonnell FSR) climbs the south side of Hudson Bay Mountain to Silvern Lakes.

At 12 km on the Hudson Bay Mountain Rd turn onto McDonnell Lake Forest Service Rd. Turn off to Dennis Lake Rec Site, left at 13 km.

2 HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN PRAIRIE: CRATER LAKE & ROUND THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL



EASY TO MODERATE

Crater Lake – Walk uphill along the **LEFT SIDE** of the Prairie T-bar & follow the old road to the Prairie (the trail leaves to the left). Stay on the trail to Crater Lake. Watch for mountain goats on the ridge above & enjoy alpine flowers from late June to early August. Allow about 3 hours return for this **easy to moderate hike**.

Round the Mountain Trail – The trail starts on the **RIGHT SIDE** of the Prairie T-bar, about 2 towers up from the bottom. This new multi-use, non-motorized trail currently ends at 6.5km in the alpine prairie (as of 2025). This is also the new access to the Backdoor Trail (mountain biking trail). For the 6.5 km out-and-back version of the trail, allow 2 hours for an **easy to moderate hike**. **NOTE: Dogs are NOT permitted on this trail.**

For all trails: Head up Hudson Bay Mountain Rd & follow signs to Hudson Bay Mountain Resort. Drive to the end of the Rd. Summer parking in the Upper Parking Lot. **NOT** at the base of the Prairie T-bar. Distance from town is about 22 km. Check out hudsonbaymountain.com for Summer Chairlift BBQs, disc golf & other summer events.

3a PIPER DOWN RECREATION SITE



MODERATE TO DIFFICULT

Piper Down—best-named trail in the valley—famous for its gap jump over an actual "Piper" airplane crash site. **Piper Cross** diverges left at the rock slab in the clearing, offering fast singletrack, steep rock slabs, & technical gullies—ride within your limits. All trails end at a cutblock parking lot. More info: www.smithersmountainbike.ca

From Hudson Bay Mountain Resort, hike your bike up left toward the large ski cabin. Trail leaves from the top of the knoll & is marked. Parking at the cutblock lot (1st road on left after McDonnell FSR heading up to HBMR).

3b PTARMIGAN RECREATION SITE



MODERATE

Two world-class trails operated by the Smithers Mountain Bike Association. **Huckin' Eh** (built 2008/9) offers excellent intermediate downhill riding. **Pump Daddy** (built 2010) is a machine-built flow track popular with all levels.

Drive up Hudson Bay Mountain Rd. about 10 minutes; at the end of the pavement turn left on Ptarmigan Road. Lower parking lot is ~0.3 km up Woodcreek Main (signed) — park here & ride up, or continue ~3 km to the upper parking area just before the gate where both trails begin. Note: Woodcreek Main is a shared forest resource road; watch for logging trucks & avoid in wet conditions.

4 TWIN FALLS/GLACIER GULCH REC SITE



EASY

An easy walk to spectacular views of the twin waterfalls plummeting from Kathlyn Glacier above. The falls come together to form Glacier Gulch creek, which flows through the site. Trails lead to the creek & to a viewing platform. This is mainly a day-use area, but there is limited camping available.

Take Lake Kathlyn Rd, just north/west of Smithers, to the Glacier Gulch Rd. This Recreation Site is at the end of the Rd. From Smithers, it is approximately 15 min. by vehicle. Note the road has narrow spots with low visibility.

5 ROTARY COMMUNITY TRAIL TO TOWN



MODERATE

Hike as far up the mountain as you wish. This forested trail leads to the bottom of the chairlift at Hudson Bay Mountain Resort. Once there, return to town or continue hiking to the alpine. Trail distance from town to the bottom of the chairlift is 4.2km & just over 600 meters in elevation.

Take Railway Ave. west to Zobnick Rd, cross the CN Rail line & follow the road to the end. Parking is limited & on private land. Be respectful. Alternatively, park closer to town & walk to trailhead. [Simpsons Gulch Bluff Trailhead]

6 THE BLUFF RECREATION SITE TRAIL NETWORK



EASY TO DIFFICULT

The Bluff features a network of trails with a range of difficulty. Lower trails are ideal for walking or jogging & include extensive boardwalks, while the upper trails are suited to experienced mountain bikers & hikers. The trails are managed by the Smithers Mountain Bike Association: www.smithersmountainbike.ca

Duthie Trailhead: From Hwy 16, head south on Tatlow Rd north, turn right onto Pacific Street, left onto Dahlie Rd, & then right onto Hudson Bay Mtn Rd to the trailhead.

7 COMMUNITY FOREST RECREATION TRAILS



EASY

This 50+ km recreation trail network supports walking & biking in summer & cross-country skiing in winter (BV Nordic Centre). Maps are posted throughout the trail system & at the day lodge. The Nature Trail (no bikes) leaves from the lodge towards the small Goldeneye Lake with some interpretive signs en route. **NOTE:** High frequency of bears here - be bear aware. No cell service.

At 9 km on Hudson Bay Mountain Rd, turn right into BV Nordic Centre & park at the 1st parking lot. Walk past the gate to find the main staging area.

8 SMITHERS PERIMETER TRAIL



EASY

The 13 km Perimeter Trail is a scenic loop around Smithers, ideal for walking, jogging, & cycling. With a mix of gravel & paved sections—much of it accessible—it connects neighbourhoods, parks, & riverside pathways from the north end near the Bulkley River to the south end below Hudson Bay Mountain. Along the way, enjoy benches, picnic areas, park facilities, & beautiful views, especially through Riverside Park & along the river.

Several access points including at Canadian Tire on Hwy 16 East; or from Riverside Park at the east end of Main St; or at the statues on Hwy 16 West, just east of Toronto St / the BV Pool & Rec Centre..

9 CYCLE 16 TRAIL + CONNECTORS



EASY

This multi-use trail is paved with a centreline, three metres wide & located within the Hwy 16 right-of-way. It is open to all non-motorized users, including cyclists, rollerbladers, walkers & runners.

Smithers Connector: 1.9km paved connector trail starts at Main St., follows Fulton Ave Pathway, up Tatlow Rd to Cycle 16 Trail at the Bulkley River Bridge.

Phase 1: 3.7km from the Bulkley River Bridge to Babine Lake Rd.

AWAITING CONSTRUCTION as of 2026

Phase 2: will eventually add 3.6 km & connect Babine Lake Rd to Hwy 16 rest area near Raymond Rd. **Phase 3:** will run 3.2 km along the northern side of Hwy 16, starting at Raymond Rd. rest area to the Village of Telkwa municipal boundary. **Telkwa Connector:** The Village of Telkwa plans to add a connector trail along the river.

10 DRIFTWOOD CANYON PROVINCIAL PARK



EASY

Small parking area beside Driftwood Creek with picnic tables & a footbridge. Cross the bridge & walk 300 m to a viewing platform at the centre of the Fossil Bed. Interpretive signs describe what the area was like 50 million years ago.

20 minute scenic drive from Smithers: Take Hwy 16 east from Smithers; turn left onto Old Babine Lake Rd immediately after the bridge. Follow signs to Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park.

11 BABINE MOUNTAINS PROVINCIAL PARK



MODERATE

Trails: Just two of the many trails in the Babines are highlighted here. **Cabin:** The Joe L'Orsa cabin in Silverking Basin can accommodate 15-20 people (check BCParks.ca for current fees). **For more information on the multitude of trails & uses, contact bcparks.ca or 250-847-7260**

Silver King Basin Trail—9 km one way: Starting at parking area on Driftwood Creek Rd, trail follows an easy grade through forest before opening into the subalpine meadows of Silver King Basin, peak wildflower bloom in mid-July. Trail continues past Joe L'Orsa Cabin to Hyland Pass.

McCabe Trail—8 km one way: Just before Sunny Point Bridge on the Silver King Basin Trail, this trail climbs a steep mining road for 500 m before narrowing to a well-graded path. It crosses rockslides around 3 km (use caution as footing can be slippery), then traverses the north slopes of Harvey & Pyramid Mountains past Copper Lakes at 6.5 km. The route climbs through alpine meadows to Summit Pass, connecting with the Lyon Creek & Little Joe Creek trails.

Continue past Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park for 5 km north to the Summer Parking Lot & Babine Mountains Provincial Park information map. **No vehicle access beyond this point.**

12 TYHEE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK/ALDERMERE TRAILS



EASY

Campsites, RV sites & a covered picnic shelter with washrooms, playground, boat launch, bird-viewing platform, swimming area, grass lawn & beach for easy paddling access. From the beach, you will find signs to the trail network. You can circle the park or connect to the Aldermere Trails, taking you to nearby Telkwa.

Telkwa High Rd from Telkwa, to Tyhee Rd to the Park.

13 BULKLEY RIVER RECREATION SITE & TRAILS



EASY

100-hectare Recreation Site with a 10km trail network featuring low-elevation spruce, aspen & cottonwood forest with easy Bulkley River access. Trails & campsites are within walking distance of parking, with a wide portage path for canoeists & anglers.

Between Smithers & Houston on Hwy 16

14 CHAPMAN LAKE RECREATION SITE



EASY

Open grassy site on the southwest shores of Chapman Lake, with boat launch, dock, & several campsites. RV/trailer accessible. Good for angling, boating & paddling.

From the junction of Hwy 16 & Babine Lake Rd just south of Smithers, travel 38km north (km markers on Rd), turn left for another 2km north on the Upper Fulton Forest Service Rd.

Other Recreation Sites nearby:

- **Morin Lake,** 12km past Chapman Lake Site on Upper Fulton FSR.
- **Tanglechain Lake,** at 48km on the Babine Lake Rd (10km past the Chapman Lake turn).
- **Doris Lake,** at 50km on Babine Lake Rd.

recreational features

difficulty level easy moderate difficult

	beach		paddling		fishing		toilets
	picnicking		motor boating		viewing		playground
	swimming		boat launch		nature trail		running
			walking		hiking		cycling
			horseback riding		mountain biking		vcamping
			cabin		tent & rv sites		accessible features
12			EV charging				

winter sites & trails

WINTER FEES

Snowmobiling: The Smithers Snowmobile Association collects trail fees for use of the groomed snowmobiling trails leading into Babine Mountains Park. Association members with an annual membership are not required to pay trail fees. Non-members require a day pass. Snowmobile day passes can be purchased on the Smithers Snowmobile Association website, on the trail, or in Smithers at Trails North Powersports or Evergreen Industrial Supplies in Smithers. Fees go towards grooming the trails, maintaining emergency shelters, providing insurance, and promoting avalanche awareness.

Snowmobiling is permitted only in designated areas. Check the [Babine Mountains Snowmobile Map \(PDF\)](#) and the [KML file of designated Babine Mountains snowmobile areas](#) (for use with Google Earth of similar application) for boundary details. Skiers and snowshoers may be encountered travelling in the designated snowmobile area. Details at www.smitherssnowmobileassociation.ca

BV Nordic Centre: A Day Pass or Season Pass is required—passes are checked on the trails, so please wear yours visibly. Pick up a Day Pass at McBike & Sport (1191 Main St.), the self-serve kiosks in the lower parking lot or at Day Lodge, or pay by e-transfer and collect your pass at either kiosk. Details at www.bvnordic.ca

Cabins: check with www.BCparks.ca or website of the host club listed.

15 SINCLAIR SNOWMOBILE RECREATION TRAILS



DIFFICULT

This area is for experienced riders & has a small warming shelter. Big terrain, views & powder! Please pay your trail fees at Trails North in Smithers. Snowmobiles are prohibited on plowed roads.

Park at 19.5km on the Telkwa River Forest Service Road (FSR). The trail into Sinclair starts at 28km on the Telkwa FSR.

16 MICROWAVE SNOWMOBILE RECREATION TRAILS



EASY TO DIFFICULT

Beginner to advanced riding, two day-use cabins. Trails are regularly groomed. Please pay your trail fees at Trails North in Smithers.

Park at 19.5km on the Telkwa River FSR.

17 HANKIN-EVELYN BACKCOUNTRY RECREATION TRAILS



EASY TO DIFFICULT

A network of non-motorized trails for backcountry skiing, ski touring, & snowshoeing. The North side has a day use shelter & Lookout side has a cabin for overnight use. For more information see the inset map or: www.bbss.ca

Approximately 24km northwest of Smithers on Hwy 16, turn left onto Kitseguecla Loop Rd & left again over the railroad tracks onto Kitseguecla Lake Rd. Continue past the driveway just beyond the 8km sign & turn left on the 608 road. Follow the Hankin-Evelyn signs for 9km to the parking lot. 4 wheel drive vehicles equipped with winter tires & chains are recommended for this access route.

2 HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN PRAIRIE: BACKCOUNTRY SKI AREA



EASY TO DIFFICULT

This area offers quick access to backcountry alpine and a wide variety of terrain — from a gentle tour across the prairie to a trip to the peak for the more adventurous. Be prepared for whiteouts and changing weather.

Drive 22 km up Hudson Bay Mountain Rd to the upper parking lot. When climbing to the ski area boundary, keep to the edge of the cat track through the cabin area and away from the downhill runs.

18 HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN RESORT



EASY TO DIFFICULT

Hudson Bay Mountain Resort is a lift-serviced alpine ski & snowboard area with a beginners carpet lift, two T-bars, a triple-seat chairlift, terrain park, tube park and 700 acres of skiable terrain. For detailed information & current conditions contact the resort at: www.hudsonbaymountain.com or 250-847-2058

Drive up Hudson Bay Mountain Rd for 22km to the upper parking lot for Hudson Bay Mountain Resort. When climbing from the parking lot to the ski area boundary keep to the edge of the cat track through the cabin area & away from the downhill runs.

19 BV NORDIC CENTRE



EASY TO DIFFICULT

Over 50km of machine groomed classic & skate ski trails, 5 km are lit & 11 km are dog-friendly. Situated within the **Smithers Community Forest Recreation Trails (7)** & managed & maintained by the Bulkley Valley Cross-Country Ski Club. Maps are posted throughout the trail system & in the day lodge. Day passes can be purchased at McBike Ski & Sport or self-serve ticketing boxes at the centre. For more information contact: www.bvnordic.ca

At 9km on Hudson Bay Mountain Road turn right into the BV Nordic Centre & continue to either the lower or upper parking lot.

20 HAROLD PRICE SNOWMOBILE RECREATION TRAIL



EASY TO MODERATE

Most of the terrain is suitable for beginner to intermediate riders & is family oriented. There is an area that is considered more extreme (Goat Mountain) linking to the Harold Price Recreation Area. The terrain transforms into extreme conditions quickly, so be trained and prepared if you choose to venture past the Harold Price meadows. There is a fully equipped cabin with a loft for overnight users. Please pay your trail fees at Trails North in Smithers. **NOTE:** An area south of the cabin is designated as non-motorized for backcountry skiing. Please respect these boundaries as indicated on the map & by the posted signs & markings.

From the Telkwa High Rd near Witsset drive up the Blunt FSR (2000 Rd) as far as you can (road plowing varies with logging activity). There is no designated parking lot. At 22km on the Blunt FSR turn south (right) & follow the trail for 7km into the cabin.

21 HAROLD PRICE SKI TRAIL



EASY TO DIFFICULT

The meadows are great for backcountry ski touring & the nearby ridges to the east provide great panoramic mountain views. The overnight cabin can accommodate 6-8 people comfortably.

The trail can be accessed from the Telkwa High Rd at either 10.5km on the Meed Creek FSR or 14km on the Meadow Creek FSR. Expect a 2-3 hour hike or ski in from either of these locations. See www.bvbackpackers.ca/Harold-Price-Cabin for cabin booking & detailed access information. Note: access roads are not plowed every winter.

11 BABINE MOUNTAINS PROVINCIAL PARK



EASY TO DIFFICULT

Babine Mountains Provincial Park, at 31,476 hectares, offers some of the finest skiing, snowmobiling, & snowshoeing opportunities in west central British Columbia. The Joe L'Orsa cabin in Silverking Basin can accommodate 15 – 20 people (check BC Parks.ca for current fees). For more information on the multitude of trails & uses, see map inset & contact bcparks.ca or 250-847-7260

See Babine Mountains Provincial Park inset map for access points & the motorized/non-motorized areas.

22 BABINE MOUNTAINS PROVINCIAL PARK - SPECIAL PERMIT AREA



DIFFICULT

Cronin Cronin Creek Basin & Four Lakes Area: These two areas are accessible to snowmobiles by special permit only. A limited number of permits are available on an annual basis. To request a permit, please contact the BC Parks regional office in Smithers.

23 GANOKAWA BASIN AREA & SNOWMOBILE CABIN



EASY TO DIFFICULT

This trail provides access to the Ganokwa Basin snowmobiling area—ideal for family snowmobiling. The Smithers Snowmobile Association (SSA) grooms the trail and maintains the Burdette Cabin. Contact the SSA for information about using the cabin. Reminder: Please pay your trail fees at Trails North in Smithers www.smitherssnowmobileassociation.ca

Follow Hwy 16 east of Smithers for about 6km & turn left onto Babine Lake Rd. Drive about 20km to the intersection with Old Babine Lake Rd on the left. Follow Old Babine Lake Rd about 3km to the Onion Mountain Trail and parking area on the right.

24 CANYON CREEK RECREATIONAL TRAILS



EASY TO MODERATE

A 20km plus network of non-motorized trails: 12km groomed for cross-country skiing (classic & skate) & 4km of ungroomed backcountry ski trails. This is an excellent area for snowshoeing as well. For additional information: www.bcnorth.ca/canyoncreek/

Follow Hwy 16 east of Smithers for about 6km & turn left onto Babine Lake Rd. Go to 21.7km & look for the sign & parking lot on the right side of the road.

25 TYEE MOUNTAIN RECREATIONAL TRAILS



EASY TO DIFFICULT

30km of groomed cross country ski trails. Lots of beginner & intermediate trails with options for advanced skiers too. Dogs are welcome. More info: www.tyeeamountaintrails.com

From Tyee Lake Rd turn onto Hislop Rd & drive to the end. The parking lot is at the top of the hill. **Alternate Access:** 11km from Hwy 16 on Babine Lake Rd turn right & look for the trailhead before Banner Mountainlodge.

26 DOME MOUNTAIN SNOWMOBILE RECREATION TRAILS



EASY TO DIFFICULT

These snowmobiling trails are groomed regularly & have a fully equipped day use cabin, fantastic views of surrounding area & are family oriented with easy access. Fees can be paid at Trails North in Smithers.

The parking lot is located at approximately 20km on Babine Lake Rd, 1km past the junction of Babine Lake Rd & Old Babine Lake Rd when traveling from Smithers. Note: There is a snowmobile connector trail from the Dome parking lot to the Onion parking lot.

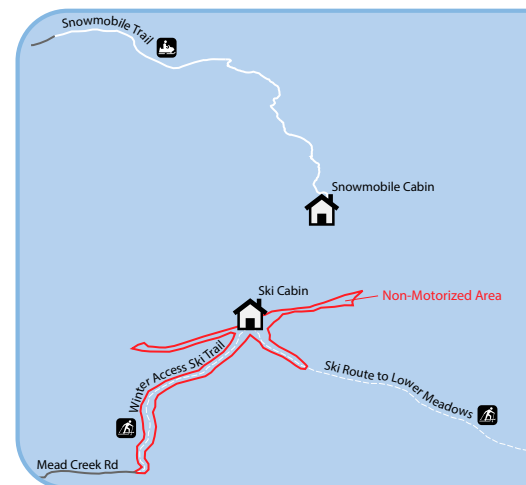
12 BULKLEY RIVER RECREATION SITE & TRAILS



EASY TO MODERATE

This 100 hectare Recreation Site welcomes users to a habitat that is unique, with its low elevation spruce & cottonwood forests. 10km of trails for non motorized winter use. More info: www.roundlakebc.com

Between Smithers & Houston on Hwy 16, 18km south of Telkwa, in the community of Quick. Turn onto West End Rd.



recreational features

difficulty level easy moderate difficult



sledding



skiing



snowshoe



chairlift



nordic skiing



toilets



cabin



backcountry safety

tips for safe recreating in bear country

Bears feel threatened if surprised - hike in a group and make loud noises. Whistle, talk, sing, or carry noise makers such as bells or a can containing stones. In dense bush and near rushing water, don't depend on your noisemaker being heard. Use extra caution and watch for evidence of bears. Most bears will leave if they are aware of your presence. Stay in the open as much as possible. Keep children close at hand on trails. Be especially alert when traveling into the wind, a bear may not get your scent and be warned of your presence.

When camping, keep a clean camp. Bears usually avoid people, but can be attracted to human food and garbage. Store all food and garbage properly and take all your garbage with you when you leave.

Take only pictures, leave only footprints.

forest fires

Should you spot a **forest fire phone 1-800-663-5555**. This is a free province wide, forest fire emergency phone number.

safety tips / backcountry reality check

- Never hike or ski in the backcountry alone.
- Before leaving, let a responsible person know where you're going and when you will be returning. Always contact that person when you return.
- Carry a supply of drinking water, as there is no potable water available on hiking trails.
- Always take a map, compass, and GPS and know how to use them.
- Recognize the possibility that you may be forced to spend the night out and bring extra clothes, food, emergency gear and shelter making equipment.
- Bring a first aid kit and stay current with first aid skills.
- Assume you will not have cell coverage (you likely won't).
- Drive with caution on all logging roads.
- In case of an emergency contact the **R.C.M.P. Smithers detachment: 250-847-3233**

WINTER:

- The winter environment can be severe in the mountains and help is not always easily accessible. Therefore you need to have the knowledge, skills, and equipment to care for yourself and traveling companions.
- When traveling in avalanche country check the avalanche bulletin (avalanche.ca) before leaving, and choose terrain that is suitable for the level of hazard. Make sure everyone in the group has a transceiver, probe, and shovel, and knows how to use them.



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...regarding backcountry / recreational sites & trails in the Smithers area:

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1411 Court Street, Smithers | 778-640-1100
tourismsmithers.com | info@tourismsmithers.com

Recreation Sites & Trails BC

sitesandtrailsbc.ca/contact

BC Parks

bcparks.ca/contact

Town of Smithers – Parks, Fields & Trails

smithers.ca/parks-recreation-culture/

CLUBS & ORGS (summer)

- **Smithers Mountain Bike Association (SMBA)**
smithersmountainbike.ca
- **BV Backpackers** | bvbackpackers.ca
- **Tyee Mountain Trail Society**
tyeemountaintrails.com
- **Canyon Creek Recreation Society**
bcnorth.ca/CanyonCreek2020
- **BV Canoe & Kayak Club** | paddlebv.com
- **BV Naturalists** | bvnaturalists.ca

- **Avalanche Canada** | avalanche.ca

CLUBS & ORGS (winter)

- **Smithers Snowmobile Association**
smitherssnowmobileassociation.ca
- **BV Nordic Centre** | bvnordic.ca
- **Bulkley Backcountry Ski Society (BBSS)**
bbss.ca

TRAILS & GENERAL OUTDOOR RECREATION INFO, INCLUDING PADDLING, FISHING & HUNTING

- **Oscar's Fly & Tackle Shop**
oscarssports.com

- **Trails North** | trailsnorth.ca
- **McBike & Sport** | mcbike.bc.ca
- **Local Supply Co.** | localsupplyco.ca
- **BV Outdoors** | bvoutdoors.com
- **Aquabatics Smithers** | aquabatics.com

WINTER OUTDOOR RECREATION OPERATORS

- **Hudson Bay Mountain Resort**
hudsonbaymountain.com
- **Skeena Cat Skiing** | skeenacatskiing.ca
- **Hyland Backcountry Services**
hylandbackcountry.ca
- **Burnie Glacier Chalet / Bear Mountaineering**
bearmountaineering.ca



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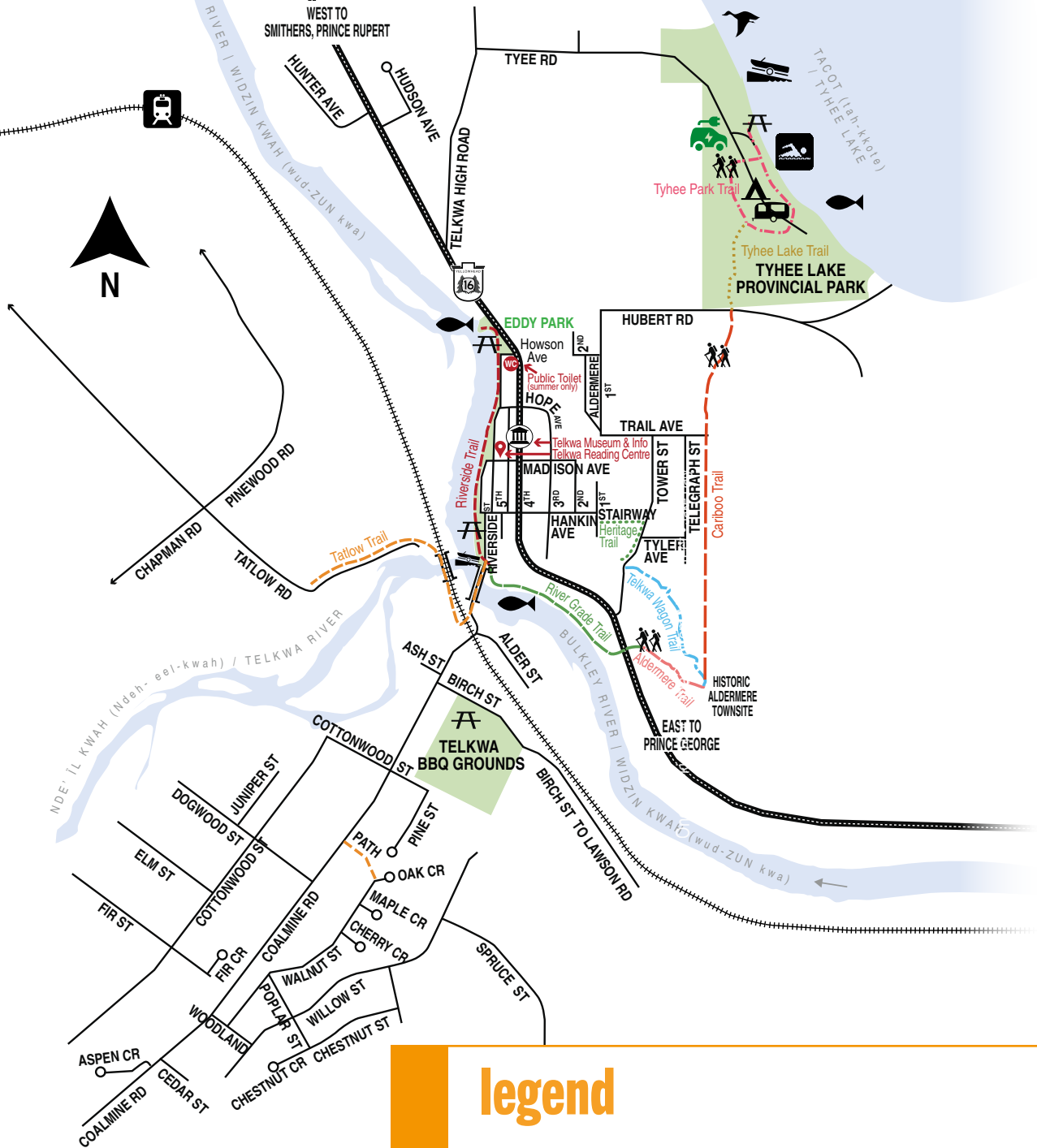
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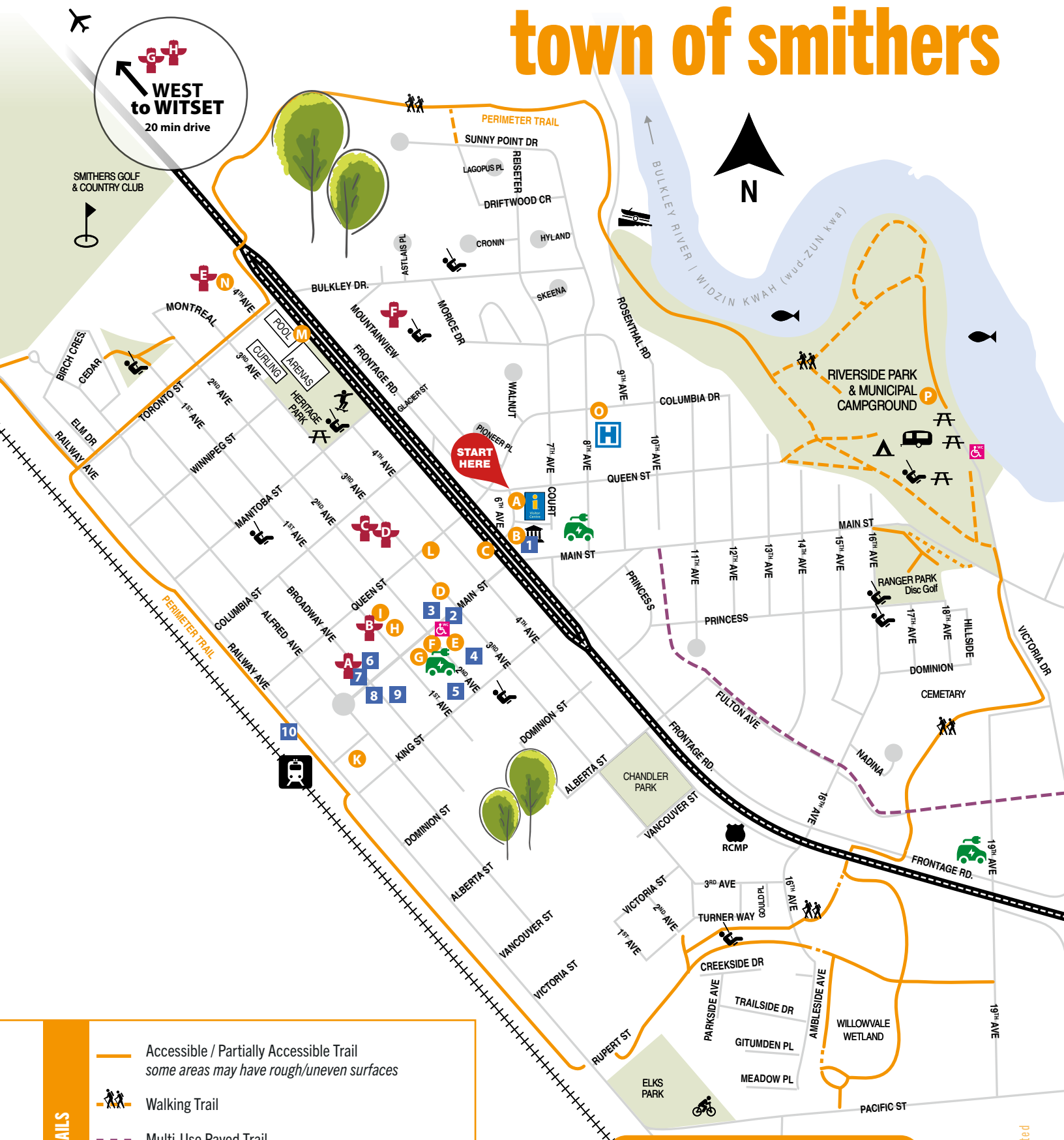
Smithers' charming neighbour has plenty to discover — learn more about things to do in Telkwa — see page 44

Legend

ATTRACTIONS & AMENITIES

	Hospital		Tent & RV Camping		Bird Viewing
	Accessible Washroom		Picnic Tables		Golf Course
	EV Charging Station		Playground		Airport
	Boat launch		Skate Park		Museum / Gallery
	Fishing		Bike Park		

town of smithers



WALKING TOURS

see page 18-20

- Accessible / Partially Accessible Trail
some areas may have rough/uneven surfaces
 - Walking Trail
 - Multi-Use Paved Trail
-
- Indigenous Culture & Carvings
 - Art Murals
 - Historic Buildings

SMITHERS TIP

Explore the heart of town, discover our green spaces along the Perimeter Trail and enjoy three Self-Guided Walking Tours—location markers on this map. Descriptions & addresses [page 18-20](#)

Smithers Walking tours

murals • culture • history

see location markers on Town of Smithers Map • page 17

Totem poles are cultural installations created by the Indigenous Nations of the Pacific Northwest to honour ancestry, history, people, and events. Discover and appreciate this rich culture along the tour. We gratefully acknowledge that Smithers | Dzilih Cin' (dzuhl kyuh-n) — and these walking tours—are located on the unceded traditional territory of the Gidimt'en Clan (Bear/Wolf) of the Witsuwit'en (wit-soo-wit-en) Nation.



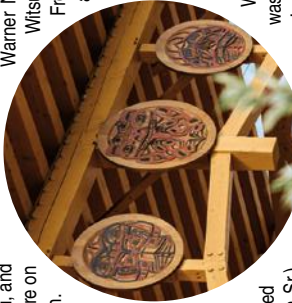
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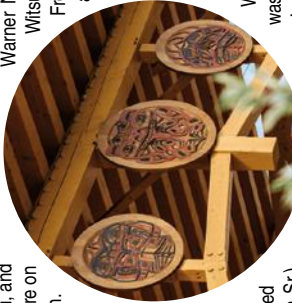
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the first on Witsuwit'en territory. The ideas behind the transitional carvings between the figures, were inspired by the students and visitors during the carving process.

The process of creating this pole is a current-day act towards reconciliation. The displacement of Witsuwit'en families is part of the colonial history of the Bulkley Valley. Learning about this history is an important step towards reconciliation and building better relationships in Smithers, on traditional Witsuwit'en territory, and in the rest of Canada.

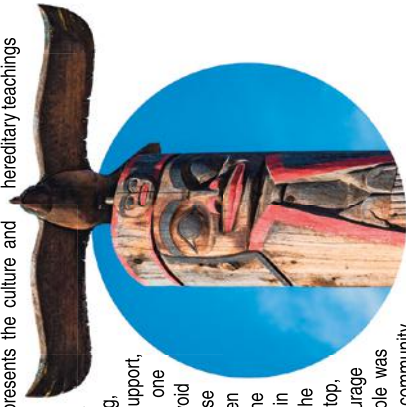
With info from "Walnut Park Totem Pole: Story of Indian Town and the Walnut Park Totem Pole" pamphlet, published by School District 54

Watch a video of the Walnut Park Pole raising at www.bvmuseum.org (under "LEARN") and visit the Bulkley Valley Museum to see 'Alk'ikh Ts'édilh (Walking Together): The Shared Histories Exhibition.

The Residential School Pole

(in Witsset, 30km west)

204 Beaver Rd, Witsset (in front of the Witsset Health Centre) • To honour residential school survivors, Witsuwit'en master carver Chief Dziggot (Ron Austin Sr.) worked with Hagwlinekth (Ron A. Mitchell) who, for six years, met with local survivors to plan this pole, raised in Witsset in 2013. From the bottom, Likhsilyu—the clan and territory where this pole stands—is the crest of Caribou and Small Frog. Above, four small children with tears represent the four generations that suffered through the residential school era. Next, a six-foot void space represents the culture and hereditary teachings the kids missed out on while at residential school. Above, the same four children now crawling, clinging to each other for support, tears turned into smiles, one child with foot stuck in the void space, represents all those still suffering. The children are climbing towards the Chief—the Day—shown in full regalia, representing the return to their culture. On top, the eagle represents courage and forwardness. This pole was commissioned by the community of Witsset and funded by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Survivors and community members cleansed the pole by brushing it with cedar boughs before it was raised.



With info from Nihkhis'ide mi Hibi'ti'ne (The Ways of Our Ancestors) by Mélanie H. Morin ask directions and learn more at Widzin Kwah Canyon House Museum or Kyah Food & Fuel Gas Station in Witsset.

Widzin Kwah Canyon House Museum

(in Witsset)

155 Telkwa High Rd, Witsset (at the Witsset RV Park and Campground) The Museum houses stories, photographs, writings, recently excavated stone tools and artifacts carbon dated back 6,000 years, from the very ground the Museum rests upon. Hours & info • witsset.ca

A **Smithers Community Mural** | Emerenne Saefkow

1411 Court St. • Bright, bold, and full of energy, this geometric mural reflects the many sides of life in Smithers. Inspired by the colours of the '70s, modern silhouettes highlight the people, activities, and landscapes that define the community. Look closely—you may find your own story within it. Learn more at TourismSmithers.com (search "community-mural").

B **Central Park Building** | Facundo Gastiazoro

1425 Main St. • The larger-than-life wallpaper motif on the exterior of the Central Park Building is a post-Victorian design corresponding to the era this heritage building was built (1925).

C **Celebrating Culture & Rec** | Hans Saefkow

1323 Main St. • A sky-blue mural bursts from the bricks, where snowboarders carve across the scene—an ode to Smithers' love of sport. At its heart, a smiling violinist honours the town's arts scene, her bowstring cleverly doubling as a fisherman's line—capturing the spirit of recreation and culture that defines the community.

D **Alex Cuba Mural** | Facundo Gastiazoro

3800 block 3rd Ave. • This mural celebrates arts & culture in the community and is a tribute to world-renowned musician and local "Smithereen" Alex Cuba for his 2022 Grammy Award and his contributions to the local and Canadian music industry. The concentric rings represent elements of this land so integral to Alex and this community, in vibrant contrasting colours, creating a powerful, energetic vibe.

E **Grendel Grows** | Facundo Gastiazoro & Robin Lough

3768 2nd Ave. • Beautiful vines bloom up the walls of the Grendel Group building. Perched atop one of the branches is a small bird, a Junco, chosen by the artist because it is one of the local birds that "stays around". This mural was created in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Grendel Group, a unique organization that provides education and work experience programs for people with cognitive and physical disabilities. The piece serves as a visual representation of their important place in our community. "The vines intertwine like a basket," says the artist. "Like the web of community that brings support—together we are stronger."

F **At the Heart: MMWGC Memoriation** Raven-Tacuara Collective

1188 Main St. • This mural, on the exterior of the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre, honours the lives and legacies of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) from the communities of Smithers, Wiwet, and surrounding areas on Hwy 16 (The Highway of Tears). The mural was designed after a

year-long process where local families of missing and murdered women and girls, in collaboration with local artists (The

Raven-Tacuara Collective," worked through a trauma-informed creative process with facilitators to create this beautiful mural in the heart of downtown, helping us remember the women who were taken away. They were daughters, sisters, mothers, granddaughters, nieces, cousins, and friends, and they will never be forgotten. The project demonstrates how, through art, we can work through trauma and support each other's healing process.



G **Eagle in Flight** | Hans Saefkow

1156 Main St. • Soaring above the treetops is the underbelly of a bald eagle — a rare perspective of this iconic bird in flight, and one of the many magnificent creatures of this valley.

H **Let Us Never Forget!** Hans Saefkow



3840 1st Ave. • Two striking murals honour generations of Canadian service on the walls of the Royal Canadian Legion. The front wall depicts a WWI soldier standing in a poppy field at the Vimy Memorial beside the poem "In Flanders Fields," shown in the original handwriting of its author, Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. As the mural fades into the flag wrapping the corner, the soldier salutes those who came after him, shown on the side wall—three figures, also saluting the flag, represent different generations and roles: a WWII pilot, a Korean War marine, and an Indigenous soldier who fought in Afghanistan.

I **Mountain Scene & Artistic Graffiti**

3894 and 3852 1st Ave. • Our valley houses a valuable collection of talented artists. These two pieces celebrate our diverse artistry.

K **Refugio** | Facundo Gastiazoro, Sabina Mina, & Megan Ryan

3711 Alfred Ave. • Ribbons of script spelling "refuge" in many languages weave through raven feathers in this striking mural. At the centre, a red-cloaked avian explorer stands watch. Facing the train station across the street, the glowing light acts as a beacon welcoming travellers to rest and find refuge here.

L **Symbol of Resilience** | Facundo Gastiazoro

3892 3rd Ave. • Rising from the ground, a clenched turquoise fist is wrapped in snap-pea vines. While this mural evokes many interpretations, it was created to honour the resilience required to grow food in the Bulkley Valley, specifically on this site which was once home to the "Little Community Garden". The fist symbolizes the power of nature while the vine represents growth.

M **Kid in Da Pool** | Raven-Tacuara Collective & Robin Lough

1316 Toronto St. • A celebration of innocent childhood joy, this jubilant piece overlays traditional First Nations artwork on a prismatic background. Seen from Hwy 16, it brings smiles to all who pass through Smithers.

N **Honouring Our Elders** | Legacy Portrait Project

4408 3rd Ave, Smithers Secondary School. • Started in 2005, this is an ongoing project of paintings by local high-school students of some of the outstanding Witsuwit'an and non-Indigenous elders in the community: positive role models and active citizens. It aims to bridge cultures and generations through art—to connect us, to promote learning from each other, and to acknowledge the contributions of those who have come before. The project has had a positive impact on the students, elders and the families involved, touched many lives, healed rifts and engaged reconciliation. It has become an ongoing program at the school. The project and team were recognized with a British Columbia Reconciliation Award in 2026. Read more: perryraih.com/honouring-our-elders/



O **The Embrace** | Raven-Tacuara Collective

3950 8th Ave, Bulkley Valley District Hospital. • Art as muralism on a building often speaks to what is inside the walls. This mural was envisioned during the Covid-19 pandemic. "Hospitals were in a very stressful moment. We were needing to hug and for many it was not possible to do," says Facundo Gastiazoro of Raven Tacuara, the northwest BC artist collective that completed the 3-story mural in 2023. The two human figures are populated by icons, many indigenous, adding another layer of meaning. The eagle looking up is hopeful and powerful. The mountains are made by butterfly wings. The figures are surrounded by saskatoon berries—nourishment. "That's why those elements were chosen... to create a sense of hopefulness, a sense of place and nourishment." Below it all are two figures on a bench, ambiguous and could be any age—an image of support and togetherness. The mural has an openness to it, allowing the viewer to bring their own interpretation. As they were painting, the artists witnessed a steady stream of people coming and going to the hospital for a myriad of different reasons and, subtly, incorporated some of the wide range of emotions that take place there—from happiness and excitement to sadness and grief. They hope the mural helps embrace the spirits of all.



P **Riverside PumpHouse** | Emily Wilson

3843 19 Ave, Riverside Municipal Campground. • A playful, folk art inspired mural on the pumphouse in Riverside Park/Campground. The colourful mural depicts some of the animals, fish and plant-life that can be found all through the beautiful Bulkley Valley.

Thanks to the Smithers Visitor Centre staff for initiating this mural walk! Learn more at theSmithersVisitorCentre.com, 14111 Court St. and at TourismSmithers.com

1 Central Park Building • 1425 Main St.

Our tour starts at the Central Park Building (CPB). Built in 1925 by the BC government, the CPB housed the offices of the Government Agent and Mining Recorder, the Court House, a jail, and living quarters for the Chief of Police. In 1981 it became the first municipally-designated heritage building in Smithers. Today it is a cultural hub that houses the Bulkley Valley Museum, Smithers Art Gallery, a dance studio, and artist spaces.



2 Smithers Tribune Building • 1226 Main St.

Cross Hwy 16 and head down the right side of Main St. for two blocks. Look across the street to the two-storey rectangular building with the Boomtown facade. One of the oldest buildings in town, it was built in 1913-1914 for the short-lived Smithers Tribune newspaper, and was later the home of the Fashion Shoppe (1931-1959), and Beerda's Dry Goods (1959-2016).



3 Mason Adams Drug Store • 1209 Main St.

Continue down Main to the corner at 2nd Ave. This two-storey building, and the adjoining smaller building at right, were built in 1913 as J. Mason Adams' drugstore (left in image) and the first post office (right). They are two of the oldest standing buildings in Smithers. The building has been a drugstore (1913-1960), clothing store (1960-2008), and a doctor's office (2008-2025) over its 100+ year history.



4 Aladdin Wabash "Kit" Home • 3732 2nd Ave

Cross Main St., and go left down 2nd Ave, to house #3732 (left side). This house, built in 1921, is a mail-order "kit" home. "Kit homes" were sold in Canada in the 1910s and 1920s by the Eaton's Department Store and the Aladdin Company. Almost 8000 were shipped to locations across Canada, with an estimated 40% remaining recognizable as kit homes today. There are four in Smithers, including this Aladdin Wabash XVI model. Others can be found at 3908 1st Ave, 1089 Queen St., and 3991 Alfred Ave.



5 The Old Church • 3704 1st Ave

Continue on 2nd Ave until you reach King St., and then turn right. At the corner of King St. and 1st Ave is the Old Church and Gardens. Constructed in 1914, the St. James Anglican Church was the first church built in Smithers. In 2005 the aged building was rehabilitated by volunteers into a community events facility and public garden. Today the much-loved "Old Church" is managed by the Bulkley Valley Museum.



6 Hanson Lumber Building • 1107 Main St.

Continue up 1st Ave back to Main. Turn left along Main and walk to the corner of Main & Broadway Ave, location of the Smithers Sausage Factory. This building was constructed in 1926 for the Olof Hanson Lumber & Tie Company (also housing the Royal Bank for several years). In addition to operating his lumber company, Olaf Hanson served three terms as Member of Parliament for Skeena riding (1930-1945). The building miraculously survived two catastrophic fires at this end of Main St. in 1944 and 1945. It changed hands a number of times between 1959 and 1984, when the current owners opened the Sausage Factory.



7 Bovill Square • 1089 Main St.

Look across Broadway Ave to Bovill Square. Named for Bovill Motors, which operated at this corner from 1947-1969, the public square was constructed to mark Smithers' Centennial in 2013. It is a cultural venue that hosts concerts and other community events throughout the year.



8 McRae / Smithers Hotel • 3771 Broadway Ave

Look left across Main St. and stroll down Broadway to Fitness Northwest. This building was originally constructed in 1929 as the McRae Hotel, later the Smithers Hotel. The building survived both the 1944 and 1945 fires that twice devastated this end of Main St. The fires were an important catalyst for improving fire fighting services in Smithers; in 1948-49 water lines and fire hydrants were finally installed. The Smithers Hotel closed in 2001, ending more than 70 years of hotel operation on this site. While the building has undergone significant changes in its 90+ years, the line of second-storey windows remain similar to the original building.



9 Aida Laundry • 3752 Broadway Ave

Across the street and a little farther down Broadway you'll see this "Boomtown" style building, built between 1913-1920. It was the home of Kintaro and Sadako Aida's tailoring and laundry business from 1920-1945. Their son Tatsuo "Tat" Aida continued to run the business until 1951. It has housed numerous businesses over its 100+ year history.



10 GTP / CNR Train Station • 3815 Railway Ave

Continue down Main St. to the round-about. Cross the street and walk left on Alfred Ave, then right on Murray St. to Railway Ave. Here you will find the GTP / CN Rail Station. Built in 1919 by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (GTP), the Smithers station is a rare example of a custom-designed "special" station built at GTP divisional headquarter locations. It was the largest station built in the Northwest, and was the last one built before the company went bankrupt and became Canadian National (CN) in 1921. The station was a hub on the CN line for rail workers and passengers until it was decommissioned in the late 1990s. The station is federally designated by the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act. The town is named for Sir Alfred Smithers, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the GTP from 1909-1921.



Step inside the BV Museum to discover stories, photos and items of historical cultural significance to this valley! Central Park Building at 1425 Main St.

Hours 🗨️ bvmuseum.org

Thanks to the Bulkley Valley Museum staff for creating this tour. Learn more about these and other heritage spots at bvmuseum.org/heritage-register.

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flightseeing

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Plan your flight with local operators listed at www.tourismsmithers.com/things-to-do/flight-seeing/



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fishing

From lake trout to salmon and steelhead, Smithers draws anglers from around the world. With hundreds of lakes and kilometres of wild rivers, there's no shortage of places to cast a line.

Hire a local guide for a world-class experience, or stop by a local tackle shop for expert advice and gear before heading out on your own.

lake fishing

For calm water and big views, head for the lakes.

- **chapman lake** (37.5 km east of town) – Easy access with boat launch and camping. Rainbow, cutthroat and char are common.
- **babine lake** – The longest natural lake in BC (nearly 180 km). Best explored by boat, with excellent fishing for rainbow, cutthroat and char.
- **aldrich, dennis & mcdonell lakes** – A scenic chain behind Hudson Bay Mountain. Fish for dolly varden and cutthroat trout.
- **dennis lake** – Offers tenting sites, a dock and launch, plus stunning mountain views.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Valid BC fishing licence required
- Carry Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis
- Check local fish and tackle shops for conditions

river fishing

salmon

Four species of Pacific salmon run through the **Bulkley River | Widzin Kwah** (*wud-zun / kwah*), flowing right through Smithers.

- Chinook (spring/king)
- Sockeye
- Coho (silver)
- Pink

Fishing windows vary—check current regulations before heading out.

rainbow trout & company

Tucked just outside Smithers, **rainbow alley** is a legendary stretch of river with a big reputation. Located between Babine and Nilkitkwa Lakes, north of Smithers, this 1.5 km section is a significant route for steelhead, salmon (sockeye, coho, pinks), burbot, char, and more—and is especially known for its impressive rainbow trout. Scenic and easily accessible, it offers a classic fishing experience. Managed by BC Parks—fishing restrictions apply.

steelhead paradise

The rivers of this valley—the **bulkley, morice, kispiox, babine, suskwa, sustut** and **skeena**—are legendary for wild, catch-and-release steelhead fishing. These are some of the finest steelhead rivers on the planet, drawing passionate pursuit of one of freshwater fishing's greatest prizes. Steelhead are anadromous—born in freshwater, migrating to the ocean, then returning to spawn. Unlike salmon, they can make this journey multiple times. Wild, powerful and hard-won.



walking & hiking

From easy riverside strolls to alpine adventures, the Smithers area offers trails for every level of explorer. One of the greatest aspects of hiking around Smithers is the close proximity to town of so many trails. Many hikes start only a 15 to 30 minute drive from downtown. In addition, hikers will feel as if they have the mountains to themselves, even during peak hiking season in late summer, because of the massive scope of pristine nature in the area and the small population.

➡ see the BV Recreational Trails Map page 10

easy walks

[1–2 hours]

perimeter trail: This scenic 13 km trail loops around Smithers, following the Bulkley River, Chicken Creek and Kathlyn Creek through forested sections and open viewpoints. Walkers, runners, cyclists and dog walkers enjoy it year-round, while snowshoers use sections in winter. Viewing benches, picnic tables, a playground and washrooms (seasonal) located at Riverside Park.

twin falls recreation site: Just 15 minutes from downtown, this easy outing leads to a viewing platform below two stunning waterfalls dropping 550 feet down a rocky face, with the receding Kathlyn Glacier high above. Picnic tables, outhouses and camping (5 sites, tents and small RVs). Open spring–October. Closed in winter due to avalanche risk.

driftwood canyon provincial park: One of the world's most significant fossil sites — a short accessible trail leads to a viewing platform overlooking beds formed 50 million years ago.

aldermere trails: This trail network near Telkwa winds through open forest and rolling hills with views across the Bulkley Valley. Popular for hiking, trail running and mountain biking, routes range from easy walks to longer loops with wide valley views.

golf course—winter walking trails: After the golf season wraps up, the fairways open up for walkers and their dogs. Groomed winter paths wind through the course with mountain views right on the edge of town. Dogs must be on leash until across the bridges. Stay on cleared trails — paths may be icy, use at your own risk. Open late fall until early spring.

half-day hikes

[2–4 hours]

smithers community forest trails: Just 10 minutes from town, this 45 km trail network winds through spruce and pine forest, popular for hiking, biking and nature walks. A favourite route leads to Goldeneye Lake via the Nature Trail. In winter, the Bulkley Valley Nordic Ski Club maintains 50+ groomed ski trails here.

hudson bay mountain: Access the alpine from the Hudson Bay Mountain ski area and hike past cabins and wildflower meadows to **crater lake** — a snow-fed alpine lake surrounded by rugged peaks — or follow the **'round the mountain trail** for broader valley views. Feeling ambitious? From Crater Lake, **the peak** is another 2+ hours, giving you a chance to peer over the top of the glacier —but plan to start your day well before noon if you want to make it back before dark. In early summer, watch for overhanging cornices above Crater Lake. Bears are active in this area — stay alert and be bear aware.

Dogs are not permitted on 'Round the Mountain Trail — a permit condition that, if ignored, puts access at risk for everyone.

full-day & overnight hikes

silvern lakes trail: A rewarding full-day hike on the back side of Hudson Bay Mountain, climbing about 600 m (2,000 feet) to a basin of alpine lakes and wildflower meadows. Midway, the trail crosses Red Valley, known for its striking red-purple rock.

hankin-evelyn backcountry recreation area: A short but steep hike leads to a restored fire lookout with panoramic mountain views. From the lookout, hikers can continue to Mt. Hankin summit. The lookout cabin is available for overnight stays by reservation.

babine mountains provincial park (various trails): One of the premier wilderness hiking areas in west-central BC. Trails such as Silver King Basin, Harvey Mountain, McCabe, Lyon Creek, Cronin Creek, Hyland Pass and Onion Mountain offer alpine scenery and can be hiked as an out-and-back in a day or as multi-day adventures. Backcountry camping is permitted, and the Joe L'Orsa Cabin in Silver King Basin provides simple accommodation for hikers, open year-round on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact BC Parks. Pets should be leashed and are discouraged from entering alpine areas to protect mountain goats and other wildlife.



Heading out to Crater Lake
• Sandra Smith



take only pictures.
leave only footprints.

Aurora Borealis / Northern Lights
• Shannon Rue / Tourism Smithers



wildlife viewing

The Bulkley Valley is home to a rich variety of wildlife, and patient observers are often rewarded with memorable sightings. Wildlife is most active in early morning and evening — quiet roads, river corridors, and hiking trails are your best bet. Throughout the valley you may spot moose, black bears, deer, bald eagles, and osprey, along with many smaller mammals and bird species.



Above Crater Lake, heading to Hudson Bay Mountain Peak
• Sandra Smith

mountain goats: Smithers sits at the heart of mountain goat country—and is home to the **BC Mountain Goat Society**—making it one of the best places in the province to see these remarkable animals in the wild. From June to October, the chances of a sighting are high. Watch for their bright white coats against dark rock faces: a contrast that makes them easier to spot than you'd expect, even at distance.

What you're witnessing is a life lived on the edge—literally. Mountain goats spend much of their lives on near-vertical cliff faces, using the sheer rock to stay out of reach of predators like bears and wolves. It's a precarious, demanding existence, and every sighting is a reminder of just how extraordinary these animals are. Goats may be alone or in groups of two to thirty; a larger group is typically a nanny herd—mature females and younger goats—moving between feeding areas or resting together on a ledge.

Enjoy the view from a distance, keep noise to a minimum, and resist the urge to approach these powerful animals—a nanny protecting her young will not hesitate to charge. These animals work hard just to survive—your respect gives them the space to do it.

For viewing tips and locations ➡ [Visit bcmountaingoatsociety.ca](http://Visitbcmountaingoatsociety.ca)



Black bears and grizzly bears live in these areas so be bear aware and keep dogs on leash and out of the alpine.

Grizzly Bear in the alpine



Mountain Goats in Babine Mountains Provincial Park

BEFORE YOU GO

Alpine weather changes fast—even in summer. Pack extra layers and check conditions before heading out.

GUIDED HIKES

For guided hikes, check out **Bulkley Valley Backpackers** or **Peak Wyld Co.** Stop by the **Visitor Centre** for maps, schedules, and local intel. ➡ See Recreation Sites & Trails Maps page 10-15

biking & horseback riding

mountain biking

from valley floors to alpine singletrack

Smithers is built for two wheels. Ride straight from town into a growing trail network, or head higher for big climbs, big views, and even bigger descents. The **Smithers Mountain Bike Association (SMBA)** maintains trails on Hudson Bay Mountain for all abilities.

all abilities

- **bluff recreation site + boardwalk trails:** Accessible right from downtown. Known for flowing routes and signature wooden features — a great first stop.
- **call lake provincial park:** A more relaxed option close to town, great for a mellower day on the bike. NOTE park is located at the top of a hill—factor this in if biking to the park.
- **smithers mountain bike skills park** in Elks Park features a pump track with berms, rollers, and jump/drop lines for all skill levels—a convenient in-town spot to progress your riding.

intermediate

- **piper down + ptarmigan:** Close-to-town riding beyond the Boardwalk, with terrain ranging from flowy singletrack to steep, technical descents.

advanced

- **babine mountains provincial park:** Rugged alpine riding across the valley. Pedal into Silver King Basin and stop at the Joe L'Orsa Cabin, or take on Cronin Pass — a challenging traverse of historic mining routes with sweeping backcountry views.



Bluff Trails
• Abby Cooper



Piper Down Trails
• Robin O'Neill / Destination BC



MOUNTAIN BIKING MAPS

Check out the **Smithers Mountain Bike Association (SMBA)** for details.



horseback riding

Take in the valley from the saddle. Guided horseback experiences offer a relaxed and memorable way to explore the landscape and take in the stunning mountain views.

With Mountain View Adventures, choose from easygoing trail rides through open fields or full-day trips into the backcountry. All experience levels are welcome, with opportunities to learn about horsemanship along the way.



gravel road biking

from lakeside loops to backcountry gravel

Whether you're on pavement or gravel, the Smithers area has beautiful scenic routes worth pedalling. Gravel biking has really taken off here — and for good reason. Many loops are possible, taking you past mountain views, farms, and cafes along the way.

all abilities

- **cycle 16 trail** (*developing route*): A growing trail running alongside Highway 16, linking Smithers and Telkwa. The first section starts in town then climbs east from the Bulkley Bridge, ending at Babine Lake Road—from there, head up Babine Lake Road for a leg-burning ascent toward McKendrick Pass, or turn right at the base of the hill and loop around Tyhee Lake.
☛ Check cycle16.ca for updates.
- **lake kathlyn**: A favourite close-to-town loop or out-and-back. Straightforward and hard to beat on a good day.
- **perimeter trail**: Smithers' own trail network, most sections rideable on a mountain bike or gravel bike. A great way to explore town and get your bearings before heading afield.

easy to moderate

- **tatlow road to telkwa**: Once in Telkwa, cross the railway bridge and reward yourself with a stop for ice cream, coffee or pie. Return the way you came — or extend the ride with a loop around Tyhee Lake before heading back to Smithers via the Cycle 16 trail.

moderate to difficult

- **old babine lake road to driftwood**: A rewarding ride into the Driftwood rural area with options to extend along Telkwa High Rd. (either direction), into the Babine Mountains Provincial Park, or along scenic country roads including the Snake Rd. or Billeter Rd. loops.



Cycle 16 Trail • Thomas Camus / Tourism Smithers



Gravel biking the rural roads of Driftwood • BV Velo

LOCAL TIPS

Connect with riding clubs, gear & rentals, & learn about upcoming events ☛ visit tourismsmithers.com "biking"



swimming & paddling



lake paddling

Bring your canoe, kayak or stand-up paddleboard—or rent locally—and explore the many lakes around Smithers.

close to town: Lake Kathlyn • Tyhee Lake • Round Lake • Seymour Lake

wilderness lakes: Aldrich, Dennis & McDonell Lakes (behind Hudson Bay Mountain) • Chapman Lake (east of Smithers)

multi-day adventures: Babine Lake • Nanika–Kidprice canoe route

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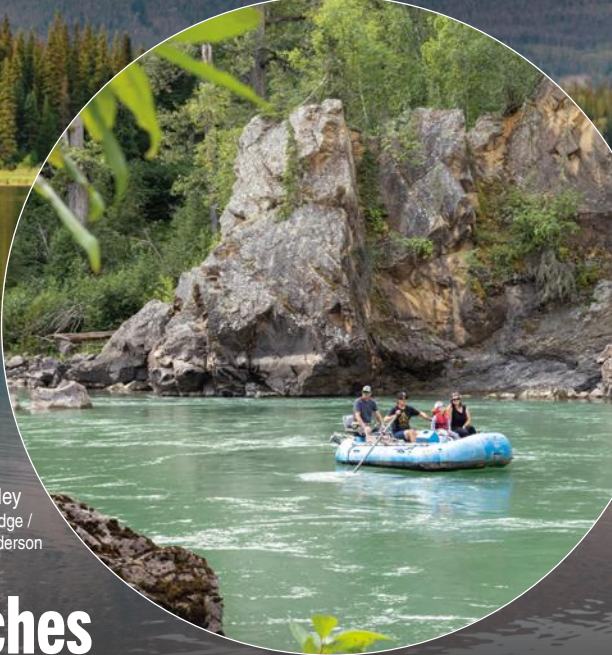
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running the rivers

From relaxed floats to whitewater thrills — rafting, kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, and jet boating on the Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers is a rite of passage for experienced river adventurers. For info on popular float trips and for up-to-date information on river levels and hazards, check with local sport shops.

motor boating

Motorized lakes include Tyhee, Round, Chapman and Babine Lakes (*other lakes are non-motorized or restricted to small electric motors*). Motorboats are also used on the Bulkley River.

Tatlow Falls
• Lovella Hartling-Sippel
/ Tourism Smithers



swimming beaches

lake kathlyn: 5 min. from downtown. Quiet, non-motorized lake with a small public beach and postcard views of Hudson Bay Mountain.

- amenities:** Picnic Tables • Change Rooms • Pit Toilet (no running water)
- ☛ The day-use area is maintained May through September.

tyhee lake provincial park: A family favourite in Telkwa with a larger beach, roped swimming area, and 59 wooded campsites.

- amenities:** Playground • Picnic Tables & Shelter • Horseshoe Pit • Volleyball Net • Accessible Bird Viewing Platform • Concrete Boat Launch • Showers & Change Rooms w/ Flush Toilets • Coin-operated Sani-station
- ☛ Fishing: Tyhee Lake is stocked with rainbow trout

Tyhee Lake Provincial Park
• Ruby Hogg



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- ☛ **tatlow falls**
Changing water levels create surf waves and eddies along this stretch of the Bulkley; most approachable at low water. **Check conditions with local sport shops before heading out.**
- ☛ **river conditions change fast**
Check in with **Aquabatics, McBike, or Oscar's Source for Adventure** before you go.

☛ **paddling community**
Bulkley Valley Kayak & Canoe Club
paddlebv.com

☛ **paddling & gear rentals**
Aquabatics (Lake Canoes, Kayaks, SUPs, etc); Local Supply Co. (SUPs)

☛ **guided trips**
tourismsmithers.com for current guides and operators



golfing & other sports



Mulligans Restaurant at Smithers Golf & Country Club
• Marty Clemens / Northern BC Tourism



Disc Golf at Ranger Park • Town of Smithers & Thomas Douglas

From teeing off beneath mountain views to dropping into a growing skate scene, Smithers offers plenty of ways to get out and play—whether you're keeping score or just getting outside.

golf

The **smithers golf & country club** is an 18-hole championship course (par 72, 6,539 yards) with a driving range, pro shop, rentals, and lessons. Winter months feature an indoor golf simulator. After your round, **Mulligans** — the clubhouse restaurant — offers meals on a wraparound deck overlooking a creek with full mountain views. 📍 smithersgolfclub.com

disc golf

ranger park disc golf (3736 16 Ave, Smithers) One of the northernmost PDGA-listed courses in Canada. A relaxed, accessible round close to town.

skillhorn disc golf (12479 Skillhorn Rd, Telkwa) 49 acres, two layouts: Berry Floor — 9 holes, casual and shorter, or Octo-22 — 22 holes, varied terrain with challenge.

Inquire about loaner discs at our Visitor Centre, bring your own, or connect with the local club for a guided intro. 📍 smithersdisc.com, on Facebook, or email bulkleyvalleydiscgolf@gmail.com



skate park

the smithers skate park has been a community hub since 1996, growing into a \$1.8 million facility featuring an expanded street park, bowl, and lighting for night skating. The May 2025 grand opening drew over 2,000 people — including skateboarding icon **tony hawk** and Canadian snowboarding star **mark mc Morris** — to celebrate with the community. A phase four expansion (summer 2026) adds a 4,400 sq ft pump track and further enhancements. Located at Heritage Park along Highway 16. Free admission.

📍 smithersskatepark.org
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tennis & pickleball

tennis Smithers—two outdoor courts on Montreal Street (beside Smithers Secondary School). **Telkwa**—two outdoor courts at Two Rivers Outdoor Multisport Courts, 1190 Cottonwood St. Open May–September, first come, first served.

pickleball Outdoor: Two Rivers Outdoor Multisport Courts, 1190 Cottonwood St., Telkwa. Open April–September. 📍 Public and club member play times posted at bvpickleball1.wixsite.com/website.

Indoor: Drop-in sessions October–April/May.

📍 check playtimescheduler.com or email bvpickleball@gmail.com. Pickleball Canada membership required.



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playing in the snow

winter magic

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downhill skiing & snowboarding

hudson bay mountain resort Just 30 minutes from the airport and downtown Smithers, **Hudson Bay Mountain Resort** is a sweet family ski resort and the leading winter destination in Northern BC. With a beginners carpet lift, two T-bars, a triple-seat chairlift, terrain park, tube park and 700 acres of skiable terrain, there's more to explore than you can cover in a day — from beginner runs to double-diamond expert terrain, including fun and challenging tree skiing. Uncrowded runs and fresh tracks are never far away. On-mountain you'll find a fireside restaurant and lounge with spectacular views, a cafeteria, a well-outfitted rental shop and pro shop, and a ski school for those just starting out.

nordic skiing

bv nordic centre Operated by the **Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club** — a passionate community of volunteers — the BV Nordic Centre is renowned for some of the most scenic Nordic trails in Canada, with over 50 km groomed for both classic and skate skiing and terrain for every level, including a dedicated dog-friendly loop so four-legged friends can join the fun. Night skiing is provided on 5.5 kilometres of lit track, popular with the after-work crowd thanks to the centre's close proximity — just 15 minutes from town. Day passes are low-cost and the cozy day lodge features a fully equipped kitchen, free to use, plus a waxing hut, and a small sled hill outside for the littles.

Additional trail networks can be found at **canyon creek, the bulkley river recreation site**, and in Telkwa around **tyee mountain** and **aldermere**.

BV Nordic Centre
• Mike Bednar /
Snowseekers



backcountry ski touring

hankin-evelyn backcountry recreation area Just 45 minutes from town, the **Hankin-Evelyn Backcountry Recreation Area** is a genuine one-of-a-kind — widely recognized as the first dedicated backcountry ski area in North America, and now an internationally known gem with 13 cut runs and open alpine bowls. Maintained by the **Bulkley Backcountry Ski Society (BBSS)**, it is served by access roads in winter making it an ideal self-guided day trip for winter adventurers. Lower elevations offer mellow snowshoe and cross-country loops, while the upper terrain opens into wide, wild alpine.

harold price cabin & recreation area About 30 km north of Smithers, the **Harold Price Recreation Area** offers a quiet backcountry outing for skiers and snowshoers. A 7.2 km trail climbs 250 m to a rustic backcountry hut sitting at 1,410 m and managed by the **BV Backpackers club**. The cozy cabin sleeps eight, has a woodstove, cookware, and foam mattresses. Reservations are available for a modest fee. Note that access roads aren't plowed every winter and cell service is unreliable, so plan accordingly.

alpine guides & fly-in lodge For multi-day wilderness trips, **Bear Mountaineering** and **Hyland Backcountry** offer guided alpine adventures, as does the **Burnie Glacier Chalet** which offers both guided and self-guided stays in a truly unforgettable fly-in mountain lodge at the foot of a glacier.

cat skiing & heli skiing

skeena cat skiing For cat-assisted ski adventures, head into the backcountry with **Skeena Cat Skiing**—the only cat skiing operation in Northern BC, offering access to pristine powder—from tree skiing, natural glades, and open bowls to steep chutes, with multi-day lodging at their backcountry base camp.

skeena heli-skiing If you're looking for heli-access to the vast alpine runs in our surrounding mountains, try **Skeena Heli-Skiing** based out of the **Bear Claw Lodge** in the nearby Kispiox Valley.

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Snowshoeing • Evan Dux / Snowseekers



Sledding • Jim Barr / Snowseekers



Sleigh Riding at B&T Adventures • Marty Clemens / Snowseekers



Skating on Tyhee Lake • Sandra Smith

snowshoeing

babine mountains provincial park Explore winter at your own pace. Popular routes include **Babine Mountains Provincial Park**, where the trail into Silver King Basin leads to the Joe L'Orsa Cabin for a rewarding day—or overnight—trip.

On **hudson bay mountain**, a snowshoe across “The Prairie” is a local favourite, while **tyee mountain** and **canyon creek** offer quieter options through forested terrain.

sledding

smithers snowmobile association For motorized adventure, the **Smithers Snowmobile Association** maintains a network of groomed trails and backcountry cabins across several riding areas. **the big onion, the dome, the microwave, sinclair,** and **harold price snowmobiling area** are all within 30 minutes of town. Trail passes are required—fees support the club. Check the SSA website for current info on passes and conditions.

sleigh rides

b&t adventures For a classic farm-style experience, **B&T Adventures** offers horse-drawn sleigh rides. Glide through snowy fields and forest to the sound of sleigh bells, with a magical stop in the woods to gather around a campfire—perfect for roasting smokies, s'mores or warming up with a hot drink. Make it a memorable daytime adventure or a dreamy evening under the stars.

skating

smithers' outdoor rink at central park (behind the Visitor Centre) is flooded each winter by local firefighters — a true community tradition. The **smithers civic centre** offers indoor skating (with occasional FREE public skates) and drop-in shinny hockey. In Telkwa, there are two outdoor rinks: the **woodland rink** in the Woodland subdivision, and the **dockrill rink** on Riverside Street. When conditions are right, skating on frozen local lakes is an unforgettable experience — check conditions with the Visitor Centre or local sports shops. Skate sharpening at Dan's Sports on Main Street.



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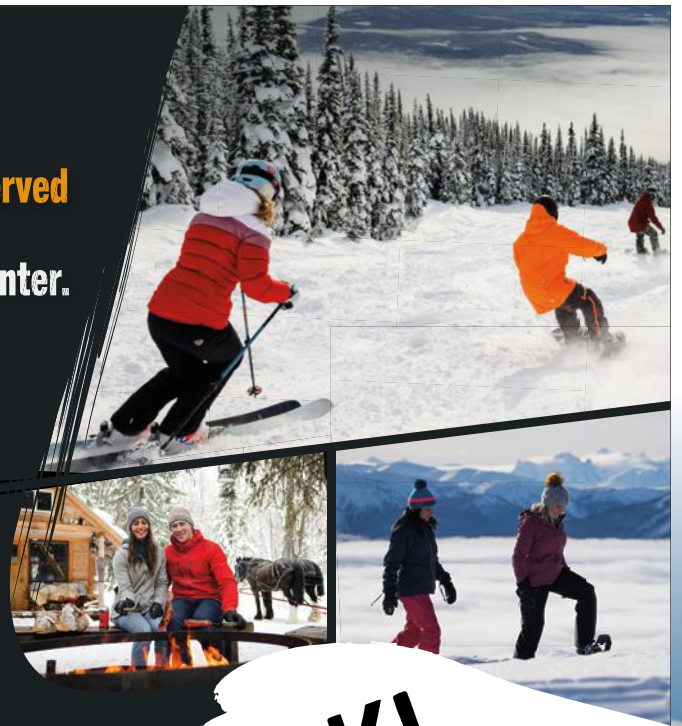
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smithers *in the* spotlight

don't let the small-town setting fool you. smithers and the bulkley valley have produced an extraordinary number of world-class athletes, musicians, and films — with the valley's dramatic scenery drawing hollywood north more than once.



smithers on screen

Hollywood has discovered what locals already know: the mountains around Smithers are cinematic. Hudson Bay Mountain's high alpine plateau — known locally as "The Prairie" — has doubled as Antarctica, Alaska, and a post-apocalyptic ocean in major productions.

- **amazing race canada** (2023) brought contestants to Smithers for challenges that felt distinctly local — making sausages, fishing for toys, and recreating the egg carton (invented here in the Bulkley Valley in 1911). A whole new national audience took notice.
- **the mother** (2021) Jennifer Lopez came to town to star in this Netflix thriller with key scenes filmed at Dennis Lake, drawing a 300-plus cast and crew to town for an early winter.
- **the grey** (2011) brought Liam Neeson here to battle wolves in the "Alaskan" wilderness.
- **the last ship** (2011), a Michael Bay-produced drama series, shot its pilot here the same year.
- **eight below** (2005) Disney transformed the mountain into an Antarctic research station for this film.

smithereens gone pro

on the ice — nhl alumni

The Bulkley Valley has produced a remarkable number of NHL players for a community its size.

dan hamhuis is arguably the valley's most decorated athlete. A 16-season NHL defenceman, he helped the Nashville Predators reach the playoffs for the first time and the Vancouver Canucks win the Presidents' Trophy — in his first year with each team. He won Olympic gold with Canada at the 2014 Sochi Games and two IIHF World Championship gold medals.

Brothers **joel and jim watson** both played defence for the Philadelphia Flyers and won back-to-back Stanley Cups together in 1974 and 1975 — two brothers from the same small BC town, on the same championship team, twice.

ron flockhart scored over 300 NHL points in the 1980s and set a Philadelphia Flyers franchise record: fastest two goals in a game, just 8 seconds apart. Rob Flockhart also reached the NHL.

alan kerr played 9 seasons for the Islanders, Red Wings, and Jets — a right winger known for his physical play and a 24-goal season that earned him Selke Trophy votes.

mike wall made it to the Anaheim Ducks — and later scored a goal as a goaltender, only the second time that had ever happened in his league.

ron homenuke was born in Hazelton and raised in Smithers, drafted 51st overall by the Vancouver Canucks in 1972 and making the team right out of training camp — one of only a handful of Northwestern BC players ever to suit up for the Canucks.

on the pitch — international soccer

daniel imhof played professionally in Switzerland and Germany, won a Swiss league championship, and represented Canada in 13 FIFA World Cup qualifying matches and the 2001 Confederations Cup. These days you'll find him back home on Main Street, running Dan's Sports.

on the podium — olympic & paralympic athletes

Smithers sends athletes to the world's biggest stages:

- **adam kingsmill** — Paralympic Ice Hockey, 2026 Paralympic Winter Games
- **rachelle brown** — Curling, 2026 Olympic Winter Games
- **antje von seydlitz-kurzbach** — Rowing, 2016 Olympic Summer Games
- **dustin hersee** — Swimming, 2000 Olympic Summer Games

on stage — celebrated musicians

This valley has quietly produced a remarkable musical track record. Grammy and Juno Award-winning **alex cuba** has called Smithers home for over 20 years, while homegrown singer-songwriters **mark perry, maddie jay** and **elena erin** all trace their musical roots to this valley, going on to build careers that reach well beyond BC—impressive for a town of 5,000 and just a taste of the local talent here.

on the table — a global invention hatched here

In 1911, local resident Joseph Coyle solved a dispute between a hotel owner and a farmer over broken eggs — and in doing so, invented the egg carton. One of the most ubiquitous pieces of packaging in the world, born right here in the Bulkley Valley. You can learn more at the Bulkley Valley Museum.

get married here

Getting hitched on top of the world. Big Mountains for big moments • Hielengrey Dobrenski



weddings

Say "I do" surrounded by mountain views and scenic small-town charm. Smithers weddings are personal and refreshing — lodges, farm venues, community halls, and ceremony locations all offer picturesque settings and flexible spaces.

Photographers are spoiled for choice, with hayfields, rustic barns, and wide-open valley views on the doorstep. For something truly unforgettable, consider a quick helicopter or small plane trip for your photos — or vows — on a glacier, a mountain peak, or a secluded alpine lake.

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relax & recharge

Plenty of scenic & serene spots to stretch & unwind. • Marty Clements

Slow it down and take a little time for yourself. Whether you're unwinding after a big day outdoors or simply looking to reset, Smithers offers plenty of ways to rest and restore — from yoga studios and day spas to wellness retreats and recreation facilities.

stay fit & refreshed

Keep your routine or try something new. Join a yoga, fitness, or aquafit class, or go for a swim, gym session, or stretch. With welcoming studios and recreation facilities, it's easy to move your body and clear your mind.

pamper yourself

Downtown salons and day spas offer everything from haircuts and facials to massage, manicures, tattoos, piercings, and more.

workshops & retreats

Looking to go deeper? Keep an eye out for wellness workshops and multi-day retreats held throughout the year.

indoor activities

Need a break from the weather?

bulkley valley pool and recreation centre

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roi theatre

- A cozy three-screen cinema showing current releases.

smithers bowl

- Classic 5-pin bowling—fun for all ages.

smithers golf & country club

- Indoor golf simulators during winter / off season.

THINGS TO DO



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discover *our* culture

arts, heritage & witsuwit'en culture

Culture in Smithers is something you'll see, hear and experience — on gallery walls, along downtown streets, and out on the land.

heritage

the bulkley valley museum

Discover the history of our community life through engaging exhibits including 'Alhk'ikh Ts'édilh (*Walking Together*): *The Shared Histories Exhibition*; The Story of the Crashed B-36 Bomber, and Driftwood Canyon fossils that reveal the region's ancient natural history. www.bvmuseum.org

the telkwa museum

Find highlights of the area's rural roots and river-based history (seasonal hours). www.telkwa.ca

historic buildings walking tour

A self-guided walking tour past some of Smithers' most storied buildings — from the 1913 drugstore and the town's first church to a mail-order kit home, and the 1919 railway station built by the company that put Smithers on the map. [follow the Self-Guided Walking Tour page 20](#)

Local mural artist Facundo Gastiazoro painting the Alex Cuba mural on 3rd Ave. • Sandra Smith



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witsuwit'en culture

The Witsuwit'en have lived on this land since time immemorial. **Witset** is home to some of the most significant cultural and fishing sites in the region.

widzin kwah canyon

The **Widzin Kwah** surges through a dramatic canyon where, for generations, Witsuwit'en fishers have harvested salmon. Each summer and fall, migrating salmon pause below the canyon before attempting the turbulent passage upstream. From viewing platforms above the gorge, visitors can sometimes watch Witsuwit'en fishers standing on the rocks, skillfully catching salmon using traditional dip nets — a powerful and living expression of culture and continuity.

Visit respectfully — stay on marked paths and give space to those actively fishing. If you'd like to try fishing yourself, head just downstream to Idiot Rock — ask for directions at the Witset Gas Bar or Canyon House Museum. A valid BC angling licence is required, available at fishing and tackle shops in Smithers.

widzin kwah canyon house museum

Perched above the canyon, the **Widzin Kwah Canyon House Museum** offers an introduction to traditional Witsuwit'en life through stories, artifacts, cultural exhibits, and local art. Open May–October; cultural tours may be available by appointment. 📍 www.witsetcampground.com

residential school pole

Nearby is a moving memorial to survivors and their families, carved by Witsuwit'en master carver Chief Dziggot (Ron Austin Sr.). The pole tells a story of loss, resilience and reconnection—honouring the strength of those who continue to carry Witsuwit'en culture forward.

To explore Witsuwit'en history further, the *Alhk'ikh Ts'édilh (Walking Together): The Shared Histories Exhibition* at the **bulkley valley museum** in Smithers offers a deeper look at the shared histories of the valley.

📍 www.bvmuseum.org

indigenous culture & carvings tour

Many of these sites listed above are part of the **Indigenous Culture & Carvings Walking Tour** 📍 [see page 18](#)

Witsuwit'en dip netting in Widzin Kwah Canyon • Louella Harting-Soppel / Tourism Smithers

Witset: The Healing Pole at Smithers Secondary • Elijah Larsen / Tourism Smithers

live music

Catch live sets at **Bulkley Valley Brewery** and **Smithers Brewing Company**, outdoor performances at the Saturday **Farmers' Market**, or check out a signature summer event like the **Midsummer Music Festival** and the **Bulkley Valley Exhibition / Fall Fair** — both bring the valley to life with large outdoor stages and crowds. From fall through spring, the **BV Concert Society**, **BV Folk Music Society**, and **Round Lake Community Association** host intimate indoor concerts and coffeehouse sessions. 📍 tourismsmithers.com/events

local voices

Smithers has a vibrant creative community — Grammy & Juno award-winning musicians like **Alex Cuba** have roots here, alongside many local performers, writers and internationally-showing visual artists. Browse **Mountain Eagle Books** and **Mills Interior Stationery** for titles by local authors and CDs by local musicians and check in at the **Smithers Public Library** for readings and workshops. Tune into **CICK 93.9 FM**, a volunteer-run community station broadcasting from the vintage rail car in Central Park.

📍 www.smithersradio.com

visual arts & tours

The **Smithers Art Gallery** features rotating exhibits with new shows each month and workshops for all ages. Local artwork appears throughout shops, cafés, and restaurants downtown — keep an eye on the walls as you explore.

art mural tour

A self-guided walk bringing public art to life throughout downtown Smithers.

📍 [page 19](#)

artisan studio tour

Each summer, local artisans open their studios in and around Smithers and Telkwa for a dedicated weekend — a self-guided tour at your own pace through the Bulkley Valley. [find dates](#)

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Explore by Activity: DISCOVER, UNWIND & INDULGE

stroll, shop & taste

Good coffee and a mountain view. Pull up a stump. • Andrew Stain / Northern BC Tourism

main street & downtown

Start at Central Park, where Main Street meets Highway 16, and step onto Smithers' signature red-brick sidewalks. Everything unfolds at a relaxed, walkable pace—alpine storefronts, local shops and plenty of places to pause.

visitor centre

Pop in and get your bearings, pick up maps and find out what's happening during your stay. The **CICK community radio station** broadcasts from its retro rail car just outside. Check the nearby bulletin boards for a snapshot of local life.

walking tours

Three **self-guided walking tours** start here: **Indigenous culture & carvings, downtown art murals and historic buildings.** Pick one—or follow them all.

art & museum

The Central Park Building houses both the **Smithers Art Gallery** and the **Bulkley Valley Museum.** Rotating exhibits and stories of the past — ask museum staff about the bank robbery, the fires and the gun turret! Entrance by donation.

shop main street

Wander Main Street. Most shops are locally owned—often by the people behind the counter—with a mix of everyday goods and locally-made finds.

eat, drink & unwind

Stop for a coffee, settle in for lunch, or wind down at one of the breweries just off Main Street. Book in at a local spa for a massage, facial, hair cut or a hot tub and sauna at the BV Pool & Recreation Centre.

Smithereens are passionate about where they live — strike up a conversation and you may learn their favourite trails, spots, and hidden gems.



Main Street in any season — red-brick sidewalks lead to cool discoveries • Louella Hartling-Sippel / Snowseekers



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eat & drink local

From farm to table, good food comes naturally around here — farmers' markets, sausage makers, coffee roasters and craft brews, all made in the valley.

coffee & craft beer

Fuel your day with locally roasted beans from **Canyon Creek Coffee**, **Bugwood Coffee** or **Reel Coffee**, all served in cafés and available at shops around town.

When the day winds down, **Bulkley Valley Brewery** and **Smithers Brewing Company** pour award-winning small-batch beers. Stop in for a flight tasting—or stay for live music on select nights.

dining out

From casual cafés to global flavours — Moroccan, East Indian, Japanese, Greek, Ukrainian, pub fare and more—Smithers offers a wide range of dining options, many focused on local and ethically-sourced ingredients.

bakers & street eats

Fresh baked goods from **Paul's Bakery**, **Rustica Wood Fired Bakery**, **Flake** and **Riverside Kitchen Co.** are found at cafés, shops, and the Farmers' Market.

Look out for local food trucks — including the **Poutine Shack** and the **Cold Cow** — popping up at breweries, markets and events spring through summer.

local producers & farmers' markets

First Avenue is a go-to for locally made food products. Head to **Nature's Pantry** or the **Out of Hand** co-op for everything from local mushrooms, honey, kombucha and fresh meals to candles, pottery and soaps.

The valley has a strong tradition of quality meats. Pick up locally-raised meats and specialty sausages downtown at **Smithers Sausage Factory** and **Out of Hand** or at **Rudolph's Pure Sausage** in Telkwa. You'll also find local meats featured on menus throughout town.

On Saturdays from May–October, the **Bulkley Valley Farmers' Market** fills Central Park with a lively mix of growers, makers and musicians, with tables full of fresh produce, meats, baking, preserves and crafts. Occasional indoor markets carry the spirit through the colder months.



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march

steelhead slalom

A high-energy banked slalom snowboard race on Hudson Bay Mountain, fun for all ages & perfect for spectators.

schuss boomer downhill

A beloved downhill ski & snowboard race that's as much costume party as competition, with cheering crowds & pure northern BC spirit.

wetzinkwa loppet

Annual Nordic ski races for the whole family with distances for all ages & abilities — registration required, lunch included.

april

schnai day ski fest

Close out the ski season in style with a Slush Cup, Dummy Downhill, costumes, live music, & full-on family fun

earth week

A week of spring celebrations featuring a Roll & Stroll parade & Green Expo Fair on Main Street.

bowhunter jamboree

A weekend packed with archery, adventure, & community spirit.

may

mother's day 5k/10k walk/run

Celebrate Mom with a fun morning fundraiser run/walk for all ages and abilities.

tour de smithers backroad challenge

Gravel bike event for all levels. Two scenic routes. Ride to win or ride for fun. Everyone is welcome!

june

pride festival

A free, family-friendly day at Bovill Square w/ vendors, entertainment, & rainbow colours.

heavy petal enduro

A mountain bike race with hard-earned descents, rock-and-roll energy, & heavy metal costumes encouraged (ages 10+).

father's day fishing event

Family fun at Tyhee Lake Provincial Park: free bbq, ice cream, "Learn to fish" spincast or fly fish, bingo, pond dipping, crafts, face painting & more.

national indigenous peoples day

A free, inclusive community celebration hosted by the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre honouring Indigenous, First Nations, Métis, & Inuit cultures.

tatlowfest

A weekend whitewater kayaking and river surfing festival with competitions and live entertainment for paddlers and spectators alike.



Schnai Day • Louella Hartling-Sippel



Heavy Petal Enduro • Louella Hartling-Sippel



Fall Fair Parade • Mandy Storey



SMITHERS EVENTS

Full calendar of events, including live music, art shows, races + more



july

canada day

Come to Bovill Square on Main Street for O Canada, family events, live music, and cake.

midsummer music festival

A beloved three-day festival at the Bulkley Valley Exhibition Grounds with diverse artists, workshops, camping, & a sweet community vibe.

tyhee lake triathlon

Swim, bike, &/or run around scenic Tyhee Lake in a welcoming event for all levels, with options for teams, youth, & duathletes.

artisan studio tour

Spend a weekend exploring local studios on a self-guided tour, meeting makers & discovering unique Bulkley Valley crafts.

main street market

Artisans, musicians, & local businesses, family-friendly events, & activities on Main Street.

august

hah nic na aah mountain marathon

A rugged, high-alpine race in local mountains that challenges runners with steep climbs, remote terrain, & ever-changing backcountry routes.

smithers celebrity golf tournament

Invited celebrities (NHL players, Olympians, TV hosts) join community members for a lively weekend of golf, entertainment, & fundraising.

adult & youth guitar camps

Annual guitar camps at Camp Caledonia on Tyhee Lake, with separate sessions for adults & youth hosted by the local Folk Music Society.

cick deckfest

Free live alternative music at CICK 93.9FM's iconic Train Car in Central Park & beyond.

bulkley valley exhibition (fall fair)

Four days of rodeo action, midway rides, live entertainment, fair exhibits, and a Main Street parade — one of the region's biggest and longest-running events.

september

telkwa bbq

A Labour Day tradition for over 100 years: legendary beef BBQ, softball & horseshoe tournaments, & laid-back family fun in Telkwa.

bc rivers day flotilla

Community float, river cleanup, & celebration of the Widzin Kwah / Bulkley & nearby watersheds.

roots, ridges & regrets backyard ultra

Run as many 6 km loops as you can, every hour on the hour, until you're the last one standing — ultra fun, ultra inclusive.

october

spooky cross

A Halloween-inspired cyclocross race with a kids' race, costumes, food, & music — beginner-friendly & a total blast.

treat city (halloween night)

Follow a mapped trick-or-treat route through Smithers' most creatively decorated homes and businesses for an unforgettable night of candy and costumes.

november

christmas craft markets

Wintergold, "One of a Kind" Artisan Market, & various holiday craft fairs, Smithers & Telkwa.

december

christmas on main

A festive one-day celebration in downtown Smithers with lights, carolers, horse-drawn wagon rides, Santa, & live music.

christmas parade (truck light parade)

A glowing evening parade of decorated trucks, tractors, bikes, & floats cruising through downtown — bundle up & line the streets!

village of telkwa

Railway Bridge at the confluence of the Telkwa and the Bulkley Rivers • Marty Clemens / Village of Telkwa

Smithers' closest neighbour sits just 15 km east along the highway, where the Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers meet. Telkwa is a small, unhurried place with deep roots — the valley's first non-Indigenous townsite, Aldermere, was established here in 1906 on the bluff above the Bulkley, serving as a supply stop for Gold Rush-era prospectors heading north. When the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway arrived in 1907, the community shifted downhill to its present site, and many of the buildings from those early years are still standing.

historic walking tour

Pick up a self-guided walking tour brochure at the **telkwa museum** or **village office** and wander through more than a century of local history. The restored 1910 **St. Stephen's Anglican Church** is a highlight — and the museum itself, housed in a 1920s schoolhouse, is worth a stop. Exhibits include some genuinely surprising local lore: the origins of the egg carton, and a famous rock that made it into Ripley's Believe It or Not.

walk & ski

aldermere trails This easy trail network winds through open forest and rolling hills along the river, connecting to the site of the original Aldermere townsite. Popular year-round for walking, trail running and mountain biking, with wide views across the Bulkley Valley.

tyee mountain In winter, approximately 30 km of ski trails around Tyee Mountain on the north side of Tyhee Lake offer groomed nordic terrain.

riverside path Enjoy a short, beautiful, riverside walk from the Telkwa Bridge to Eddy Park while sampling food from the cafés, Tyhee Market or the Riverbend Ice Cream Shoppe.

tyhee lake provincial park

A local favourite for good reason — sandy beach, roped swimming area, accessible bird viewing platform, playground, picnic shelter, firepits, EV charging station, and 59 wooded campsites for tents and RVs (most with electrical hookups). The lake is stocked with rainbow trout.



Picnicking along the pathway alongside the Bulkley River
• Marty Clemens / Village of Telkwa



rivers & paddling

The Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers are popular for floating, paddling and fishing, with a classic run from Telkwa to Smithers— take out river right near the Bulkley Bridge at the Lunan Road Parks & Rec Site. Mountain rivers change fast: water levels shift, hazards appear, and one stretch near Tatlow Falls kicks up real whitewater. Before you go, check in with Aquabatics or another local sport shop for current conditions — it’s a quick call that makes for a much safer day on the water.

skillhorn disc golf

Two layouts over 49 acres: the Berry Floor (9 holes, ~45 min) or the Octo-22 (22 holes, ~2 hours), using a mix of baskets, poles and marked trees. Open May through October. smithersdisc.com

telkwa bbq

A Labour Day tradition for over 100 years: legendary beef BBQ, softball and horseshoe tournaments, and laid-back family fun — hosted by the Bulkley Valley Kinsmen every September long weekend.

MAPS & MORE 
Learn more at Telkwa.ca and refer to the Village of Telkwa Map  see page 16

Telkwa

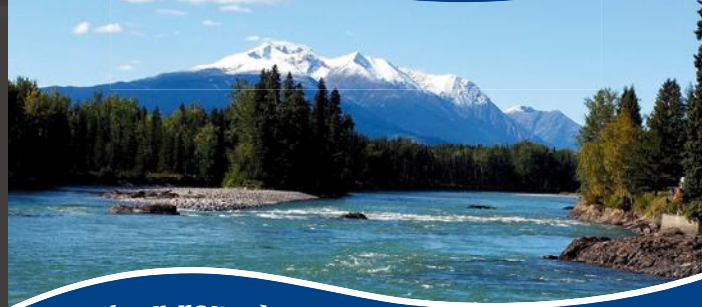
WHERE RIVERS MEET & FRIENDS GATHER



World-class fishing on the Bulkley River.



Home of Tyhee Lake Provincial Park



Year-round Recreation Opportunities.



www.telkwa.ca

the hazeltons

Just 45 minutes west of Smithers on Highway 16, the tri-town hamlets of Hazelton, New Hazelton, and South Hazelton make for one of the most rewarding day trips in the region. Nestled at the base of the dramatic Hagwilget Peak and the rugged Stekyoden Mountain Range, where the Bulkley River flows into the Skeena and centuries of Indigenous history run deep, the Hazeltons offer a vivid and memorable visit. Learn more at hazeltonstourism.ca

start at the visitor centre

Your first stop should be the Hazelton Area Visitor Centre — a unique two-storey log building at the junction of Highways 16 and 62 in New Hazelton. The must-see gift shop is packed with local artisan treasures and upstairs, a new exhibit (2024) brings to life the rich history of the Gitksan, Witsuwit'en, and settler residents of the region. The friendly, knowledgeable staff can point you toward the best the area has to offer — hidden gems, scenic trails, cultural experiences, and everything in between. The Visitor Centre is open February to December — making it a convenient year-round resource for trip planning. There's easy access off the highway, a grassed picnic area, and three larger-than-life statues on the grounds representing the miner, the logger, and the packer.

hagwilget canyon

One of the Hazeltons' most jaw-dropping natural features is Hagwilget Canyon — a more than 200-foot-deep gorge carved by the Bulkley River. Walk out onto the single-lane steel suspension bridge above it and look down: the scale of this raw, wild landscape is something photographs simply can't capture. It's one of those moments that will earn a place in your travel memory long after the trip is over. Pull-outs on either side of the bridge are great viewing points.

historic hazelton

The Village of Hazelton is a small, charming riverside settlement dating to 1866, sitting at the confluence of the Bulkley and Skeena Rivers. Check out the self-guided historic walking tour of downtown Hazelton, sharing history about the community's colourfully restored heritage buildings and artifacts that line its streets, including the S.S. Hazelton, the historic sternwheeler that once navigated these local waterways. The views of river, mountain, and sky from this little village are genuinely breathtaking — a great spot to stretch your legs and take it all in. Check out the mountain biking trails while you're here!

'ksan historical village

No visit to the Hazeltons is complete without time at 'Ksan Historical Village — one of the most remarkable cultural sites in Northern BC. This living, experiential museum features recreated traditional Gitksan longhouses and totem poles, and brings to life the history, art, and oral traditions of the Gitksan people who have called this land home since time immemorial. Knowledgeable guides lead visitors through the village, and the on-site gift shop is a wonderful place to find local Indigenous art and crafts. Plan to spend at least an hour — most visitors wish they'd allowed more time.

'ksan campground

The 'Ksan Campground, located right next to the historical village, offers a scenic stop for those travelling with trailers or RVs.



Hagwilget Canyon Bridge, with Mt Stekyoden in the background. • Anatole Tuziak

'Ksan Village. • Matthias Frencksson

Mountain biking in Hazelton. • Shayd Johnson

S.S. Hazelton in Hazelton. • Shayd Johnson

to the west

terrace

A 2.5 hour drive from Smithers westbound on Highway 16 takes you to Terrace, a city of close to 12,000 people, located on the Skeena River and a self-described “choose-your-own-adventure” community. The area’s mountains and forests offer accessible walking paths and trails for hiking, single-track mountain biking, golfing, backcountry skiing and snowmobiling. The area draws anglers who like to camp at Ferry Island on the shore of the Skeena. From Smithers, 20 kms before you reach Terrace, you will pass through the territory of the Kitselas First Nation where you will find the Kitselas Canyon, a National Historic Site that showcases four traditional longhouses, each with a totem pole, representing the four Kitselas Clans. Call ahead to book a guided tour and learn more.

prince rupert

A 4 hour drive from Smithers westbound on Highway 16 brings you to the end of the road — literally. The coastal city of Prince Rupert sits at Mile 0 of the Yellowhead Highway, on the third deepest natural ice-free harbour in the world. Home to around 12,000 people and set in Tsimshian territory, Prince Rupert is known for its rich Indigenous culture, working harbour, fresh seafood and dramatic coastal landscapes. The city offers whale watching, wildlife tours, kayaking, sport fishing, hiking trails and easy access to nearby islands and the Great Bear Rainforest. It’s also the ferry gateway to Haida Gwaii and Vancouver Island.

to the east

houston

A 45 minute drive from Smithers eastbound on Highway 16 takes you to the community of Houston. With a population of just 3200 people, there is always space for quiet walks on the riverbank, lake or the many walking and hiking trails in the area. Originally a farming community with the rich soils often found in valley bottoms, Houston has grown to become an industrial centre that exemplifies cohabitation with the farming community and is home to many outdoor enthusiasts.

burns lake

A 1.5 hour drive from Smithers eastbound on Highway 16 takes you to the Village of Burns Lake, a warm community of about 1700 people surrounded by rural farms and over 5,000 kilometres of lake shoreline, which explains why we call this “The Lakes District.” Burns Lake has a charming small-town energy and easy walking distances to all the services and amenities you need, including niche coffee shops, a growing arts scene, vibrant Indigenous heritage, locally-owned specialty stores and lively events. Locals are proud of their “unique” village which boasts “a one-&-only traffic light, all four seasons in an hour (especially on May-long weekend), and that everyone seems to know someone who is related to someone in Burns Lake.” The area has an active mountain-biking scene, bird watching, camping, fishing, and swimming areas to explore.

eat, drink & local food

☞ Dining

🍷 Licensed premises

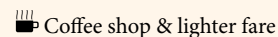
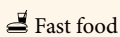
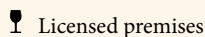
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☕ Coffee shop & lighter fare

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TELKWA

In addition to the businesses below, Telkwa hosts several top-notch mobile vendors during summer.

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Coffee and pies! Fresh local ingredients, specializing in homemade pastries & meat pies.



OLIVIA'S CAFÉ

1209 Highway 16, Telkwa
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RIVERBEND ICE CREAM (SUMMER)

Beside the Telkwa Museum (Hwy. 16)

RUDOLPH'S PURE SAUSAGE

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Phone: 250-846-5588
Email: rpsausagebv@gmail.com
Deli serving a variety of food including locally made sausages by a German Sausage Master.

accommodations

	Address	Phone	Web / E-mail	Cabins or similar	Internet Access	Tenting	RV Hookups	Pet Friendly	Fitness Room	Kitchensettes / Kitchen access	On-site Restaurant	Hot Tub / Sauna	Swimming Pool	Wheelchair Access
CAMPING & RV PARKS														
Bulkley Valley RV Park	575 Hwy 16E, Smithers	250-847-0866	(phone only)				•	•						
<i>Riverside RV Park, self-contained only. Rates: daily/weekly/monthly/long term and annual.</i>														
Glacier View RV Park	9028 Nouch Frontage Rd., Smithers	250-847-3961	www.glacierviewrvpark.com	•	•		•	•		•				
<i>Glacier view, self-contained wood cabins, electric heat, full-service power, water & sewer pull-throughs & back-in sites, laundromat.</i>														
Harmony Ridge RV Park & Guesthouse	1939 Highway 16 Hwy E, Telkwa	250-917-8400	www.harmonyridge.ca	•	•	•	•	•						
<i>River access, variety camping options—from traditional tent sites to full RV hookups.</i>														
Riverside Municipal Campground	19th Avenue, Smithers	250-847-1600	www.smithers.ca/campground	•	•	•	•	•						
<i>Firepits, firewood, kitchen, water, sewer, power, river fishing, nature & bike trails, playground, pets on leash, showers, flush toilets.</i>														
Tyhee Lake Provincial Park	Tyhee Rd, Telkwa / kermodeparks@gmail.com	800-689-9025	www.bcparks.ca/tyhee-lake-park/			•		•						
<i>Well-maintained sites, sandy beachfront, group sites, hot showers, firepits, walking trails, RVs welcome (no hookups)</i>														
Witset RV Campground / Museum	159 Telkwa High Road, Witset	250-847-1471	www.witsetcampground.com	•	•	•	•	•						•
<i>40 campsites, 30 & 50-amp powered sites, 8 unserviced tent sites, close to museum, canyon campground@tourismwitset.com and gas bar. High-speed internet, playground, laundry, showers, security. Open May to October.</i>														
BED & BREAKFASTS, LODGES AND RESORTS														
Aspen Bay Cabins	Chapman Lake, Babine Provincial Park	250-643-1385	aspenbaycabins@yahoo.com	•				•		•		•		
<i>4 cabins on Chapman Lake, canoe/boat rentals, sauna, BBQs, playground, close to hiking trails, fishing, wildlife viewing.</i>														
Banner Mountain Lodge	#3—12753 Babine Lake Rd., Smithers	250-846-5655	bannermountainlodge@gmail.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
<i>Your own house for a room rate in the Babine Mountains, minutes from Smithers—spacious, beautiful location and facilities.</i>														
Dead Wood Gone	8452 Hwy 16 West, Smithers	250-917-9172	gunsters@deadwoodgone.ca	•	•					•		•		
<i>A secluded, design-forward, off-the-grid Geo Dome glamping experience with outdoor hot tub, farm-to-table breakfast, and a deep commitment to privacy and reconnecting with nature. Open year round.</i>														
Driftwood Lodge	947t Old Babine Lake Rd, Smithers	250-847-5335	smithersdriftwoodlodge@gmail.com	•						•				
<i>4 rooms w/ ensuite, breakfast avail., scenic rural acreage w/ mountain views, close to Babine Prov. Park, 10-15 mins from town.</i>														
Eddy Park Lodge	1565 Highway 16, Telkwa	250-877-2461	booking@watsonoutdoors.ca	•						•				
<i>Located across the road from the scenic Bulkley River. Six self-contained guest rooms, close to boat launch.</i>														
Frontier Experience	1275 Raymond Rd, Telkwa	877-846-9153	info@frontierexperience.com	•	•							•		
<i>Stunning timber frame lodge + cabins on 80 acre ranch on the Bulkley River w views of Hudson Bay Mountain.</i>														
Glacier View Cabins & Cottages	9028 Nouch Frontage Rd., Smithers	250-847-3961	glacierviewrvpark@gmail.com	•	•		•			•				
<i>Glacier view, self-contained wood cabins, electric heat, full-service power, water & sewer pull-throughs & back-in sites, laundromat.</i>														
Hudson Bay Mountain Chalet	213 Hudson Bay Mountain Rd., Smithers	250-877-2561	booking@watsonoutdoors.ca	•	•					•				
<i>Bright and comfortable on-mountain accommodation. Year-round access to recreation.</i>														
The Inn at the Creamery	1655 Riverside St., Telkwa	250-643-5039	Info@innatthecreamery.ca	•						•				•
<i>Small inn and a coffee roastery located in an old Creamery on the Bulkley River in Telkwa.</i>														
Jollymore Ranch	7803 Jollymore Road, Smithers	250-552-0844	bookings@jollymoreranch.com	•						•		•	•	•
<i>3 luxury log houses with stunning views, laundry room (washer/dryer), BBQ grill, wood fireplace, games room (in 2 homes)</i>														
Lakefront Escape	7671 Tyhee Lake Road, Telkwa	778-210-1461	info@lakefrontescape.ca	•	•					•				
<i>Accommodates 6 : 1 queen bed, 1 queen pull out, 2 singles, wood heat chopped & ready, canoe avail. swimming, river fishing nearby.</i>														
Last Dollar Ranch / LDR	20251 Mackenzie Road, Smithers	250-847-2211 or cell 778-210-2262		•	•	•		•				•		
<i>Luxury accommodations 30 minutes from Smithers</i>														
Log Guest Cabin	9702 Driftwood Road, Smithers		hperbel.wixsite.com/log-guest-cabin	•	•									
<i>Quiet, private, hidden away in a beautiful natural wilderness setting overlooking Babine Mountains Provincial Park.</i>														

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accommodations

	Address	Phone	Web / E-mail	Cabins or similar	Internet Access	Tenting	RV Hookups	Pet Friendly	Fitness Room	Kitchens / Kitchen access	On-site Restaurant	Hot Tub / Sauna	Swimming Pool	Wheelchair Access
Rocky Ridge Resort <i>Cabins w/ kitchen, sauna, saloon, wedding/event venue + camping (no hookups) 105 acre wilderness setting 40 kms from Smithers. no phone (messages only), ltd. wifi.</i>	31369 Kitseguela Lake Rd., Smithers	www.rockyridgeresort-bc.com		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Round Lake Resort <i>Lakefront cabins, a group RV site, sailing, campfires, trails, boat rentals, in a beautiful natural environment.</i>	20806 Hwy. 16, Telkwa	250-846-9160	info@roundlakeresort.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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