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#### Mile '0' of the Alaska Highway

The Alaska Highway, formerly known as the Alcan (Alaska-Canadian) Highway, winds its way through wilderness connecting Dawson Creek, British Columbia and Fairbanks, Alaska.

Officially, the highway began on March 8, 1942 with a group starting north from Dawson Creek, then a small town of 600; the highway was completed eight months later on October 25, 1942.

President Roosevelt authorized construction of the Alaska Highway on February 11, 1942. The U.S. secured rights-of-way through Canada in March. The formal agreement between the two countries stipulated that the U.S. pay for construction and turn over the Canadian portion of the highway to the Canadian government after the war ended. In turn, Canada furnished the right-of-way; waived import duties, sales tax, income tax and immigration regulations; and provided construction materials along the route.

More than II,000 American troops, including 7 regiments of engineers, 16,000 civilian workmen from Canada and the United States and 7,000 pieces of equipment were thrown into the herculean task of penetrating the 1500 miles of mountains, muskeg and mosquitoes.

For the soldiers and workers it was a difficult life.



Fatigue, hypothermia and accidents were a part of everyday life as the workers set down eight miles of road a day, seven days a week.

The general route of the highway was along a line of existing trails and airfields from Edmonton, Alberta to Fairbanks, Alaska. This chain of airfields was known as the Northwest Staging Route.

On September 24, 1942, soldiers met at Contact Creek, near the British Columbia - Yukon border marking the completion of the southern sector. The road was literally bulldozed through the wilderness. Road conditions of the Alcan were horrific with 90-degree turns and 25 percent grades.

Then on a cold November 20, 1942, 250 soldiers, civilians and Royal Canadian Mounted Policemen watched as officials from the United States and Canada cut the ribbon to officially open this major road link. The ceremony took place at Mile 1061, known as "Soldiers Summit". The highway was officially opened to the public in 1948. A monumental achievement even by today's standards, the Alaska Highway was literally carved out of the wilderness in only eight months at a cost of \$140 million dollars.

On September 28, 1996 at a ceremony in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, the Alaska Highway was designated as the 16th International Historical Civil Engineering Landmark.

Harbor in 1941 that construction of the highway was deemed a military necessity as a supply road to defend North America against the Japanese. Officially, construction of the highway began on March 8, 1942 — completed eight months later on October 25, 1942.

### Points of Interest

It has been more than 80 years since the original construction began on this engineering marvel.

We are proud to celebrate the impact this project has had on our regions, our people, and our home.

#### 81 YEARS OF HISTORY

#### MILE '0' Dawson Creek

In the spring of 1942, located at the end of the railway, Dawson Creek became a major terminus for troops, supplies and equipment arriving from Edmonton destined for the north.

Today - Photo opportunity at the Historic Mile '0' Cairn & Milepost. What an amazing feat. It is hard to image how they worked in such harsh conditions!

#### MILE 21 Kiskatinaw Bridge

A 531 ft (162 metre) curved structure, one of the first of its kind in Canada, it is the only original timber bridge built along the highway still in use. Today – See the oldest curved wooden bridge still in use today and an opportunity to drive the original Alaska Highway – watch for the frost heaves!

#### MILE 36 Taylor

Taylor and the Peace River Bridge: Ist Main Army Camp 341st. Before the Peace was bridged in '42, a ferry from Taylor served as the major link across the river. The original Peace River suspension bridge, the longest bridge on the highway, collapsed in 1957.

#### MILE 47 Fort St. John "Camp Alcan"

In 1942 Fort St. John's population "exploded". What had been home to 200 became a temporary base for more than 6,000.

#### MILE 52 Charlie Lake

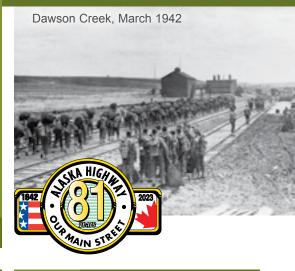
Site of a recent memorial erected to commemorate the loss of 12 American soldiers who drowned here in 1942 while crossing the lake aboard "pontoon barges".

#### MILE 101 Blueberry Control Station

Site of Blueberry Control Gate, a 24-hour military checkpoint operated by US army personnel through the war years.

#### MILE 148 Suicide Hill

One of the most treacherous hills on the original highway noted for its ominous greeting: PREPARE TO MEET THY MAKER.



#### MILE 162 Sikanni Chief River Bridge

This bridge was one of the first to be completed on the Alaska Highway. This 300 foot wide bridge was built in less than 84 hours.

Today - The African American soldiers were honoured for their efforts during a Juneteenth Memorial Day Service on May 30, 2010.

#### MILE 300 Fort Nelson

Called "Zero" by the troops because it was the beginning of the road to Whitehorse and Fort Simpson. Home to about 2,000 troops during construction. *Today* - The Alaska Highway Veterans & Builders Monument is located at the Fort Nelson Heritage Museum.

#### MILE 392 Summit

At Mile 397, crews had to blast through the rock to create a road. *Today* - The highest point on the Alaska Highway (4,250 ft: 1,295 m). What a spectacular view!

#### MILE 456 Muncho Lake

The road around the lake was a particular challenge. Workers had to cut their way through the lake's rocky banks and use horse-pulled stone boats to haul the rock away.

Today - The road winds around the deep green blue waters of Muncho Lake. Travelers can rest at Provincial camp sites, a lakeside lodge or cabin and enjoy back country tours or explore the many hiking trails.



The historic milepost markings are no longer accurate but are still important as local location references. Some old sections of the highway are still in use as local roads, while others are left to deteriorate and still others have been developed as hiking trails.

#### MILE 496 Liard River Hot Springs

Site of a major construction camp. The natural hot springs were used by troops daily, but once a week they cleared out, leaving the hot springs to the women of the camp.

Today - One of our favourite spots! From warm to hot to hotter, these natural hot springs are a piece of paradise.

#### MILE 524 Fireside

Site of a huge fireplace that burned night and day to warm passing soldiers and construction workers. An officers barracks was also located here. Today - this area was partially destroyed in 1982 by the second largest fire in BC history. Evidence of the fire can be seen from here all the way to Lower Post.

#### MILE 627 BC > Yukon Border Crossing

The highway crosses the BC-Yukon border six times between Contact Creek and Mile 627. Mile 627 marks the official border crossing.



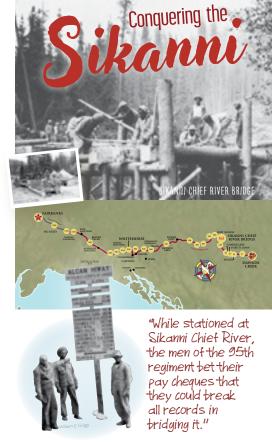
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#### **ABOUT OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST & THE HISTORY OF THE ALASKA HIGHWAY!**

Learn more about points of interest on your journey from the Yukon to Alaska on page 43



Visit our website where you can find more info about the history & construction of the Alaska Highway, and how the highway has changed in the 80 years since its



#### **African American Regiments**

The war was a period of continuing racial prejudice. Many officers in the US Army believed that African Americans should be kept out of combat missions and should not congregate in bases located near American towns. This made the option of using African American men for highway construction in a remote area appealing to the military. Three out of the seven US Army regiments working on the construction of the Alaska Highway – the 93rd, 95th, and 97th – were composed of enlisted African American men. In pure numbers, of the 10,765 American troops assigned to construct the highway, 3,695 of them were African Americans.

Morale in the regiments tended to be low for good reason. They were often provided with insufficient equipment, clothing and accommodation, and their skills were often overlooked by white officers. In one case, the 95th regiment had been given hand tools rather than machinery (which had been saved for the all-white 35th regiment) to work with despite the fact that they had more experience operating the equipment.

Despite their hardships and ill treatment, the African American regiments succeeded in constructing a large portion of the Alaska Highway. While stationed at Sikanni Chief River, the men of the 95th regiment bet their pay cheques that they could break all records in bridging it. They won; the Sikanni Chief River Bridge was completed in

#### construction. 84 hours, half the time usually required for bridge **ALASKAHIGHWAYJOURNEY.COM** construction.



#### Visit the Info Caboose to learn more.

As you turn left onto Hwy 39, you can't help but see our big red caboose. Possibly the most charming info center in the province (maybe even the country), it is full of friendly people and all kinds of travel information on the Mackenzie region and other northwestern destinations.

Situated in a refurbished railway caboose, this unique visitor centre is a historical curiosity from an era gone by. Nearby is a rest area that offers picnic tables and clean washrooms for your convenience.

Inside, you'll find free maps and tourism guides, travel updates and advisories, planning tips and a list of services and sights to see. They offer a small variety of snacks and drinks as well as a selection of unique mementos for purchase.

And sometimes they even have cookies...



Mackenzie Visitor Centre Open: May - September Tel: 250.997-5459

Junction of Hwy 97 & Hwy 39 Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

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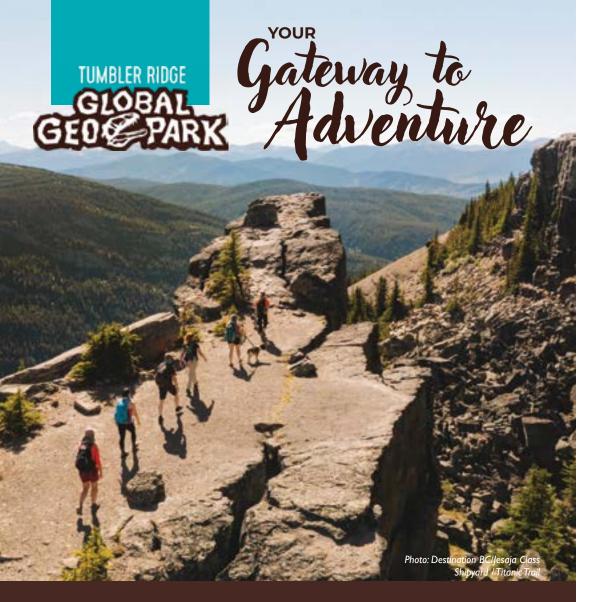
# Mackenzie

Small Town, Massive Landscape Mackenzie sits in the epic Rocky Mountain Trench. From there, every imaginable adventure is close at hand from high mountain ridges, to deep blue lakes. Scramble to the tops of peaks for a panoramic view, hike amazing alpine ridges, and ride bikes through the lush forest. Float soundlessly on glassy lakes and cast a line into the waiting mouths of hungry fish. Glide along a moonlit trail on cross country skis, growl up snow-clad slopes on a snowmobile, or snowboard silently through deep, fluffy powder. When the landscape around you is this big and this full of adventure, you'll take home the ultimate souvenir — an experience you will never forget.

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#### Tumbler Ridge is home to 1 of only 5 Global Geoparks in Canada.

A UNESCO Global Geopark is an area recognized as having internationally significant geological heritage. Geoparks aim to reconnect people to the earth, whether through hiking trails, learning about mountain building, eating food grown in the local soils, or celebrating the stories of the people who have lived here since time immemorial.

The geology in a Geopark may be linked to sites with interesting archaeology, wildlife, history, folklore and culture. Tourism industry promotion in a Geopark focuses on highlighting the geographical character of a place.

## LEARN MORE ONLINE TUMBLERRIDGEGEOPARK.CA

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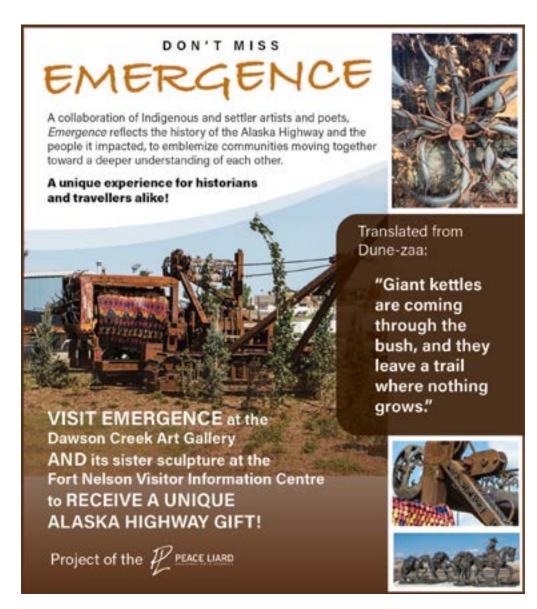


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# Museums

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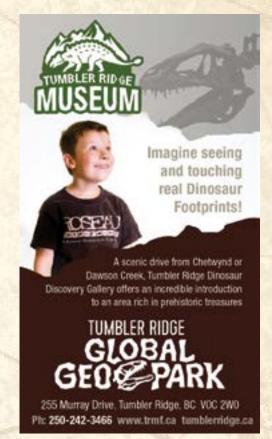


Our artifacts and collections reflect the local heritage of the community and surrounding area.

Outdoor Displays • Picnic Areas
Connection to Community Trail System
RV's are welcome with plenty of parking
• Sani Dump

Located just west of Chetwynd off the Hart Hwy 97 on Westgate Road LOOK FOR THE SIGNS!

Check with the Chetwynd Visitor Centre for Hours of Operation | Tel: 250 788 1943



## HUDSON'S HOPE Museum



Displays include local dinosaurs and other fossils, farming, hunting and trapping exhibits, all housed within an original Hudson's Bay store. Machine shed and heritage cabins on site. Beautiful location right on the Peace River, great for picnics. Open year round. Admission by donation.

Hours: Oct - April: Mon-Fri 9-4:30pm | May - Sept: Mon-Sun 9-5pm

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www.hudsonshopemuseum.com



#### Station Museum

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#### OPEN YEAR ROUND

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Heritage site which explores the history of the early pioneers The village is set up like an actual town, complete with a general store, churches and a schoolhouse.

Tel: 250-719-8501 mile0rvpark@gmail.com





Our artifacts and collections reflect the local heritage of the community and the surrounding area, particularly in regards to family life, farming, Many of our artifacts date from 1889 when the first settler in the area filed a homestead claim.

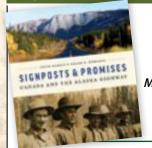
Open May 1st - August 31st 8:00 am - 5:00 pm daily

5006 - 49th Avenue Pouce Coupe, BC V0C 2C0 Museum: 250-786-5555 Village Office: 250-786-5794



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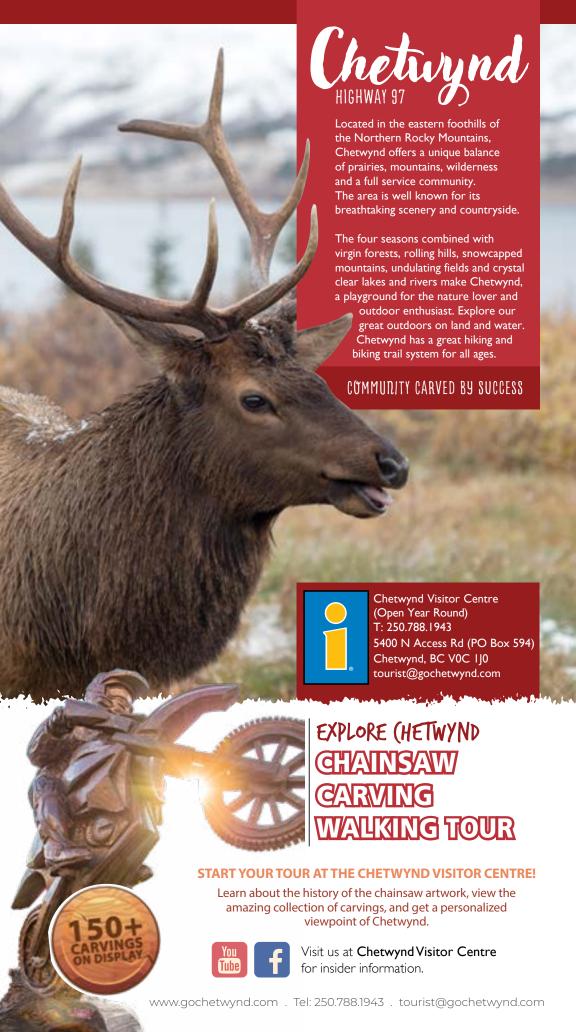
History of Fort Nelson & the Northern Rockies area. Pioneer artifacts, Alaska Highway construction displays, vintage autos & machinery, trapper's cabin, white moose & wildlife displays, souvenirs, books & much more.

Open mid **May** - mid **September**Please call ahead for hours of operation.
• small admission charged

5553 Alaska Highway Tel/Fax (250) 774-3536 Box 716, Fort Nelson, BC V0C 1R0

www.fortnelsonmuseum.ca





#### **Chetwynd Recreation Centre**

There's never a shortage of things to do in Chetwynd. The newly expanded Recreation Centre features a curling rink, ice arena, sports fields, fitness centre, track, weight room, racquet courts, indoor play area and climbing wall.

#### ► Water Play Park

With 13 water/spray features, play park, restrooms and change area.

#### **▶ Leisure Pool**

Features: wave pool, hot tub, sauna and 50 m waterslide.

#### ► BMX and Skateboard Park

This 10,000 square foot park features elements such as pyramid, stairs and rails with loads of concrete ideal for BMX riders



#### **Parks**

There are 9 Playparks located throughout the

#### **Hiking and Biking**

OVER 70KMS OF MAINTAINED TRAILS

Chetwynd's trail systems lie within the town's

Don't forget your golf clubs! Chetwynd has a

#### **Outdoor Adventure**

Outdoor enthusiasts will find several options in the great outdoors: hit the hiking and biking trails, or explore a local lake or river. Non-motorized boats are available on Moberly Lake. The fishing is great - try Moberly, Gwillim, and Sundance lakes, and the Pine, Murray and Sukunka rivers to get you started.

#### **Moberly Lake Provincial Park**

Situated on the southern shore of Moberly Lake and 25 kms North of Chetwynd is the Moberly Lake Provincial Park with boat launch, large campsite, day picnic area and information kiosk to learn about local history, flora and fauna. Spencer Tuck Municipal Park, situated on the northern shore of Moberly Lake. The lakeshore day-use park includes 6 fire pits, picnic tables, outhouses and a boat launch...

#### Let it snow!

Excellent snowmobiling can be found just a short drive from town. Cross-country skiers can take in the trails in the Chetwynd community forest, and downhill skiers and snowboarders can head out to nearby Powder King Ski Area, famous for receiving up to 40 feet of dry powder snow per year!



town with a wide range of play equipment including one Fitness Park. And, a newly added off-leash dog park.

greenspace as well as in the backcountry. From rustic to steep and rugged, there is a trail to suit all levels of hikers and bikers.

challenging course, to test your skills and take your breath away with spectacular views. Moberly Lake & District Golf Course offers nine holes of golf, club and cart rentals as well as a licensed clubhouse. .





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#### **BC's Outdoor Gem**

Hudson's Hope is known for its parks, campgrounds and recreational opportunities. There are a number of camping and RV parks in the area: King Gething Park (right in town), Alwin Holland Park, Dinosaur and Cameron Lake.

Surrounded by lakes and rivers, Hudson's Hope offers a wide range of outdoor recreational activities including excellent fishing, canoeing, boating, hunting, camping, hiking, swimming and wildlife viewing.



Hudson's Hope Visitor Centre Open: May - September Tel: 250.783.9154 Off Season: Tel: 250.783.9901

9555 Beattie Drive (PO Box 330) Hudson's Hope, BC V0C IV0



#### **Outdoor Adventure**

Within our tranguil community you will find numerous parks and trails providing recreation for residents and visitors alike. Pack your gear and head to the top of 20 Mile Ridge for some spectacular views! Or discover the steam vents on the banks of Dinosaur Lake.

The Hudson's Hope area is a hot spot among ATV enthusiasts. With so many trails available to explore, including the Morraine, there is definitely something for everyone.

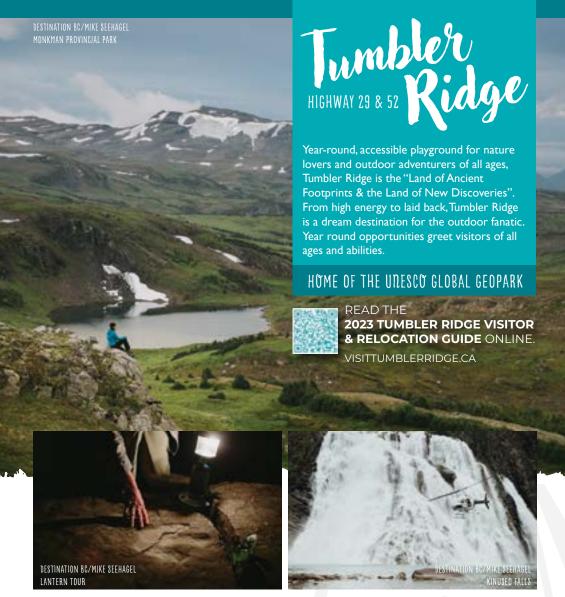




@Hudsons.Hope.BC for insider information.







#### **Dinosaur Country**

Several incredible dinosaur finds have been made since 2000 when two boys first discovered dinosaur footprints by Flatbed Creek south of town. Visit the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery to experience 300 million years of northeast BC history including marine life, ancient vegetation, and dinosaur bones and footprints! Internationally significant prehistoric discoveries continue to be made every year, many by visitors to Tumbler Ridge! Additional museum exhibits are located in our Community Centre. www.trmf.ca

#### **Guided Dinosaur Trackway Tours**

Summer tours are offered at two sites via hiking trails: the Flatbed tracksite and the Wolverine River tracksite. Each tour takes about two hours. One unique feature is the Wolverine River lantern night tour - nothing like it is offered anywhere else in the world. The low angled lantern light brings out footprints which are hardly visible by day. The ambience is ethereal with the Wolverine River rushing by and the soundtrack of nature "playing in the background"!

To book a tour: (250) 242-DINO [3466]

#### **Waterfall Capital of the North**

Tumbler Ridge is home to the Tumbler Ridge United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Global Geopark. Made up of 34 accessible geosites across 21 destination areas of geological and aesthetic interest, Tumbler Ridge is a dream destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

Here in the Waterfall Capital of the North, mother nature has carved out dozens of waterfalls from roadside falls to secluded cascades. Our most famous, Kinuseo Falls, which is taller than Niagara Falls (60 m) is located 63 km from Tumbler Ridge on the Murray River in breathtaking Monkman Provincial Park. Access is by the Kinuseo Falls Road. View the falls from the wheelchair accessible viewing platform or from the variety of trails ranging from easy to challenging. Alternatively, there are opportunities to view the falls by helicopter or from the river via jetboat. Please note that the Kinuseo Falls Road is not vehicle-accessible during the winter months.



#### **Experience the GeoPark**

Tumbler Ridge is home to the second UNESCO Global Geopark (tumblerridgegeopark.ca) in North America! Explore our network of 50 signed and designated hiking trails that range from easy to challenging. These trails lead to alpine peaks, thundering waterfalls, ancient dinosaur trackways, other-worldly geological formations, mysterious caves, spring meadows ablaze with wildflowers, and tranquil pine forests, where wildlife is an essential part of the scenery. During the winter months, get out and enjoy the crisp mountain air, sunny skies and pristine landscapes of our winter wonderland. You may even be treated to the sight of the Aurora Borealis dancing across the night sky in our aspiring Tumbler Ridge International Dark Sky Reserve.

There is an outdoor geo-experience for everyone, with activities ranging from guided hikes and rock climbing in the summer to ice climbing a waterfall, snowshoeing through rock towers or skiing a creek in the winter. The Murray River is fantastic for paddling or riverboating. The river is graded as a Class 2 with flat sections interrupted by gentle rapids. There is a boat launch I km south of town on Highway 29, and riverboat tours are available upstream to Kinuseo Falls or downstream through the Murray Canyon.



#### **Year Round Motorized Adventure**

Serious off-road adventure awaits in our backcountry with more than 300 km of trails covering a vast network of cutlines and forestry roads.



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265 Southgate Tumbler Ridge, BC, V0C 2W0

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#### **Tumbler Ridge Golf & Country Club**

This nine hole par 36 public golf course features tranquility, magnificent views and outstanding conditions. The facility is complete with a pro shop, driving range, putting green, beverage cart, licensed restaurant, outdoor patio and 8 private camping stalls with power hook-ups.

#### **Monkman Provincial Park**

Virtually undiscovered, this park is 32,000 hectares of wilderness containing abundant wildlife, wildflower meadows, mountain glaciers and lakes, as well as Kinuseo Falls. Set up camp in the 42 unit Kinuseo Falls Campground with RV pull thru and tent sites, and a picnic shelter. Trails to the Stone Corral and Canary Falls are relatively close to the campsite. RV drivers should inquire about road conditions before making the journey.

For those visitors looking for a wilderness adventure, a trail from the campground directs you into the heart of Monkman Provincial Park where backcountry campsites are located approximately every 7 km along the trail. The trail to Monkman Lake runs parallel to the most spectacular feature of the park - the Monkman Cascades, a series of ten spectacular waterfalls along Monkman Creek.

#### **Gwillim Lake Provincial Park**

45 km northwest of Tumbler Ridge on Highway 29, and open from May-October, 50 vehicle/tent campsites. Many campsites back onto the lake for a breathtaking view of the lake and mountains.

This is a fascinating area for birders, where eastern and western range species of the Northern Rockies converge. The list of species stands at 233, increasing annually with new discoveries.



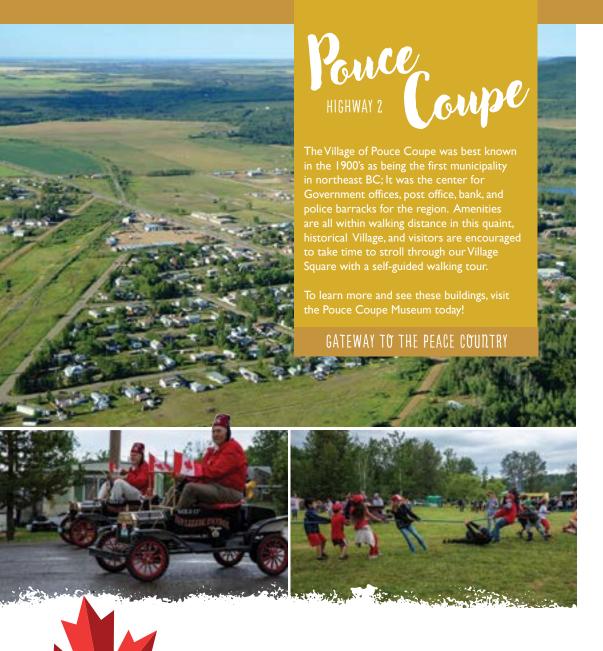


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Rich with tradition, Pouce (oupe holds its annual July 1st (elebration with the enthusiasm of a place that has celebrated its nation's birth since 1932.

8:00 AM: PANCAKE BREAKFAST • 11:00 AM: START OF PARADE DUSK: FIREWORKS • ALL EVENTS ARE FREE



Pouce Coupe Visitor Centre (Museum)
T: 250.786.5555 Off-Season: 250.786.5794
Open May 1st - August 31st
8:00am - 5:00pm Daily
5006 - 49th Avenue
Pouce Coupe, BC V0C 2C0



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#### The Pouce Coupe Museum

offers visitors a chance to journey back to a period long ago, with permanent displays from the very founding of the village, including a heritage house, trapper's cabin, caboose, and the original Northern Alberta Railway Station, which houses the museum. The majestic wooden train trestle whispers its stories through the cracks of time.

Taking a page out of history, the Hart Hotel which opened in 1928 still operates with its old world charm.



#### Pouce Coupe Park Open Year Round

Day Use only

If you can imagine wide open green fields and quiet walks along the creek, or just sitting peacefully in the park watching the children play, then come down to the newly revitalized Pouce Coupe Park. The Park includes a band stand for community events and has porta potties for guest convenience.



#### Pouce Coupe Santa Parade & Food Drive

The Santa Parade utilizes the local businesses to put on a show in the dark winter nights. Cozy fire pits blaze just waiting for a hot dog or marshmallow to roast and the sound of fun and delight waft through the chill air. A team of horses pulls a sleigh through town. The loop of the Town Square is illuminated by twinkling lights which swath the host of parade floats. People can bring their non-perishable items to the event or weeks prior to celebrate a time of giving.



#### **Canada Day Extravaganza!**

Pouce Coupe takes a breath of national pride during Canada Day. The July 1st celebration brings laughter and full stomachs to all who attend.

With the enthusiasm of the people participating in the parade and the other events, the historical village comes to life.



# Dawson MILE "O" ALASKA HIGHWAY Creek

Welcome to the frontier between culture and wilderness, city comforts and country life. Embrace our northern hospitality and hardy pioneer spirit as you discover the many treasures in and around Dawson Creek.

We're proud of our monumental history and love to share it with visitors through historical and cultural experiences that define the Peace River region. It all begins here in Dawson Creek, BC, Mile 0 of the world-famous Alaska

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Tourism Dawson Creek Visitor Centre 900 Alaska Avenue

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#### **Northern Alberta Railways Park** (NAR Park)

Start your visit at the Northern Alberta Railways Park. Within this four acre park, you will find the Art Gallery, the Station Museum, the Visitor Centre, the Mile '0' Cairn and two gift shops. Built in 1931, the NAR Station is a remarkable museum with extensive railway memorabilia, pioneer artifacts and wildlife displays that will take you back in time. Open year round, it is a must-see before you leave Dawson Creek!



#### **Dawson Creek Art Gallery**

One of Dawson Creek's most outstanding buildings is the Art Gallery. Situated in NAR Park, located in a renovated grain elevator annex, the gallery features year-round exhibits by local artists as well as travelling collections from major galleries. Visitors can view an impressive photo exhibit of the history of the Alaska Highway. The Gallery Gift Shop offers a wide variety of products from local artisans and craftsmen. www.dcartgallery.ca



Getting a photo of yourself at the most recognized and photographed icon in British Columbia is a must-do while you are in Dawson Creek! This historic marker is the true start of the Alaska Highway. Located one block due south of the Station Museum downtown. The post symbolizes our designation as Mile '0' of the Alaska Highway.



#### **Pioneer Village**

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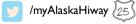
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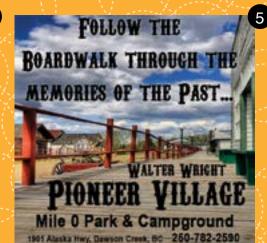


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Kiskatinaw MILE 21 KM 33 Bridge

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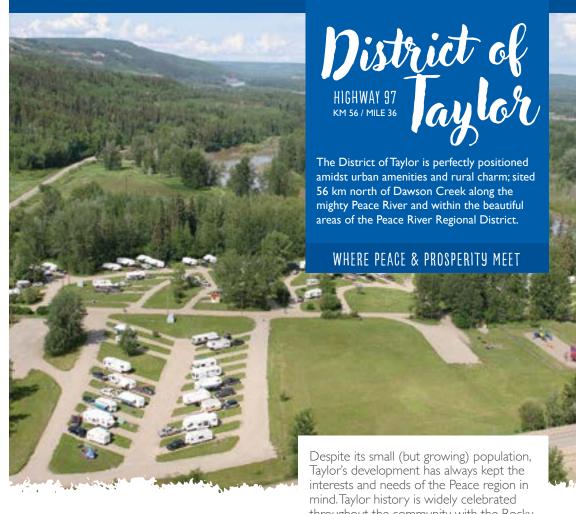
When traveling the Alaska Highway you cannot afford to miss one of the last remaining remnants of the original construction of the Alaska Highway. Walk across the bridge for some great views.

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Located right on the Peace River, Peace Island Park offers visitors the opportunity to commune with nature and wildlife, while enjoying top rate amenities. Peace Island Park is truly one of the most beautiful campgrounds in the area. Surrounded by the back waters of the Pine and the majestic Peace River, it is a truly a boater paradise with expansive water ways just waiting to be explored. The park also provides a pleasant mix of open and shaded sites for every type of camper. RV Sites, Trailer & Tenting, Playgrounds, Nature Trails, Historic Forts, Boat Launch, Horseshoe Pits, Free Sanidump, Pavilion and more!

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#### Fort St. John Visitor Centre

#### 9324 - 96th Street

The trained and energetic staff are here to keep you up-to—date on all that there is to do in and around the city. The Visitor Centre, located inside the Pomeroy Sport Centre, is open year-round to help both visitors and residents of the city. Featuring a gift shop; public washrooms; weather, event and road information.



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#### **High on Ice Festival**

During Family Day weekend Fort St. John celebrates its annual winter festival, High on Ice.

During this festival there will be several events for everyone to enjoy. From ice carving competitions, ice fishing derbies, comedy shows, to a wide variety of indoor and outdoor events, Fort St. John will be bustling no matter the weather!

#### **Outdoor Adventure**

If outdoor adventure is more your speed, you have come to the right town. There are boating and fishing opportunities here on rivers and lakes only minutes from town. The local golf course is only a few blocks from downtown. There are also hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing and snowmobiling trails in town and in the vast provincial parks just outside of town. Quadding here has become a verb. Hop on your quad and go for a ride on many of our trails. It's a blast.



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#### **CENTENNIAL PARK AND FESTIVAL PLAZA**

#### 9523 - 100th Street

Centennial Park is the hub of many activities and home to several recreational facilities, and is within walking distance of the Visitor Centre. Stop in for a swim or soak at the North Peace Leisure Pool. Also located in the park are the North Peace Arena, Kids Arena fieldhouse, Fort St. John Curling Club, North Peace Museum, the Festival Plaza and acres of green space. The park has picnic tables, a stage, accessible playground, agility park, and picnic shelter. The plaza, includes an all-season building for events and markets, an outdoor performance space, stalls for food vendors, public washrooms, and artistic obelisks for heating and lighting.

The plaza, home to the Fort St. John Farmers' Market, includes eight leaning wood poles mimicking the skeleton structure of a teepee, artistic paving patterns with a variety of coloured concrete surfaces, including a coloured river that mimics the alignment of the Peace River, and bronze paw prints to replicate true gaits and spacing of wildlife.



#### **North Peace Leisure Pool**

#### 9505 - 100th Street

The facility consists of a leisure pool and a 25 meter 6 lane lap pool, waves, a rapid channel, spray and squirt features and a 3 and 1 meter dive platforms. Other amenities include two full size water slides, sauna, steam room, whirlpool, family change rooms, cardio fitness room and a meeting room.

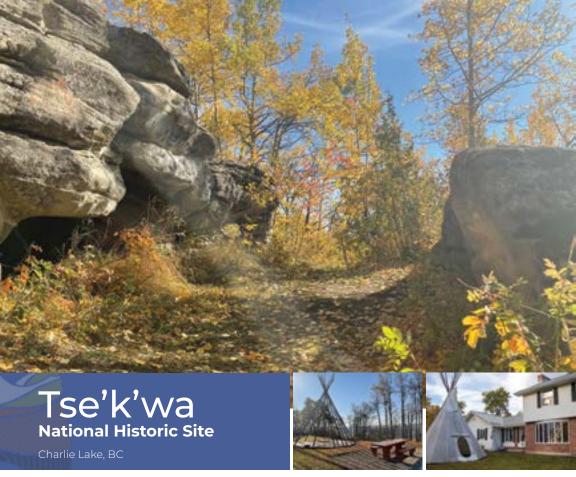


#### **North Peace Cultural Centre**

#### 10015 - 100th Avenue

Fort St. John is home to an amazing cultural centre featuring live entertainment, dance lessons, art studios, a gallery of local artists and artisans and more. Many of our community members are so talented they are well known around the world. The North Peace Cultural Centre is also home to the Fort St. John Public Library. The diversity of our community may just amaze you.





Tse'k'wa ("rock house" in Dane-zaa/Beaver language) is an important cultural site frequented by ancestors of the Dane-zaa for more than 12,500 years. Formerly known as the Charlie Lake Cave, it is now Northeastern BC's first and only National Historic Site.

The site is opening to self-guided outdoor visitors in June 2023 while developments continue. Tse'k'wa Heritage Society welcomes you to enjoy our outdoor gathering areas, healing garden, and kwâ-zâa watsáádzé? (old campsite). Walk the interpretive trail to the cave and learn about this ancient landscape, the archaeological artifacts found here, and the stories & culture of the Dane-zaa.

Accessible parking and outhouses are available.

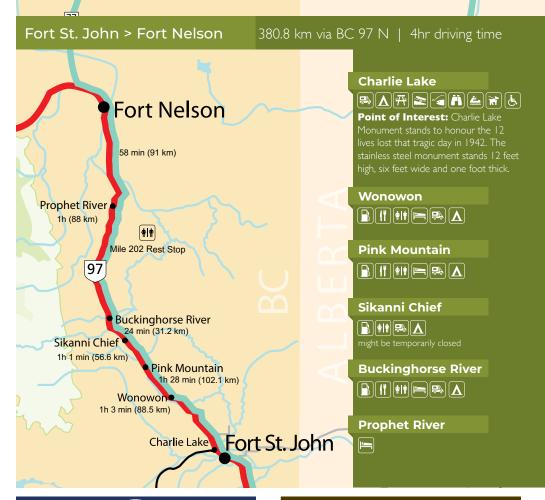


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Fort Nelson is at the heart of the Northern Rockies and is the largest community and service centre.

Whether you are golfing nine holes high Golf and Country Club amid panoramic views of the Northern Rockies, or taking a relaxing stroll along one of the many mountain air and spectacular sights of BC's awhile. Relax, enjoy, and be immersed in the unique northern, small town charm Fort Nelson has to offer.

Established as a fur trading post in 1805, Fort Nelson really flourished as a result of the early 40's. Today, the community enjoys the small town, rural lifestyle and the endless natural beauty that the highway now offers easy access to.

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#### Fort Nelson Heritage Museum

The museum has a number of collections from antique cars and trucks to historic buildings, hand tools, trapping & construction history and even an old derrick once used for drilling! The museum grounds also feature monuments and memorials to the men and women who built the Alaska Highway.



The Visitor Center should be your first stop in Fort Nelson, offering plenty of space for you to shake out your driving legs. Connect to the free wifi to touch base with your loved ones still sitting at home. Gather brochures, maps, and test the staff on their local and regional knowledge. The Visitor Centre is also a showcase for many local artists creations including jewelry, drums, knitting, pottery, moccasins, and more.

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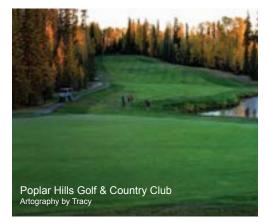
Join our Visitor Councillors and partake in the free Welcome Visitor program to learn more about the area and Fort Nelson's history.



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#### **Poplar Hills Golf & Country Club**

Our well-maintained nine hole golf course sits high above the Muskwa Valley and offers challenging play in a picturesque setting.

The club boasts varying terrain and spectacular views of the Northern Rockies. Offering full services such as cart and club rentals, club house, lounge, driving range and pro shop. Where else can you tee off at sunset and still finish before dark.



#### **Recreation Centre**

Attached to the Visitor Centre, the Northern Rockies Recreation Centre is one of the best in the North, offering a little bit of everything. The new aguatic facilities may be the topper on the cake with a lap pool, beach entry kids pool, waterslide, hot tub, sauna, and steam room... this is a space anyone can enjoy and relax in. The centre also boasts amenities such as a rock climbing wall, walking track, squash courts, curling rink and ice surfaces.



The Northern Lights are one of the most spectacular displays of natural beauty. Travelers who wish to see the magnificent natural display plan to arrive between early fall (mid August) and midspring (April) when the night sky is dark enough to create a dramatic backdrop. Northern Lights are best seen within a band called the Auroral Zone or Oval which luckily for Fort Nelson is right over head. For a more submersive cultural experience join the Northern Lights Festival in March.

### **Walking Trails**

Need to get out of the car to stretch your legs, or let your furry travel companion release some energy? Fort Nelson has lots of options for you to do so! Take a walk on the paved 5.6km community walking trail which circles around the north side of town. Enjoy our unique boreal forest stands by taking a leisurely walk on one of the many trails in the Community Demo Forest. Here you will find squirrels, interpretive signs, and maybe even a rare



#### **Parker Lake**

A beautiful shallow lake within its own ecological reserve just a few minutes' drive from Fort Nelson. Canoe, kayak, stand-up paddle board or just let the pups out for a swim at Parker Lake. With fantastic bird watching, a dirt boat launch, and a dock, Parker Lake is a great place to spend an afternoon.









#### **Bison**

It is not uncommon to see herds of (or lone) bison along or on the highway. A bison herd lives year round on the Alaska Highway right-of-way, and about 20 bison are killed by collisions with vehicles every year. Drive with extreme caution, especially at night as the bison often sleep on the highway



The drive from Fort Nelson to the Yukon Territory is approximately 320 miles (or 512 km). It rises steadily from the vast land of muskeg and boreal forest to Steamboat Mountain, where the highway leads right into the Northern Rocky Mountains. From that point on, the Rockies accompany you ... offering both the wide-open mountainscapes of craggy peaks marching off to the horizon and the up-close views where the rugged rock flanks the highway. While travelling the Alaska Highway is an adventure in itself and a non-stop feast for the eye, there's more to the Northern Rockies than what you can see from the roadside! For the outdoor enthusiast who really wants to capture the energy of the land, there are wonderful opportunities (both guided or self-guided) to get beyond that first mountain — to immerse yourself in the awe and majesty that surrounds you.

MILE 364 Tetse River KM 582 Regional Park

Mile 364 - Km 582 | 25 Camping Sites / Dry Camping

Private campsites are situated in the trees. Fish for Grayling in the Tetsa River and enjoy short hikes along the riverbank.

MILE 373 Stone Mountain KM 596 Provincial Park

The east boundary of Stone Mountain Provincial Park is just north of Tetsa River bridge No. 2. The Summit Pass and Wokkpash Protected Areas are situated within Stone Mountain Provincial Park. The highway climbs through spectacular mountain scenery to Summit Pass. The striking rocky peaks are often covered with snow during the summer months. Cast a watchful eye for Stone's Sheep and caribou.

MILE 392 Summit Lake KM 630 Provincial Campground

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28 Camping Sites / Dry Camping & Picnic

At the highest point of the Alaska Highway (4,250 ft/1,295 m), the Provincial Campground offers gravel camping sites, water, garbage disposal and a boat launch for the hardy recreational camper.

Although the amenities such as power hook-ups and a sani-dump are not available, the scenery beckons the traveler to stop for a rest. Fishing for rainbow, lake trout and whitefish is fair. Three marked trails provide exceptional alpine hiking opportunities.

Summit Lake is the largest water body in the park. Rocky Crest Lake, a small sub-alpine lake, is situated west of the pass.

MILE 392 Toad KM 630 River

Located in the Toad River Valley, Toad River is a popular stop for travellers in an area. The visitor will be sure to observe wildlife such as moose, elk, Stone Sheep, mountain goats, and bison, to name a few.

Enjoy fly or spin cast fishing for Arctic Grayling and Dolly Varden from July through September.

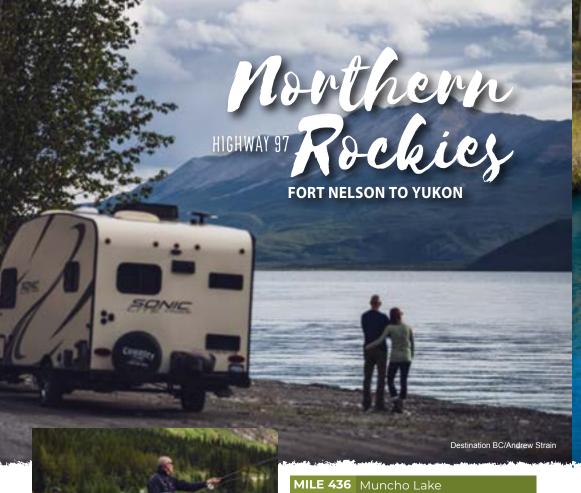
MILE 392 Summit Pass
KM 630 Interpretative Signage

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MILE 436 Muncho KM 702 Lake

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28 Camping Sites

One of the region's primary jewels Muncho Lake, is a deep, cold glacial lake (11 km / 7 m long and 1.6 km / I m wide) where you'll find a variety of lakeside lodges, several RV parks / campgrounds and boat launches. Set up here for a few days and enjoy fishing on the lake or fly-in fishing and lodging at remote cabins. Flightseeing, wildlife viewing, and some relatively easy hiking options are also available.

This long lake is a popular fishing stop and THE place for Lake Trout fishing in the area, but also hosts Arctic Char and some Lincod.



KM 702 Provincial Park

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Some of the most outstanding views of natural beauty anywhere can be experienced at this park. Spectacular folded mountains, bountiful wildlife, brilliantly-colored wildflowers are just a few of the wonders to discover here. In the southern portion of the park, you will see the very impressive geological formations of Folded Mountain towering above the road. Tectonic deformations have folded the limestone giving these mountains their unique appearance. Further along the highway you will have the opportunity to travel across the alluvial fans. You have the choice of camping at Strawberry Flats campground or at MacDonald campground.

MILE 438 Strawberry Flats KM 704 Campground

15 Camping Sites / Dry Camping



Old Alaska Highway Trail and Viewpoint

The trailhead is at Strawberry Flats Campground in Muncho Lake Provincial Park. Day use area parking. Length: 4 km round trip - allow 3 hours return

Difficulty: Old Alaska Highway Trail - Easy Trail to the Viewpoint: 4 - Moderately Difficult MILE 448 MacDonald KM 712 Campground



15 Camping Sites / Dry Camping

MILE 497 Liard River Hot Springs KM 765 and Provincial Park

53 Camping Sites / Day use parking Overflow parking across highway

The famed Liard River Hot Springs is said by many to be one of the best stops on the entire Alaska Highway. Located in the Liard River Hot Springs Provincial Park north of Muncho Lake, this is one of the few provincial parks that remain open all year round along the Alaska Highway. Even in winter, the waters are hot enough to enjoy a soak in a natural setting. There is a seasonal day-use fee of \$5 per adults, \$3 for children or \$10 for families.

Just a short boardwalk stroll through excellent moose habitat; surrounded by almost tropical foliage, the hot springs is home to several species of orchid, found only in this location.

MILE 553 Coal River KM 890 Lodge

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#### MILE 635 Watson Lake KM 1021 Sign Post Forest

Sign Post Forest - a tradition started by a US Army soldier working on the highway. *Today* - a collection of over 77,000 signs and counting!



#### MILE 804 Teslin KM 1293 Deileen Aayi

The construction of the Alaska Highway brought a new way of life to the Yukon's native people. The impact on the people of Teslin is a good example of the benefits and drawbacks associated with development. Today - The impressive bridge opens into the remarkable heritage of the Teslin Tlingit People displayed at the museum and heritage centre — it's worth the stop.

#### MILE 883 Camp 4-E KM 1421 Marsh Lake Camp

Marsh Lake is part of the Yukon River system: approximately 20 miles (32 km) long and was named in 1883 by Lt. Frederick Schwatka, US Army, for Yale Professor Othniel Charles Marsh.

#### MILE 996 Canyon KM 1602 Creek

In 1942, during construction of the Alaska Highway, the old bridge was dismantled and a new one built in 18 days. It has been described as the most ambitious and important bridge to be built by the US Army Corps of Engineers (18th Battalion). Today – still accessible to walk across.

#### MILE 1061 Soldier's Summit

Near this site on November 20, 1942, a ribbon cutting ceremony in –35° was held to officially open the Alaska Canada Military Highway. Follow the path from the parking lot to the original signing site to see and learn more about this ceremony. *Today* – A very informative and scenic interpretive walking trail. A number of small parking areas border Kluane Lake from here to mile 1064 (1712 km).

#### MILE 1202 Beaver Creek: KM 1934 The Final Link

Near this Yukon community, American soldiers encountered extensive permafrost. When builders scraped off the insulating layer of overburden, they transformed the permafrost into an ice-bottomed mud bog. On October 28, 1942, the 97th Engineers met the 18th Engineers here, forming a continuous link between Dawson Creek, BC and Fairbanks. Alaska.

#### MILE 1392 Black Veterans KM 2240 Memorial Bridge

This bridge commemorates the contribution of five US Army regimental units of black soldiers who worked on the Alaska Highway - 3,695 in total.

#### MILE 1420 Delta KM 2285 Junction

Located at the junction point of the Richardson Highway connecting Valdez with Fairbanks, Delta Junction was established as a highway construction camp in 1918. The Richardson Highway was established as a wagon road in 1920. Delta Junction is the official end of the Alaska Highway.

Today - take a photo at the end of the Alaska Highway at the Visitor Center.

#### MILE 1523 Fairbanks KM 2451

is located approximately 1,488 miles (2,394 km) north of Mile '0' of the Alaska Highway, Dawson Creek, BC and served as an important air base during World War II. *Today* – Land of the midnight sun and gold rush fever.



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Archeologists theorize the first people to inhabit the Yukon crossed a land bridge from Asia during the Pleistocene Ice Age between 10,000 to 25,000 years ago.

In the first half of the 19th century, Europeans entered the picture with the fur trade. Hudson's Bay Company explorers and traders traveled the Mackenzie River, setting up trading posts along the way. Tobacco, guns and other European goods were traded with the Yukon First Nations groups. Most of the First Nations people were able to continue their semi-nomadic subsistence lifestyle through this period, incorporating trapping and trading into their yearly rounds.

In the 1870's with the discovery of gold, thousands of 'stampeders' made their way north. By 1898-99, Dawson City, at the junction of the Yukon and Klondike rivers, became home to 40,000 people and grew into the largest city west of Winnipeg. Though many made fortunes, few newcomers arrived in time to stake claims.

In 1942, more than 30,000 U.S. Army personnel arrived in the Yukon for the building of the Alaska Highway. Along with the highway, airstrips were

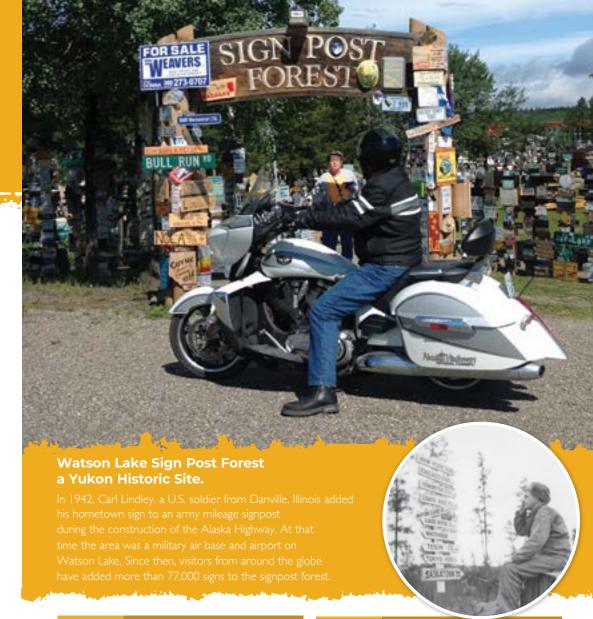
built to transport war supplies to Alaska. When the highway was complete, most of the Americans left, but the highway changed the territory forever. Sternwheelers became redundant and the First Nations people who had lived along rivers and lakes moved to communities along the highway. The permanent population of the Yukon had nearly doubled and continued to increase during the 1950's and 60's. Most of the territory's economic activity was centred in Whitehorse so the capital was moved south from Dawson City in 1953.

Today, under the watch of a 24-hour sun, you'll have the adventure of a lifetime. Yukon hosts some stellar races, often attracting thousands of competitors. Run through the mountains in the Klondike Trail of '98 International Road Relay, take part in the 24 Hours of Light Mountain Bike Festival, or paddle in the Yukon River Quest Canoe and Kayak Race.

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MILE 918 Welcome to the Yukon Sign

Welcome to the BC/Yukon Border!



MILE 602 Lucky Lake KM 970 Recreation Site

The Yukon's only outdoor waterslide is a great destination for families - baseball diamond, picnicking, swimming and lounging on the large sandy beach. Enjoy the nearby Boreal Forest Interpretive Trail, views of Liard Canyon. Learn about Yukon trees along the 2-km nature trail through a mature northern boreal forest. The trail ends at a viewing platform overlooking the mighty Liard River.

MILE 613 Watson KM 980 Lake

The Gateway to the Yukon, Watson Lake was founded by Frank Watson, an American prospector. The community is known for its world famous Sign Post Forest. Signs are added every year and today there are over 77,000 signs and counting! The Watson Lake of today is a great place to enjoy the outdoors, not to mention the spectacular aurora borealis illuminating the night sky. Stop in and visit the Northern Lights Space and Science Centre and the gateway to exciting history and breathtaking scenery.

Northern Lights Space and Science Centre
The 100 seat Spitz ElectricSky™ multimedia theatre
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Photo: Yukon Government



#### Airport Terminal

Aviation enthusiasts must check out the BC -Yukon Air Service hangar, tower and displays at the Watson Lake Airport. This is the only Yukon hangar that still stands as a reminder of the days of the great Northwest Staging Route program in the 1940s, Drive 10 minutes north on the Robert Campbell Highway #4 and watch for the airport sign on your left.

#### MILE 1122 Continental Divide **KM 699** Information Sign

You are standing on the continental divide – the ridge line that separates two of the largest river drainages in North America. The Alaska Highway crosses the divide at one of the lowest points. Only humps of sand and gravel separate the west-flowing Swift River from the east-flowing Rancheria River.

MILE 1209 Morley River



#### Day-use Area

Two recreation sites near Watson Lake beckon to Alaska Highway travellers.

Take the time to stop in the scenic Rancheria River valley. A short boardwalk lined with interpretive signs takes visitors to the waterfalls. The popular picnic spot beside the clear bubbling waters of the Morley River offers good fishing and a trail through the woods along the river.

#### MILE 804 Teslin Deileen Aayi, KM 1244 official name Teslin



The Teslin of today is home to around 450 people who are proud of their thriving community. Facilities include an airport, museums, community centre, health unit, post office, motels, restaurants and a general store. Popular activities are roadaccessible canoeing rivers, sport fishing, camping, mountain biking and hiking. The region is adjacent to the headwater lake of the Yukon River with forested valleys and slopes and small alpine areas. Teslin is a popular destination for self-guided canoeing and wildlife viewing. Sport fishing on the large lakes in the region is popular with an abundance of Lake Trout and Northern Pike.



Nisutlin Bay Bridge, Teslin and a glimpse of the incredible displays of Yukon wildlife at the Yukon Motel's Northern Wildlife Museum

MILE 866 Jakes KM 1386 Corner



Jake's Corner is a popular roadside stop where visitors can grab a bite to eat, scan the limestone cliffs for mountain goats and other wildlife or take a day hike up the mountain. How the stop got its name is a bit of a mystery but we'll tell you one version ... Initially established as a U.S. Military base for the construction of the Alaska Highway, a colonel by the name of Jacobson was in charge of the base. Annoyed by having to go through Carcross to get to Whitehorse, Colonel Jacobsen decided (sans official authorization), to build a more direct route. Today, if you drive on the portion of the Alaska Highway that runs along Marsh Lake, you're driving on Colonel Jacobson's road.

MILE 883 Marsh KM 1412

Lake



The Marsh Lake community is just 45 minutes south of Whitehorse. As part of the original historic Trail of '98, gold seekers built their boats on Lake Bennett then navigated north through. Southern Lakes system to meet the Yukon River destined for the Klondike Gold Fields of Dawson City. Original trapper and mining cabins dot the shorelines and trails provide intrigue for those who take the opportunity to hike or tour by water.

MILE 876 Yukon

KM 1401 River Bridge

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#### Day-use Area

The Yukon River Bridge Rest Area is located at Km 836.4 of the Alaska Highway. It has outhouses, garbage bins, a boat launch, a trail to an elevated viewing deck with 5 interpretive panels, and access to the Lewes River Dam (or Marsh Lake Dam).



**MILE 918** 



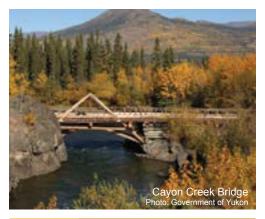
Traditional territory of Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

Visitor Centre Open Year Round 100 Hanson Street | 1.867.667.3084

One of the largest construction camps during the building of the Alaska Highway, once open to civilian traffic, mining and tourism grew. Today the city boasts a vibrant arts and cultural community. A classic Main Street ambience, coupled with great shopping, restaurants and quality visitor services, makes it a superb destination.

MILE 884 Carcross Cutoff Junction **KM 1414** Highway #2

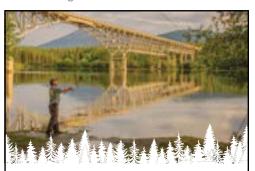
Leads to Carcross and on to Skagway. Experience the Golden Circle Route!



MILE 996 Canyon Creek KM 1548 Bridge

In 1942, during construction of the Alaska Highway, a old bridge on this site was dismantled and a new one was hand-built in 18 days. It has been described as the most ambitious and important bridge to be built by the US Army 18th Engineers.

The Canyon Creek Bridge was reconstructed by the Yukon Government in 1986/87. Approximately 10% of the original bridge was left in place and 85% of the cribbing.



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Our Lady of the Way Church, Haines Junction

MILE 1016 Haines KM 1579 Junction



Haines Junction, a picture-postcard village on the edge of Kluane National Park and Reserve is surrounded by dramatic scenery and a wilderness adventure playground in its backyard. The community lies within the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Southern Tutchone people. Evolving from an Alaska Highway construction camp, Haines Junction today is a key destination for backcountry hiking, wilderness backpacking and mountaineering. This hub of the Kluane region offers visitors a wide range of services, including a Yukon and Parks Canada Visitor Information Centre.



MILE 1020 Kluane Lake KM 1645 (Lù'àn Män)

#### **View Point**

Display panels on area history and geography. Kluane Lake is the largest lake in Yukon. The Southern Tutchone name (Lù'àn Män) and the English name are probably variations of the Tlingit Lùxh-àní (whitefish country). Kluane Lake is a good place to fish for whitefish, trout and chum salmon.

#### MILE 1025 Soldier's KM 1649 Summit

On the hill above you is the place where two construction units met and an official ribboncutting ceremony opened the new Alaska Highway on November 20, 1942. Hike the one kilometre interpreted trail for wonderful views of Kluane Lake and the Slims River delta.



MILE 1093 Burwash KM 1759 Landing



One of the oldest settlements in the Yukon Burwash Landing is now home of the Kluane First Nation, a Southern Tutchone people who have inhabited the Kluane area for countless generations. The current site of Burwash Landing was a traditional summer camp location. After the lacquot brothers built a trading post in the early 1900s,

First Nations people began to settle nearby. Following construction of the Alaska Highway, Burwash became the administrative centre for the Kluane First Nation. Activities include self-guided walking tours, hiking trails and the Kluane Museum of Natural History.



MILE 1083 Destruction **KM 1742** Bay



Named for a fierce windstorm in the 40's, this small community lies on the shore of Kluane Lake and on the perimeter of Kluane National Park and Reserve and the Tachal Region. In the 40's, Destruction Bay was a relay station during the Alaska Highway construction where truck drivers took breaks and repaired their vehicles. Today, it is a small lakeside village with access to Kluane Lake and superb trout









Whitehorse has it all - A gorgeous wilderness city, nestled on the banks of the famous Yukon River, surrounded by mountains and pristine lakes. Visitors are often surprised to learn this cosmopolitan capital city of about 25,000 people offers all the amenities and comforts of a southern metropolis.

Whitehorse is the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Councils. The Kwanlin Dün's Cultural Centre is situated on the banks of the Yukon River, Longhouses, exhibits and a circular firepit at Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre reconnect First Nations people to the Yukon River. MacBride Museum has excellent historical displays on

Yukon First Nations. Art galleries present carvings, textiles, beadwork and other traditional arts for sale.

The City is extremely proud of its history. Boasting five different museums, take the time to learn about the Beringia Ice Age, at the Beringia Centre, or get on board the SS Klondike. Take a walk through history with one of the friendly guides from the Yukon Historical and the Museum Association.

The only City for over 1000 miles, Whitehorse provides services to a wide region. The economic base includes services for the mining industry, transportation, tourism and government.



#### Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre

The Centre provides interpretive information and guided tours through the unique facility which include interactive multi-media presentations. Murals and dioramas depict the Beringia landscape, flora and fauna. The Centre also features a film, original works of art, and exhibits of discovered remains from throughout the Yukon.



Whitehorse Visitor Centre Open All Year Tel: 867-667-3084

100 Hanson Street, Whitehorse, YT, YIA 2C6 MILE 1072 Kluane River KM 1726 Rest Area

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Interpretive signage, garbage bins and outhouses.

MILE 1090 Donjek River KM 1755 Rest Area



Interpretive signage regarding the Donjek River Valley & Icefield Ranges.

MILE 1202 Beaver KM 1873 Creek



Home of the White River First Nation, Beaver Creek is Canada's westernmost community. Its proximity to the Canada/U.S. border makes it a natural stopping point with a range of visitor services including a Yukon Visitor Information Centre, located in a log-sided building featuring displays, White River First Nation arts and crafts, pressed wildflowers and helpful staff.

MILE 1222 Yukon / Alaska KM 1756 Border Crossing



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#### Tachầl Dhäl (Sheep Mountain)

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Beaver Creek Visitor Centre

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Visitor Centre

Mile 978 - Km 1654

Tachāl Dhäl (Sheep Mountain) is a popular recreation destination in the Kluane National Park and Reserve. The mountain is home to a few of the longer backpacking adventures and day hikes located in the park. It is also an area in the park that is highly recommended for Dall Sheep wildlife sightings.

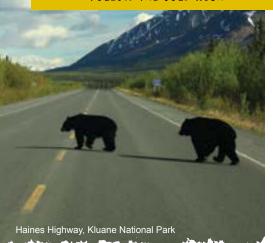
The local First Nation people of the region refer to Sheep Mountain as Tachāl Dhāl. Today at the base of Sheep Mountain, on the shores of Kluane Lake is the Tachāl Dhāl (Sheep Mountain) Visitor Centre which is Canada Parks Office. The centre is a good place to stop prior to any adventure to ask for updated reports on the conditions of the trails.

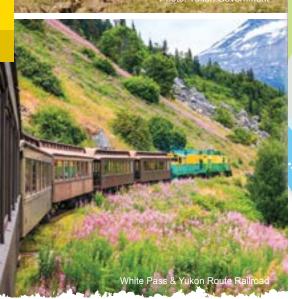
Good selection of quality hiking trails and hiking routes. Some of the trails include the Soldiers Summit (1 kilometre/0.6 miles), Sheep Mountain Ridge (11 kilometre/7 miles), Sheep Creek (10 kilometre/6 miles), Bullion Plateau (24 kilometre/15 miles), SLIMS West (45 kilometre/27.4 miles), Observation Mountain (19 kilometre/12 miles) and Slims East Trails (46 kilometre/28 miles).

The trailhead entrance to the Sheep Creek Trail is located 2 kilometres down the highway from the Tachāl Dhāl (Sheep Mountain) Visitor Centre where there is an exit accessing an old gravel road. Follow the gravel road to a parking lot. In the trailhead parking lot are pit toilets, picnic tables, information signs and a trail map.

## Golden Gircle Route

FOLLOW THE GOLD RUSH







The Golden Circle makes an ideal road trip for 3-5 days .... but you can stay longer if you want!

Alaska and the Yukon. Few places have the power to invoke such strong images of a vast, unpopulated wilderness, pioneering gold seekers, abundant wildlife and fascinating native cultures. Great dining, shopping and accommodations are offered as well as activities for all levels of adventurers ... from urban museums to backcountry camping.

The Golden Circle gets its name from the common thread that binds the region ... gold! The discovery of gold in Juneau, and later in the Klondike, led to the development and establishment of the communities located along the route. Each community has grown and diversified over the past 100 years, but it was the lure of gold that sparked the spirit of discovery.

The Golden Circle encompasses Whitehorse, Yukon; Haines Junction, Yukon; Haines, Alaska; Juneau, Alaska; and Skagway, Alaska. The circle can be joined at many points ... whether you're driving south from interior Alaska, or flying into or driving to Whitehorse, or coming north on the Alaska Marine Highway ferry system to Juneau, Haines or Skagway.

#### Whitehorse, Yukon

Whitehorse has it all - wilderness out the back door and yet all the modern conveniences and amenities of a city. A network of hiking trails surrounds the "Wilderness City" and the Yukon River flows right through town with trails and parks on its banks.

#### Carcross, Yukon

Strolling down the streets of Carcross today is like a step back in time with some of the Yukon's oldest buildings, some dating back to 1898. Explore the windswept dunes of the world's smallest desert, Carcross Desert or enjoy hiking, wildlife viewing, boating and mountain biking activities. Carcross also hosts 15+ artisans' boutiques, a gourmet coffee shop, a restaurant, a playground and even a beach!

#### Haines Junction, Yukon

The Village of Haines Junction lies in the Shakwak Valley on the doorstep of one of the most dazzling landscapes on the planet. Situated amongst three large internationally protected wilderness areas, a variety of activities exist for the outdoor enthusiast.

#### Haines, Alaska

Haines features year round adventure for the entire family. Summer months offer hiking, fishing, kayaking, rafting, jetboat rides and guided nature walks to mention a few. Winter offers snowshoeing, cross country skiing, world renown backcountry heliskiing and much more



The history and culture of Haines is truly fascinating. From the Dalton Trail and Historic Fort Seward to the Presbyterian mission that founded the town site of Haines, if you're a history buff the past comes alive at the Sheldon Museum & Cultural Center:

The strong cultural ties of the area are also of great interest. You can see native carvers and artists at Alaska Indian Arts or head out to the village of Klukwan and visit their cultural museum. For a different experience, visit The Hammer Museum, the only one of its kind in North America. The American Bald Eagle Foundation gives you a great opportunity to learn more about these amazing raptors and a chance to meet some of their residents.

#### Skagway, Alaska

Gateway to the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898 Nestled between towering, glacier-tipped mountains, Skagway's romance and excitement of yesteryear still echoes of barroom pianos and boomtown crowds. Gold Rush history and a magnificent natural setting combine to create unique sightseeing and recreation opportunities. Whether you venture out on your own, or choose from a variety of commercial tours, you'll be amply rewarded with the sights and activities in and around Skagway.

#### Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS)

The Inside Passage is a protected waterway on the northern Pacific coast of North America, replete with spectacular rain forests, mountains, and glaciers. AMHS service through the Inside Passage is served by road connections at Bellingham, Washington and Prince Rupert, BC in the south, to Haines and Skagway, Alaska, in the north.

#### Juneau, Alaska

Named after a prospector, the state capital has a gold mining history that began in the 1880's.

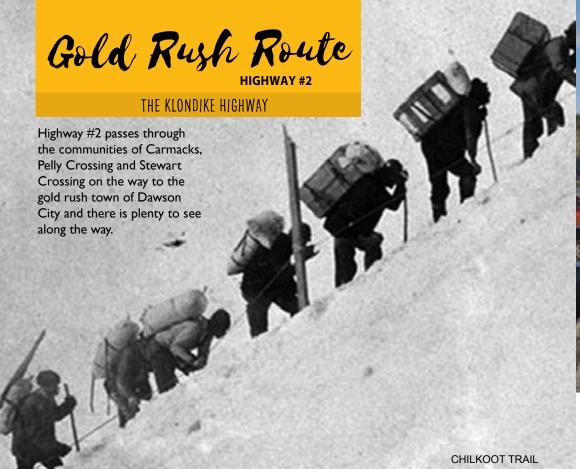
The first wave of miners brought saloons, missionaries and trading posts and within a year, the tent camp became the first small town after Alaska's purchase from Russia.

From watching humpback whales to taking in a live theatre performance, the visitor will see why so many choose to visit and live here. From shopping or outdoor adventure, you're never far from all the conveniences of a big city yet so close to nature.

Thrill-seekers will enjoy sea kayaking, hiking and rafting - just a few of Juneau's outdoor activities. Glacier flight seeing tours by plane or helicopter are also available.









#### **Five Finger Rapids**

During the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush, thousands of stampeders navigated their handmade boats and rafts on the Yukon River 1300 km (800 miles) from Lake Bennett to Dawson City. Five Finger Rapids was a major obstacle along the route and more than a few stampeders ended up in the water after choosing the wrong channel. Today, there is a rest stop with a viewing platform as well as a trail with interpretive signs and viewing points.



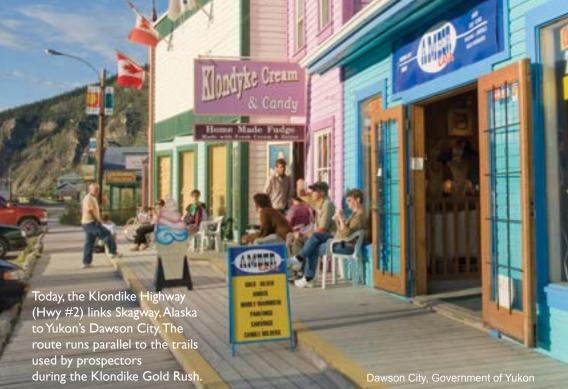
#### Takhini Hot Springs

Relax in the invigorating mineral waters of the hot springs. With over 300 acres to explore, the visitor can view the rugged beauty of the land from walking trails or from the top of the outdoor climbing tower (10 m tall). For the thrill-seeker, take a thrilling ride down the zipline! The Yukon Wildlife Preserve is a kilometre away with over 700 acres of guided wildlife viewing opportunities in a natural setting.

#### Carmacks



Gold was discovered Aug. 17, 1896 by Skookum lim Mason (Keish), along with his two nephews: Dawson (Tagish) Charlie (<u>K</u>áa Goox), Patsy Henderson (Koołseen), George Washington Carmacks and his (Tagish) First Nation wife, Kate (Shaaw Tláa) on Rabbit Creek, later named Bonanza Creek at a miner's meeting. The site became a stop over on the way to Dawson City during the gold rush and later a stop on the Overland Trail between Dawson and Whitehorse. After the completion of the first leg of the Klondike Highway in 1950, Carmacks became a major service centre. Visit the Tagé Cho Hudan Interpretive Centre; stroll along the Interpretive Riverfront Boardwalk along the Yukon River or enjoy a walking tour to view historical buildings



#### Dawson City



If you're a history buff, Dawson City is the place for you! Known as the heart of the world famous Klondike Gold Rush, the first gold was discovered nearby at Bonanza Creek. The Dawson City of today looks much the same as it did during the height of the gold rush with its wooden boardwalks and authentic frontier facades. Colourful and lively, Dawson City is bursting with heritage sites and attractions.



#### Top of the World Highway

If you're looking for an alternate route from the Yukon to Alaska, take the Top of the World Highway, which takes you into Alaska via the Poker Creek Border Crossing. Much of the route meanders along the tops of mountains and ridges with breathtaking, seemingly endless views. The free George Black ferry will take you across the Yukon River. The ferry runs 24 hours per day (in the summer) with the exception of Wednesday mornings when it is shut down for maintenance between 5:00 am and 7:00 am.

#### Boundary / Canadian / US Customs

Located at Poker Creek, you must stop at the Customs station: open from 9 am (pacific time) to 9 pm while the George Black ferry is in operation. The road is closed in the winter.

#### Chicken, Alaska



The Top of the World Highway turns into the Taylor Highway at the cutoff to Eagle. The Taylor Highway is 50 miles of narrow and windy dirt road. Chicken was once a mining hub for the Forty mile district. Ten years before the Klondike Gold Rush, gold was discovered at Franklin Creek and the community of Chicken was born. Miners wanted to name the town "Ptarmigan" after a bird common to the area but no one knew how to spell it so they settled on the easier name of Chicken. In its heyday, the population was around 400 and now ranges from 50 during tourist season to about six in the winter.

A classic piece of Alaska with western style wooden sidewalks, Chicken is a great place to connect with other travellers, real Alaskans, gold seekers and geologists. Daily tours of the historic town and Tisha's Schoolhouse are available. Try your hand at free gold panning, stop by the gift shop for a free cup of coffee and wifi and pick up some souvenirs.

#### Tok, Alaska



Tok (pronounced "toke") originated as a camp during the construction of the Alaska and Glenn Highways in the 1940's. Stretch your legs with nature trails and bike paths; pan for gold; visit the Tetlin Wildlife Refuge; visit mini-museums to name a few activities. Today, Tok is home to about 1500 with all the amenities a traveler needs: numerous gift shops, B&Bs, motels, campsites, pull thru RV sites and restaurants.







Alaska - is amazingly different, with the tallest mountains, the largest area of national park lands, the highest concentration of glaciers and the longest stretch of coastline in the United States. Alaska - a place of magnificence.

Alaska has some of the most incredible scenery to be found in the United States. In order to enjoy all the state has to offer, visitors must get out and experience it for themselves.

Even if you don't have a lot of outdoor experience, day excursions and guided tours allow you to discover true Alaska wilderness during the day and sleep in a comfortable bed at night. For the seasoned outdoor expert, Alaska is teeming with opportunities for rugged, backcountry treks. Whether you prefer to hike on an Ice Age glacier, skim the wilderness in a "Bush" plane or take a dog sled ride, you'll find plenty of options for experiencing the Alaska you've always dreamed about. No matter what your interest, you're sure to find adventures tailor made for you. TravelAlaska.com

The name Alaska comes from an Aleut word for "great land" though it is also believed the Aleut word meant "mainland" in reference to those inhabiting the Alaska Peninsula. Before the arrival of the Europeans, numerous indigenous people occupied Alaska for thousands of years. Some researchers believe the first Russian settlement in Alaska was established in the 17th century.

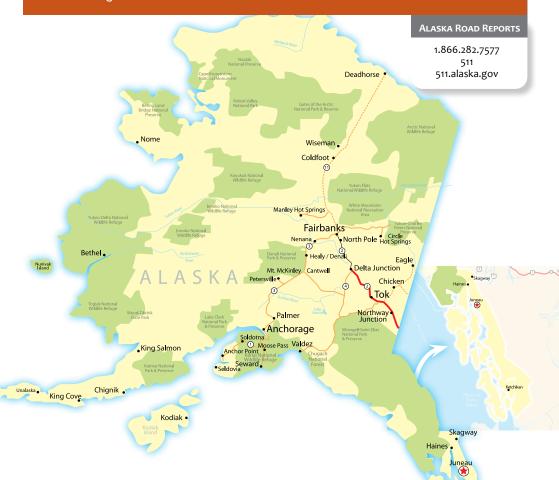
Alaska is the largest state in the United States and is more than twice the size of Texas. As America's young state, Alaska became the 49th state on January 3, 1959 under unique circumstances.

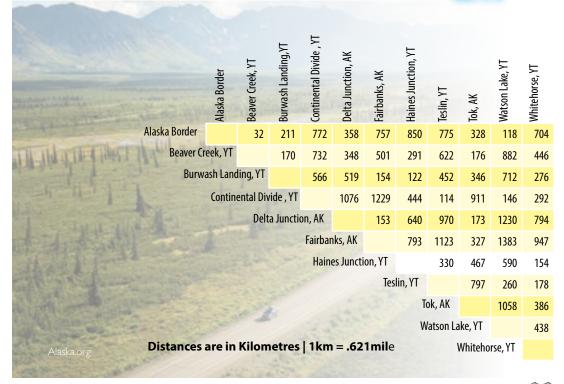
William Henry Seward, secretary of state, began negotiating a deal for the United States to purchase Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million (or 2¢ an acre) during Abraham Lincoln's presidency. The purchase was approved by the U.S. Senate March 30, 1867. The purchase was heavily criticized and became known as "Seward's folly" or "Seward's icebox" as many Americans viewed Alaska as a snowy and icy wasteland. Many streets throughout Alaska bear his name as well as a city on the Kenai Peninsula, a glacier, a passage, creek, highway and mountain.

Thirty-five years later, word of gold in creeks around Fairbanks started a stampede. Fortunes were gained and lost but Fairbanks benefitted with new homes and businesses. By 1905, gold production was at \$6 million a year and Fairbanks by then had electricity, sewer service, a power plant, saloons, stores, police and fire services, a thriving "red light" district and a three story skyscraper. Growth peaked between 1906-1909 with a population of around 5,000.

During wartime, Fairbanks again bustled with activity. In 1942, the completion of the Alaska Highway, which terminates at Delta Junction (Mile 1422), Alaska, connected the state to the lower 48. The Richardson Highway then continues beyond Delta Junction to Fairbanks.

Alaska is known for its dramatic, diverse terrain of wide-open spaces, mountains and forests, with abundant wildlife and many small towns. It's a destination for outdoor activities including skiing, mountain biking and kayaking. Massive Denali National Park, home to Denali (aka Mt. McKinley), North America's highest peak, is a site of animal-viewing tours.





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MILE 1182 Canada / USA KM 1902 International Border

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MILE 1182 US Customs and Immigration Border



All traffic entering Alaska must stop. Open 24 hrs. Time Zone Change. If you are travelling to Alaska it is one hour earlier, The Yukon is on Pacific Time Zone.



KM 1902 (Taylor Highway)
Leads to: 66 miles to Chicken: 109

Leads to: 66 miles to Chicken;109 miles to Canada/US Customs; 175 miles to Dawson City Customs Hours: 8 am - 8 pm (Alaska Time)

MILE 1229 Tetlin National Wildlife
KM 1977 Refuge and Visitor Center

The refuge's visitor welcome station is located at milepost 1229 on the Alaska Highway, just seven miles from the U.S./Canada border. Open seasonally 8:00~am-4:30~pm. Learn about the Refuge, natural history & area activities.

Today the Alaska Highway brings visitors here, along the edge of the 700,000 acre Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. Snowcapped mountains, glacier-fed rivers, forests, tundra and an abundance of wetlands are a haven for wildlife, especially migratory birds.

#### MILE 1413 Tok KM 2274 (pronounced 'toke')

One of the first communities you will enter from the Yukon on the Alaska Highway is Tok. Tok originated as a camp for the construction of the Alaska and Glenn Highways in the 1940's. Enjoy nature trails and bike paths, pan for gold, visit the Tetlin Wildlife Refuge and visit mini-museums to name a few things to do there. The community offers visitors a wide range of services, including the Tok Mainstreet Visitor Center.

#### MILE 1422 Delta Junction KM 2288 Visitor Center



The official end to the Alaska Highway, a large monument commemorates this at the Delta Junction Visitor Center. Prior to the building of the Alaska Highway, the history of Delta Junction was tied to other modes of transportation through this part of the Tanana River Valley as well as gold mining. The area is rich in historical points of interest including several roadhouses. The Sullivan Roadhouse is located in the heart of the city and its unassuming character reflects the true nature of the Alaskan. The area abounds with fantastic outdoor recreational opportunities including fishing, hiking, rock climbing, boating and so much more.

MILE 1431 Rika's KM 2302 Roadhouse



The two-story Roadhouse (well over 100 years old), is built of logs and was a year-round oasis for hunters, trappers, prospectors and travellers as well as local Athabascans and homesteaders. Learn more of this fascinating story by visiting the Roadhouse, refresh yourself at the Restaurant and enjoy the gift shop. Free admission to the park! Dump station available.

#### MILE 1504 North Pole, KM 2420 Alaska

Con and Nellie Miller arrived in Alaska in 1949 determined to carve out a living in this new territory. Con became a fur buyer and merchant and also earned celebrity status in the area by dressing up as Santa Claus. By the early 50's, the Millers built a trading post in an area that was called the "North Pole". Today, North Pole's motto is "Where the spirit of Christmas lives all year 'round". This small town is adorned year round with Christmas decorations, street names and light poles reflecting their motto. Be sure to visit the gift shop named Santa Claus House - a modern day version of the trading post established in the town's early days.

#### MILE 1517 Fairbanks, KM 2441 Alaska

A steamboat running aground was the catalyst for the founding of the second largest city in Alaska. In 1901, Captain E.T. Barnette, who was originally headed to Tanana Crossing to set up a trading post, ran aground and was convinced by local prospectors to set up shop at this site. During WW II, an airfield was built to encourage development in the territory which spurred an economic and population boom that extended past the end of the war. Today, Fairbanks is a lively city with a diversified economy. Visitors will enjoy an abundance of activities year round including adventure/eco tours, fishing/river excursions, aurora viewing, native culture, nature/wildlife viewing, as well as its interesting frontier history reflected in several museums, just to mention a few.



#### Denali National Park

With six million acres of wild land divided by one road, travellers will experience a variety of geography from low elevation taiga forest to high alpine tundra as well as North American's tallest peak, Mount McKinley. See wildlife as they were meant to be seen - in the wild!



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Sulivan Roadbouse Museum Built in 1905, the log lodge now houses a museum.

#### **Delta Junction Visitor Centre**

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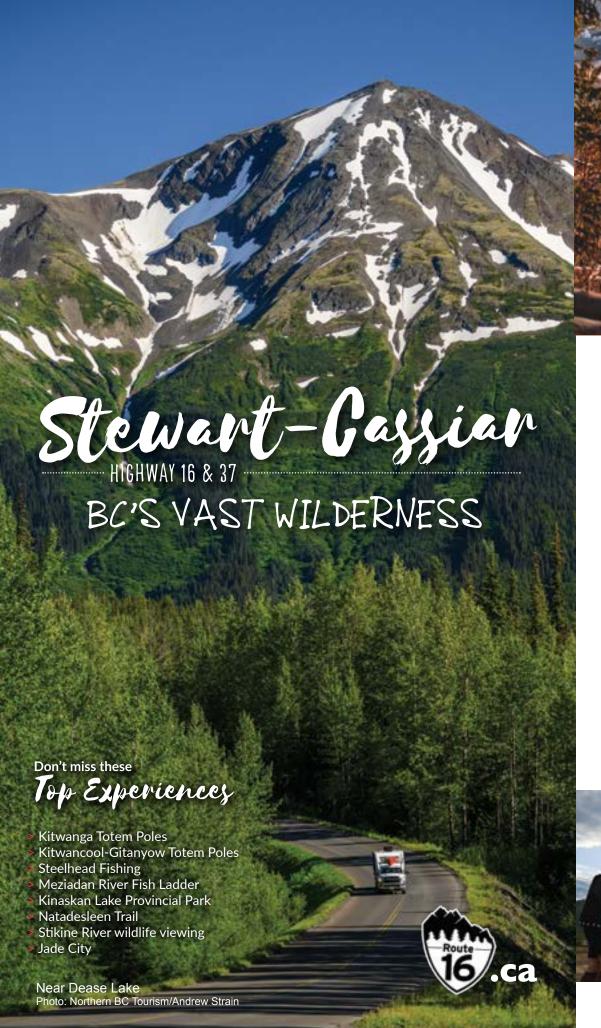
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For those traveling to the Yukon and/or Alaska, Highway 16 / 37 offers an alternate route from the Alaska Highway. Much less used than the Alaska Highway, it offers very different scenery (not better or worse, just different), making it perfect as part of a circle route.

It is 132 miles shorter than going by the Alaska Highway, but that doesn't translate into a 2+ hour saving in time, as there are still gravel sections, and much of the highway has many more curves and hills than the Alaska Highway, so your average speed is much less.

Leaving Prince George you travel west on Highway I 6 through the Bulkley-Nechako region. After the Nechako Valley your journey west through the region will bring you to the Lakes District where fishing and water sports are at the top of the list. Over 300 lakes offer an abundance of opportunity for the outdoor enthusiast. Spread out across the area are many public campgrounds that offer free rustic camping as well as many privately owned resorts that offer lakeside cabins or full hookups. Heading west you enter the Bulkley Valley, a haven for mountain bikers, skiers,

snowboarders, hikers, climbers, mountaineers, and kayakers. The region offers a rich cultural experience that includes museums, art galleries, historic sites and community events.

The Stewart-Cassiar Highway starts at the Junction of Highway 16 / 37 and the confluence of the Kitwanga and Skeena Rivers. Kitwanga is one of the best places in BC to see authentic totem poles. Now a national historic site some 50 amazing totems are within an hours drive of the junction. Visit Gitwangak Battle Hill National Historic Site. The Seven Sisters Mountain Range lends a spectacular scenic backdrop to the area.

The Stewart–Cassiar Highway, also known as the Dease Lake Highway and the Stikine Highway as well as the Terrace–Kitimat Highway from Kitimat to Terrace, is the northwestern most highway in the Canadian province of British Columbia. Plan to camp, enjoy lakeside swimming or fishing and during late summer, watch spawning salmon ascend the fish ladder in scenic Meziadin Lake Provincial Park. Watch for bears!









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#### KM 0 PrinceGeorge

Start your journey in the vibrant, modern city of Prince George. Discovery is the theme at The Exploration Place Museum and Science Centre in Fort George Park, which features galleries about palaeontology, First Nations, history, nature and more

#### KM 99 Vanderhoof

Vanderhoof (population: 4,480) is the Geographical Centre of British Columbia. Visitors here enjoy peaceful views of rolling agricultural hills close to town, along with enticing nearby forests, lakes, creeks, and rivers a little farther out. With four distinct seasons, there are many entertaining activities to experience in and around Vanderhoof.

#### KM 160 Fort St. James

(via Yellowhead Hwy W/BC-16 W and Stuart Lake Hwy/BC-27 N)

Visit the Fort St. James Historic Site (June to late September). This original trading post and compound has the largest group of original wood buildings representing the Canadian fur trade, and artifacts from the 1880s.

#### **KM 157** Fraser Lake

The Village of Fraser Lake is nestled in the heart of some of British Columbia's most beautiful scenery. The area can boast of 170 lakes within a 50 mile radius and is the temporary home to over 1000 Trumpeter Swans, making it the Swan Capital of the world. It's a playground of water and natural wonderland, where you can try your luck for trout or char in the Fraser and Francois Lakes, or the Nautley or Stellako River, world-famous for its fly-fishing and spin casting. An abundance of big game, migratory birds and world class fly-fishing, spin casting and canoeing, make Fraser Lake a fabulous outdoor recreation community.

#### KM 228 Burns Lake

This small community has so much to offer in the way of beautiful scenery and choice of summer and winter outdoor activities. With 3,000 miles of lakes, the region offers some of the best fishing and boating in BC. Anglers will find fish aplenty in almost every waterway, from pan-sized kokanee to monster char. There is no shortage of camping available. Well-established, easily accessible sites can be found along Tchesinkut, Babine, Francois, Uncha, and Takysie lakes. The community hosts numerous festivals and events and is the site of the second largest Aboriginal Day celebration in the province.

#### KM 307 Houston

The gateway to the Nanika - Kidprice Provincial Park - known for its world class back country canoe route. For visitors, the town offers an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities: Hike the area's vast forests, or canoe and fish in creeks, rivers, and hundreds of lakes. Drawing visitors from around the world, the steelhead fishing here is legendary. Houston is known as the "Steelhead Capital of the World" because so many anglers flock here for the mighty fish — even though it is catch and release only. Winter brings cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

#### KM 355 Telkwa

Nestled on the banks of the world-renowned Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers, the picturesque, historical village borders Tyhee Lake Provincial Park. Surrounded by snow-capped mountain ranges and a myriad of lakes and streams, Telkwa's spectacular natural setting offers extensive outdoor adventure and recreational opportunities.

#### KM 371 Smithers

A plethora of summer and winter activities attract locals and visitors alike. People come to Smithers for fishing, boating, camping, hiking, skiing, shopping or to listen to the local musical talent. Rolling hills and farmland, rivers, creeks, lakes, mountain ranges, green forests, and wildlife such as bears and moose enclose the town. Smithers' backdrop is snow-peaked Hudson Bay Mountain, which towers above at 1.650m/5.413ft.

#### KM 445 Hazelton

Unbeknownst to travellers who fail to turn off Highway 16 to explore, the land and communities here are marked by a vibrant First Nations culture, a warm spirit, and serene natural beauty teeming with diverse wildlife.



#### Ksan Historical Village & Museum

'Ksan is a historical village and living museum of the Gitxsan Aboriginal people in the Skeena Country of northwestern British Columbia. Its location is near Hazelton at the confluence of the Skeena and Bulkley Rivers.

Ksan in the Skeena Country
Photo: Destination BC/Andrew Strain

HIGHWAY HIGHWAY 16 37

#### The Fork in the Road

Highway 16 splits at Kitwanga. Our journey continues on Highway 37, travelling north to Watson Lake & the Yukon.

The alternate trip up Highway 16 features a truly breathtaking journey through the mountains to Terrace. From there, follow the banks of the mighty Skeena river to the coast for world famous fishing in the pacific ocean from Prince Rupert.

#### KM 0 Kitwanga or Gitwangak

The starting point of the Stewart-Cassiar Highway. Outstanding carved cedar poles - some more than a century old, are found here, as well as St. Paul's Anglican Church, built in 1893.

> Totem Poles at Kitwanga Photo: Northern BC Tourism/Abby Cooper







#### KM 153 Meziadin Junction

Located at the intersection of Highway 37 (north) and Highway 37A, which leads west to Stewart, BC and Hyder, Alaska.

#### KM 245 Bell II





Offers services, deluxe cabin rentals, lodge and full service RV Park. Gateway to spectacular lakes and streams and excellent wildlife viewing.



#### **KM 353** Kinaskan Lake **Provincial Park**

Overnight campers and avid fishermen will find Kinaskan Lake to be the perfect spot to stop and relax. The campsite provides a spectacular introduction to northern scenery. Sweeping views up the length of the lake with Todagin Mountains to the east and the Klasline Plateau to the west.

#### KM 390 Tatogga







Tiny, unincorporated community situated at Tatogga Lake, just south of Iskut.

#### KM 401 Iskut





Home of the Iskut First Nation in the Tahltan territory. Situated between Mount Edziza and Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park, its residents enjoy access to areas of pristine wilderness. Rafting, canoeing, kayaking, hiking and camping are just some of the activities enjoyed by visitors.

#### KM ~435 Gnat Pass / BC Rail grade

The highest point of the highway at 4,071 ft, / 1240 m provides views of the old BC Rail grade.

#### KM 485 Dease Lake





Originally a Hudson's Bay Company trading post, established in 1837 by Robert Campbell. Today the community offers full services for travellers, as well as guide/outfitting, boat, canoe and ATV rentals, and helicopter tours.

#### KM 591 Vines & Puppies Hideaway

A Rustic Cabin Bed & Breakfast that is open year round. They are located 30km south of Good Hope Lake off the Stewart-Cassiar Highway 37.

#### **KM 601** Jade City



The family-run jade mining operation is a stop of particular interest. Free overnight RV Parking.

#### KM 637 Boya Lake Provincial Park

With many islands and lovely bays, the Park is an excellent place for canoeing or kayaking. The lake's unique aqua-green hue and relatively warm and swimmable water makes it a must-



#### **KM 745** Watson Lake, Yukon

Situated in the rolling hills of southeast Yukon, Watson Lake offers many ways to enjoy the outdoors. Best of all, the spectacular Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) illuminate the night sky with dancing displays of colour. Watson Lake is home to the famous Sign Post Forest, the incredible Northern Lights Space and Science Centre and the gateway to the exciting history and breathtaking scenery of Yukon.



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Jasper National Park to Dawson Creek, BC (Mile '0' of the Alaska Highway) is approximately 524 km.

Highway AB 16, AB 40 N and AB 43 W then connects with Highway BC 2 at the British Columbia and Alberta border.

#### The Scenic Route



Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies

province defined by glaciers, lakes and peaks like

The Icefields Parkway, a road from the town of

lasper, passes subalpine forest and the immense

Columbia Icefield. Outdoor activities like hiking,

camping and skiing are popular. Native wildlife

includes elk, moose, bighorn sheep and bears.

As well as being a service and supply town for

the mountain resorts, Hinton has developed

offering access to a multitude of recreational

opportunities. In summer, visitors to Hinton

can enjoy endless ATV trails or explore the lush Alberta wilderness on a hike or trail ride

in the Brule Sand Dunes. Visitors can also head

mountain air while relaxing amidst the warmest

waters in the Canadian Rockies, which usually

hover around 40°C (104°F).

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its own tourism industry and is known for

comprises a vast wilderness area of Alberta

11,033 ft. high Mount Edith Cavell.

Gateway to Jasper National Park.

Jasper National Park

Hinton

#### Greenview (Grande Cache)

Nestled on a mountain plateau at (4200 ft.), the Hamlet of Grande Cache is surrounded by panoramic views of 21 mountain peaks and 2 river valleys.

This small mountain community is adjacent to the unspoiled Willmore Wilderness Park. There's something for everyone; photographers, artists, hikers, bikers, paddlers, horseback riders, crosscountry skiers, fishermen and hunters alike.

#### Grande Prairie

From unforgettable experiences in the city to the untapped grandeur of the wilderness, the Grande Prairie region has it all.

With easy access to everything you need, the possibilities for travellers are endless – ready to inspire brand-new, incredible stories and a sense of pure wonder for everyone.

Welcome to a whole new way of life... untapped, unfiltered and unforgettable.





#### Wild Blue Yonder Whitewater Rafting

Head down the highway to Grande Cache, for some of the province's best white-water rafting! They've got all you need to enjoy a river trip, accommodating different skill levels and group sizes.



#### **Rotary Campground & Bus Tours**

Experience the ultimate getaway at the Rotary Camparound, Conveniently located, you can unwind and relax in the picturesque surroundings for a few days before continuing your unforgettable adventure. The camparound is situated near the banks of Bear Creek in Muskoseepi Park. The park boasts over 35 km of breathtaking trails for hiking and picnics, an outdoor pool, a mini-golf course, historical museum and more. While you're here take in the Rotary Bus Tour and explore our charming city.



#### Summer Festivals

Throughout the summer our region hosts many festivals and outdoor shows such as the Downtown Buskers, International Street Performers, Night Market Festival, Bear Creek Folk Festival and many more. If you're passing through during one of these festivals, plan to stay a little longer and enjoy some great outdoor entertainment.

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#### **Broken Tine Orchard U-Pick & Winery**

This orchard sits on 2400 acres southwest of Beaverlodge and is one of the few places in Alberta that makes wine from haskap berries. Take a tour and wine tasting or visit the U-pick and take home the "fruits of your labour" to make your own berry delicacies.





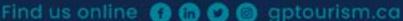














#### The Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre

can provide all your tourism information needs; our friendly staff encourages you to explore our history and culture.

The Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre showcases the fascinating history of the area through exhibits and displays featuring ice age artifacts, dinosaur tracks, Aboriginal heritage and fur trading, full animal mounts, tree and geological descriptions and local industry.

There is also the Bighorn Gallery Gift Shop, the Esson Gale Art Gallery, and space available for meetings and conferences. Make sure to save time to tour the Bird's Eyeview Park featuring interpretive trails and gazebo style picnic areas, next to the Centre. A replica of a "cache" along with other historic buildings is also on site.





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#### Hike, Bike or Discover a Waterfall

The Grande Cache region has hundreds of kilometers of multi-use trails. A trail network around the community offers a variety of challenges. Grande Cache offers some of the best backcountry biking anywhere -beautiful alpine meadows, twisty single tracks and heart-thumping downhills. Explore the 'Passport to the Peaks' - a hiking incentive program that explores 21 mountain peaks that surround the Hamlet. There are cairns on each of the 21 mountain peaks to stamp your 'Passport' once you reach each summit. Passports are available for purchase at the Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre. For a break from traveling, explore the Grande Cache Labyrinth Park to guite your mind and enjoy the 360° mountain views and 'Take the Journey'.



#### Ride a Horse, or a River.

Canoe, kayak or white water raft down one of the mild to wild rivers. Book "an epic mountain wilderness experience" with a local rafting company or a horseback adventure into Willmore Wilderness Park with a professional guide or outfitter.



#### Swing a club at the Grande Cache **Golf & Country Club**

The Grande Cache Golf and Country Club is one of the most spectacular nine-hole golf courses in the province, with breathtaking mountain views from every hole. Bald or Golden eagles, fox, deer, elk and moose are often sighted. The course features rolling fairways bordered by tall stands of pine and spruce.



#### Willmore Wilderness Park

Willmore Wilderness Park comprises 4,597 square kilometres of pure, unspoiled mountain wilderness. The Park is a pristine mountainous area with rugged forest and alpine expanses. The rivers and creeks are crystal clear. The park is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Take time to stop and see Sulphur **Gates** - one of the most popular attractions to the Grande Cache area. It is a staging area for equestrian users and backpackers going into Willmore Wilderness Park. A short trail provides access to spectacular views of the Sulphur River canyon and the Smoky River where it cuts through the front ranges of the Rocky Mountains. The only mode of transportation allowed in the mountain Park is by foot, horseback or bicycle. Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the park.



#### Go Fishing!

Prefer a guiet day on the lake? The Grande Cache area is known for its excellent fishing at Grande Cache Lake, Victor Lake and Pierre Grey's Lakes in a remote mountain setting. Be sure to review all of the fishing regulations in Alberta before heading out.



#### **Stay at the Grande Cache Municipal Campground**

Open May long weekend to October long weekend. Tucked away at the edge of the community, this campground offers large treed sites, fully serviced RV or tent camping in a spectacular mountain setting. Call 780.827.2404.





YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE NORTH



The Alaska Highway is renowned as one of the most scenic drives in the world. It is the route to travel in summer for long daylight hours and unspoiled wilderness.



For those traveling to the Yukon and/or Alaska, Highway 16 / 37 offers an alternate route from the Alaska Highway. Offering very different scenery making it perfect as part of a circle route.

### Yukon LARGER THAN LIFE

With spectacular wilderness, unique First Nations cultural, colourful museums, Klondike Gold Rush history or the vast subcontinent of Beringia, it's no wonder why Yukon is Larger than Life!

## Alaska

NORTH TO THE FUTURE

Alaska - is amazingly different, with the tallest mountains, the largest area of national park lands, the highest concentration of glaciers and the longest stretch of coastline in the United States.

## Alberta

SCENIC ROUTE TO ALASKA

Defined by glaciers, lakes and mountain peaks outdoor activities like wildlife viewing, hiking and camping are popular.

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