

## CANADA'S NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES in British Columbia



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## Proudly Bringing You Canada At Its Best

Land and culture are woven into the tapestry of Canada's history and the Canadian spirit. The richness of our great country is celebrated in a network of special places that allow us to understand the land, people and events that shaped Canada.

Some things just can't be replaced and, therefore, your support is vital in protecting the ecological and commemorative integrity of these natural areas and symbols of our past, so they will persist, intact and vibrant, into the future.

Discover for yourself the many wonders, adventures and learning experiences that await you in Canada's national parks, national historic sites, historic canals and national marine conservation areas. Help us keep them healthy and whole for their sake, for our sake.



### **Our Mission**

Parks Canada's mission is to ensure that Canada's national parks, national historic sites and related heritage areas are protected and presented for this and future generations.

These nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage reflect Canadian values, identity, and pride.

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### Safeguarding Canada's Family of Heritage Treasures

The idea of a Canada-wide system of protected areas took root in the Rockies more than a century ago. Today, national parks protect significant landscapes that represent Canada's vastness and diversity. National historic sites commemorate Canada's evolution as a country, past and present. Together, they are a family of special places which symbolize the important link between stewardship of the land and respect for our human heritage.

Parks Canada is proud of its leadership role in preserving and presenting Canada's natural and cultural resources. National parks and national historic sites offer world-class heritage experiences.

You can do your part by respecting the land and celebrating our traditions. It's up to all of us to make sure our parks, our waterways, and our past will always have a future.

## Welcome

#### So Much to See and Do

From the drama of the Pacific Ocean to the majestic peaks of the Rocky Mountains, from the stories of First Nations' people, through two centuries of immigrants who made this land their home — it's all waiting for you to discover in national historic sites and national parks in British Columbia.

In summer, winter, spring and fall our parks and sites offer activities, programs and facilities that are bound to appeal to you, whatever your skills, interests or abilities. Whether you're visiting British Columbia for only a day or for a few weeks, this Vacation Planner will help you make the most of your visit.

### **Scenic Touring**

From Vancouver Island, across the province to Alberta, or north to the Yukon, you'll find one or more of our national historic sites or national parks along your route. While some parks and sites are more remote, most are easily accessible from major highways in the province. Driving through our national parks, you'll find roadside viewpoints, interpretive exhibits and easily accessible walking trails for people of all ages and abilities. Or plan a stop at one of our national historic sites, and step back in time to discover the people, places and events that shaped our nation.

## Walking or Hiking

National parks in British Columbia offer hundreds of kilometres of trails, ranging from easy walks to some of the world's most challenging backcountry hikes. Contact park information centres for trail descriptions and conditions, and to find out about the availability of guided hikes.

## Interpretive Programs and Services

Want to learn more about the natural or cultural history of a park or site? Stop in at its visitor centre to pick up publications and get the latest information on guided walks, theatre programs, self-guiding trails, exhibits and special events. Some programs and facilities are offered only on a seasonal basis.

## Wildlife Watching

Spotting wildlife in their natural habitat can be a oncein-a-lifetime experience, but please give wildlife the respect and space they deserve.

- Pick up a copy of the brochure *Keep the Wild in Wildlife* if you are visiting Yoho or Kootenay National Parks, for more detailed information on how to view wildlife safely.
- Never feed wildlife. Animals may become aggressive or dependent. Too often a fed animal becomes a dead animal. Wildlife attracted to roadsides are often killed by vehicles.
- Never approach wildlife. Animals may become aggressive. Remain in your vehicle.
- Stay at least 100 metres distant from bears and 30 metres (three bus lengths) away from all other large animals.
- Marine mammals are equally deserving of our respect and can be seriously injured by contact with vessels or their propellers. Never harass or chase whales, seals or sea lions and avoid rapid changes of course or speed when close to marine mammals.

### Camping

Frontcountry areas of most national parks in British Columbia offer a variety of campgrounds suitable for tents, trailers and motorhomes. These



Enjoy all that nature has to offer.

campgrounds are very busy in July and August. With the exception of Green Point Campground in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, campsites cannot be reserved in advance, and are available on a first come, first served basis. Plan to arrive by early afternoon. Backcountry camping in wilderness areas provides unique opportunities for solitude, physical challenges and adventure. Visitors entering wilderness areas must purchase a wilderness pass for overnight stays in the backcountry. Passes and pre-trip information are available at park information centres.

## Park and Site Passes

Daily entry passes in most national historic sites and national parks in British Columbia range from \$4.00 to \$6.00 for an adult, and are subject to change. Reduced fees are offered to children, seniors and families. In national parks, a pass is required for camping and other special services.

The money collected helps Parks Canada to preserve parks and sites and maintain the quality of visitor services and facilities you enjoy during your visit.

## **Group Tours**

Many of our parks and sites offer special rates and services for commercial, school and other large groups. For details on specific rates and services for groups, please contact the parks and sites you will be visiting well in advance of your visit. Reservations may be required.



Enjoy our parks and sites during the quieter winter months.

#### Weather and Road Conditions

On the coast or in the mountains, weather and road conditions can change rapidly, even in summer. Bring clothing suitable for all weather conditions, dress in layers and wear appropriate footwear. Tune in to local radio stations for up-to-date information. In coastal areas, always get a marine weather forecast if you are planning to go boating. For information on backcountry avalanche hazards in western Canada, phone 1-800-667-1105.

## Friends of Parks and Sites

Cooperating Associations or Friends groups are non-profit organizations that partner with Parks Canada to help achieve common goals. Friends groups often operate gift shops and other services in parks and sites and use the proceeds to help fund special events, educational and research activities. Your purchases at these gift shops therefore benefit both you and the park or site.

## For Your Convenience

Most national historic sites and national parks in British Columbia offer a wide range of services and facilities. Watch for these symbols to determine available park and site services and facilities:

Public washrooms
Parking
Public telephone
Gift Shop
Food services/Coffee shop
Picnic Facilities
Information/Visitor Centre
Campground
Viewpoint
Totally or partially accessible. Services for visitors with disabilities vary. Please inquire.

## Park and site regulations are designed to protect these special places, and ensure that you have a safe and memorable visit.

- Never disturb or collect any natural or historic object or archaeological artifact.
- Never feed, touch, disturb or hunt any wildlife.
- Keep pets on a leash at all times in national parks. Pets are not permitted in national historic sites (except for guide-dogs for the disabled).
- Please drive with care and stay on public roads.
- Each park and site has specific hazards. Please consult on-site publications for other important safety messages.

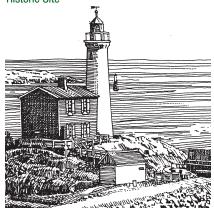
# FORT RODD HILL AND FISGARD LIGHTHOUSE

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES OF CANADA

Fort Rodd Hill, part of the extensive fortifications that defended Victoria and the naval base at Esquimalt, is one of the world's best preserved 1890s coast artillery forts. The site covers over 18 hectares (44 acres) and its structures include three gun batteries, underground magazines, barracks, command posts and searchlight emplacements. Audio and video programs, interpretive signs, period refurnished rooms and displays of original artifacts explain the site's long and colourful history.

Fisgard Lighthouse, built in 1860, was the first permanent lighthouse to enter service on Canada's rugged west coast. The exterior of the

## Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Site



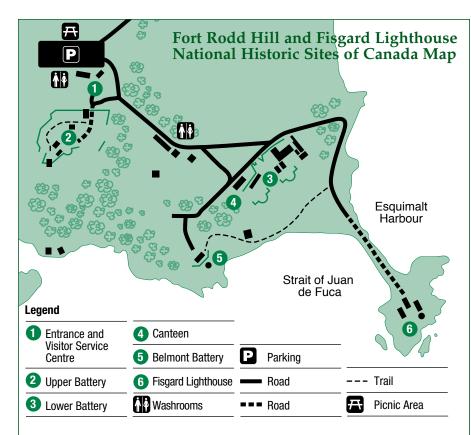
lighthouse has been carefully restored to its 19th century appearance. Inside the lightkeeper's house, two floors of exhibits and an impressive display of century-old lighthouse lenses shed light on Fisgard's past.

## **Getting There**

By road, the sites are 14 km west of downtown Victoria, British Columbia via Highways 1, 1A and Ocean Boulevard.

#### Making the Most of Your Visit

- The sites are open daily year-round (except Christmas Day).
- Hours: March 1 to October 31, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. November 1 to February 28, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Suggested visit length: 1-2 hours
- Wheelchair-accessible washrooms, a picnic site and the visitor centre featuring a closed captioned introductory video, are situated adjacent to the site parking lot.
- Paved paths connect all the batteries and major buildings of Fort Rodd Hill and ramps have been



installed at some buildings to improve access to exhibits.

- Visitors can walk on groomed trails through Garry Oak and Arbutus forests to more secluded parts of the site.
- All interpretive media are offered in English and French.
- Contact us about boat tours to the sites

## Activities

Historic Military Encampment in May, Canada Day Celebrations July 1, Old English Car Show in September.

## Nearby Attractions & Services

Nearby Hatley Park National Historic Site at Royal Roads University is a rambling Edwardian estate featuring beautiful Japanese and Italian gardens. Greater Victoria offers a wide variety of accommodation including hotels, B&Bs and campgrounds. For more information, contact Tourism Victoria at (250) 953-2033.

## For Your Convenience



## Gulf Islands

NATIONAL PARK RESERVE OF CANADA

Gulf Islands National Park Reserve is one of Canada's newest national parks. Established in 2003, the park protects a portion of British Columbia's beautiful southern Gulf Islands—a landscape of rocky headlands, forested hills and shorelines studded with colourful tidepools. The park resembles a patchwork quilt of protected lands scattered over 15 larger islands, and many smaller islets and reefs. Waters adjacent to park land, extending 200 metres seaward, are also under Parks Canada management.

The park shares the larger populated islands of Mayne, Saturna and the Penders with vibrant island communities which offer a full range of tourist amenities. Facilities and services inside the national park reserve are limited. Most campsites and trails are located in the former provincial parks now included in the national park reserve: McDonald, Sidney Spit, Islede-Lis, D'Arcy, Princess Margaret (Portland Island), Beaumont, Winter Cove, Cabbage Island and Prior Centennial.

## **Getting There**

The populated larger islands— Saturna, Mayne and North and South Pender—are accessible by vehicle, bicycle and walk-on by BC Ferries (www.bcferries.com) from Victoria and Vancouver. The smaller islands are accessible by vessel only.

#### Making the Most of Your Visit

Whether visiting the larger populated islands or exploring the more remote areas of the park:

- Be careful with fire—open fires prohibited except at McDonald and Prior Centennial campgrounds.
- Be a no-trace visitor
- Respect private property
- Keep your pet on a leash

Many local tour companies offer opportunities to explore the islands whether your interest lies in hiking, cycling, kayaking, diving or whalewatching. Check with local tourist information centres and websites for more details.

#### Scenic Touring

The added bonus of scenic ferry rides makes car touring of Mayne, Saturna and the Pender Islands a great way to experience the islands. Roads are narrow and winding; watch for cyclists and pedestrians.

#### Boating

Under sail or cruising, boaters are privileged to explore the remoter areas of the park. Mooring buoys are located at Cabbage Island, Beaumont (South Pender Is.) and Sidney Spit. Limited dock space is also available at Sidney Spit. Marine charts which cover the park area are: 3473, 3476, 3477, 3478, 3441, 3442 and 3462. Many local marinas have boats available for charter. Water taxis also operate in several locations.

#### Kayaking

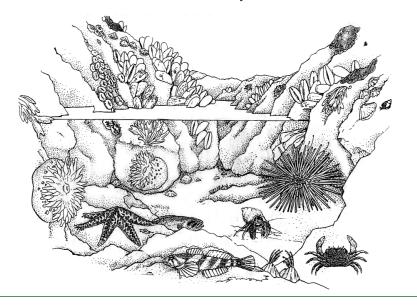
Kayaking is a fun and challenging way to explore the Gulf Islands. Whether kayaking with friends or a tour operator, be sure to check the weather and tide tables in advance, and take along plenty of drinking water.

#### Walking & Hiking

Beachwalking is a favourite pass-time in the Gulf Islands —but lace on your hiking boots and pack along some water if you plan to tackle the up-and-down topography inland on the larger islands. Locally developed trails outside of the national park reserve offer good hiking opportunities as well.

#### Cycling

The narrow winding roads of Mayne, Saturna and the Penders



attract many cyclists, offering a slower-paced introduction to the islands. There are no mountainbiking trails within the national park reserve.

#### Camping

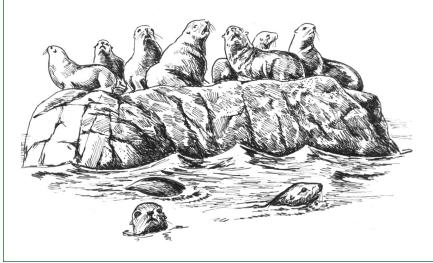
Drive-in campsites are available at Prior Centennial campground (17 sites, open May 15–October 15) on North Pender Island and McDonald campground (49 sites, open March 15–October 31) located on Vancouver Island a short distance from the Swartz Bay ferry terminal. Backcountry campsites are located at Portland, D'Arcy, Rum and Prevost Islands (June 1– September 30); and at Beaumont (South Pender Is.), Sidney, Portland and Cabbage Islands (May 15–September 30).

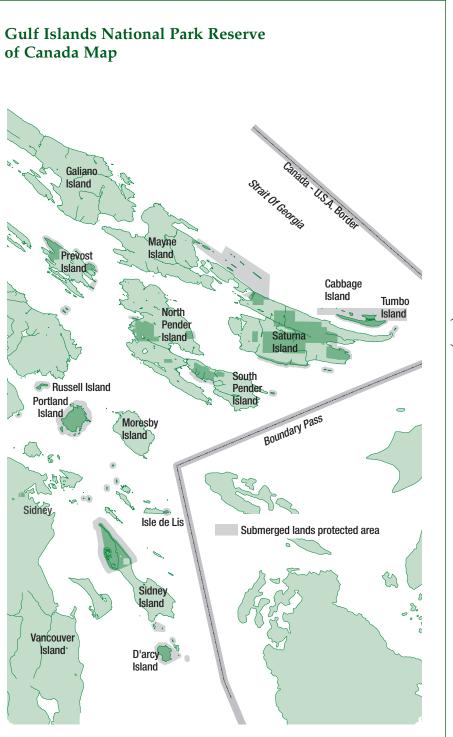
#### Fishing

For licensing and saltwater fishing information, please see the *Saltwater Fishing Guide* and *British Columbia Tidal Water Sport Fishing Guide*.

## Nearby Attractions & Services

Tourist services are available on Mayne, Saturna and the Pender Islands, as well as in Victoria and Vancouver. Overnight accommodation on the islands should be arranged in advance. Nearby national historic sites include Fort Rodd Hill & Fisgard Lighthouse (Victoria), and the Gulf of Georgia Cannery and Fort Langley (Vancouver area).





## PACIFIC RIM NATIONAL PARK RESERVE OF CANADA

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, Canada's first national park reserve on Vancouver Island, is composed of three geographically distinct units: Long Beach, the West Coast Trail and the Broken Group Islands.

A 22 km stretch of sandy beach identifies the Long Beach unit of the park. The constant roar of surf, lush coastal rainforest and soaring eagles combine to create a unique West Coast experience.

The West Coast Trail, originally built to save the lives of shipwrecked mariners, follows 75 km of rugged shoreline with topography ranging from sandy beaches to rocky headlands. Wide sandstone ledges, caves, tidal pools and waterfalls add variety to the shoreline.

The Broken Group Islands, an archipelago of more than 100 islands and islets situated in Barkley Sound, is a favourite area for ocean kayakers and canoeists to explore. A rich and abundant undersea environment, along with the intrigue of many old shipwrecks, makes this a popular destination for scuba divers.

## **Getting There**

The Park is located on the west coast of Vancouver Island

approximately 190 km west of Nanaimo. The Long Beach unit is accessible by Highway 4. The West Coast Trail's entry points located at Pacheena and Port Renfrew are open May to September and are accessible only by road. The Broken Group Islands are accessible only by boat (seasonal). Alberni Marine Transportation offers seasonal access by boat to the Broken Group Islands and the villages of Ucluelet and Bamfield. Island Coach Lines offers regular service to Tofino and Ucluelet.

#### Making the Most of Your Visit

#### Frontcountry

Long Beach Unit: Open mid-March to Thanksgiving Monday, limited facilities through the off season.

## Walking and Hiking

The Long Beach unit offers nine short trails and 22 km of sandy beaches to hike. The Bog Trail, some beach trails and viewpoints are wheelchair accessible. A beach wheelchair is available at the Wickaninnish Centre.

### Frontcountry Camping

Green Point Campground. Open mid-March to Thanksgiving Monday in the Long Beach unit, features drive-in and walk-in camping. No hookups or showers. Reservations recommended for drive-in sites: 1-800-689-9025.

#### Interpretive Programs

Guided outdoor events and Green Point Theatre evening interpretive programs are offered from late June to Labour Day.

The Wickaninnish Interpretive Centre: open mid-March to Thanksgiving Monday, offers exhibits, displays, films, park information, Gift Store and a full-service restaurant.

Pick up a copy of the *Official Guide to Pacific Rim National Park Reserve* at your local bookstore. (ISBN: 0-920735-44-4)

- Annual Whale Festival -March 15 to March 30, 2003
- Shorebird Festival: April- May
- Oceans Day: June 8.
- Aboriginal Day: June 21
- Annual Canada Day Celebrations - July 1.
- Annual Canada's Parks Day - Mid - July
- Return of the Salmon Festival October

#### Fishing

Both salt and fresh water fishing are popular activities in the Park. For fishing and licensing information please refer to the *Saltwater Fishing Guide* and/or the *British Columbia Tidal Water Sport Fishing Guide*.

#### Cycling

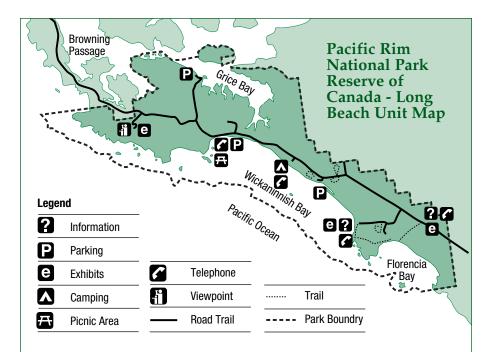
Only the Long Beach unit is suitable for cycling. Bicycles are not permitted on any trails within the Park. Cycling to the Long Beach Unit is hazardous due to traffic congestion, narrow roads and mountainous terrain. An alternative is to travel to Ucluelet via passenger boat from Port Alberni.

#### West Coast Trail

The trail is open to hikers from May 1 to September 30. All hikers must have a valid Trail Use Permit issued at the Park Registration/Information Centres at Pachena Bay near Bamfield and at Port Renfrew. Reservations may be made up to three months in advance of the intended start date of your hike. Reservations: Canada/ United States 1-800-HELLO-BC. Outside Canada and the United States: (250) 387-1642. Reservation, Trail and Trail ferry crossing fees will apply.

### **Broken Group Islands**

*Open all year - weather dependent.* Camping is permitted only in designated areas. Maximum stay on any one island is four days and the maximum stay in the Broken Group Islands is 14 days. A per person, per night camping fee is collected on-site May 1 to September 30.



## Nearby Attractions & Services

Whale watching, fishing charters, scuba-diving, seakayaking and surfing are available in the nearby villages of Tofino and Ucluelet.

Wild Pacific Trail - Two section hiking trail. Amphitrite Point, Ucluelet 2.4 km hike following the outer headlands and an additional 5 km hike beginning at Big Beach in Ucluelet.

McLean Mill National Historic Site - Situated in Port Alberni along Highway 4. Take the Beaver Creek Road turn off to Smith Road or visit the 1912 Railway Station and ride old Steam Logging Locomotive #7 through the scenic Alberni Valley to McLean Mill NHS. This 13 hectare site commemorates the British Columbia forest industry. Operating from 1926 through to 1965 this National Historic Site offers you a look into the past. On site you will find an operational steam sawmill and railway, historic structures and vehicles. For more information contact 250-723-2181.

*Long Beach Unit:* Complete services are available in the villages of Tofino and Ucluelet.

*West Coast Trail:* Limited services available in Bamfield and Port Renfrew.

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## GULF OF GEORGIA CANNERY

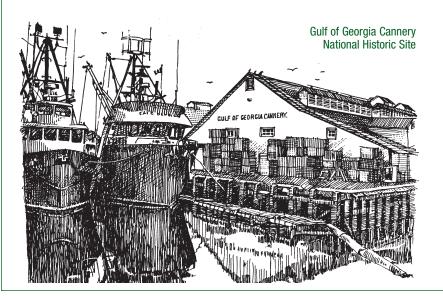
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

Located in historic Steveston Village, the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site is one of the few surviving 19th century canneries on the coast of British Columbia. Built as a salmon cannery in 1894, it has also served as a fresh fish depot, herring cannery, herring reduction plant and net loft. Known in the late 1890s as the "Monster Cannery", it was the leading producer of canned salmon in British Columbia. Today, the Cannery is a dynamic museum commemorating the rich history of the West Coast fishing industry.

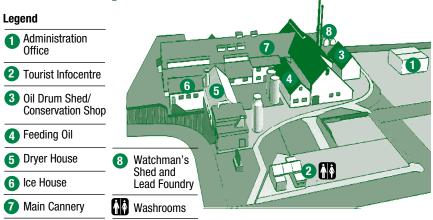
The Cannery is surrounded by Canada's largest commercial fishing harbour. The presence of this modern-day fishery provides you with an opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of the fishing industry, both past and present. Tour the Canning Line exhibit and experience the evolution of canning technology and its importance to the fishing industry and to people's lives. View the award-winning film *Journey Through Time* in the Boiler House Theatre.

#### **Getting There**

From Highway 99 take the Steveston Highway exit. Follow Steveston Highway west to No. 1 Road. Turn left and drive south to Chatham Street. Turn right on Chatham, then left on Fourth Avenue.



## Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site of Canada Map



#### Making the Most of Your Visit

- Open seasonally from April to October (pre-booked tours offered November to March). April to May, Thursday to Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 1 to June 30 daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., July and August, daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Labour Day to September 30 daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 1 to October 31 Thursday to Monday 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Suggested visit length: 45 to 90 minutes
- Visit the Boiler House Theatre and Visitor Centre.
- Washrooms and buildings are wheelchair accessible.
- Shop for souvenirs in the Cannery Store gift shop.

• Services are available in English or French.

## Activities

- June Art Show, Parks Day, Mid-July, Labour Day -Photo Show, BC Rivers Day -September.
- Check our website for the latest updates on special events

## Nearby Attractions & Services

Steveston Village offers a variety of shops and restaurants. Nearby attractions include the Steveston Museum, Britannia Heritage Shipyard, London Farm and the Fresh Fish Sales Dock.

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# FORT LANGLEY

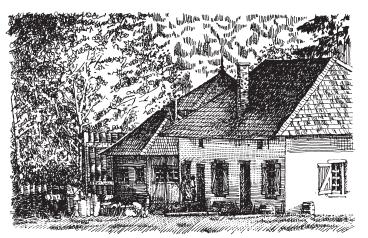
Built in 1827, Fort Langley was part of the Hudson's Bay Company's network of trading posts that stretched across what is now Western Canada and the United States. The Fort was busy: furs were shipped via Cape Horn to Europe, Fraser River salmon found a market in Hawaii. California wanted the local cranberries, and produce from the Fort's farm was traded to the Russians in Alaska. In the spring of 1858, thousands of Americans stampeded up the Fraser River in search of gold. Fearing annexation by the United States, James Douglas, Governor of the British colony of Vancouver Island, read a proclamation at Fort Langley creating the Crown Colony of British Columbia.

From the eight foot cedar Aboriginal Welcoming Figure

in the new Visitor Centre to the oldest building on the British Columbia mainland, you will get behind the scenes of Canada's history. A one-hour stroll through the Fort will transport you to a colourful time. Who would expect to find Aboriginal people, Canadians, Scots and Hawaiians working together trading furs, processing salmon and farming? The story of Fort Langley and its role in Canadian history is presented by costumed guides using stories, exhibits, re-enactments and demonstrations.

## **Getting There**

The Fort is located in the village of Fort Langley, 50 km east of Vancouver, or 105 km west of Hope via the Trans-Canada Highway. Follow the



## Fort Langley National Historic Site of Canada Map Legend Palisade/Main Gate 6 Theatre Ă¥ Washrooms 2 Bastions 7 Exhibitions Building 🐌 **Disabled Access** 3 Cooperage 8 Operations Building Blacksmith Shop 9 Big House 5 Storehouse 10 Servants' Quarters 14 Å

232nd Street exit north off Highway #1. The Fort is only 6 km from the highway.

### Making the Most of Your visit

- Open March 1 to October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
- Suggested visit length: 60 to 90 minutes
- The Visitor Centre offers exhibits and views of the spectacular Coast Mountains and the Fraser River.
- Visit the gift shop featuring West Coast souvenirs.
- The Site's washrooms and buildings are wheelchair accessible.
- Services are available in English or French.
- An introductory video is available in English, French,

German, Japanese and Cantonese.

## Activities

- Daily programs: July & August
- Fur Brigade Days early August

## Nearby Attractions & Services

The village of Fort Langley offers antique and craft shops, museums and restaurants.

Hotels, B&Bs and campgrounds are within a 10-minute drive. For more information, contact the Langley Chamber of Commerce (604) 888-1477.

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## **GWAII HAANAS** NATIONAL PARK RESERVE AND HAIDA HERITAGE SITE

Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site consists of over 138 islands of coastal British Columbia wilderness, offering a blend of natural and cultural features found nowhere else on earth. Temperate rainforest and upland bog, salmon stream and grassy estuary, coastal fringe and submarine kelp forest – this is the rich diversity of life that sustains the living culture of the Haida people and which will sustain you as well. A profound sense of self-discovery takes hold as you slow down to appreciate the natural and spiritual values of the place, moving in rhythm with the tides.

A visit to Gwaii Haanas is a chance to celebrate more than 10,000 years of Haida life here. Travel lightly and be part of the next 10,000 years. The remote southern third of Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands), Gwaii Haanas is accessible only by plane or boat. It offers opportunities for wilderness marine travel and wildlife viewing, solitude, challenge, learning, and spiritual renewal. Canada and the Council of the Haida Nation are equal partners in managing this protected area.

#### **Getting There**

Gwaii Haanas is only accessible by boat or plane. Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands is accessible by air out of Vancouver and Prince Rupert, and by ferry from Prince Rupert.

### Making the Most of Your Visit

All visitors must make reservations, register and attend an orientation prior to entering Gwaii Haanas.

- Best time to visit: May to September
- Suggested visit length: one week minimum for Gwaii Haanas and another for the surrounding area.
- Information packages are available in English and French.
- Services are available in English and French.

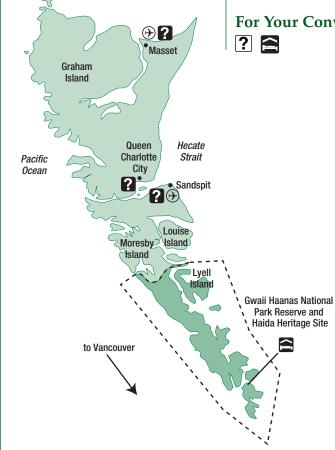
## Activities

Gwaii Haanas is suitable for independent kayakers and sailors who are experienced or visitors guided by licensed tour operators providing kayaking, sailing, zodiac adventures and day flights.

#### **Nearby Attractions** & Services

Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands offer unique opportunities to experience the living Haida culture and small community life in an isolated setting. A range of outdoor activities and experiences are possible — exploring the

#### Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida **Heritage Site**



rainforest, kayaking hidden corners, fishing, joining a guided trip, chartering a boat, camping, cycling or savouring Haida traditional foods and culture..

For information and reservations:

North America: 1-800-HELLO-BC (1-800-435-5622)

Outside North America: 1-250-387-1642

Vancouver: HELLO-BC 1-604-435-5622

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## FORT ST. JAMES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

This fully restored Hudson's Bay Company post commemorates the partnership between the fur traders and First Nations from 1806 to 1952. The site includes the largest group of original wooden buildings representing the fur trade in Canada. The historic structures are located on spectacular Stuart Lake, which was mile zero on the "highway to Europe" when Fort St. James was the centre of the fur trade on the western slope

## **Getting There**

The site is located 160 km northwest of Prince George, British Columbia, and can be reached by road, rail and air. Follow Highway 16 west

Stuart Lake was a key part of the fur traders 'highway' during the 1800s.

from Prince George, then turn north onto Highway 27 just beyond Vanderhoof. Fort St. James is just 45 minutes north of Highway 16.

### Making the Most of Your Visit

- Allow two hours to explore the fort and don't forget your camera!
- Stop in at the modern Visitor Reception Centre, watch a video and stroll through our interpretive displays.
- Rent our 45-minute audiotape tour and step back in time to the days of the fur trade. German French and English.
- Meet costumed interpreters working in the buildings and garden.
- Visit our gift shop, and relax at the Old Fort Café for lunch with a lovely view of the lake.

## Activities

- Enjoy fishing, swimming, hiking, canoeing and spectacular waterfront camping on nearby lakes and rivers.
- Hike the restored pre-contact trail Nyan Wheti (The Trail Across).
- Book a tour on Stuart Lake to the Pictographs and Chief Kwah's Grave.
- Visit Our Lady of Good Hope Church, the fur trade cemetery and the bush pilots memorial.

### Nearby Attractions & Services

For private campgrounds and area information, call (250) 996-7023. To reserve a campsite at Paarens Beach, call BC Parks at 1-800-689-9025.

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## Fort St. James National Historic Site of Canada Map

## MOUNT REVELSTOKE NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Offering lush rainforests and subalpine wildflower landscapes in summer, and shimmering golden hues in fall, Mount Revelstoke National Park is alive with colour and beauty. Established in 1914, the Park protects a small portion of British Columbia's Columbia Mountain natural region, with its characteristic moist climate, rugged peaks and alpine terrain.

## **Getting There**

The main park entrance is located on the Trans-Canada Highway at Revelstoke, British Columbia, 637 km from Vancouver and 450 km from Calgary. The Trans-Canada Highway stretches through the southern area of the park for 30 km east of Revelstoke. Vancouver and Calgary have regular bus service to the city of Revelstoke, which is adjacent to the Park.

#### Making the Most of Your Visit

• Take a drive along the Meadows in the Sky Parkway (26 km), through lush rainforest and up to beautiful subalpine wildflower meadows. Stop along the way for views of the Columbia River Valley and surrounding mountains.

- Park at Balsam Lake and walk, or take the free shuttle bus two km to the Summit area. The shuttle runs from 10 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. when the road is snow free, usually from July to late September.
- The Eva Lake Pilgrimage is a day-hike to commemorate the establishment of Mount Revelstoke and is held on Monday of the August long weekend.



Be sure to head out to the backcountry well equipped and well informed.

## Activities

#### Scenic Touring

The Meadows in the Sky Parkway leads to the summit of Mount Revelstoke and offers spectacular mountain views. Here, visitors can experience short walks, picnicking, high-country dayhikes, or cross-country skiing and ski-touring. The Parkway is open to vehicles during the snow-free months, usually mid-July until mid-October. The Parkway is narrow with many switchbacks. Trailers andmotorcoaches are not permitted, but parking is available near the park entrance.

#### Walking and Hiking

The Summit area offers short trails and exhibits about the natural history of the subalpine area. Stroll along the short Meadows in the Sky Trail. For longer day-hikes, Miller, Eva and Jade Lakes are beautiful alpine destinations.

Deep below in the Illecillewaet Valley, the Skunk Cabbage Boardwalk features a tranquil riverside wetland, while the Giant Cedars Boardwalk winds through a spectacular forest of 1,000year-old cedars and hemlocks.

#### Interpretive Programs

Park staff are on hand to provide information along the Meadows in the Sky Parkway and at the Summit area.

#### Camping

The Park offers only backcountry camping, available at Eva and Jade Lakes. Campers must use the designated campsites and have a Wilderness Pass.

The city of Revelstoke has a number of campgrounds, along with two provincial parks to the north and south of the city. For more information on the private and provincial campgrounds, please contact the Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce at (250) 837-5345.

#### Fishing

A National Park Fishing Permit is required; however, our glacier-fed rivers and small lakes do not support many game fish. Non-native species such as Brook Trout and Rainbow Trout live in Mount Revelstoke's Jade and Eva Lakes. To protect Bull Trout, a fishing ban is in effect on all streams (not lakes) in the Park.

## Ski Touring and Snowshoeing

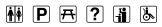
Cross-country skiers and snowshoers will find a choice of trails on Mount Revelstoke. The Meadows in the Sky Parkway is not ploughed in the winter, and track is set to the Monashee Picnic Area, 8 km up the road. Skiers can also continue beyond the track set trail or use the Summit Trail to overnight at Caribou Cabin.

Snowshoers will enjoy the Inspiration Woods Trail and two trail loops at the base of the mountain. Visitors planning to stay overnight in the Park require a Wilderness or Cabin Pass.

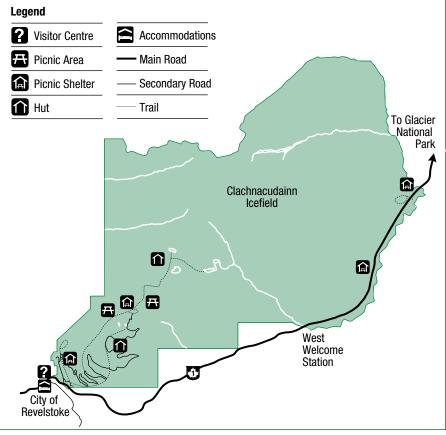
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The S.S. Moyie National Historic Site is definitely worth a side-trip to the village of Kaslo, 192 km south of Revelstoke. The oldest surviving intact vessel of its kind in the world, the S.S. Moyie was the last operating sternwheeler in western North America until her retirement in 1957. Since then, she has been lovingly preserved and restored to her original Victorian splendour by the dedicated volunteers and staff of the Kootenay Lake Historical Society. The S.S. Moyie is open seven days a week from Mother's Day to Thanksgiving weekend.

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## Mount Revelstoke National Park of Canada Map



## **GLACIER** NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

With over 400 glaciers covering one-tenth of its total area, Glacier National Park offers spectacular scenery and fascinating history. The Park was established in 1886 along the original route of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Rogers Pass National Historic Site commemorates the importance of this national transportation corridor.

Today, the park protects an area of the Selkirk and Purcell mountain ranges. Half of the Park is alpine tundra, where the meadows burst into flower for a few weeks each summer. At lower elevations, heavy rain and high snowfall create a lush rainforest of cedar, hemlock, spruce and fir.

### **Getting There**

Glacier is located on the Trans-Canada Highway 1 in southcentral British Columbia. The nearest communities are the city of Revelstoke, 45 km from the west park entrance, and the town of Golden, 57 km from the east park entrance.

Vancouver and Calgary have regular bus service to Rogers Pass in the heart of Glacier National Park.

#### Making the Most of Your Visit

- While it only takes an hour to drive through the Park, allow at least a full day to truly explore the area.
- Stop at the Rogers Pass Discovery Centre for tripplanning information. Located at the summit of the Pass, the Centre is wheelchair accessible and has a theatre, exhibits about the discovery of Rogers Pass and the completion of the railway, and natural history displays. The Centre is open year-round except Christmas Day, and Tuesday and Wednesday in November.
- The story of Rogers Pass is also presented at the Abandoned Rails, 1885 and Loop Brook trails along the old rail line, and at Glacier House, the ruins of one of Canadian Pacific's great hotels.
- Take a short stroll on the barrier-free Hemlock Grove Boardwalk that winds through an ancient cedar and hemlock forest.
- Hike, backpack, cave, climb or ski-tour in the rugged and untouched Columbia Mountain wilderness.

### Activities

#### Scenic Touring

A drive through Glacier on the Trans-Canada Highway will take you through some of the most scenic and historic landscapes in western Canada. Along the way, there are many opportunities to enjoy photography, wildlife viewing, picnicking and self-guided trails.

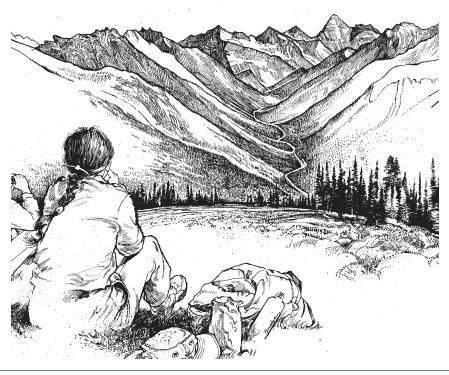
#### Walking and Hiking

Glacier has almost 200 km of trails ranging from short valley-bottom hikes to steep, tough climbs. Some trails have spectacular mountain and glacier views, while others wind through stands of oldgrowth forest. Park staff can provide hiking information, or pick up a copy of *Footloose in the Columbias*, available at the Glacier Circle Bookstore in the Rogers Pass Discovery Centre. Come prepared for travel in an unpredictable climate and rugged environment.

### Camping

Camp among the towering cedars and hemlocks, next to the fast flowing rivers from the Illecillewaet and Asulkan and Bonney Glaciers. All campgrounds are located just a

Take in the beauty of the mountains along our many hiking trails.



few kilometres west of Rogers Pass. Illecillewaet Campground (60 sites) operates from late June to late September. Loop Brook Campground (20 sites) and Mount Sir Donald primitive campground (15 sites) are open for a slightly shorter season.

Overflow camping is available in July and August at Mount Sir Donald with sites assigned by staff at the Rogers Pass Centre.

#### Mountaineering

North American mountaineering got its start in this part of the Columbia Mountains. Glacier offers many classic routes, mostly on quartzite and schist. The alpine is heavily glaciated in this region and snow can persist until mid-summer. For advice on routes and conditions, contact the Park Warden Service in Rogers Pass at (250) 814-5202.

#### Fishing

As in all national parks, a fishing permit is required. To protect Bull Trout, a fishing ban is in effect on all streams (not lakes) in the Park.

Ski Touring and Snowshoeing

Glacier's steep terrain and legendary snowfall have given the Park a reputation as North America's premier roadaccessible ski-touring destination from December to April. With no groomed or packed trails, alpine ski-touring equipment and techniques are more practical than light crosscountry ski gear.

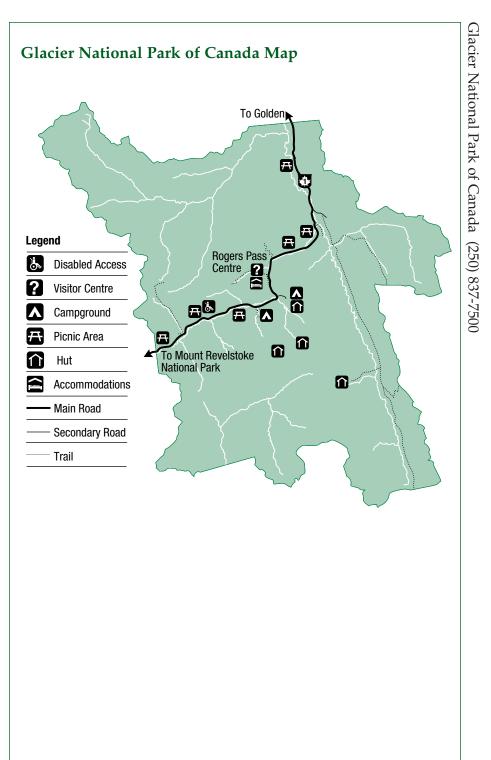
The steep terrain demands that all skiers must be experienced and equipped to travel in avalanche areas. As part of the Park's Avalanche Control Program, all slopes that face the Trans-Canada Highway are closed. Specific slopes are sometimes open on a permit system only. Stop at the Rogers Pass Discovery Centre for permits, the latest backcountry reports and daily avalanche bulletins. Also available at: www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/bc/glacier

## Nearby Attractions & Services

A complete range of food, accommodations and services are available in the surrounding area, including the city of Revelstoke, the town of Golden and at Rogers Pass. For attractions and services in the city of Revelstoke, call the Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce at (250) 837-5345 and in the town of Golden, call the Golden Chamber of Commerce at (250) 344-7125.

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## YOHO NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

The word "Yoho" is a Cree expression of awe or wonder —an apt description for this Park featuring 28 mountain peaks over 3,000 metres in height. Like its national park neighbours, Kootenay to the south and Banff and Jasper to the east and north, Yoho is part of UNESCO's Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site.

High above Emerald Lake, the Burgess Shale preserves, in exquisite detail, the remains of an incredible variety of life forms from the Middle Cambrian time period. More than 500 million years old, the Burgess Shale is one of the world's most significant fossil sites.

## **Getting There**

Yoho is located near Field, British Columbia, 832 km east of Vancouver and 210 km west of Calgary on the Trans-Canada Highway 1.

Pine martins climb trees for safe refuge following a nocturnal hunt.

#### Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan on spending one or two days to experience the Park's main sites.
- Be sure to stop at the Park Visitor Centre, run cooperatively with Travel Alberta. Open year-round, the Centre is wheelchair accessible and provides information, permits, gifts and weather/road conditions. While at the Centre, take in the Burgess Shale exhibit and visit the Friends of Yoho gift shop. Some facilities are closed during the winter, including the Takakkaw Falls road, all campgrounds and picnic sites. To experience the Park at a more leisurely pace, avoid the busy months of July and August.

#### Activities

#### Scenic Touring

Don't miss the Spiral Tunnels, which show the difficulties of constructing a railway through the mountains; Takakkaw Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in Canada; and the Natural Bridge, where the Kicking Horse River has carved through solid rock. Early morning or evening visits to Emerald Lake and Takakkaw Falls in July and August are recommended to escape the crowds.

#### Walking and Hiking

Yoho offers spectacular scenery and over 400 km of trails. For details, pick up the *Yoho National Park Backcountry Guide*, available at the Visitor Centre.

#### Interpretive Programs

Guided walks and evening programs are offered during the summer.

The Friends of Yoho also offer several special events and learning programs.

#### Frontcountry Camping

The Kicking Horse and Monarch Campgrounds are located 5 km from the town of Field and have 122 semiserviced sites along the Kicking Horse River. Hoodoo Creek Campground is located 22 km west of Field and has 106 wooded sites. Takkakaw Falls offers a wheelchair accessible walk-in campground with 35 sites overlooking the waterfall.

#### Backcountry Camping

Many trails offer overnight backcountry opportunities year-round. Reservations may be made up to three months in advance for most backcountry campsites by calling (250) 343-6783. A Wilderness Pass is required for overnight stays.

#### Mountaineering

Ice climbing, mountaineering routes, ridge walks, scrambles and technical routes are available. Information is available at the Field Visitor Centre.

#### Cycling

Mountain bikers may use the following trails: Kicking Horse, Amiskwi, Otterhead, Ottertail and Ice River fire roads and the trail from Ross Lake to Lake Louise. See details in the Yoho National Park Backcountry Guide.

#### Boating

Some sections of the Kicking Horse River are navigable by canoe and kayak. Details can be found in the *Kicking Horse River Guide*. Canoe and boat rentals are available at Emerald Lake. Motor Boats are not permitted on Yoho's waters.

#### Fishing

Fishing is permitted in the Kicking Horse River yearround from the confluence of the Yoho River to the west park boundary. Check the regulations summary for opening and closing dates of other water bodies. National Park Fishing Permits are available at the Park Visitor Centre or campground kiosks.

Provincial permits and regulations do not apply in national parks.

#### Horseback Riding

Trail riding is available at Emerald Lake. For more information call (250) 343-6000.

#### Cross-country Skiing

Over 40 km of trails are track set. Other trails are accessible for touring. Some routes pass through avalanche terrain and appropriate precautions are advised.

### Visiting Lake O'Hara

Lake O'Hara is renowned for its spectacular hiking trails and scenery. To protect this fragile, high-elevation valley, and to ensure a quality experience for visitors, access by bus is controlled through a quota system.

The campground's 30 sites offer a backcountry experience and there are options for lodge (250) 343-6418 and Alpine Club (403) 678-3200 accommodations.

Reservations are required for bus and camping spaces from June to September. Reservations may be made up to three months in advance by calling (250) 343-6433. Burgess Shale Fossil Beds Access to the Mount Stephen fossil beds and the Walcott Quarry is restricted by law. All hikes are by reservation only. They are guided and are limited to 15 people. Collecting fossils is prohibited.

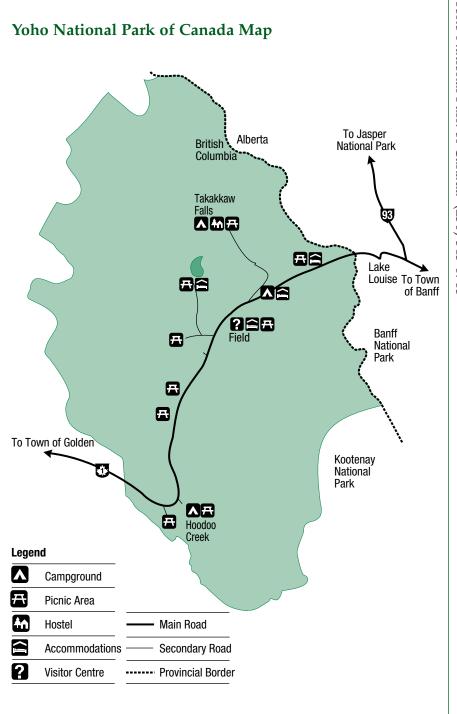
For reservations contact the Yoho-Burgess Shale Foundation at 1-800-343-3006 or by writing: Box 148, Field, BC, V0A 1G0. Email: burgshal@rockies.net

## Nearby Attractions & Services

The town of Field is located in the park and provides basic services including an information centre, ambulance, post-office, restaurants, a general/liquor store, potter's studio, Greyhound Bus flagstop, lodge and guest houses. There are backcountry lodges and Alpine Club of Canada huts in the Yoho Valley and Lake O'Hara area, a hostel at Takakkaw Falls and commercial accommodation at Emerald Lake, Field, Lake O'Hara and Wapta Lake.

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## KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Kootenay is a park of incredible contrasts — from glaciers to cacti. Along the parkway that was key to its creation, this slender Park changes from rugged peaks and alpine meadows, to narrow canyons, hot mineral springs and warm, dry grasslands.

Kootenay is part of UNESCO's Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site. The Park's special features include the colourful mineral rich pools, known as the Paint Pots, and the Radium Hot Springs.

## **Getting There**

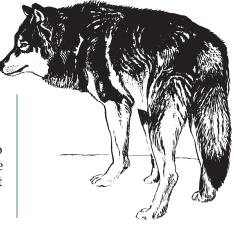
Kootenay is located 888 km east of Vancouver and 260 km west of Calgary via the Trans-Canada Highway 1. Junctions are at Castle Junction in Banff National Park on Highway 93S, or south from Golden on Highway 95. Regular bus service is available from Banff and Calgary.

#### Making the Most of Your Visit

• To enjoy fully the Park's main attractions, plan on spending one to two days. To experience the Park at a more leisurely pace, plan your visit for times other than summer long holiday weekends.

- The wheelchair accessible Kootenay Information Centre is located in the town of Radium Hot Springs and is open from May to September. The Vermillion Crossing Visitor Centre is located 63 km north of the west gate, or 31 km south of the Banff/Kootenay boundary. Operated by the Kootenay Lodge, the Centre is open from mid-May to mid-October. At other times of the year, information is available at the Park Administration Building in Radium.
- Pick up a copy of the *National Parks Mountain Guide* for tips on what to see and do.

The wolf is one of the more elusive species found in the Rockies.



• A dip in the Radium Hot Springs Pools is a fine way to begin or end your journey. Located 3 km east of the town of Radium Hot Springs, this facility is home to Canada's largest hot springs soaking pool.

### Activities

#### Scenic Touring

The Kootenay Parkway traverses the park from north to south. Many of the key attractions can be enjoyed along the 94 km route.

#### Walking and Hiking

Over 200 kilometres of trails are described in the *Kootenay National Park Backcountry Guide*. An extensive trail system offers several day-hikes and backcountry trips with links to trails in Banff and Yoho National Parks and Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park.

Several short self-guided walks are accessible from the Parkway including:

- Fireweed Trail: a wheelchair accessible interpretive loop through regenerating forest at the Vermilion Pass Burn.
- Marble Canyon: a selfguiding trail that crosses a gorge eroded by Tokumm Creek.
- The Paint Pots: an accessible trail to cold mineral springs where Aboriginal people gathered ochre, mineral

impregnated clay, for decoration and trade.

- Olive Lake: a lovely springfed lake bordered by a fully accessible boardwalk.
- Valley View Trail: featuring magnificent views of the Columbia River Valley.

#### Wildlife Watching:

Bighorn Sheep (in the Radium Hot Springs area) and mountain goats (at Mount Wardle) are most common. Watch for black and grizzly bears, moose, coyotes, elk, white-tailed deer, mule deer, and wolves.

#### Interpretive Programs

Guided walks, theatre programs and special guided events are offered during the summer. Schedules are available at campgrounds and Information Centres

#### Camping

Redstreak Campground is located 2.5 km from the village of Radium Hot Springs and has 242 sites and all services. McLeod Meadows is located 27 km north of the west park gate and has 98 unserviced wooded sites. Marble Canyon Campground is located 86 km north of the Park's west gate and has 61 unserviced sites. Camping is available on a first come, first served basis.

#### Backcountry Camping

Many of Kootenay's trails offer overnight backcountry opportunities year-round. Wilderness passes, reservations and the Backcountry Guide are available at Park Information Centres.

#### Mountaineering

Kootenay has a variety of ridge walks, scrambles and technical routes. Detailed information is available at the Kootenay Information Centre.

#### Cycling

The Kootenay Parkway, with its paved shoulders, is popular for touring. Mountain biking may be enjoyed along the old East and West Kootenay fire roads. See the Backcountry Guide for more details.

#### Fishing

National Park Fishing permits are available at Park Information Centres or campground kiosks. Provincial permits and regulations do not apply.

#### Boating

Non-motorized watercraft may be used on all lakes and rivers in the Park. Natural hazards exist along the Vermilion and Kootenay Rivers and only experienced paddlers should attempt them. Commercial canoeing and rafting companies offer river trips.

### Radium Hot Springs

Open year-round, the Radium Hot Springs complex is wheel chair accessible and offers a hot pool, a cooler swimming pool, day spa and newly renovated day spa, summer interpretive services, gift shops and a restaurant. Bathing suits, towels and lockers can be rented.

Call 1-800-767-1611 for information.

### Visiting in Winter

In the off-season, the Dolly Varden Picnic Area is designated for free winter camping. Facilities include toilets, kitchen shelters, wood stoves, firewood, picnic tables and well water (until freeze up).

#### Cross-country skiing & Snowshoeing

Several ungroomed trails offer a variety of options for winter recreation. Some routes pass through avalanche terrain and appropriate precautions are advised.

## Nearby Attractions & Services

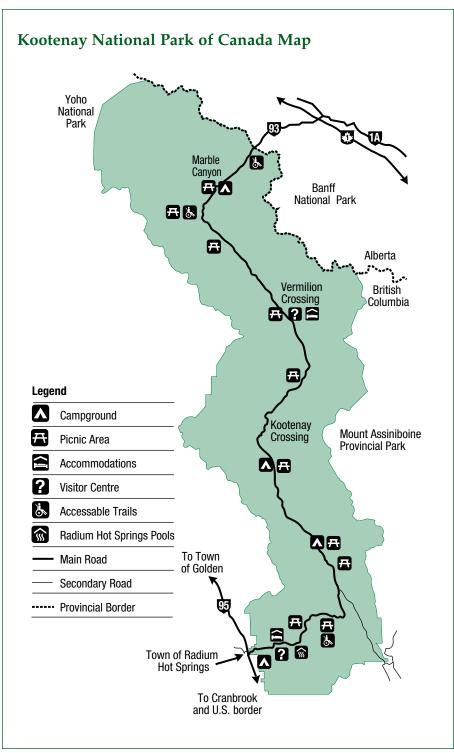
A complete range of food, accommodations, and services are available in the towns of Radium Hot Springs and Invermere (14 km. south).

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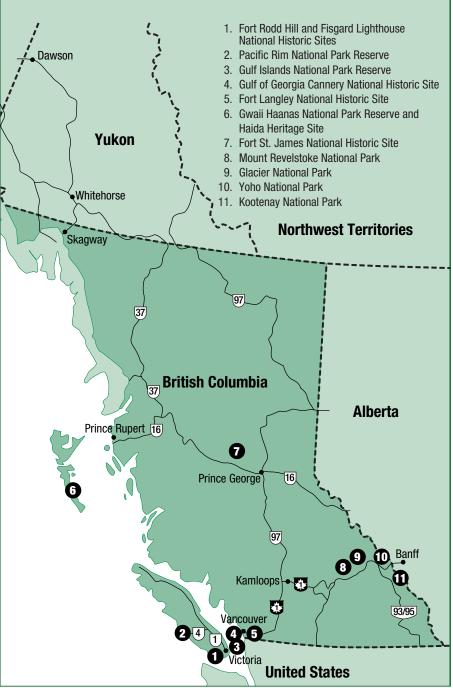
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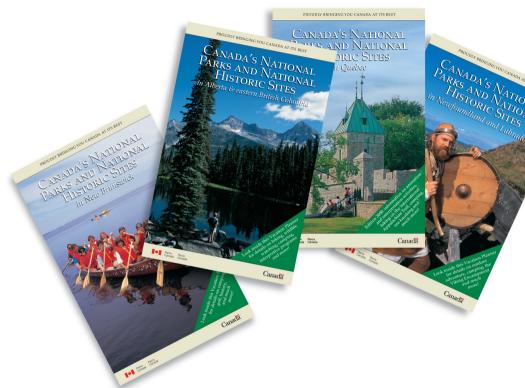
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