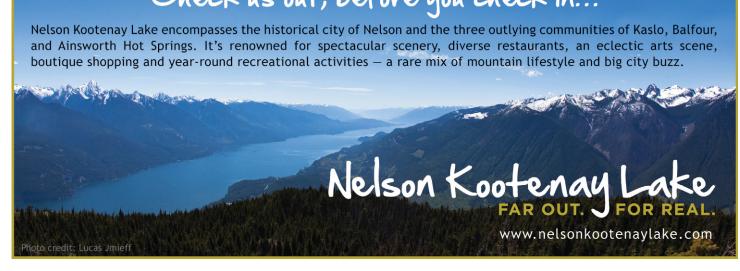






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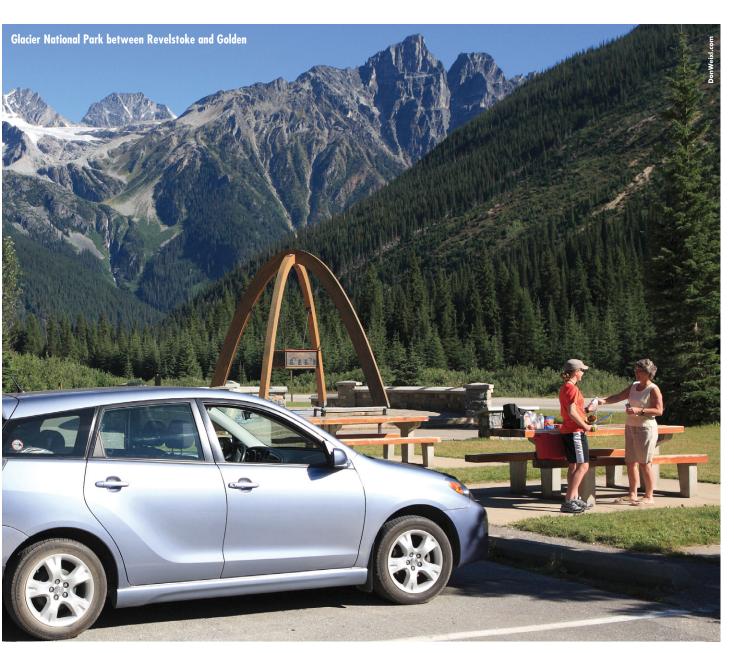


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Tour the Kootenay Rockies — British Columbia's Mountain Playground



Whether touring the area is your vacation or you're headed to a specific destination, jump into a suggested Driving Route to make the most of your Kootenay Rockies experience. Expect to be awed! The region features 4 stunning national parks, fascinating Victorian towns and the engaging heritage of a railroad carved out of a wilderness. You'll discover wild rivers that beg to be fished or rafted, and serene lakes that perfectly reflect the exquisite scenery that is all around them. The region is also one of Canada's premier destinations for golfing and mountain biking.

Along the way, stay at resorts offering everything from hot springs to horseback riding, and from helihiking to health spas. Camping opportunities abound while the many backcountry lodges, inns and guest ranches offer getaways in natural settings.

The Kootenay Rockies can be fully explored by car, RV, motorcycle or bicycle. Discover the amazing range of recreational, cultural and heritage attractions the Kootenay Rockies has to offer ... We are British Columbia's Mountain Playground.

Hot Springs Approx 800 km/500 mi

Hot springs occur naturally in the Kootenay Rockies and the region boasts six hot springs resorts-Ainsworth, Canyon, Fairmont, Halcyon, Nakusp and Radium Hot Springs—each located in the midst of beautiful nountainous scenery. If you prefer a wilderness setting, the region also includes a number of backcountry pools, such as Lussier Hot Springs. Enjoy the calm and rejuvenating waters.

Let's begin this tour in the south, near the city of Cranbrook travelling north on Highway #95A to Kimberley, once a thriving mining town, now a four season alpine city. Continue north on Highway #93/#95 towards Fairmont Hot Springs. Along the way, you may want to leave the highway behind for a visit to the Lussier Hot Springs in Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park—the turnoff is near Canal Flats and this drive is 18 km (11 mi) on a gravel road. These popular pools are easily accessed down a gradual slope from the road where there are several pools among the boulders which average 44°C (111°F). The Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park is a wonderful recreational area with campgrounds and

two great fishing lakes. Once back on the highway again the historic Fairmont Hot Springs Resort is a quick drive further north. The 10,000 square foot, year-round natural mineral waters averaging 30°C to 39°C (86°F to 102°F). This complex includes a swimming and diving pool as well. Resort amenities include 45 holes of golf, 7 restaurants, recreational programs, spa, overnight lodging and a deluxe RV park. Take some extra time to visit th

quaint town of Invermere and Lake Windermere. West of Invermere Panorama Mountain Village, is a shor drive into the heart of the Purcel Mountain range. The four-season resort offers a variety of heated pools and summertime waterslides exclusive to overnighting guests. The pools temperature ranges are 27-38°C (80-101°F) summer / 32-38°C (90-101°F)

Radium Hot Springs natural mineral pool is set amidst the spectacular red rock walls of Sinclair Canyon in Kootenay National Park. The odourless hot pool is open year-round at 37°C to 41°C (98°F to 106°F) and the swimming pool is 29°C (85°F). The dramatic scenery and soothing water combine to rejuvenate The Pleiades Day Spa, restaurant and gift shop are also on-site. The village of Radium Hot Springs offers complete amenities for the visitor including

dining, shopping, golfing and many accommodation properties. Continue north on Highway #95 to Golden. The TransCanada Highway #1 and Rogers Pass takes you through magnificent Glacier National Park and to Canyon Hot Springs. This resort, open May to September, offers natural mineral hot pools—a 15,000 gallon hot pool (40°C/104°F) and a 60,000 gallon swimming pool (31°C/88°F), a campground, RV park and wonderful cabin accommodation. Set in the Columbia Mountains, its location also offers many hiking trails including Giant Cedars and Skunk Cabbage Trail in Mount

Once you arrive at the city of Revelstoke, head south on Highway #23 towards the Upper Arrow Lakes Ferry for a swift and scenic crossing to Galena Bay and soon thereafter, Halcyon Hot Springs. Surrounded by the spectacular Monashee mountain range and the crystal blue lake, the resort's four mineral-rich natural hot springs pools await, each at a different temperature. Revitalize in the full-service spa or enjoy fresh and delicious selections from the Kingfisher's culinary team while taking in the

alpine scenery. Open year-round, this is a place of wellness and recreation with a wide variety of adventure activities and accommodation options from comfortable quaint cabins to luxurious mountain chalets.

Continue alongside the beautiful Arrow Lakes. Just before the village of Nakusp, watch for the turnoff to the Nakusp Hot Springs—it's 12 km (7.5 mi) off the highway. The Nakusp Hot Springs naturally heated mineral pools are situated in a beautiful mountain setting, with creeks rushing by and trees to shade your eyes. The small pool is kept at 38-41°C (100-106°F)

ummer/winter temperatures). Cedar chalets and a shaded campground are ocated on-site. There's also a variety owntown. Nakusp also offers a lovely vaterfront walkway that displays eautiful Japanese Garden. The Nakusp area offers some backcountry pools as well, such as

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Highway #6 west along the Lower Arrow place to visit, fish and golf.

This resort offers casual dining and newly renovated rooms overlooking beautiful Kootenay Lake. These unique odourless hot springs have a horseshoe shaped cave, which is lined with stalactites. Explore the cave pool (43°C/109°F) or relax in the main pool, averaging 36°C (97°F) and gaze at the magnificent Purcell Mountain view. For the brave, there's also a stream-fed cold plunge which changes temperatures with the seasons.

Kootenay Lake Ferry to Crawford Bay. Travel along Hwy #3A and the east shore of Kootenay Lake where there are opportunities to explore many artisan shops before you enter the colourful world of orchards and gardens at Creston—a wonderful way to wrap up the Hot Springs tour. It's a quick one hour drive from Creston back to Cranbrook, the business centre for the area.

Golden Triangle Approx 315 km/195 mi

This three-legged tour is often powered by just two legs. The Golden Triangle is well known in the cycling world. Cars also negotiate these mountain passes as you traverse Kootenay, Banff and Yoho National Parks (park pass required). Explore the huge expanse of wetlands in the upper Columbia Valley and at the end of the day, enjoy the friendly hospitality of Golden or the steaming hot springs in Radium.

Let's begin this tour near the northern **GOLDEN TRIANGLE** area of the region in Yoho National Park-CIRCLE ROUTE Yoho is a stunning 1,310 sq km (507 sq mi) park. The scale of this landscape is simply

meaning of the Cree word 'Yoho'. Sights include the Spiral Tunnels, Takakkaw Falls—one of Canada's highest waterfalls, the Natural Bridge, Emerald Lake and the 500-million-year-old Burgess Shale fossils. The quaint village of Field features an excellent Visitor Centre just off the TransCanada Highway and is also home to artisans whose works can be found in local shops. Midway between Yoho and Glacier National Parks, you're in the heart of

Kicking Horse Country. The mountainous town of **Golden** is situated at the confluence of the Kicking Horse and Columbia Rivers, and offers endless recreational possibilities such as whitewater rafting excitement, serene backcountry lodging, tandem paragliding off Mount 7—Canada's premier launch site, renowned dining—including at the top of a 1,219 metre (4,000 ft) gondola and 50 kilometres (30 mi) of cross-country mountain bike trails on the Moonraker network are available for the adventurous. Wildlife viewing opportunities also abound—the Golden area offers a wolf centre, grizzly bear refuge and the 150 km (90 mi) long Columbia Wetland habitat paralleling Highway #95 south from Golden. Once you reach the junction of Highway #93 and #95, you have arrived in

bighorn sheep! Turn northeast to enter Kootenay National Park and the Sinclair Canyon, where the Radium Hot Springs mineral pools are nestled. Stop over here for a while to enjoy a therapeutic soak, visit the spa or have lunch—the village also offers a huge selection of overnight accommodation options. Continue your travels north on Highway #93 through Kootenay National Park; there are several points of interest and short hikes from the highway. A few include, Olive Lake, Kootenay Valley Viewpoint, Vermilion Crossing, the Paint Pots, Marble Canyon and the Fireweed Trail near the Continental Divide. Continue on Highway #93 through Vermilion Pass, into Alberta and back to

Banff National Park and the TransCanada Highway #1.

the village of Radium Hot Springs. Be sure to watch for the resident herd of



Rockies & Ranchlands Approx 1,025 km/635 mi

This tour reveals the character of both sides of the famous Canadian Rocky Mountains. Explore the foothills of southern Alberta's cowboy country and enjoy the beauty of big skies and wide open plains. Experience the dramatic vistas where the prairies meet the mountains. Then head west through the Rockies and cross the Continental Divide to find yourself in the deep forests, towering peaks and glaciers of British Columbia.

Starting in Calgary, head south on Macleod Trail (Highway #2) and watch for signs to Spruce Meadows. Take a tour of this local success story, voted the #1 horse show jumping facility in the world.

Now head west on Hwy #22X until you come to Hwy #22, known as the Cowboy Trail, and swing south through the rolling foothills of Alberta's high ranch country to the sister communities of Black Diamond and Turner Valley. Turner Valley is the birthplace of Alberta's oil and gas industry—the site of the 1914 Dingman Discovery Well that began Alberta's first oil boom, now preserved as a National Historic Site.

Continue south from Black Diamond to Longview and stop at Ian Tyson's Navajo Mug. Try to choose from 21 different kinds of luscious homemade

pies. Thirteen kilometres (8 mi) further south is the Bar U Ranch National Historic Site which stands as a living tribute to the ranching industry in Alberta.

Continue south past Chain Lakes where you leave the Cowboy Trail to head east on Highway #533. Continue to Highway #2 and the town of Nanton and stroll its historic Main Street filled with antique and specialty shops.

Just before you arrive in Fort Macleod, take Highway #785 to Head-Smashedin-Buffalo-Jump. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved buffalo jumps North America.

In Fort Macleod, be sure to visit *The For* Museum of the North West Mounted Police and catch the famous NWMP Musical Ride. Then continue south to Cardston and visit the Remington Carriage Museum -North America's largest collection of horse-drawn transportation. Less than an hour south is Waterton Lakes National Park. The smallest of the Canadian Rocky Mountain national parks, it is described as the jewel in the crown of the continent. Home to plants and wildlife not found elsewhere in western Canada, it is a paradise for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. Take the Waterton Shoreline Cruise on Upper Waterton Lake where Montana awaits on the far shore, Red Rock Canyon is an easy hike, or stop for a paddle at Cameron Lake

Highway #6 north takes you to Pincher Creek and the Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village—a turn of the 19th century historic village. Then head west on Highway #3. There are a number of small former coal mining communities with a fascinating history to explore along the way. Be sure to stop at the *Frank* Slide Interpretive Centre which does an excellent job of capturing the history and tragedies of the Crowsnest Pass.

After you pass through Coleman, you cross the Continental Divide and enter the province of British Columbia. In **Sparwood**, it's impossible to miss the town's most famous visitor attraction. Painted in industrial green is the world's largest tandem axle dump truck, the Terex Titan. This, the ultimate in monster trucks, was formerly used in the large open pit mine above the

town. Tours of this active mine are available throughout the summer.

A quick side trip north on Highway #43 takes you to Elkford which is 'Wild at heart' This area has one of the largest bighorn sheep populations on the continent and is also home to Teck Coal-offering free tours of the open pit mine operations on Saturdays during the summer. Close to town, enjoy the easy 45-minute hike to a lookout above Josephine Falls or a round of golf. For the

more adventurous, travel further north to

ROCKIES AND RANCHLANDS CIRCLE ROUTE

the Elk Lakes Provincial Park. Historic Fernie is packed with Victorian charm; pick up a Heritage Walking *Tour* brochure at the *Fernie Museum* and visit turn-of-the century attractions such as chocolate making machines and a 1916 printing press. Thrillseekers can zipline at the Aerial Playground, raft whitewater on the Elk River or ride

horseback through the alpine. Take a side trip from the highway village of **Elko** to Lake Koocanusa where sandy beaches are the hallmark of this large lake and houseboating is very popular. Along oute to Fort Steele, the Bull River turnoff eads you to the Kootenay Trout Hatchery. Take a self-guided tour of the extensive

nterpretive area, view trophy sized trout in the moat and watch turtles, fish and water insects in the pond. Fort Steele Heritage Town is a restored

comtown of the 1890s, where colourful characters from the past entertain visitors n the street and period tradesman present fascinating demonstrations in their shops. Tour the town by horse lrawn wagon, catch a ride on the steam train, do a little gold panning and enjoy hilarious comedy shows at the Wild Horse Theatre. Spring and fall 'Gossip Tours' are also a hit, as are their many year-round special events. Continue your travels north toward

beaches and warm water await. You also have the option of visiting the Lussier Hot Springs in Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park and Fairmont Hot Springs. Another perfect place to stop along the vay is Invermere—browse the quaint downtown, play a round of golf, enjoy lunch by the lake and take in a concert

or theatrical performance at the *Pynelogs* Cultural Centre. Nearby Panorama Mountain Village offers the ultimate family destination—mountain biking, golf, chairlift rides, accommodation

Once you're back on Highway #93/#95, the village of Radium Hot Springs' Visitor Centre offers a 'Cultures in Contact Exhibit'. It provides a historical overview of the Ktunaxa Nation people's past, present and future.

Take Highway #93 and head into Kootenay National Park and to the Radium Hot Springs pools. Watch for wildlife—bighorn sheep, deer, elk, fox and bears are often seen along this beautiful mountain highway. Stop at several roadside points of interest to learn more about the area. Once you leave the park, connect onto Highway #1 east towards Banff and eventually back to Calgary again.

Radium Hot Springs—Highway #93/#95 leads you by Wasa Lake where sandy

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Mountains & Vineyards Approx 1,250 km/775 mi

Discover the extraordinary diversity of southern British Columbia. In The Slocan Valley comprises one of the most exhilarating places to explore in the a matter of hours, you drive from interior rain forest to true desert and Kootenay Rockies. Here you can discover pass through a multitude of climatic zones in between. Vinevards flourish pristine lakes and rivers, historic trails, on warm dry slopes, with the majority located in the Okanagan Valley, which forms the western boundary of this robust and full-bodied tour. mine ruins and unforgettable ghost towns. Let's begin this tour in Nelson. This The spectacular Rocky Mountain Trench defines the eastern boundary. Begin your journey in Golden. Set on the banks of the Columbia River this tranquil town offers endless outdoor adventures. Travel south on iewels in the Kootenay Rockies. While the town got its start in silver mining Highway #93/#95 through the beautiful Columbia Valley to the communities its claim to fame as one of the 'Best of Invermere on the Lake, Kimberley and Cranbrook.

SILVERY SLOCAN

CIRCLE ROUTE

Silvery Slocan Approx 215 km/135 mi

home to many fine heritage buildings, from elegant mansions to elaborate

commercial structures and offers more than just its great heritage. The

community's annual Art Walk (July & August) showcases the local artisans'

incredible work. And, Touchstones Nelson: Museum of Art and History

Carry-on in a northerly direction on Highway #3A along the west arm

of Kootenay Lake to Ainsworth Hot Springs where you'll want to rejuvenate

in the hot, natural, mineral springs water. The resort also offers dining

The village of **Kaslo** is set at the highway junction of #31/#31A. The restored

SS Moyie, the world's oldest intact passenger sternwheeler and proud symbol

of Kaslo's heritage, sits on the shores of Kootenay Lake. Kaslo's 19th-century

buildings have also benefitted from the community's commitment to its

heritage. If you like music, visit during the Jazz Festival that showcases the

If a side-trip interests you, follow Highway #31 north along Kootenay

Lake. Davis Creek and Lost Ledge Parks are lovely provincial campgrounds.

Past the village of Howser, and along Trout Lake and the Goat Range Park,

Highway #31 turns into a gravel road. In the village of Trout vLake, check out

Heading west on Highway #31A, you'll discover Sandon, British

Columbia's legendary ghost city, and experience the silver rush of the

1800s. Historical treasures include the City Hall and Interpretive Centre,

The road to the *Idaho Peak* hiking trail also begins at Sandon, as does the

Across from the magnificent Valhalla mountain range and New Denver

glacier, the small towns of **New Denver** and **Silverton** sit on the unspoiled

shore of Slocan Lake. Visit the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre in New

Denver to learn the story of the internment of thousands of Canadians of

Japanese descent during World War II. The Silvery Slocan Museum in New

Denver and the Silverton Historical Society Interpretive Centre, Silverton's

outdoor mining museum, display an interesting selection of memorabilia.

Enjoy exploring the rest of the spectacularly beautiful Slocan Valley—

alongside Valhalla Provincial Park and Slocan Lake boat launches are

situated and at the village of Slocan, Hwy #6 gives access to Valhalla Park.

This area was once a magnet for thousands of hopeful prospectors and

miners. Today, the charming towns and villages nestled in this valley enjoy

Kaslo & Slocan Railway Historic Trail—a 5 km (3 mi) trail that takes you by

historic mine shafts and artifacts of the past.

Generating Station, Prospector's Pick gift shop, Museum and much more.

the Windsor Hotel that was established in 1892 for a historical adventure.

options, a lounge, overnight accommodation and massage therapy.

world's best on a floating stage each August holiday weekend.

celebrates the creativity, the history, the vibe that is Nelson.

Small Arts Communities in North

America' has been well documented.

Explore Nelson through the Heritage

Walking Tour-you can pick up a

map at the Visitor Centre. Nelson is

The streets of Invermere are lined with quaint shops, arts and craft exhibits, outdoor cafés and restaurants. Just a short walk from downtown is Lake Windermere offering a beach and warm swimming water, parks and picnic areas and various watersports with rentals. The centre of **Kimberley** is the cobblestone *Platzl*, an open air shopping

and dining area, surrounded by flower baskets. Kimberley's mining heritage is a prominent focal point in the community—the Underground Mining Railway takes visitors to the restored and still functional powerhouse and to an Interpretive Centre through a 227 metre (750 ft) underground tunnel. Kimberley also boasts three fine golf courses, Cominco Gardens and many festivals such as the famous Julyfest and International Old Time Accordion Championships. **Cranbrook** is the largest commercial centre in the region and its heritage

lies in the romantic age of railroading, which is celebrated at the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel-Trains Deluxe. The centerpiece of the train displays is the restored complete set of the TransCanada Limited, a million dollar train set built in 1929 and given National Historic Designation in 2011 as a Deluxe Hotel-on-Wheels. Tour the restored Royal Alexandra Hall, the History Gallery, the heritage homes of Baker Hill, enjoy a performance at the Key City Theatre or try your luck at the Casino of the Rockies.

Continue southwest on Crowsnest Highway #3, to the town of **Creston**. Wine lovers and foodies delight in Creston. With three wineries now: Baillie-Grohman, Skimmerhorn and Wynnwood, and dozens of venues to pick up locally produced food, the area invites you to 'Experience the 10 mile diet'. Orchard and farm tours are offered at certain locations, as well as tours of the Columbia Brewing Company, brewers of Kokanee Beer and home of the Sasquatch.

The Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area offers 17,000 acres of wetland habitat complete with viewing towers and guided canoe tours. And, the historical Creston Museum fills out the rest of the story of this charming Continue west on Highway #3 and pass through Stagleap Provincial Park

before you reach Salmo. Drive north on Highway #6 to historic Nelson and be sure to take the self-guided walking tour of 350 restored heritage buildings. Ride Streetcar #23 along the waterfront or stroll down Baker Street and tour the studios and galleries of Canada's finest small art town. Highway #3A brings you to **Castlegar**, at the confluence of the Columbia and Kootenay Rivers. Rich in history and Doukhobor culture, enjoy some quiet time at Zuckerberg Heritage Park and learn about some local history at the Doukhobor Discovery Centre and the Station Museum. Castlegar also offers superb recreation facilities such as boating and fly-fishing, golfing and mountain biking. The now abandoned Columbia Western Railway line slowly climbs out of Castlegar, into the Monashee mountain range and eventually connects with the Kettle Valley Railway Trail—a favourite destination for cyclists from around the world.

The cities of Trail and Rossland are a short drive south on Highway #22. In Trail, the Columbia Gardens Vineyard and Winery offer guided tours of the wine making facilities and vineyard, and serve wine samples at the tasting bar. One of the varieties is Gamay—a dessert wine with intense aromas of strawberry, peach, apricot and honey. At the Trail Interpretive Centre, a tour of the world's largest lead/zinc smelter begins with engaging hands-on exhibits—a true family experience.

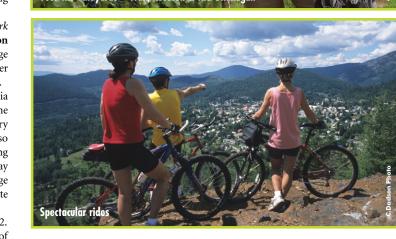
Mountain bikers and skiers love the mountain city of Rossland. It is home to hundreds of kilometres of mountain biking trails and is known as the 'Mountain Biking Capital of British Columbia.' This is also a city that celebrates its roots. A trip to the museum could include a guided tour of the old *LeRoi Gold Mine* site. If gold fever hasn't struck you yet, the inviting wild-west hospitality and the vintage buildings of Rossland will certainly

take you over the edge. Enjoy the Gold Fever Follies, a theatrical celebration that is presented throughout the summer at the Rossland Miners Hall.

Take Highway #3B north to the Crowsnest Highway #3 and head west through Gladstone Provincial Park and the community of Christina Lake. There's so much to see and do here, you might want to stay for a while. Christina Lake is one of the best summer family vacation destinations, as sandy beaches to awesome mountain biking opportunities on abandoned railbeds of the TransCanada Trail.







Grand Forks is located 20 km (12 mi) from Christina Lake at the junction of two rivers. It's proud of its mining and Doukhobor heritage, pristine surroundings and outdoor opportunities. Continue west on the Crowsnest Highway #3 and pass through many historical villages along the way, such as Greenwood, Midway, Rock Creek and Bridesville. Craft shops, artist studios, B&Bs, guest ranches and attractions dot the countryside. Greenwood is a historic mining town with many remnants of days gone by. Visit the museum, follow the art walk, shop for antiques and enjoy the hospitality. Points of interest in Midway include the Kettle River Museum, the Entwined Trees Park and the heritage Old Thomet Hotel built in 1900—now the Kettle River Inn. Rock Creek, nestled in the Kettle Valley, was once the centre of the gold rush of the 1860s. Nuggets and flakes, along with garnets, can still be panned from the area's creeks and rivers. And Bridesville was once a railroad hubhoneymooners sometimes stop here to mail their postcards with the 'Bridesville' stamp. At the Highway junction of #3 and #97 is

offering a plethora of First Nations culture, winery experiences, great golf and family recreation. While in town, visit Nk'Mip First Nation's Desert Cultural Centre or see some of the wild desert creatures from the safety of a boardwalk at the Osoyoos Desert Centre. The drive north from Osovoos to Kelowna is along the 'Wine Route' and BC's most productive region for vineyards and orchards. Be sure to stop along

the way for a wine tour or fruit sampling. **Penticton** is a must see! Set between Okanagan Lake and Skaha Lake with illometres of beautiful beaches, this city has something for everyone—culture, heritage, wineries, orchard markets, outdoor adventure as well as a family charm that entices you to stay awhile. Climb aboard the vintage Kettle Valley Steam Railway in **Summerland**. It offers a unique 90-minute journey on one of BC's few remaining fully operational steam railways.

The beautiful city of **Kelowna**, set alongside the grand Okanagan Lake, plays host to numerous outdoor activities and events, entertainment and the Arts. The city also has a number of beautiful lakeside resorts and plenty of sandy public beaches!

Continue north on Highway #97 towards Vernon. The beautiful landscape surrounding Vernon is complemented by the wide range of activities it offers. Check out the O'Keefe Historical Ranch—home to the first pioneer families to the valley and highlights the beginning of ranching in the area. While Armstrong is famous for its cheese, vast farmlands, fresh produce and their weekly farmers market held April to October, Enderby offers great golf and numerous lakes, including Mara Lake that offers terrific canoeing and camping opportunities. Highway #97A brings you to the town of Sicamous and the Shuswap Lake area. Known as 'The Houseboating Capital of Canada', houseboating cruises on Shuswap and Mara Lakes provide over 1,000 km (620 mi) of shoreline that provides a vast area to swim, camp, fish, hike and bike. The TransCanada Highway #1 leads you to historic Craigellachie famous for the point where the 'last spike' was driven, joining the western part of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the segment built from the east. And, just moments further east on Highway #1 is The Enchanted Forest, Skytrek Adventure Park and Crazy Creek Waterfalls and Suspension Bridge—all are excellent attractions and worthwhile stops. Before you reach the city of Revelstoke, the unique community of Three Valley combines a large modern resort with a historic

pioneer days of the late 1880s. The railway city of **Revelstoke** is situated at the highway junction #1 and #23. With Mount Revelstoke National Park at its city limits, Revelstoke enjoys a truly dramatic mountain setting. Downtown, heritage buildings are clustered around Grizzly Plaza, a venue for live music on summer evenings. Pick up a Heritage Tour brochure from the Visitor Centre and learn about its fascinating history. Visit Revelstoke's excellent museums, take a tour of BC Hydro's colossal Revelstoke Dam or play a round of golf at the beautiful riverside course.

ghost town, which allows visitors to step back in history to relive the colourful

nd Glacier National Parks. Just outside of Revelstoke, watch for signs to Mt Revelstoke National Park's Meadows in the Sky Parkway and drive to within 2 kilometres (1 mi) of the summit. A shuttle bus or trail takes you the rest of the way, through flowerfilled subalpine meadows to the only road-accessible mountain summit in Canada's national park system. In the valley far below, you can stroll through rare old-growth rainforest, containing cedar trees that are 800 years old with easy access on two interpretive boardwalk trails.

You may like to plan to spend some extra time exploring Mount Revelstoke

With over 400 glaciers covering one-tenth of its area, Glacier National Park is a stunning setting for some fascinating mountaineering history. One of British Columbia's great mountain crossings, Rogers Pass is a National Historic Site. The Rogers Pass Discovery Centre lets you relive the larger-than-life stories of the explorers, railroaders, adventurers and avalanche-fighters that made Rogers Pass famous. From the summit of the Pass, the TransCanada Highway takes you back to the town of **Golden**, with sweeping views of the Selkirk, Purcell and Rocky mountain ranges at every turn.

Waterton-Glacier Loop Approx 725 km/450 mi

A grand loop drive or bicycle ride m takes you to two national parks, over the Continental Divide and into some great communities in Alberta, British 👖 Columbia and Montana. Year-round, experience a tremendous diversity of scenery, wildlife and history. And during the summer months, you have the option of exploring the Going-to-the-Sun Road www.DrivetheTop10.com

If you are a U.S. visitor travelling from the south, begin your tour in Columbia Falls with a stop at Montana Coffee Traders for a cup of their famous locally roasted coffee. Then travel on to Whitefish for a historical look at the Great Northern Railway Depot or a pint at the Great Northern Brewery in the quaint downtown. Heading north along Highway #93, pass through the Flathead and Kootenai National Forests, Stillwater State Forest, then by two beautiful lakes—Dickey and Murphy.

Nearing Canada, the community of Eureka in the Tobacco River Valley offers wonderful walks by the river and Café Jax—stop for a delicious old-time milkshake. Highway #93 continues across the U.S. / Canada border. Once in Canada, drive through the Ktunaxa Nation Tobacco Plains Reserve. You'll cross the Elk River as it spills into Lake Koocanusa. The tiny community of Elko is situated just east of Highway junction #3/#93. Travel northeast on Highway #3 towards the city of Fernie-watch for Morrissey Road and cross the bridge over the Elk River. A short interpretive forest walk takes you

through magical black cottonwoods and ancient red cedar. Fernie is fully encircled by the majestic Canadian Rockies making it a bucket-list location for adventurers and sightseers alike. World-class fly-fishing, thrilling whitewater rafting and over 100 mountain bike and hiking trails complement the eclectic arts community which brings

Summer Sunday Socials and the Wapiti Music Festival in August. The town of Sparwood is a short drive north of Fernie. On display at Sparwood is the world's largest tandem axle dump truck, a larger-than-life mural tour depicting life as it used to be and underground mining artifacts. Teck Coal offers free tours of open pit mine operations throughout the summer from the Visitor Centres in **Elkford** and Sparwood. The area's mining heritage continues as you drive east across the Crowsnest Pass. Stretch your legs at Summit Lake before entering



At Pincher Creek, take Highway #6 south to **Waterton**. Waterton Village in the heart of Waterton Lakes National Park is a vibrant centre offering activities, lodging and dining. The park is all about beauty and adventure; it's a rare gem tucked in the Rocky Mountains. Discover the lakes, hikes, wildlife, heritage and culture. Waterton grabs hold of your memory and never This Loop may continue along

Highway #5 to Cardston or south along Highway #17 and #89, and across the international border again to the town of Babb and the village of Saint Mary.

The Going-to-the-Sun Road is a spectacular 85 km (53 mi) paved two-lane highway that bisects Glacier National Park east and west. It spans the width of the park, crossing the Continental Divide at 2,000 m (6,646 ft) high Logan Pass. Scenic viewpoints line the road and it's well worth travelling this road in each direction—the views are very different and equally stunning. Season of operation for this road is usually mid-June to early-fall and there are vehicle size restrictions. Make sure you call or visit the Glacier National Park website for information and updates on the status of the Going-to-the-Sun Road. The route along the perimeter of the park on Highway #2 through **East** and West Glacier Park is also a great way to wrap up this tour. Located about half way in between these gateway towns is Goat Lick Crossing; an exposed riverbank where mountain goats come to lick the mineral-laden cliffs.

International Selkirk Loop Approx 450 km/280 mi

Nature, of course, pays no attention to national boundaries, but as you follow this circle route, plan on stopping twice for customs and immigration. The tour explores the Selkirk Mountain Range from the beautiful Pend Oreille Valley in Washington State, north to the magnificent Kootenay Lake in British Columbia and south through the Idaho Panhandle. It is designated as one of the Top-10 Scenic Drives in the Northern Rockies and

From **Spokane**, begin heading north on Highway #2 which connects with Highway #20 at Newport, to Metaline and Metaline Falls. This section of highway passes through several communities, including Usk, Cusick, Tiger

The Tiger Historical Centre & Museum is the doorway to the past and is also the southern gateway to the North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway #31. This former general store was built in 1912. It features displays depicting the community's history, the works of local artisans and a working turn of the The town of Metaline Falls is known as one of America's 'Top 100 Best

Small Arts Towns'. It is also home to the Cutter Theatre, a 1912 restored schoolhouse. Popular area attractions include the Mill Pond Historic Trail and a free guided tour of Gardner Caves. From Metaline Falls, head north on Highway #31 to the U.S./Canadian border at Nelway and along Highway #6 to the community of Salmo—

historic themes—then on to **Nelson**.



Nelson's brick and stone downtown core is the centrepiece of a small city that boasts over 350 heritage buildings. The city's two self-guided tour brochures can be extremely helpful, but be warned: there are many distractions including sidewalk cafes and specialty shops.

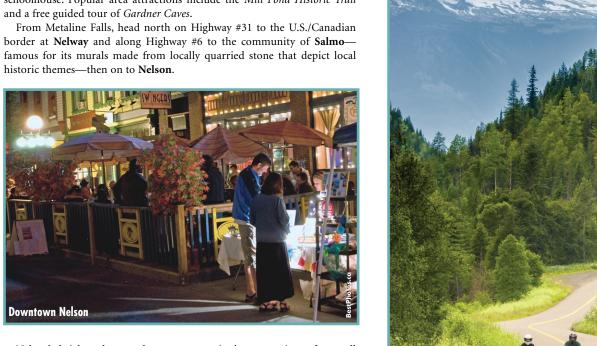
to the **Balfour** ferry landing. The village of Balfour is small but vibrant and offers visitors full amenities. Enjoy the 45-minute scenic and free ferry ride across beautiful Kootenay Lake. Pilot Bay Provincial Park to the south of the ferry landing offers several hiking trails including one to the restored Pilot Peninsula Lighthouse. Just a short drive from the ferry terminal is Crawford **Bay** that is home to many unique artisan shops and galleries.

was started in 1952 and was created out of over 500,000 square embalming Upon your arrival to Creston, watch for signs to the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area. Lush wetland habitat stretches 17,000 acres from the southeast tip of Kootenay Lake to the USA. Take a voyageur canoe tour or stroll along the marshes on a boardwalk to one of two three-story

observation towers. An estimated 300 species of birds call this area home. It's a very short drive from Creston to the international border at Rykerts and you'll be back in the United States again. Follow Highway #1 until it reaches Highway #95 and then head south to Bonners Ferry, Idaho where the primary attraction is the community's year-round outdoor recreation. Visit the charming historic downtown district to catch a glimpse of the original turn of the century buildings before visiting the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge just west of downtown. The refuge hosts more than 230 species of birds, 45 species of mammals and

Continue south on Highway #95 to the city of Sandpoint situated on Lake Pend Oreille. Water sports enthusiasts of all types explore this vast aquatic playground. Lake Pend Oreille Cruises offer excellent interpretive

tours from City Beach all summer long. Schweitzer Mountain Resort offers year-round recreation including mountain biking, hiking and world-class



Your drive on Highway #3A by Kokanee Creek Provincial Park leads you

Follow scenic Highway #3A south along Kootenay Lake to Creston. Along the way, take some time to tour the Glass House near Sanca. Its construction

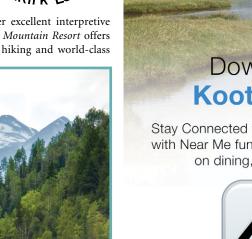


skiing. Cultural activities are also plentiful—the restored, historic spanisl

styled *Panida Theatre* is a vibrant centre for the performing arts. From Sandpoint, take Highway #2 west to Priest River. The Priest River Museum & Timber Education Centre displays historical artifacts from the logging industry, as well as earlier pioneer family furnishings. A short drive north on Highway #57 are the resort communities of Priest Lake—spend a couple days stretched out on the white sand beach and swim in crystalline waters. Priest Lake is also known for their premier season of huckleberries and mushrooms—many of the area restaurants offer delectable dishes featuring these woodland treats.

Once you're back on Highway #2, continue west to Newport, Washington. This city's heritage is rich in timber, mineral and agriculture which visitors can relive by visiting original structures, such as the Northern Railway Depot (1908) that houses the Pend Oreille Country Historical Museum. From Newport and Highway #2, you may head south towards Spokane again, only 72 km (45 mi) away. Pick up a free Selkirk Loop Travel Guide at any of the visitor centres around The Loop or visit www.SelkirkLoop.org for further information including 6 'Super Side Trips' which add more than 815 km





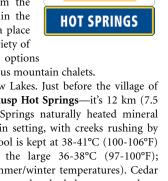












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awesome, which coincidentally, is the and the large 36-38°C (97-100°F); of lodging available in the nearby several gardens—one of them being a

Halfway River Hot Springs. Access to these natural hot springs can be a challenge as they are found off a steep rail which begins off the Halfway iver Road. Check in at the Visitor If a side-trip interests you, follow

Lake to Fauquier. McDonald Creek Provincial Park offers several kilometres of fine sandy beach and waterfront sites. The tiny village of Fauquier is a fun Once back on Highway #6 east, you'll arrive in New Denver. Then take Highway #31A past the ghost

town of Sandon to the pretty village of Kaslo. New Denver and Silverton offer artisan shops, walking trails and the Nikkei Internment Centre. Sandon and Kaslo offer excellent historical attractions such as Slocan Mercantile Block and the SS Moyie. (Check the Silvery Slocan Circle Route for details **Ainsworth Hot Springs** is a short drive south on Highway #31 from Kaslo.

At Balfour, 14 km (9 mi) south of Ainsworth Hot Springs, take the free

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