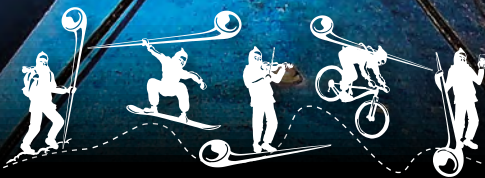




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We gratefully acknowledge that in Smithers we live, work and play on the unceded traditional territory of the Gidimt'en Clan and the Witsuwit'en people.



- 1 BY ROAD** Whether you are coming by car, RV, motorcycle or bicycle, Smithers is easily reached by road along the relatively quiet Yellowhead Highway 16. ➡ [Details on routes at www.hellobc.com](http://www.hellobc.com) & road conditions at [www.drivebc.com](http://www.drivebc.com)
- 2 BY AIR** Smithers Regional Airport (YYD) is only a five minute drive from downtown Smithers and just 30 minutes from the ski lifts! Check with Air Canada and the airport for flights. ➡ [www.smithers.ca/airport/](http://www.smithers.ca/airport/)

- 3 BY RAIL** VIA Rail provides regular service to Smithers on the very scenic Jasper to Prince Rupert run, complete with dome car for exciting wildlife and landscape viewing. ➡ [Details at www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca)

- 4 CAR/TRUCK RENTALS & TAXI SERVICE** Car and truck rentals are available in town and at the airport. ➡ [www.tourismsmithers.com/plan-your-visit/](http://www.tourismsmithers.com/plan-your-visit/) for current listings

## VISITOR Centre

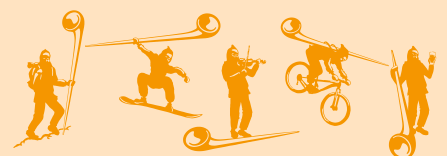


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- accommodations and restaurants
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- fishing and guiding information
- souvenirs
- wireless internet
- maps (road maps, backcountry maps, forest service maps)

## the story of ALPINE AI

Smithers adopted an "alpine theme" in the 1970s. Main Street was adorned with alpine-style rooflines, red brick sidewalks and a wood sculpture called Alpine AI, who plays the alphorn! Alpine AI has made his way into the hearts of many Smithereens and has become the guardian of Main Street and the official mascot, and logo, of the town. The current statue, erected in 2016, is seven feet tall, carved by chainsaw and made of 1,000-year-old red cedar. In recent years, Alpine AI has come to life in various animations on the TourismSmithers.com website, and now hikes, bikes and snowboards across these pages, inviting you on a good-natured adventure in this place we call Smithers.



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# LAND of the WITSUWIT'EN



Witsuwit'en Drummers & Dancers • Thomas Camus



Amanda Foley Hogood / The Tyee



Witsuwit'en fisher at Widzin Kwah (Moricetown) Canyon • Walter Joseph

**This is the traditional territory of the Witsuwit'en people whose rich culture is seen, heard and felt throughout this valley that they have lived in for countless generations.** The name Witsuwit'en can be roughly translated as “*People of the lower hills*” (river drainage). Their territory surrounds the WIDZIN KWAH (Bulkley River) and reaches from Tweedsmuir Provincial Park in the south to Babine Lake in the north, to Fraser Lake in the east and to The Hazeltons in the west. The Witsuwit'en are part of the Athapaskan language family (also known as Dene), a large family of indigenous languages in western North America. The Witsuwit'en people inhabited this area when European settlers first arrived in the late 1800s and continue to live here and caretake the territory.

The largest Witsuwit'en community today is the village of WITSET (previously Moricetown), situated on the banks of the Widzin Kwah (Bulkley River) where it narrows to a spectacular gorge known as WIDZIN KWAH CANYON. Migrating salmon stop to rest in the calm waters downstream of the canyon before attempting the leap through crashing waters to get upstream each year. That abundance of salmon makes this an important Witsuwit'en fishing spot both historically and today.

## 1 WIDZIN KWAH CANYON

A must-see! The rush of the river crashing through the gorge is mesmerizing. It can be heart-stopping to watch the Witsuwit'en fishers out on the rocks, close to the exploding whitewater, plunging poles into the water to catch powerful salmon in their dip nets. The river here can be loaded with salmon (springs or kings, coho, sockeye, pinks) and steelhead swimming upriver to spawning grounds on the Bulkley and Morice Rivers and their tributaries. Watch from above or walk the paths into the canyon. Be careful as you near the river—the rocks are slippery.

## 2 WIDZIN KWAH CANYON HOUSE MUSEUM & CULTURAL TOURS

Widzin Kwah Diyik Be Yikh (Widzin Kwah Canyon House Museum) is directly above the canyon, featuring historical displays of traditional life and fishing methods, cultural artifacts, local arts and crafts and a gift shop with books and souvenirs. Witsuwit'en cultural tours by appointment. There is a fully serviced campground/RV park w/ playground. Open May to October.

➡ [www.witsetcampground.com](http://www.witsetcampground.com) or call 250-847-1471 / 1-800-881-1218

## 3 THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL POLE

To honour residential school survivors, Witsuwit'en master carver Chief Dzīggot (Ron Austin Sr.) worked with Hagwilnekhllh (Ron A. Mitchell) who, for six years, met with local survivors to plan this pole raised in Witset in 2013. From the bottom, Likhsilyu—the clan and territory where this pole stands—is the crest of Caribou and Small Frog. Above, four small children with tears represent the four generations that suffered through the residential school era. Next, a six-foot void space represents the culture and hereditary teachings the kids missed out on while at residential school. Above, the same four children now crawling, clinging to each other for support, tears turned into smiles, one child with foot stuck in the void space represents all those still suffering. The children are climbing towards the Chief—the Dayi—shown in full regalia, representing the return to their culture. On top, the eagle represents courage and forwardness. This pole was commissioned by the community of Witset and funded by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Survivors and community members cleansed the pole by brushing it with cedar boughs before it was raised. *With info from Niwhts'ide'ni Hibi'tit'nē (The Ways of Our Ancestors) by Mélanie H. Morin* ➡ ask directions at Widzin Kwah Museum



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## WHAT'S *a* SMITHEREEN?

**Oh the people who you meet when you're walking down the street...** Mountains, rivers, forests and lakes... wild spaces to roam and breathe... that's a big part of what makes this a vibrant and playful community. Spend some time on Main Street, engage with a "Smithereen", and you'll soon detect these folks are passionate about where they live. When they aren't paddling, pedaling or skiing through their landscape, they are likely out working in forestry, mining, or on the railroad. They farm food, hay and cattle, they run shops and services and, because they live just far enough away from any big metropolis, they understand the importance of being self-reliant. Many heat their homes with wood and do their own felling, bucking and chopping. Lawyers, doctors, mechanics and school teachers alike have sheds and barns that hold chainsaws, tractors, horses and trucks. Smithereens are resourceful and entrepreneurial because they need to be. The town is small enough they have a sense of responsibility for the place they call home.

### BEST BACKCOUNTRY WILDERNESS ADVENTURE • BCs Best Mountain Towns list, HelloBC.com

*"...Alpine-style Smithers is where you go to get away from it all, get into outdoor adventure, and see wildlife—namely, moose, mountain goats and bears. In northwestern BC on the Yellowhead Highway, it's tucked into a scenic valley next to towering Hudson Bay Mountain. This northern community, a former railway hub, is authentic, fun-loving, and rough around the edges. Enviro-minded 'Smithereens' adore their festivals and fishing (steelhead), hiking and skiing. There's a surprising amount of cultural activity, too: Jazz and folk music showcases, free outdoor concerts, yoga in the park, field-to-table feasts, theatre and quality restaurants. Take up residence in a rustic cabin and plan your hike/ski/canoe/horseback ride...also a primo spot to see the Northern Lights, and hunt and fish in fall."*

### BEST MAIN STREET • Great Places In Canada, People's Choice award winner

*"With its many local shops and public spaces, Main Street... is where people come together as 'Smithereens' in all their vibrancy and diversity."*

### #11 HAPPIEST PLACE IN CANADA • Expedia

*"...This northern interior town embodies pretty much everything people love about British Columbia: it's got amazing landscapes, thrilling winter sports, and laid-back cafés."*

## 4 FISHING AT IDIOT ROCK

If you want to try your hand at fishing in Witset, your best bet is "Idiot Rock" just downstream of the canyon. You will need a valid BC angling licence which you can buy online or at fishing shops in Smithers

## 5 FIRST NATIONS CULTURAL INSTALLATIONS

Discover more with the self-guided First Nations Cultural Installations Walking Tour in downtown Smithers. ➡ [Map and info on page 23](#)

# A TOWN *is* BUILT

When the first Europeans arrived in the mid-1800s, they did so in order to satisfy Europe's appetite for fur. Trappers and traders first arrived by trekking overland and using the area's river systems to access what they believed to be the untapped fur resources of the new colony of British Columbia. Soon after, construction of the Collins Overland Telegraph line brought workers and surveyors into the area and non-aboriginal settlement began. Intended to connect North America to Europe via the Bering Strait, construction of the line was abandoned in 1866 when others racing to complete the trans-Atlantic cable succeeded first and made any need for this telegraph line obsolete.

Today we come across abandoned mine shafts, hiking trails that were once mining roads, and ghost town sites that tell the story of this later exploration and settlement, led by Hudson's Bay Company traders, government land surveyors, Yukon telegraph construction workers, and those headed north to the gold fields of the Klondike.

The story of the "Town of Smithers" begins in 1913 with the coming of the railroad. The federal government in Ottawa was eager to extend its trade and transportation routes across the continent, and plans were well underway for a railway that would extend from Manitoba in the east to the current city of Prince Rupert on the

west coast. In 1913, after two unsuccessful attempts to establish its divisional point between Prince George and Prince Rupert, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (GTPR) turned its attention to the unassuming bit of swampy land below the towering Hudson Bay Mountain. Named for the highest official of the GTPR, Sir Alfred Smithers, the town immediately began to grow. "A new building is erected every day in Smithers!" boasted one promotional advertisement. Heritage buildings such as the train station, constructed in 1918, and the Central Park Building, constructed in 1925 as the provincial government office, speak to Smithers' role as a regional centre and its place within the rail history of British Columbia.



The rail line continued, and continues today, to serve as an important transportation corridor for Smithers' mining, agriculture, forestry and tourism economies.

Visit the BV Museum to explore a variety of exhibits, inquire about guided tours, and to follow their self-guided walking tour through the streets of Smithers to see some of our historic buildings and landmarks.

➤ see page 25 for self-guided walking tour maps of HISTORIC BUILDINGS & FIRST NATIONS CULTURAL INSTALLATIONS

Find out more at [www.bvmuseum.org](http://www.bvmuseum.org) & check for cultural tours at [www.witset.ca/camping](http://www.witset.ca/camping)



*photo at right:* Smithers Two months before lots: Before lots were formally offered for sale, merchants and businesses such as druggist J. Mason Adams and the Union Bank began operating out of tents on the Smithers townsite.

• Photo by William W. Wrathall, 1913

The "happy gang": Outside Sargent's Store in Smithers, circa 1920. All photos on this spread: Bulkley Valley Museum





At a mine site near Smithers, circa 1913-1918 • photo by Gilbert Clarke Killam



Christine Namox, Madeline Dennis, Connie Tiljoe, Mary George and Madeline Alfred at Smithers, B.C. 25th anniversary celebration. Written on back of photo "Indian women at Smithers Birthday Celebration Aug 1938"  
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Witsuwit'en dancers at the Smithers Fall Fair grounds

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# GET OUT & PLAY

Twin Falls below Lake Kathryn Glacier • Northern BC Tourism/Andrew Strain

One of the greatest aspects of hiking around Smithers is the close proximity to town of so many trails. Many hikes start only a 15-minute drive from downtown. In addition, hikers will feel as if they have the mountains to themselves, even during peak hiking season in late summer, because of the massive scope of pristine nature in the area and the small population. The BULKLEY VALLEY BACKPACKERS website has a schedule of weekly guided hikes and several great maps for hiking in the area, easily loaded onto phones. TRAIL MAPS 📍 [bvbackpackers.ca](http://bvbackpackers.ca) & [www.alltrails.com](http://www.alltrails.com)

## 1 PERIMETER TRAIL

A scenic 13-kilometre walking trail weaves through and around the town, follows the shores of the Bulkley River, Chicken Creek and Kathryn Creek, in and out of wooded areas with gravel, earthy and sometimes paved footpaths. Walkers, bikers, dog walkers and joggers use the trail in summer, while cross-country skiers and snowshoers enjoy it in winter. Viewing benches along the path offer scenic highlights. Bathroom facilities, picnic tables and a playground can be found at the Riverside Park municipal campground.

📍 TRAIL MAP see page 22.

## 2 COMMUNITY FOREST TRAILS

Just a 10 min. drive from downtown Smithers, perched in a sheltered spruce and pine forest, is a 45 km trail network—great for hiking, biking, and nature study. Specifically, there is a marked route to and around Goldeneye Lake called the Nature Trail. In winter, the Bulkley Valley Nordic Ski Club grooms and maintains the trails for both classic and skate skiing. The trails are well marked and range from fairly flat with a few gentle slopes to challenging routes with steep climbs and hairpin turns. Fees apply to winter use of the trails.

Maps & Info  
[TourismSmithers.com](http://TourismSmithers.com)  
[BVBackackers.ca](http://BVBackackers.ca)  
[BSS.ca](http://BSS.ca) & [alltrails.com](http://alltrails.com)



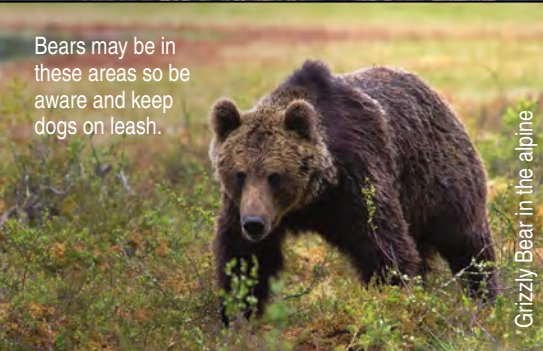
## 3 TWIN FALLS RECREATION SITE & GLACIER GULCH RECREATION TRAIL

Twin Falls/Glacier Gulch, just 15 min. from downtown, is blessed with two glistening waterfalls cascading 550 feet down its rocky face. The receding Kathryn Glacier hangs 3,000 feet above. There are some picnic tables here where you can rest and enjoy the surroundings. Take a short walk to a viewing platform. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the spectacular Twin Falls. This is a Provincial Recreation Site, mostly a day-use spot, but equipped with outhouses and tent camping areas as well. There is access and parking for RVs and other vehicles.

## 4 HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN & CRATER LAKE

The HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN downhill ski area provides easy access to the alpine for hiking and great views. The trail begins just beyond the Prairie T-bar and meanders past various cabins—then you are quickly above timberline. The trail is steep at first but quickly levels out. THE PRAIRIE is home to a flood of wildflowers in early summer. Watch for willow ptarmigan and marmots. This is an exciting afternoon adventure to the snow-fed CRATER LAKE. Avoid walking on cornices that may overhang the lake early in the summer. Hikers can continue another couple hours to the south summit of Hudson Bay Mountain which is moderately demanding but very rewarding. Sign the book tucked in a cairn at what locals call THE PEAK. Weather is very changeable, even in mid-summer, so take extra clothing. 📍 Find maps at [www.BVBackackers.ca](http://www.BVBackackers.ca) and pick up a detailed brochure map at the Smithers Visitor Centre.





Bears may be in these areas so be aware and keep dogs on leash.

Grizzly Bear in the alpine



Mountain Goats



Wilderness Camping • Paul Glover

Smithers is in the heart of MOUNTAIN GOAT COUNTRY and home to the BC MOUNTAIN GOAT SOCIETY. If you are in the local mountains from JUNE TO OCTOBER, chances are high you will spot some of these rugged animals as they traverse near-vertical cliffs in their life on the slopes. Mountain goats can be alone or in groups of two to 30. If you spot a large group, it will be a nanny herd composed of mature females and younger goats. The herd may be slowly moving from one patch of feed to the next or may be bedded down to chew their cud. Mountain goats stay close to sheer cliffs so that they can escape from predators such as bears and wolves.

visit [www.bcmountaingoatsociety.ca/](http://www.bcmountaingoatsociety.ca/) and stop by the Visitor Centre for a brochure about other locally accessible viewing opportunities.

## 5 FOSSIL BEDS & DRIFTWOOD CANYON PROVINCIAL PARK

Driftwood Canyon is recognized as one of the world's most significant fossil beds. It provides park users with a fascinating opportunity to understand the area's evolutionary processes of both geology and biology. The fossils found in DRIFTWOOD CANYON PROVINCIAL PARK tell a story of how the area was 50 million years ago. The area had a subtropical to tropical climate and was made up of fresh-water swamps and lakes. These fossils were created as the organisms were trapped within the sediment layers. Visitors may handle and view fossils but are asked to not take them away. There is a parking lot adjacent to DRIFTWOOD CREEK with a few picnic tables and a small footbridge. Walk across the footbridge and a further 300 metres to the viewing platform to reach the middle of the Fossil Bed! Located 15 mins from downtown Smithers.

## 6 BABINE MOUNTAINS PROVINCIAL PARK

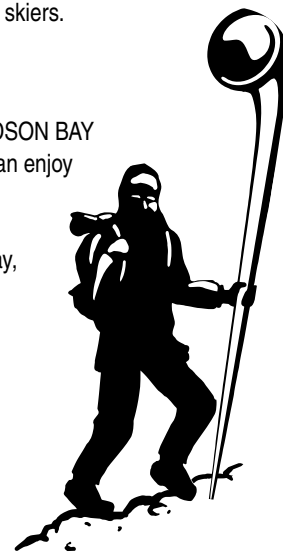
This wilderness area offers some of the finest hiking opportunities in west-central BC. Hikes range in difficulty and duration, and mapped trails include LYON CREEK, HARVEY MOUNTAIN, MCCABE, SILVER KING BASIN, FLETCHER-GARDNER, ONION MOUNTAIN, LITTLE JOE CREEK, CRONIN CREEK, HIGGINS CREEK and HYLAND PASS. There is no campground, however, camping is allowed in the park and the JOE L'ORSA CABIN—located in SILVERKING BASIN—offers accommodation to hikers in the park for a nominal fee (payable at the BC Parks Office). Snowmobiling, mountain biking, skiing and snowshoeing are also possible in the park, with some limitations.

## 7 HANKIN-EVELYN BACKCOUNTRY RECREATION AREA

Hike a short, steep, marked trail through mature forest to an old fire lookout for fantastic panoramic views of rugged peaks and mountain ranges in the area. The day-use lookout cabin has been upgraded and maintained by local hiking and backcountry ski groups along with help from the provincial government, and there is a fee for overnight stays. Once you reach the lookout, you can carry on to the MT. HANKIN SUMMIT. The area gets lots of use in winter by snowshoers and backcountry skiers.

## 8 SILVERN LAKES TRAIL

This is a full-day hike on the back side of HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN to the Silvern Lakes basin. You can enjoy great views of the lakes and meadows full of alpine flowers in summer. To get to the lakes, you will gain about 2000 ft of elevation. Midway, the trail crosses Red Valley, named for the stunning red-purple colour of the rock on the slopes and in the creekbed.



# GET OUT & PLAY



Biking in the Babine Mountains • Northern BC Tourism/John Wellburn

Maps & service provider listings  
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[SMBA.ca](http://SMBA.ca) & [alltrails.com](http://alltrails.com)



Biking the Bluff Trails • Northern BC Tourism/John Wellburn

## 1 MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS

This is prime mountain-biking country! The SMITHERS MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION (SMBA) manages trail networks on Hudson Bay Mountain suitable for all abilities: the BLUFF RECREATION SITE has several access points, including one downtown. This will take you into the BOARDWALK TRAILS, aptly named with hundreds of metres of boardwalks. There's more to be had on the PIPER DOWN RECREATION TRAILS and PTARMIGAN TRAILS. Across the valley, the BABINE MOUNTAINS PROVINCIAL PARK has trails in spectacular alpine settings. SILVER KING BASIN is home to the JOE L'ORSA CABIN where you can enjoy a short break or overnight stay. For the adventurous, ride the CRONIN PASS and enjoy the views from the top of the world. The Cronin Trail traverses the Park, past remnants of old mines, over HYLAND PASS, and down through SILVER KING BASIN to the Park entrance at Driftwood Road. It requires some effort, but it is worth it! Closer to town you can also explore riding trails at CALL LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK.



Biking Old Babine Lake Rd • Sandra Smith

## 2 PAVED ONLY ROUTES & THE CYCLE 16 TRAIL

If you are looking for mostly paved roads off the highway, you can try the 1st section, now complete, of the CYCLE 16 TRAIL which will eventually link Telkwa to Smithers. The 1st section starts at the Bulkley Bridge in Smithers and gets you up the highway 16 hill heading east towards Telkwa. Go left at BABINE LAKE ROAD and ride 3 kms then turn right at TYHEE LAKE ROAD and cycle around the lake and back.

If you're "up" for some epic uphill pedaling, stay on BABINE LAKE ROAD (don't turn right at Thyee Lake Road) and head up towards MCKENDRICK PASS. Get ready to scream back down the huge hill when you turn around.

Another mostly paved ride from downtown takes you along a short dirt trail behind the Smithers Golf Course, then around LAKE KATHLYN and back. ➡ [www.cycle16.ca](http://www.cycle16.ca) for progress reports as trail building continues!



Cycle to Summer Cafés • Taylor Bachrach



Horse-drawn Wagon Rides • BandT Adventures

### 3 MIXED PAVED & DIRT ROAD ROUTES

If your tires can handle a bit of dirt and gravel, you can ride from downtown along the PERIMETER TRAIL, or head out on TATLOW ROAD towards Telkwa and cross the Railway Bridge once you get there (then go for a cone at Riverbend Ice Cream). Alternatively, head from Smithers up OLD BABINE LAKE ROAD into the DRIFTWOOD area. Once you reach the TELKWA HIGH ROAD — choose to go straight and head into the BABINE MOUNTAINS, or take a left and do the SNAKE ROAD LOOP (take a detour at the Driftwood Schoolhouse and head up towards the DRIFTWOOD FOSSIL BEDS), or take a right and head towards Telkwa and Tyhee lake. Google your way or pick up some maps at the Visitor Centre and create your own loop.

### 4 HORSE TRIPS



If you want to ride horseback, MOUNTAIN VIEW ADVENTURES offers several options—a relaxing trail ride through the fields above Smithers gives you gorgeous mountain vistas for an hour or two, or go for a full-day adventure and head into the mountains. All skill levels welcome and educational components are available if you want to learn about horses. If you're hankering for a good ol' fashioned horse-drawn wagon or sleigh ride, check out B&T ADVENTURES. A magical ride through field and forest to the sound of sleigh bells and horse hooves is a great way to connect with family and friends. Includes a lantern-lit forest stop to roast smokies and s'mores at the campfire.

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# SCENIC HIGH ROAD

## Circle Tour

### A Bulkley Valley Museum

Learn about the human and ancient natural history of the Bulkley Valley. Entrance by donation.

### B Aldermere Trails

Easy walking trails around the Village of Telkwa, along the river and to the site of the valley's earliest non-First Nations settlement.

### C Tyhee Lake Provincial Park

Enjoy the sandy beach, bird viewing platform, walking trails, playground, firepits, covered picnic facilities, campsites and more park amenities.

### D Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park

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

### E Babine Mountains Provincial Park

Access the alpine or walk the lower trails in this vast and spectacular park.

### F Little Lamb Lavender Farm

LLL offers "small farm" tours, animal petting and workshops. Call ahead: C: 250-641-5842 or [lamb@littlamlavender.ca](mailto:lamb@littlamlavender.ca)

### F2 Mountainview Adventures Horseback Riding

Book a scenic horseback trail ride for an hour or a day. Groups are welcome. Call ahead: 250-847-0325 • [www.mvtrailriding.com](http://www.mvtrailriding.com)

### G Witset (formerly Moricetown)

The site of the oldest Witsuwit'en settlement in the Bulkley Valley. In August and early September, watch the traditional harvest of salmon in the canyon. Visit the Cultural Interpretive Centre at the *Widzin Kwah Canyon House Museum* (May – December) and the Residential School Totem Pole.

### H Toboggan Creek Fish Hatchery

Salmon are an important part of northern BC's heritage, lifestyle and economy. Learn about the fish at this picturesque stop.

### I Mountain Viewing

A commanding view of Hudson Bay Mountain, right off the highway. A great picture stop.

### J Twin Falls and Kathlyn Glacier

The Kathlyn Glacier feeds two stunning "twin" falls in this mountain gorge. Take a short walk (15 minutes) to the viewing platform on a moderately easy trail (some uphill grade). A unique ecosystem with a campground and trails set in a mature Hemlock forest. Mountain goats can often be seen on the cliffs. The access road is narrow with sharp corners. Larger vehicles should use caution. There are limited turn around spots and the road is not plowed during winter.

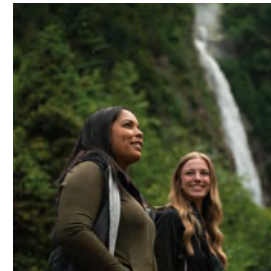
### K Grizzly Bear at the Smithers Airport

Stop in at the airport and see the grizzly bear on display inside the terminal.

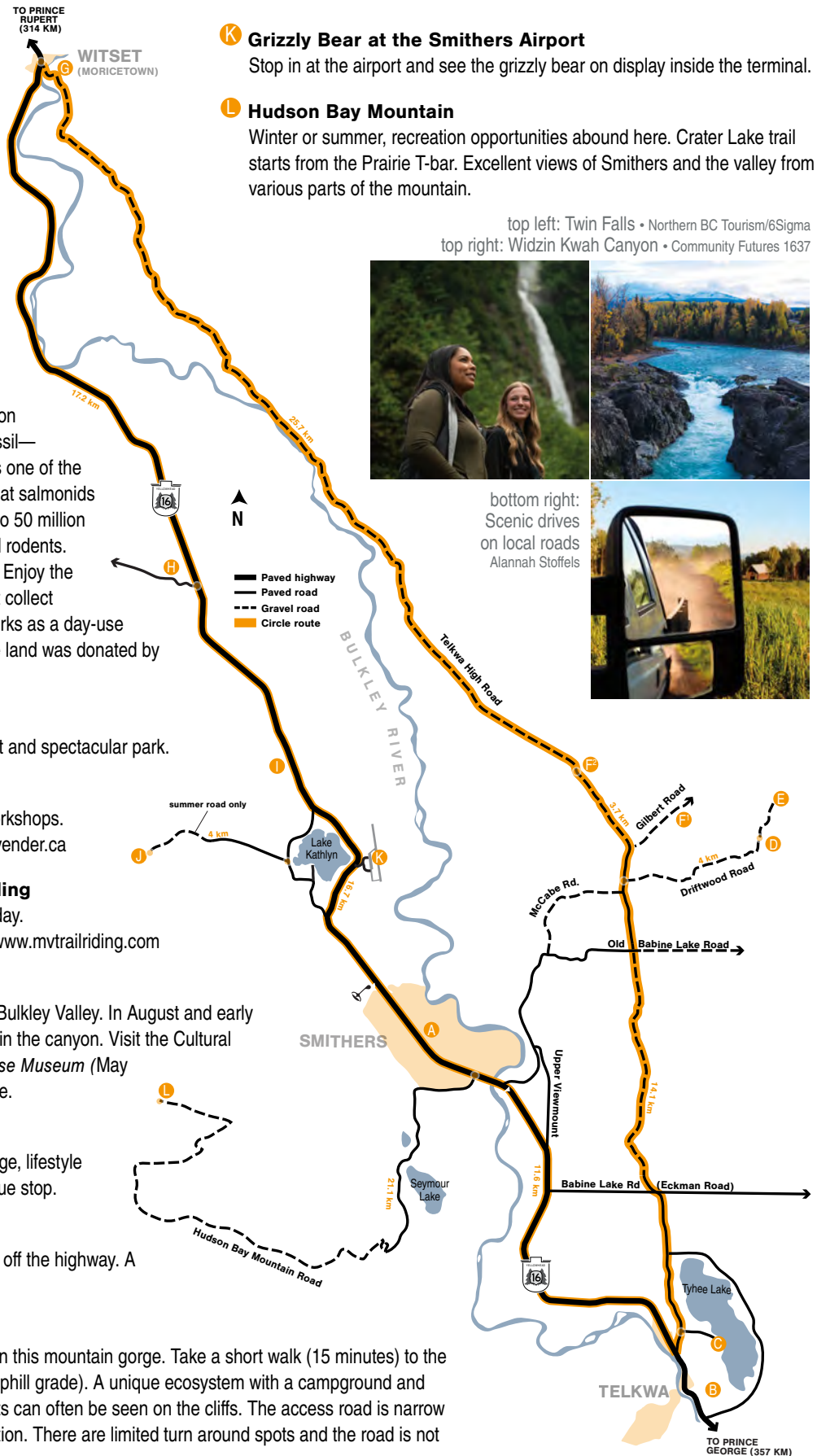
### L Hudson Bay Mountain

Winter or summer, recreation opportunities abound here. Crater Lake trail starts from the Prairie T-bar. Excellent views of Smithers and the valley from various parts of the mountain.

top left: Twin Falls • Northern BC Tourism/6Sigma  
top right: Widzin Kwah Canyon • Community Futures 1637



bottom right:  
Scenic drives  
on local roads  
Alannah Stoffels



# GET OUT & PLAY



Mulligans Restaurant at Smithers Golf & Country Club  
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Smithers Skate Park • Adrian Forsyth/Airless Photography

## GOLF & OTHER SPORTS

### 1 SMITHERS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Smithers boasts a beautiful 18-hole CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE with driving range, pro shop, rentals, lessons, and clubhouse lounge and restaurant—MULLIGANS—featuring an outdoor wraparound deck above a meandering creek with a spectacular view of Hudson Bay Mountain. The course is rated as par 72 and is a total of 6,539 playing yards.

➡ [www.smithersgolfclub.com](http://www.smithersgolfclub.com)

### 2 DISC GOLF

SMITHERS: at the corner of Main & 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. the RANGER PARK DISC GOLF course is the most northern course listed on the Professional Disc Golf Association website. If you have your own discs, get out and play a round! TELKWA: The SKILLHORN DISC GOLF course has two course layouts over 49 acres with different skill sets in mind: the Berry Floor: 9 hole (45 minutes, mix of baskets and poles) or the Octo-22: 22 holes (2 hours, mix of baskets, poles and marked trees). Parking, map/info kiosk and marked natural tee pads. Still in development (the “beat in” phase) avail. to play from May to October. ➡ Find BVDGA on Facebook or email to set up a guide for the courses: [bulkleyvalleydiscgolf@gmail.com](mailto:bulkleyvalleydiscgolf@gmail.com)



### 3 TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

TENNIS: SMITHERS has two tennis courts on Montreal Street (beside Smithers Secondary School) available on a first come, first serve basis open May-Sept.

PICKLEBALL: TELKWA has group outdoor play at the J. DOCKRILL RINK from May-Sept. (depending on weather). Indoor play by sign-up only Oct-April.

➡ For times and details find the BULKLEY VALLEY AND TELKWA PICKLEBALL PLAYERS on Facebook or email [bvpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:bvpickleball@gmail.com)

### 4 SKATE PARK

Located at HERITAGE PARK on Hwy 16 near BV Pool, Smithers' Skate Park was built in 1996 and has seen thousands of hours of use. During the summer of 2022, the SMITHERS SKATE PARK SOCIETY—with partners at the Town of Smithers and the Youth Leadership for the Office of the Wet'suwet'en—completed Phase 1 of a fantastic expansion that will eventually add a bowl, lighting and landscaping. ➡ [smithersskatepark.org](http://smithersskatepark.org) for reports as expansion continues.

# GET OUT & PLAY



Tyhee Lake • Thomas Camus/Village of Telkwa



Seymour Lake • Northern BC Tourism/Marty Clemens



Tatlow Falls • Paul Glover

## 1 PUBLIC SWIMMING BEACHES

LAKE KATHLYN, just 5 mins from downtown, is non-motorized and has a stunning view of Hudson Bay Mountain. There is a small public beach with basic services including picnic tables, change rooms and portable toilet (no running water). Day use area is maintained from May to Sept. TYHEE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK in Telkwa has a larger public beach with a roped-off area for kid-friendly swimming and features 20+ picnic tables, a playground, a picnic shelter, horseshoe pits, volleyball net, paddleboard rentals in July and August (weather dependent), accessible bird viewing platform, change rooms with flush toilets and showers, 59 wooded camp sites, coin-operated sani-station and concrete boat launch. The lake is also stocked with rainbow trout.

## 2 LAKE PADDLING

Rent locally or bring your canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards so you can paddle some of the many beautiful lakes in the area! The popular LAKE KATHLYN, TYHEE LAKE, ROUND LAKE and SEYMOUR LAKE are close to town. Wilderness lakes nearby include ALDRICH, DENNIS and MCDONELL LAKES behind Hudson Bay Mountain; CHAPMAN LAKE east of Smithers; and for longer multi-day paddle trips, check out BABINE LAKE or the NANIKA-KIDPRICE canoe route. ➡ Check AQUABATICS for paddling rentals of all types, and TYHEE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK for paddleboard rentals (July and Aug. weather dependent)



## 3 RUNNING THE RIVERS

From float trips to whitewater thrills, experienced river adventurers can enjoy rafting, kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding and jet boating on the BULKLEY RIVER and TELKWA RIVER, or check out access and advisories on the many other rivers in the area. A popular day float takes you from Telkwa to Smithers, where paddlers pull out at the right by the Bulkley Bridge at the Lunan Road Parks & Rec Site. Before that, paddlers will want to be aware of TATLOW FALLS. Depending on the river level, Tatlow Falls features surf waves, eddies, and play holes of different sizes where experienced paddlers can practice new skills and brush up on old ones. It can be paddled at most river levels but it is most approachable when the river is low. ➡ To inquire about local rivers, visit local outdoor shops like AQUABATICS, MCBIKE and OSCARS and search for BULKLEY VALLEY KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB on Facebook and at [www.paddlebv.com](http://www.paddlebv.com)

## 4 BOATING

Motorized lakes include TYHEE LAKE, ROUND LAKE, CHAPMAN LAKE and BABINE LAKE, and motor boats are used on the BULKLEY RIVER, primarily by guides and fishers.



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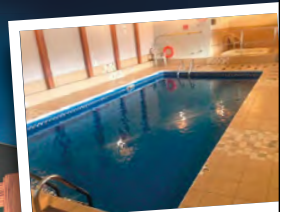
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From lake trout to salmon and steelhead, Smithers welcomes anglers from around the world. Hundreds of lakes and hundreds of kilometres of river await your cast. We have world-class guides to make your trip memorable, and we have knowledgeable staff in our fishing shops to help answer your questions and ensure you have the proper gear.

If you are fishing on your own, make sure to have a current fishing licence and a current copy of the Sport Fishing Regulations Synopsis. Inquire about fishing info at the Smithers Visitor Centre or the sports stores. More info can also be found at [steelheadparadise.com](http://steelheadparadise.com)



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home waters to spawn. What sets the steelhead apart from other anadromous fish is its ability to repeat the process. While salmon make this remarkable journey just once, spawning and then dying in the river they came home to, steelhead can make the journey several times. They are truly one of nature's miracles.

## 1 LAKE FISHING

CHAPMAN LAKE is a medium-sized lake, 37.5 km from Smithers, with boat launch and camping. Rainbow, cutthroat and char (lake trout) are readily available. In the same direction and further east is BABINE LAKE—the largest lake in this area. It is the longest natural lake in BC, nearly 180 km (110 miles) from end to end. You'll need a boat to explore Babine Lake and to fish for its rainbows, cutthroat and char. ALDRICH, DENNIS, & MCDONELL LAKES are at the back side of Hudson Bay Mountain, southwest of Smithers. These three beautiful lakes form a chain of water in which you can catch dolly varden and cutthroat trout. DENNIS LAKE offers 4 tenting sites with a boat launch & dock and great views of HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN.

## 2 RIVER FISHING: STEELHEAD

When it comes to angling, the Bulkley Valley is famous for the thrill of catch-and-release wild steelhead fishing. Our steelhead rivers—the BULKLEY, MORICE, KISPIOX, BABINE, SUSKWA, SUSTUT, SKEENA—have given this place the nickname of STEELHEAD PARADISE. Anglers come from all over the world to fish here. The steelhead of the Skeena River system are some of the largest in the world. The steelhead is an anadromous fish—born in the wild river, it makes its way to the ocean and returns years later to its

## 3 RIVER FISHING: SALMON

In addition to steelhead, all five species of Pacific salmon inhabit our waters. The BULKLEY RIVER flows by Smithers and is home to spring salmon (also known as king) along with coho (silver), sockeye, chinook and pink salmon. Check BC's FRESHWATER FISHING REGULATIONS for info on when fishing is permitted.

## 4 RIVER FISHING AT RAINBOW ALLEY

Rainbow Alley is pretty much what it sounds like. This section of river between BABINE and NILKITKWA LAKES, north of Smithers, is only about 1.5 km (1 mile) long—but is a significant thoroughfare for fish, including rainbow trout, burbot, char, steelhead, sockeye, coho and pink. It is famous, though, for its large rainbows—trout, that is. BC PARKS manages the area and fishing restrictions apply.



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# FESTIVALS, FAIRS & GATHERINGS



## Featured EVENTS

### 1 MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

JULY (1st weekend): enjoy a three-day family-friendly music festival featuring national and regional performers on multiple stages, a kids' area, and on-site camping so you can make a weekend of it.

➡ [www.smithersmusicfest.com](http://www.smithersmusicfest.com)

### 2 TYHEE LAKE TRIATHLON

JULY: At TYHEE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK, this is a great race for those new to multi-sport events and for competitive racers alike. The event is sanctioned by TriBC and includes youth, junior, masters' and team Triathlon categories, as well as a Duathlon option for those who prefer to stay dry.

➡ [Find Tyhee Lake Triathlon on Facebook](#)

### 3 YOUTH & ADULT GUITAR CAMPS

AUGUST: The Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society hosts two renowned week-long Guitar Camps on Tyhee Lake with cabin accommodations: YOUTH GUITAR CAMP followed by ADULT GUITAR CAMP. Folks of all skill levels come from far and wide to immerse themselves in guitar and accompanying instruments. Learn to play, improve your technique or write and perform your own song.

➡ [www.smithersmusicfest.com/bvfms/programs](http://www.smithersmusicfest.com/bvfms/programs)

### 4 SMITHERS CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

AUGUST: This biennial (every two years) golf tournament is a fun chance to golf with some celebrities for the weekend and help raise \$ for a great local cause. Celebrities have included NHL hockey players like Bobby Orr, Olympic athletes such as Canadian bobsledding champion Alex Kopacz, TV personality Steve Darling from Global TV, and others. The event has been organized by volunteers since 1990 and has raised millions of dollars to help our communities, including funding that supported a new maternity ward and CT Scanner for the Bulkley Valley District Hospital.

➡ [www.smitherscelebritygolf.com](http://www.smitherscelebritygolf.com)

### 5 ARTISANS STUDIO TOUR

AUGUST: Artisans of the Bulkley Valley invite you to visit their studios in and around Smithers and Telkwa on a dedicated day or weekend. Explore the valley while you enjoy this FREE self-guided tour to enjoy pottery, paintings, jewelry, stained glass, cards, fabric arts, baskets and more.

➡ [www.tourismsmithers.com/events](http://www.tourismsmithers.com/events)



Midway at BV Exhibition • Mandy Storey/BVFair



Logger Sports at BV Exhibition • Mandy Storey/BVFair



Tyhee Lake Triathlon • Marty Clemens/Village of Telkwa



Telkwa BBQ & Demo Derby • Marty Clemens/Village of Telkwa



Schnai Day • Thomas Camus/Hudson Bay Mountain

## 6 SPIRIT OF THE NORTH CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

AUGUST: SPIRIT OF THE NORTH CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL often occurs early-August to present world-class musicians, full orchestras, new compositions, chamber music masterworks and more in settings ranging from free, family-friendly outdoor spaces to more formal concert stages. It happens in partnership with ORCHESTRA NORTH SUMMER PROGRAM (ONSP).

☛ [www.festivalnorth.com](http://www.festivalnorth.com)

## 7 BULKLEY VALLEY EXHIBITION & FAIR

Late AUGUST: The Bulkley Valley Exhibition is an annual 4-day event at the SMITHERS FALL FAIR GROUNDS featuring a rodeo, parade, live music and entertainment, rodeo dance, rides and games, half time shows, agricultural exhibits, and much more. The BV Fair started in 1919 and is one of the biggest and longest-running Fairs in BC outside of the lower mainland! Be sure to catch the FALL FAIR PARADE ON MAIN STREET the Wednesday evening before the Fair. ☛ [www.bvfair.ca](http://www.bvfair.ca)

## 8 TELKWA BBQ & DEMOLITION DERBY

Early SEPTEMBER: Hosted by the Bulkley Valley Kinsmen Club on the Labour Day long weekend, the event usually includes a down 'n' dirty demolition derby, ball tournament, beef barbecue, horseshoe tournament. Great entertainment for the whole family hosted by the Bulkley Valley Kinsmen.

☛ [www.telkwa.ca](http://www.telkwa.ca)

## 9 SCHNAI DAY SKI FEST

APRIL: Last day of the season at HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN RESORT! Schnai Dai silliness is for the whole family: a Slush Cup, Dummy Downhill, crazy costumes, live music and dancing. ☛ [hudsonbaymountain.ca](http://hudsonbaymountain.ca)



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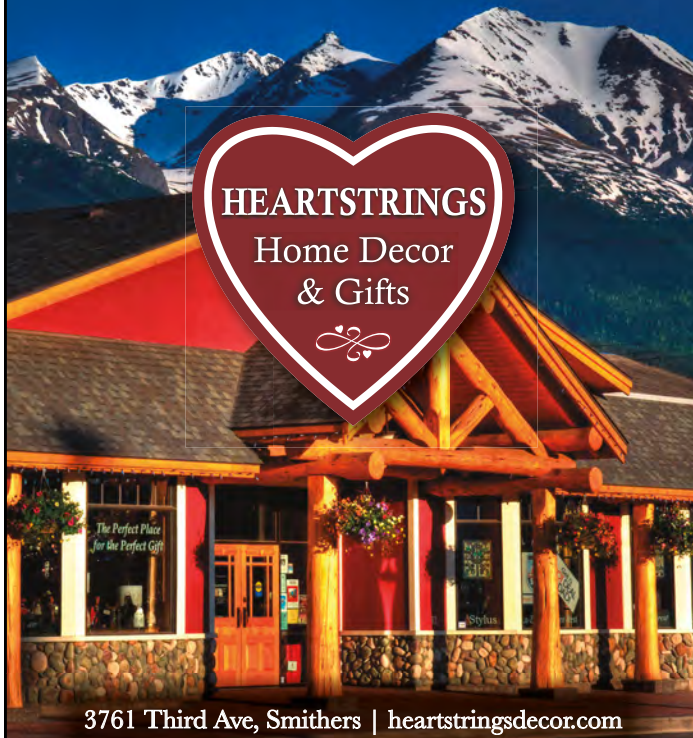
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# ARTS & MUSIC

Painting the Alex Cuba mural • Sandra Smith



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## ENJOY the CREATIVITY

### 1 VISUAL ARTS & THE SMITHERS ART GALLERY

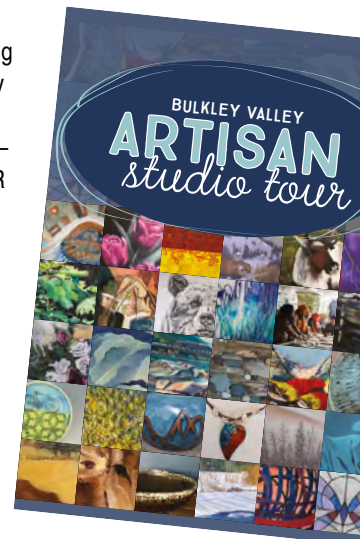
Rotating exhibits of local and regional visual artists change monthly at the Smithers Art Gallery which also offers workshops and courses for all ages. Many Smithers businesses and restaurants display local art, so check out the walls while you shop and dine. A self-guided ARTISAN STUDIO TOUR takes place for a weekend each summer, and there's a self-guided ART MURAL WALK in downtown Smithers. ➡ Find the ART MURAL TOUR on pages 23-25 and ARTISAN STUDIO TOUR info at [www.tourismsmithers.com/events](http://www.tourismsmithers.com/events)

### 2 LIVE MUSIC

You will often find live music one or two evenings a week at the brew pubs downtown—BULKLEY VALLEY BREWERY & SMITHERS BREWING COMPANY—and in summer on Saturday mornings at the FARMERS' MARKET on Hwy 16 by the Visitor Centre. The MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL in early July is a 3-day musical event with outdoor stages and on-site camping. The BULKLEY VALLEY EXHIBITION in late August is a 4-day fair which includes live music on an outdoor stage alongside a fair and multiple agricultural events. The BULKLEY VALLEY CONCERT SOCIETY presents 3-6 concerts per year by touring performers, usually at the DELLA HERMAN THEATRE. The BULKLEY VALLEY FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY and the ROUND LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION present Live Music COFFEEHOUSES in local community halls around the valley throughout the year. To find out more about upcoming concerts and events, browse the poster boards around town, check out WWW.SMITHERSEVENTS.COM online and inquire at MOUNTAIN EAGLE BOOKS on Third Ave. Tickets for most musical events can be purchased at Mountain Eagle.

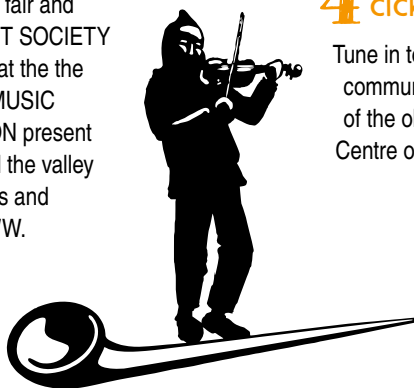
### 3 LOCAL BOOKS & MUSICAL RECORDINGS

Smithers is a very musical community, with several recording artists including Juno and Grammy award-winning Alex Cuba. You can pick up CDs at the two local bookstores—MOUNTAIN EAGLE BOOKS & MILLS INTERIOR STATIONERY. Both stores also carry books by BULKLEY VALLEY AUTHORS including adult novels, kids' books, and local history including many about the Witsuwit'en First Nation and the Europeans who settled here. You'll also find guidebooks to help you navigate local trails and identify the wilderness plants. Writers are often featured at the SMITHERS PUBLIC LIBRARY, so drop in to see what's on schedule or to borrow books or check emails.



### 4 CICK COMMUNITY RADIO 93.9 FM

Tune in to our locally supported, volunteer-operated community radio station CICK 93.9 FM which operates out of the old rail car in CENTRAL PARK, located by the Visitor Centre on Highway 16. ➡ [www.smithersradio.com](http://www.smithersradio.com)



# STROLL *our* MAIN STREET



Smithers Main Street • Northern BC Tourism/Mary Clemens

## START

at Central Park at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 16 and stroll our RED BRICKED SIDEWALKS along our ALPINE-THEMED MAIN STREET.

### 1 VISITOR CENTRE

Check in to the Visitor Centre to get recommendations and see what's new. Peek into the local CICK Radio train car. Browse the bulletin boards outside the CENTRAL PARK BUILDING to see what's happening during your stay.

### 2 SMITHERS ART GALLERY

Step inside the historic CENTRAL PARK BUILDING to visit the Smithers Art Gallery and view the rotating exhibits of local and regional artists. ➡ [www.smithersart.org](http://www.smithersart.org)

### 3 BULKLEY VALLEY MUSEUM

Also inside the CENTRAL PARK BUILDING you can visit the BV Museum and learn about the human and ancient natural history of the Bulkley Valley. Be sure to ask museum staff about the bank robbery, the fires and the gun turret! Entrance is by donation. ➡ [www.bvmuseum.org](http://www.bvmuseum.org)

### 4 SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS

From the Central Parking Building, you can start all three self-guided Walking Tours featured on pages 23-25—the FIRST NATIONS CULTURAL INSTALLATIONS TOUR, the ART MURAL TOUR, and the HISTORICAL BUILDINGS TOUR. ➡ [Find Walking Tour Maps on pages 23-25](#)



### 5 MAIN STREET SHOPPINGDISTRICT

Browse and shop! Most of the stores in the Main Street shopping district are operated by the people who own them, many with locally-made products.

### 6 PAMPER YOURSELF!

Treat yourself at one of the many downtown day-spas. Get a massage, a facial, or indulge in an oxygen bar or a float therapy escape. ➡ [Find our list of Spas at www.tourismsmithers.com/things-to-do](http://www.tourismsmithers.com/things-to-do)

### 7 ENJOY THE CAFÉS & CRAFT BEER CULTURE.

There are plenty of cafés to enjoy and be sure to visit the two local breweries, both located downtown just off Main Street, which often host Live music. ➡ [Find listings on page 35 and at www.tourismsmithers.com/things-to-do](#)

### 8 MEET SOME LOCAL SMITHEREENS

Chat with the people you meet and ask them for recommendations on what **they** would do if they were visiting Smithers that particular day.

# EAT & DRINK LOCAL

Enjoying one of the local pubs and restaurants • Northern BC Tourism/ Andrew Strain

## 1 LOCAL FOOD PRODUCERS & FARMERS' MARKET

OUT OF HAND, a co-operative of local farmers and artists with a storefront on 1st Ave., has a wide variety of locally-produced food as well as handmade goods. You can find everything from exotic mushrooms to pizzas to kombucha and pies on one side of the shop, with beeswax candles, pottery and soaps on the other. The BULKLEY VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET is held outdoors every Saturday morning from early/mid-May through early/mid-October at CENTRAL PARK SQUARE at the intersection of Main Street & Highway 16. It is one of the most vibrant and successful in northern BC with a delightful array of people, locally-grown produce, locally-raised meat, baking, canning, handmade jewelry, pottery, woodworking, crafts, live music and more. Indoor markets are held the rest of year.

☛ [OUTOFHANDBC on Facebook / www.bvfm.ca](#)

## 2 SAUSAGE MAKERS & LOCALLY PRODUCED MEATS

The Bulkley Valley boasts TWO sausage makers: SMITHERS SAUSAGE FACTORY on Main Street in Smithers and RUDOLPH'S PURE SAUSAGE on Highway 16 in Telkwa. Some local restaurants serve locally raised meats.

## 3 COFFEE ROASTERS

You can pick up locally roasted coffee at various outlets and it is often served at cafés and restaurants around town. Look for CHICKEN CREEK COFFEE, BUGWOOD COFFEE & REEL COFFEE.

## 4 CRAFT BREWERIES

As you head down Main Street, stop in and visit the SMITHERS BREWING COMPANY on Third Ave. and the BULKLEY VALLEY BREWERY on First Ave for a taste of locally crafted brews and award-winning craft beer recipes! Both are social hubs and sometimes host Live music, just half a block off Main Street.

## 5 BAKERS & BAKERIES

Fresh baked breads and treats from PAUL'S BAKERY, RUSTICA WOOD FIRED BAKERY and RIVERSIDE KITCHEN CO. are available at various restaurants, grocery stores, OUT OF HAND and at the FARMERS' MARKET.

## 6 DINING OF ALL STYLES

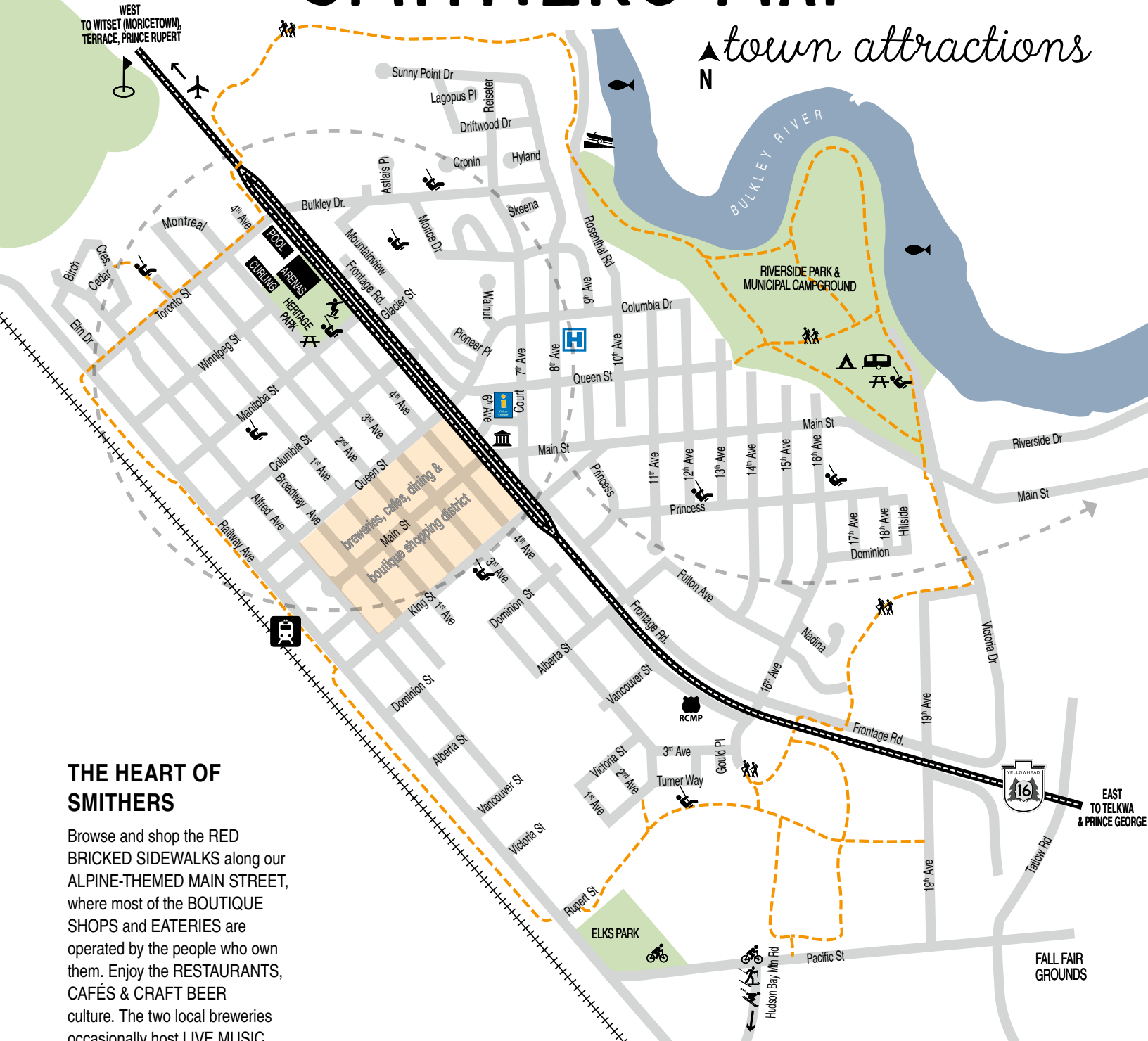
East Indian, Japanese, Pub Style, Steakhouses, Organic and Ethically-Sourced Food, Ukrainian, Greek, Fusion... Check out our listings and you'll find some excellent places to eat delicious meals. ☛ [Find listings on page 35 and at www.tourismsmithers.com/things-to-do](#)



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# SMITHERS MAP

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## THE HEART OF SMITHERS

Browse and shop the RED BRICKED SIDEWALKS along our ALPINE-THEMED MAIN STREET, where most of the BOUTIQUE SHOPS and EATERIES are operated by the people who own them. Enjoy the RESTAURANTS, CAFÉS & CRAFT BEER culture. The two local breweries occasionally host LIVE MUSIC. Treat yourself at one of the many downtown DAY SPAS. Get a massage, a facial, or indulge in a float therapy escape. Try the SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS outlined on the following pages. On Saturdays between May and October, don't miss the FARMERS' MARKET next to the VISITOR CENTRE at Main Street and Highway 16.

### LEGEND

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| Trail             | Picnic Tables                 | Golf Course            | Hospital                            |
| Boat launch       | Playground                    | Airport                | First Nations Cultural Installation |
| Fishing           | Skate Park                    | Museum & Gallery       | Art Mural                           |
| Tent & RV Camping | Bike Park / Mtn Biking Trails | Nordic & Alpine Skiing | Historic Building                   |



# SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS

*first nations cultural installations, art murals & historic buildings*

Totem poles are cultural installations created by First Nations of the Pacific Northwest to commemorate and honour ancestry, histories, people and events. Discover, learn and appreciate more about this culture as you experience this tour.



## **A** Niwhtsiy: Our Crests

**1089 Main Street • Bovill Square** • Adorning the top of this outdoor community stage are five nitsiy (crests)—created by Witsuwit'en artist and master carver Chief Dzīggot (Ron Austin Sr.)—representing the five Witsuwit'en didikhnī (clans): Gidim't'en, C'ilhts'ėkhyu, Likhsilyu, Tsayu, and Likhts'amisyu. An information stand in front of the square on Main Street provides interesting details and more information.

## **B** Witsuwit'en Art & Artifacts

**3873 1st Ave • Office of the Wet'suwet'en** • Inside the entrance to the Office of the Wet'suwet'en. The office is open Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30 and closed for lunch.

## **D** Brother Pole

**3955 3rd Ave • Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Hall** • This 11-foot "Brother Pole" is a memorial to honour the missing and murdered Indigenous men, boys, LGBTQ+, and survivors of residential schools. The pole stands as a safe and sacred place of healing for family and friends to mourn, especially important for the missing without headstones. Carved by Nisga'a and Tsimshian artist Mike Dangel with help from his wife and two sons, the pole was gifted to the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre in 2021 from the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSS North West Region). The Brother Pole is sister to the Grandmother pole, also carved by Dangel in Kitsumkalum near Terrace which honours the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

## **E** The Healing Pole

**4408 3rd Ave. Smithers Secondary School** • In reaction to a racist graffiti attack on the school in the late 1990s, the high school student body came up with the idea to create "The Healing Pole". A steering committee of primarily Witsuwit'en people involved students on the project aimed to increase greater awareness of Witsuwit'en culture in the community, encourage a sense of belonging among First Nations students in the local schools, and to inspire all nations to unite as one. The 24-foot pole was carved from Red Cedar over a period of six months by principal carvers Delgamuukw (Earl Muldoe), James Madam, Warner Naziel, Robert Sebastian, Darryl Brooks and Ron Austin. The five Witsuwit'en clans are represented: Bear, Killer Whale, Beaver, and Big Frog holding the Small Frog. The pole was raised in 1999 along with a community Potlach held nearby at the Smithers Civic Centre.

➡ [Learn about the "Honouring Our Elders" Legacy Portrait Project—on the wall behind the pole \(next page\).](#)

## **F** NEW Pole (yet to be named & coming soon)

**4092 Mountainview Ave. Walnut Park Elementary School** • ETA for pole raising is September 2023.

## **+** The Residential School Pole

**Witset** • To honour residential school survivors. ➡ [See info page 2.](#)

## **G** Coast Mountain College Pole

**3966 2nd Ave** • This 28-foot red cedar totem pole carved by Witsuwit'en master carver Chief Dzīggot (Ron Austin Sr.), apprentice James Madam and Ron Austin Jr. proudly welcomes you to the Coast Mountain College, Smithers Campus. The pole was designed by the carvers with input from local Witsuwit'en chiefs. There are five clans represented on the totem pole with significance as to the order they appear. At the bottom, in the most significant spot, is the local Gidim't'en Clan (Wolf/Bear) in whose territory this pole resides, represented with a copper shield as a sign of wealth and knowledge; C'ilhts'ėkhyu Clan (Big Frog) is represented with a night hawk crest; Likhsilyu Clan (Small Frog) is the caribou crest; Tsayu Clan (Beaver) has—instead of the traditional chewing stick—a college graduation scroll; Likhts'amisyu Clan (Fireweed) is the killerwhale and fireweed crest. Many community members and groups of secondary and elementary school students came to visit with the artists, watch the progress as they were carving, and helped by bringing water to soak the pole, supplying the carvers with much-appreciated coffee and pastries and became part of the totem pole experience. The pole was raised in 2011 along with several feasts, blessings, and a community Potlach held nearby at the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Hall.



## A SMITHERS COMMUNITY MURAL | Emerenne Saefkow

**1411 Court Street** • This vibrant geometric design represents the multi-faceted community of Smithers at its brightest. Inspired by the bold colours of the '70s, distinctly modern silhouettes carve out the quintessential elements of Smithers life. Whether you are new to town or have lived here your whole life, you will find your story in this mural. Get a brochure from the Visitor Centre or search [TourismSmithers.com](http://TourismSmithers.com) to learn about each section.

## B CENTRAL PARK BUILDING | Facundo Gastiazoro

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

## C CELEBRATING CULTURE & REC | Hans Saefkow

**1323 Main Street** • A sky-blue painting emerges from the bricks of this building. Two snowboarders glide across it, showcasing a deep love of sports in this town. In the centre of the mural is a symbol of our prominent arts scene—a smiling violinist. Using a string from her bow, a fisherman reels in a catch, symbolizing the wealth of recreational activities that Smithers has to offer.

## D ALEX CUBA MURAL | Facundo Gastiazoro

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

## E THE PIONEERS OF THE BULKLEY VALLEY

**1209 Main Street** • Four depictions of Bulkley Valley history line the stucco wall of this building. The land on which you stand is the traditional territory of the Witsuwit'en First Nation, thus the first image on this mural is a First Nations man gaffing salmon. Today, the Witsuwit'en people of Witset fish in a similar style, using dip-nets, in the Widzin Kwah Canyon. The second image depicts an outdoorsman ready to explore the vast valleys and high peaks of the area. The third man is a farmer (or perhaps a miner) ready to work the land. Lastly, a surveyor for The Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad peruses the area. This company announced its plan for a railway through the Bulkley Valley in 1902 and established the community of Smithers, as it was halfway between the major port of Prince Rupert and major trading centre of Prince George.

## F GRENDL GROWS | Facundo Gastiazoro & Robin Lough

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

## G AT THE HEART: MMIWG COMMEMORATION Raven-Tacuara Collective

**1188 Main Street** • This mural, on the exterior of the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre, honours the lives and legacies of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) from the communities of Smithers, Witset, and surrounding areas on Highway 16 (The Highway of Tears). The mural was designed after a year-long process where local families of missing and murdered women and girls, in collaboration with local artists “Raven-Tacuara Collective,” worked through a trauma-informed creative process with facilitators to create this beautiful mural in the heart of downtown, helping us remember the women who were taken away. They were daughters, sisters, mothers, granddaughters, nieces, cousins and friends and they will never be forgotten. The project demonstrates how, through art, we can work through trauma and support each other's healing process.



## H EAGLE IN FLIGHT | Hans Saefkow

**1156 Main Street** • Soaring above the treetops is the underbelly of a bald eagle, a unique perspective of an eagle in flight. Just one of the many magnificent creatures native to Canada and often spotted in the Bulkley Valley.

## I LET US NEVER FORGET | Hans Saefkow

**3840 1<sup>st</sup> Ave** • Striking wartime commemorations on two walls of the Royal Canadian Legion. On the front wall, a WW1 veteran is set against sunlight in a poppy field at the Vimy memorial. The script is “In Flanders Fields,” a war poem written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae and is an actual copy of McCrae's handwriting. The soldier salutes those who came after him, shown on the side wall as the mural fades into the flag wrapping the corner. These three figures, also saluting the flag, represent following generations and diverse roles: a pilot who fought in WW2, a marine who fought in the Korean War, and an Indigenous soldier who fought in the Afghanistan War.

## J MOUNTAIN SCENE AND ARTISTIC GRAFFITI

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

## K COMMON GROUND 150 Years in the Valley | Anne Harvard & friends

**1131 Main Street** • Muted natural tones mark each month of the year in this mural inspired by the 150th anniversary of BC. The Bulkley River and the railway wind through orderly columns, and snapshots of life in the valley.

## L REFUGIO | Facundo Gastiazoro, Sabina Mina & Megan Ryan

**3711 Alfred Ave** • Ribbons of script in various languages, all depicting the word “refuge,” interlace themselves with the feathers of ravens, while a red-cloaked avian explorer stands vigilant in its centre. Facing the train station across the street, the light is a beacon meant to beckon travelers, welcoming them to come and rest here.

## M THE ELECTRIC RAVEN | Leah Pipe & Facundo Gastiazoro

**3711 Alfred Ave** • This mural celebrates creativity! The Raven stands still and poised whilst colours, lines and electric zaps emit from its body. It is painting itself and bursting with energy. This raven is for all the mural artists who love to create images on large public walls or unusual, unexpected places. Created August 2022.

## N MUSIC OF THE BULKLEY VALLEY

**1114 Queen Street** • A five-piece alpine band plays a raucous tune. Bringing together the Alpine theme of Main Street and Smithers' love of LIVE music, this jolly band encapsulates an integral part of Smithers early town settlement culture.

## O SYMBOL OF RESILIENCE | Facundo Gastiazoro

**3892 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave** • Rising out of the ground at the Smithers Fabrications building is a clenched turquoise fist, wrapped with snap-pea vines. While this mural evokes many interpretations, it was first designed to honour the resilience it takes to cultivate food in the Bulkley Valley, as the “Little Community Garden” was situated in the area. The fist symbolizes the power of nature and the vine represents growth.

## P KID IN DA POOL | Raven-Tacuara Collective & Robin Lough

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

## Q HONOURING OUR ELDERS Legacy Portrait Project

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

*Thanks to the Smithers Visitor Centre staff for initiating this mural walk! Learn more at the Visitor Centre: 1411 Court St. @smithersvibe / @smithersvisitorcentre*



## 1 CENTRAL PARK BUILDING • 1425 MAIN STREET



Our tour starts at the Central Park Building (CPB), at the corner of Highway 16 and Main Street. Built in 1925 by the BC government, the CPB housed the offices of the Government

Agent and Mining Recorder, the Court House, a jail, and living quarters for the Chief of Police. In 1981 it became the first municipally-designated heritage building in Smithers. Today it is a cultural hub that houses the Bulkley Valley Museum, Smithers Art Gallery, a dance studio, and artist spaces.



## 2 1226 & 1232 MAIN STREET

Cross highway 16 and head down the right side of Main Street for two blocks. Look across the street to two buildings, (shorter blue building, and tall rectangular building). Both of these buildings were constructed in 1914 - the shorter blue one (left, Blue Water Sushi) as the Dominion Telegraph offices, and the taller (right, MP's office) for the short-lived Smithers Tribune, later the Fashion Shoppe, and Beerda's Dry Goods.



## 3 1209 MAIN STREET

Continue down Main to the corner at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, where you will see the Central Square Medical Clinic and the adjoining small building to the right. Built in 1913 as J. Mason Adams' Drugstore (left in image) and the first post office (right), these structures are two of the oldest standing buildings in Smithers. Smithers first permanent doctor, Dr. Hankinson, had his first office on the second floor in 1919. The building has been a drugstore (1913-1960), clothing store (1960- 2008), and doctor's office (2008-present) over its 100+ year history.



## 4 3732 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE

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

## 5 3704 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE

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



## 6 1107 MAIN STREET

Continue up 1<sup>st</sup> Ave back to Main. Turn left along Main and walk to the corner of Main & Broadway Ave, location of the Smithers Sausage Factory.

This building was constructed in 1926 for the Olof Hanson Lumber & Tie Company

(also housing the Royal Bank for several years). In addition to operating his lumber company, Olaf Hanson served three terms as Member of Parliament for Skeena riding (1930-1945). The building miraculously survived two catastrophic fires at that end of Main Street in 1944 and 1945. It changed hands a number of times between 1959 and 1984, when the current owners opened the Sausage Factory.



## 7 1089 MAIN STREET

Look across Broadway Ave to Bovill Square. Named for Bovill Motors, which operated at this corner from 1947-1969, the public square was constructed to mark Smithers' Centennial in 2013. It is a cultural venue that hosts concerts and other community events throughout the year. Adorning the top of the stage are crests representing the five Witsuwit'en d'idikhn'i (clans): Gidim't'en, C'ilhts'ekhyu, Likhsilyu, Tsayu, and Likhts'amisyu. An information stand in front of the square on Main Street provides more information.

## 8 3771 BROADWAY AVE

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



## 9 TRAIN STATION 815 RAILWAY AVE

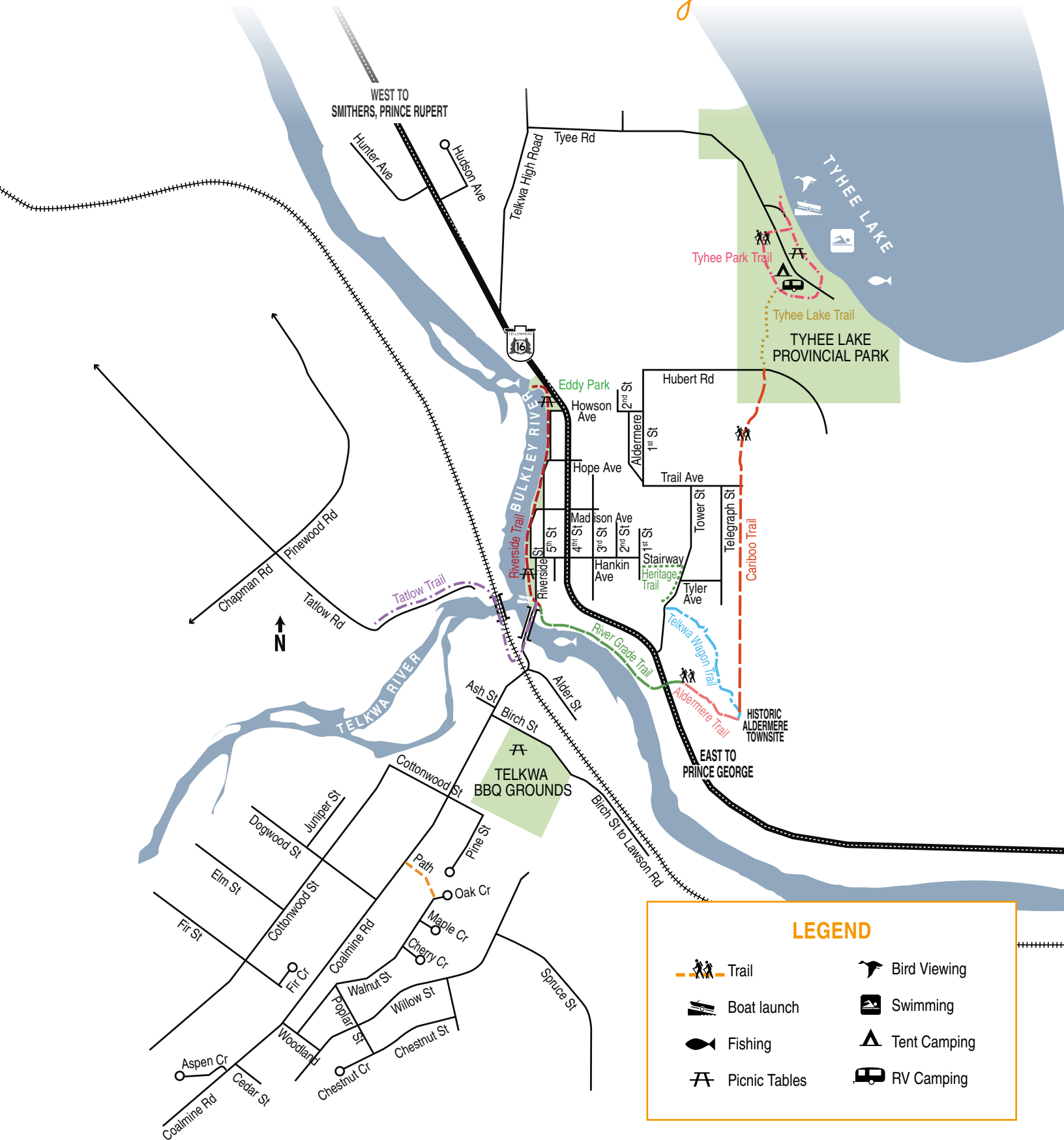
Continue down Main Street to the round-about. Cross Alfred Ave, and take the footpath that runs beside the Smithers Public Library to Railway Ave. Here you will find the GTP / CN Rail Station. Built in 1919 by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (GTP), the Smithers station is a rare example of a custom designed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



*Thanks to the Bulkley Valley Museum staff for creating this tour. Find them and learn more in the historic Central Park Building at 1425 Main Street • See more historic places in Smithers on their website at [www.bvmuseum.org/virtual-exhibits](http://www.bvmuseum.org/virtual-exhibits)*

# TELKWA MAP

village attractions



**LEGEND**

Trail	Bird Viewing
Boat launch	Swimming
Fishing	Tent Camping
Picnic Tables	RV Camping

# VILLAGE of TELKWA

The picturesque, historic village of Telkwa is nestled on the banks of two world-class salmon-bearing rivers, namely the Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers, just 15 kilometres east of Smithers. Telkwa is a growing family-orientated community with a spectacular rural setting and easy access to surrounding year-round activities. Local sightseeing and adventure tour operators offer various organized packages from world-class hunting, sport fishing and flight charters, providing great opportunities to experience the outdoors.

In 1906, the Valley's first European settlers put down stakes in a place that was referred to as "Where the Rivers Meet". The first townsite in the area, Aldermere, was established on the bluff above the Bulkley River, and was the central restocking spot for prospectors following the call of the Gold Rush. As the Grant Trunk Pacific Railway began constructing the western section of its railway in 1907, many businesses and settlers began moving down the hill to the present site of Telkwa to be closer to the anticipated railway and an easier water supply.

## 1 WALK & SKI

An extensive WALKING AND CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAIL SYSTEM surrounds Telkwa and the original townsite of Aldermere. There are approximately 30 km of ski trails around Tyee Mountain on the north side of Tyhee Lake. ➔ [www.tyeeountaintrails.wordpress.com](http://www.tyeeountaintrails.wordpress.com)

## 2 HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Many of Telkwa's historic buildings, including the restored 1910 St. Stephen's Anglican Church, remain as testaments to the past and can be seen with a self-guided walking tour. Pick up a WALKING-TOUR BROCHURE when you stop in at the TELKWA MUSEUM, or go to the VILLAGE OFFICE.

## 3 RIVERFRONT ACTIVITIES

The pristine rivers in Telkwa attract water sport adventures and are excellent for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, tubing or rafting. Try it yourself (be sure to inquire about local river conditions, how and where to pull out). Enjoy the beautiful riverside walk and numerous trails while sampling the delicious food from vendors and the renowned ice-cream shop.

## 4 TYHEE LAKE

TYHEE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK has a great, kid-friendly swimming beach and is a popular family spot, offering many outdoor activities including paddleboard rentals in July and August, weather dependent. The Park offers electrified campsites and an accessible bird viewing platform.

## 5 TELKWA MUSEUM

Take a step back in time to Telkwa's early years. Housed in a 1920s era schoolhouse, visitors will find a plethora of exhibits showcasing Telkwa's early years, both before and after it officially became a town. Visitors can find out some interesting and eclectic facts, such as the story behind the creation of the first egg carton and its connection to Telkwa, or Telkwa's famous rock that was featured in "Ripley's Believe It or Not".



## 6 TELKWA BBQ & DEMOLITION DERBY

The annual Labour Day weekend-long event usually includes a ball tournament, beef barbecue, demolition derby, and horseshoe tournament. Great entertainment for the whole family hosted by the Bulkley Valley Kinsmen.

## 7 TELKWA DISC GOLF

The SKILLHORN DISC GOLF course has two course layouts over 49 acres with different skill sets in mind. You can play the Berry Floor: 9 hole (45 minutes, mix of baskets and poles) or the Octo-22: 22 holes (2 hours, mix of baskets, poles and marked trees). There is parking, map/info kiosk and marked natural tee pads. It is still in development (the "beat in" phase) but available to play from May to October. It's recommended to reach out via Facebook or email to set up a guide for the course.

➔ [www.facebook.com/bvdga/](https://www.facebook.com/bvdga/) <https://goo.gl/maps/JyGsQy6ZafS2> or email [bulkleyvalleydiscgolf@gmail.com](mailto:bulkleyvalleydiscgolf@gmail.com)

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## 1 STAY FIT & REJUVENATED

Take a rejuvenating YOGA, FITNESS, AQUAFIT CLASS or give yourself a POOL or GYM session. It's always a good time to take care of your mind, body and soul and Smithers has several amazing practitioners, studios and recreation facilities to help you do it.



## 2 PAMPER YOURSELF

Treat yourself at one of the many downtown SALONS and DAY-SPAS. Get a fresh HAIR CUT, MASSAGE, FACIAL, MANICURE, TATTOO, PIERCING or indulge in an OXYGEN BAR or a FLOAT THERAPY escape.

## 3 WELLNESS WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

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# LOCAL FILM *history*

## THE MOTHER

In 2021 the Netflix movie, *The Mother*, starring JENNIFER LOPEZ, was filmed near Smithers behind Hudson Bay Mountain. In a cold November, Dennis Lake became the perfect suspenseful setting for the movie of “a deadly female assassin who comes out of hiding to protect the daughter that she gave up years before, while on the run from dangerous men.” The town of Smithers and nearby areas supplied support and hosted more than 300 crew and cast. There was a tangible “J-LO” buzz in the air all over town.



## EIGHT BELOW

In 2005 the Disney movie *Eight Below* was filmed on Hudson Bay Mountain. For two months, the town hosted up to 200 crew and cast and shared the movie excitement. “The Prairie” on Hudson Bay Mountain was transformed into an Antarctica research station. The local downhill ski resort supplied support and the parking areas became the backlot. Residents of the community enjoyed the excitement of movie-making and eagerly supplied what the production company needed. A year later, Director FRANK MARSHALL was welcomed back to host an advance screening of the movie to a packed house at our Roi Theatre.



## THE GREY

In 2011 Hudson Bay Mountain played host once again as the location for *The Grey*. In this film LIAM NEESON leads an unruly group of oil-rig roughnecks when their plane crashes into the remote Alaskan wilderness (once again the Prairie location on HBM). Battling mortal injuries and merciless weather, the survivors have only a few days to escape the icy elements - and a vicious pack of rogue wolves on the hunt - before their time runs out. It was man versus nature, starring LIAM NEESON, DERMOT MULRONEY and FRANK GRILLO. Director JOE CARNAHAN was skyped into the Roi Theatre to address the crowd at the local premiere of *The Grey*.



## THE LAST SHIP

In 2012, a TV pilot for *The Last Ship*—an American action-drama television series, loosely based on the 1988 novel of the same name by William Brinkley—was shot, once again, on The Prairie on Hudson Bay Mountain. *The Last Ship*, PRODUCED by MICHAEL BAY, starring ERIC DANE, RHONA MITRA and ADAM BALDWIN, tells the story of a crew of a naval destroyer forced to confront the reality of a new existence when a pandemic kills off most of the earth's population. In keeping with the tradition of hosting premieres in the valley, the show was presented on all the screens at the Prestige Hotel (formerly the Hudson Bay Lodge). Guests enjoyed wine and cheese and the exciting drama. The series premiered on TNT on June 22, 2014, and concluded after five seasons on November 11, 2018.



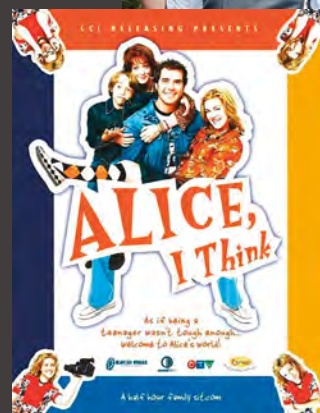
## STILL STANDING

In 2015, Valley folk again welcome the exciting opportunity to show off our quirky side with CBC TV's *Still Standing*, featuring the Village of Telkwa.



## AND THERE'S MORE...

Other film and TV projects filmed in the Valley include: *Lost Nuke*, a documentary on a real Broken Arrow; *Alice, I Think* location segments; *Mantracker*; countless biking and skiing video segments; and *Flavours of the West Coast* came in 2012 to feature local eateries and establishments like the Logpile Lodge and Foxhole Bakery. Fresh fish were caught by the crew and became the ingredient used to prepare the episode meal.



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## 1 DOWNHILL SKIING & BOARDING

HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN RESORT, 20 mins from downtown, has a triple-seat Chairlift, 2 T-bars and more runs than you can ski in a day, from beginner to expert. The ski hill feels like a step back in time in all the best ways with its short line-ups and uncrowded runs—you'll have plenty of opportunities to make fresh tracks after one of the legendary snowfalls. You'll find ski instruction, a terrain park, a fireside lounge and two cafeterias—plus great events all season long.

For some WILDERNESS DOWNHILLING, try SKEENA CAT SKIING, just 35 mins from Smithers, with multi-day lodging and catering at their basecamp. This is northern BC's ONLY cat skiing destination, in one of Canada's biggest tenures. Your epic adventure will include skiing and boarding in pristine bowls, natural glades, tree runs, and steep chutes for as many days as you book. For flight-assisted skiing, try SKEENA HELI-SKIING operating out of the beautiful BEAR CLAW LODGE in the Kispiox Valley, also close to Smithers.



## 2 BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOURING

The HANKIN-EVELYN BACKCOUNTRY RECREATION AREA offers skiing both above and below treeline with access roads that are maintained throughout the winter. This non-motorized ski touring terrain has low-elevation snow-shoeing and cross-country loops, beginner, intermediate and expert tree runs, and high alpine bowls.

BEAR MOUNTAINEERING & BURNIE GLACIER CHALET offer self-guided or ACMG-guided multi-day backcountry skiing adventures with high alpine lodging in a spectacular glacier setting as well as backcountry courses.

For guided day trips and courses, try HYLAND BACKCOUNTRY SERVICES.

## 3 SNOWSHOEING

Check out the trails in BABINE MOUNTAINS PROVINCIAL PARK. You can make a great overnight trip up the SILVER KING BASIN TRAIL to the JOE L'ORSA CABIN. On HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN, a snowshoe to "The Prairie" is popular and easily accessible. You can also check out TYHEE MOUNTAIN near Telkwa and CANYON CREEK TRAILS.



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## 4 NORDIC SKIING

The BV NORDIC CENTRE on Hudson Bay Mountain has a day lodge and 45 km of groomed trails for both classic and skate skiing, of which 5.5 km are lit for night skiing and 7 km are dog-friendly. Tickets can be purchased with cash at the parking lot or in town at MCBIKE & SPORT. You can also ski the trail systems at CANYON CREEK TRAILS or the BULKLEY RIVER RECREATION SITE. You can also find ski trails in TELKWA at TYHEE MOUNTAIN TRAILS and around the ALDERMERE site.

## 5 SLEDDING

The SMITHERS SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION maintains many trails for your pleasure—THE BIG ONION, 20 km east of Smithers in Babine Mountains Provincial Park; THE DOME, 25 km east of Smithers; THE MICROWAVE, which is 19 km southwest of Telkwa; and the HAROLD PRICE RECREATION AREA, which is 30 km north of Smithers. Trail user fees apply.

## 6 SKATING & ICE HOCKEY

Have some fun skating outside at the OUTDOOR RINKS in Smithers near Central Park (by the Visitor Centre) and in Telkwa near the Village Office at J. DOCKRILL RINK. You can also SKATE INDOORS at the SMITHERS CIVIC CENTRE and occasionally on LOCAL LAKES when conditions are right.

## 7 WINTER SLEIGH RIDES

Enjoy the magic of a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the snow. B & T WAGON AND SLEIGH RIDES offers 1 or 2 hour or custom sleigh rides that include a woodland stop along the trail to enjoy a good, old-fashioned campfire where you can opt to roast your own smokies, s'mores or have a hot beverage.

# MEET *our* NEIGHBOURS TO THE EAST

Quaint stops along Highway 16 • Northern BC Tourism/Shayd Johnson

## 1 HOUSTON

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

## 2 BURNS LAKE

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



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1-877-674-4637  
[smithers@sunshineinn.ca](mailto:smithers@sunshineinn.ca)

### Houston

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Houston BC  
Ph: 250-845-7867  
1-888-731-7867  
[houston@sunshineinn.ca](mailto:houston@sunshineinn.ca)

### Burns Lake

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# MEET *our* NEIGHBOURS

## TO THE WEST

### 3 THE HAZELTONS

A 45 minute drive from Smithers westbound on Highway 16 takes you to the tri-town hamlets of Old Hazelton, New Hazelton, and South Hazelton, all nestled at the base of the impressive Hagwilget Peak, part of the spectacularly rugged Roche de Boule Mountain Range in Northern British Columbia. One outstanding landmark is the more than 200-foot-deep Hagwilget Canyon. Walk carefully onto the single-lane steel suspension bridge above it and look down to take in the scale of this natural feature. Be sure to visit historic Old Hazelton, also called the Village of Hazelton, a small riverside village that dates to 1866 that sits at the confluence of the Bulkley and Skeena Rivers, and features colourfully restored historical buildings and artifacts throughout its streets including the S.S. Hazelton, the Sternwheeler that once cruised the local waters. A “must-see” to discover and learn is the striking “Ksan Historical Village, an experiential museum with traditional longhouses and totem poles that teaches the history and culture of the local Gitksan people. The ‘Ksan Campground next door fits trailers and RVs.

### 4 TERRACE

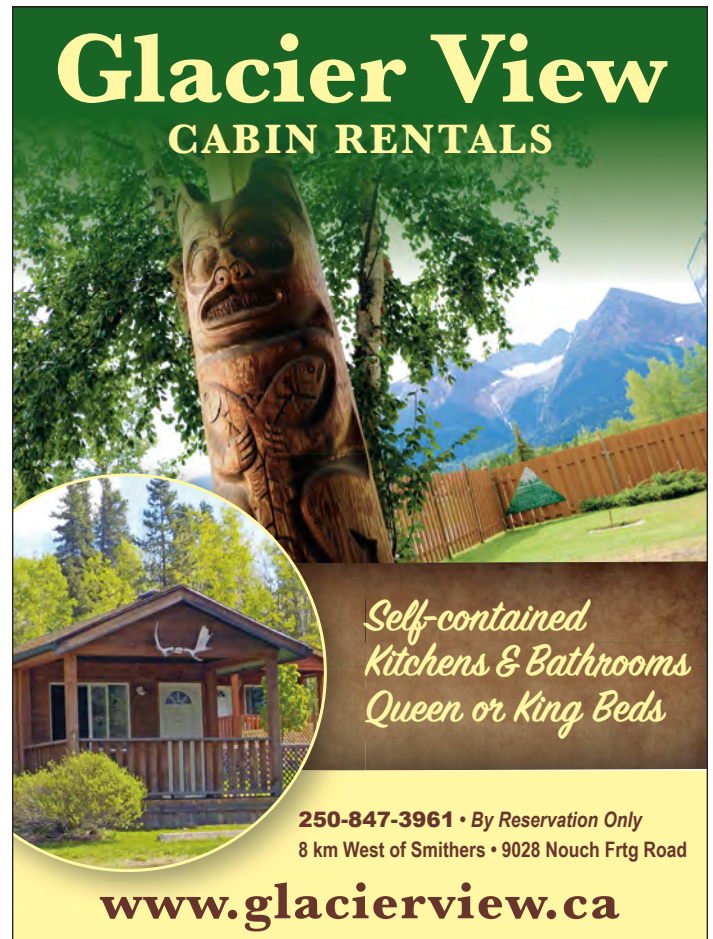
A 2.5 hour drive from Smithers westbound on Highway 16 takes you to Terrace, a city of close to 12,000 people, located on the Skeena River and a self-described “choose-your-own-adventure” community. The area’s mountains and forests offer accessible walking paths and trails for hiking, single-track mountain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

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# Smithers & Area ANNUAL EVENTS

subject to change - please check online and at [www.tourismsmithers.com](http://www.tourismsmithers.com) for updated info

## YEAR ROUND / MULTI-MONTH

- **BV Farmers' Market**—Outdoor Market outside the Central Park Building / Visitor Centre: Saturday mornings early to mid May to early to mid October—visit [www.bvfm.ca](http://www.bvfm.ca)
- **Smithers Art Gallery new exhibits** monthly open Tues to Sat, May-August: Free Sat morning art for kids in summer.
- **BV Museum permanent and temporary exhibits** open Monday-Friday
- **Self-guided Walking Tours around Smithers:** First Nations Cultural Installations, Art Murals and Historic Buildings—see maps page 23-25

## FEBRUARY

- **BV Rod & Gun Club Wild Game Banquet**
- **Big Band Dance**
- **Ladies' Day**—Hudson Bay Mountain
- **Steelhead Bonspiel** @ Smithers Curling Club
- **Chris Dahlie Open**—BV Nordic Centre

## MARCH

- **Mass Start Downhill Ski Race**—Hudson Bay Mountain
- **Winter Carnival** @Smithers Figure Skating Club
- **Wetinkwa Loppet**—BV Nordic Centre

## APRIL

- **BV Arts Council Variety Show** (annual)
- **BV Bowmen**—3D Competition
- **Schuss Boomer Downhill Ski Race** at Hudson Bay Mountain Resort
- **Schnai Dai**—Season finale at Hudson Bay Mountain Resort
- **Daffodil Dash Challenge**—fundraiser for Canadian Cancer Society

## MAY

- **Pacific International Trapshooting Association Trap Shoot** @ BV Rod and Gun Club
- **Northwest Trade Expo**

## JUNE

- **National Indigenous Peoples Day** June 21
- **Tour de Smithers cycling event** @McBike

## JULY

- **Canada Day Celebration** at Bovill Square July 1
- **Midsummer Music Festival**
- **Tyhee Lake Triathlon**
- **Tatlow Fest**—celebration of paddlesports

## AUGUST

- **BV Artisan Studio Tour**
- **CICK Radio Deck Fest**—Music Festival Central Park
- **Ladies' Northern Open** @Smithers Golf & Country Club
- **Adult & Youth Guitar Camps** @BV Folk Music Society
- **Spirit of the North Classical Music Festival & Orchestra North Summer Program**
- **Bulkley Valley Exhibition, Fall Fair & Rodeo**
- **BV Bowmen Mountain Madness 3D Competition**

## SEPTEMBER

- **Telkwa BBQ & Demolition Derby** @Bulkley Valley Kinsmen's
- **Men's Northern Open** @Smithers Golf & Country Club
- **Steelhead Paradise Fyishing Film Festival**
- **BC Rivers Day Flotilla & Barbecue**

## OCTOBER

- **Best of the Fest Banff Film Festival**
- **Canadian Thanksgiving**
- **Halloween Fireworks & Treats** @Telkwa/Smithers

## NOVEMBER

- **SkeenaWild Film Festival**
- **WinterGold**—Arts and Craft Fair
- **Christmas in the Valley & Parade** (downtown Smithers)
- **Telkwa Craft Market & Festive Family Event**

## DECEMBER

- **One of a Kind Artisan Christmas Gift Shop** at the Smithers Art Gallery
- **Christmas Concerts**—local music groups
- **New Year's Eve dances**

## MUSIC/CONCERTS/ COFFEEHOUSES

- **Stay tuned to [www.smitherevents.com](http://www.smitherevents.com)**
- **Ask at Mountain Eagle Books** at 3775 3rd Ave., just off Main Street for the local intel on music and theatre performances and to get tickets.
- **Find out about Concert Association** shows at [www.bvca.me](http://www.bvca.me)
- **Check both breweries on their social media pages** for Live music nights

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[www.bit.ly/3fGNP6D](http://www.bit.ly/3fGNP6D)
- ALPENHORN BISTRO & BAR**   1261 Main St., Smithers  
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Email: [aspen29@telus.net](mailto:aspen29@telus.net)  
[www.aspeninnsmithers.com](http://www.aspeninnsmithers.com)  
*Restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. Lounge designed in local heritage theme offers exceptional atmosphere.*
- BOSTON PIZZA**   1492 Main St, Smithers  
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<https://bostonpizza.com/smithers>  
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- BLUE WATER SUSHI**   1232 Main St., Smithers  
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Ph: 250-847-2255  
on Facebook: Daddio's Family Restaurant  
*Family style. Pasta, pizza and sandwiches.*
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[www.facebook.com/FrozenNorthIceCream](http://www.facebook.com/FrozenNorthIceCream)
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 Dining

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 Fast food

 Coffee shop & lighter fare



# DINING & local food (CONT'D.)

☺ Dining

🍷 Licensed premises

🍔 Fast food

☕ Coffee shop & lighter fare

## MOUNTAIN EAGLE BOOKS

3775 3rd Ave., Smithers  
Ph: 250-847-5245  
[www.facebook.com/MountainEagleBooks/](http://www.facebook.com/MountainEagleBooks/)

## MULLIGANS RESTAURANT

at the Smithers Golf & Country Club  
1200 Scotia St. (Hwy 16), Smithers  
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## NATURE'S PANTRY

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Ph: 250-847-3943  
[www.naturespantrysmithers.com](http://www.naturespantrysmithers.com)  
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## NOIR KITCHEN AND BAR

3251 Hwy. 16, Smithers  
Ph: 250-847-4581  
[www.facebook.com/noirfoodserves/](http://www.facebook.com/noirfoodserves/)  
*Leaning on European-inspired recipes, offering a Mediterranean dining experience.*

## NORTHERN STAR CAFÉ

1128 Main St., Smithers  
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## OUT OF HAND

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Ph: 250-877-0485  
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## PANAGO PIZZA

3860 Broadway Ave., Smithers  
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## PIZZA HUT

3664 Hwy. 16, Smithers  
(in Smithers Shopping Centre)  
Ph: 778-640-1111  
[www.bit.ly/2YbFKRg](http://www.bit.ly/2YbFKRg)

## ROADHOUSE

3711 Alfred Ave, Smithers, BC  
Ph: 250-847-2101  
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[www.roadhouse-smithers.com](http://www.roadhouse-smithers.com)  
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## STEAKHOUSE ON MAIN

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Ph: 250-847-2828  
[www.steakhouseonmain.com](http://www.steakhouseonmain.com)  
*A steakhouse with a fresh new menu.*

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Ph: 250-847-4771

## TANDOORI BISTRO

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3932 Hwy. 16, Smithers  
Ph: 250-847-5118  
[www.timhortons.ca/store-locator/store/restaurant\\_67608](http://www.timhortons.ca/store-locator/store/restaurant_67608)

## TWIN VALLEY INN

3939 Hwy. 16, Smithers  
Ph: 250-847-3281  
[twinvalleyrestaurant.ca](http://twinvalleyrestaurant.ca)  
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## TWO SISTERS CAFÉ

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## UFO (UKRAINIAN FOOD CAFE)

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

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1655 Riverside Street, Telkwa  
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[www.innatthecreamery.ca/cafe](http://www.innatthecreamery.ca/cafe)

## OLIVIA'S CAFÉ

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# SUMMER ATTRACTIONS

## PLAYGROUNDS

See map page 22

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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## AQUABATICS

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## TYHEE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

Tyhee Lake Road, Telkwa

[www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks)

*Camping, beach, swimming, playground, paddleboard rentals, fishing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, water skiing, birdwatching platform, public washrooms, shelters.*

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### BV POOL & RECREATION CENTRE

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Ph: 250-847-4244

[www.bvpool.com](http://www.bvpool.com)

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### ROI MOVIE THEATRE

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Ph: 250-847-2440

[www.roitheatre.com](http://www.roitheatre.com)

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### SMITHERS BOWL

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Ph: 250-847-9840 | on FB: smithers bowl

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## GOLF

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Hwy. 16 at Scotia St., Smithers

Ph: 250-847-5950

[www.smithersgolfclub.com](http://www.smithersgolfclub.com)

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## MUSEUMS/GALLERIES

### BULKLEY VALLEY MUSEUM

Main St. & Hwy. 16, Smithers

Ph: 250-847-5322

[www.bvmuseum.org](http://www.bvmuseum.org)

*Unique exhibits and insights into local early days.*

### SMITHERS ART GALLERY

1425 Main St., Smithers

Ph: 250-847-3898

[www.smithersart.org](http://www.smithersart.org)

*Local and regional artwork that changes monthly.*

### NIELSEN GALLERY

1055 Hudson Bay Mountain Rd. Smithers

Ph: 250-847-0070

[www.nielsenart.ca](http://www.nielsenart.ca)

*Local artist with gallery.*

### TELKWA MUSEUM

Highway 16, Telkwa

Ph: 250-846-9656

[www.telkwa.ca/museum-and-library](http://www.telkwa.ca/museum-and-library)

### WIDZIN KWAH CANYON HOUSE MUSEUM, GIFT SHOP & CULTURAL TOURS

159 Telkwa High Road, Witset

[www.witsetcampground.com](http://www.witsetcampground.com)

Ph: 250-847-1471 / 1-800-881-1218

*Spectacular river canyon & museum with stories, photographs, writings, and local artifacts carbon dated back 6,000 years. Witsuwit'en cultural tours by appointment. There is a fully-serviced campground/ RV park w/ playground. Open May to October.*

## FLIGHTSEEING

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Seaplane Base Road, Telkwa

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### CANADIAN HELICOPTERS

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[www.canadianhelicopters.com](http://www.canadianhelicopters.com)

### SILVERKING HELICOPTERS

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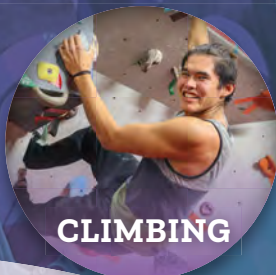
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# ACCOMMODATIONS

	Address	Phone	Web / E-mail	Cabins	Internet Access	Tenting	RV Hookups	Pet Friendly	Fitness Room	Kitchenettes	On-site Restaurant	Hot Tub/Spa	Swimming Pool	Wheelchair Access
<b>CAMPING &amp; RV PARKS</b>														
<b>Bulkley Valley RV Park</b>	575 Highway 16 E., Smithers	647-289-3033	BVRVreservations@gmail.com		•		•							
<i>RV park on the Bulkley River, 5 Par 3 Golf Holes by donation, bundles of Firewood for sale, day, long term and annual rates</i>														
<b>Glacier View RV Park</b>	9028 Nouch Frontage Rd., Smithers	250-847-3961	www.glacierviewrvpark.com	•	•		•	•		•				
<i>Glacier view, self-contained wood cabins, electric heat, full-service power, water &amp; sewer pull-throughs &amp; back-in sites, laundromat.</i>														
<b>Riverside Municipal Campground</b>	19th Avenue, Smithers	250-847-1600	www.smithers.ca/campground		•	•	•	•						
<i>Firepits, firewood, kitchen, water, sewer, power, river fishing, nature &amp; bike trails, playground, pets on leash, showers, flush toilets.</i>														
<b>Tyhee Lake Provincial Park</b>	Tyhee Rd, Telkwa	250-877-1782	www.bcparks.ca/tyhee-lake-park/			•		•						
<i>Well-maintained sites, sandy beachfront, group sites, hot showers, firepits, walking trails, RVs welcome (no hookups)</i>														
<b>Witset RV Campground / Museum</b>	159 Telkwa High Road, Witset	250-847-1471	www.witsetcampground.com		•	•	•	•						•
<i>40 campsites, 30 &amp; 50-amp powered sites, 8 unserviced tent sites, close to museum, canyon campground@tourismwitset.com and gas bar. High-speed internet, playground, laundry, showers, security. Open May to October.</i>														
<b>BED &amp; BREAKFASTS, LODGES AND RESORTS</b>														
<b>Aspen Bay Cabins</b>	Chapman Lake, Babine Provincial Park	250-643-1385	aspenbaycabins@yahoo.com	•					•	•				
<i>4 cabins on Chapman Lake, canoe/boat rentals, sauna, BBQs, playground, close to hiking trails, fishing, wildlife viewing.</i>														
<b>Banner Mountain Lodge</b>	#3—12753 Babine Lake Rd., Smithers	250-846-5655	bannermountainlodge@gmail.com	•	•	•		•	•	•				•
<i>Your own house for a room rate in the Babine Mountains, minutes from Smithers—spacious, beautiful location and facilities.</i>														
<b>Eddy Park Lodge</b>	1565 Highway 16, Telkwa	250-877-2561	booking@watsonoutdoors.ca		•					•				
<i>Located across the road from the scenic Bulkley River. Six self-contained guest rooms, close to boat launch.</i>														
<b>Frontier Experience</b>	1275 Raymond Rd, Telkwa	877-846-9153	info@frontierexperience.com	•	•									
<i>Stunning timber frame lodge + cabins on 80 acre ranch on the Bulkley River w views of Hudson Bay Mountain.</i>														
<b>Glacier View Cabins &amp; Cottages</b>	9028 Nouch Frontage Rd., Smithers	250-847-3961	glacierviewrvpark@gmail.com	•	•		•	•		•				
<i>Glacier view, self-contained wood cabins, electric heat, full-service power, water &amp; sewer pull-throughs &amp; back-in sites, laundromat.</i>														
<b>Hudson Bay Mountain Chalet</b>	213 Hudson Bay Mountain Rd., Smithers	250-877-2561	booking@watsonoutdoors.ca	•						•				
<i>Bright and comfortable on-mountain accommodation. Year-round access to recreation.</i>														
<b>The Inn at the Creamery</b>	1655 Riverside St., Telkwa	250-643-5039	Info@innatthecreamery.ca		•									•
<i>Small inn and a coffee roastery located in an old Creamery on the Bulkley River in Telkwa.</i>														
<b>Jollymore Ranch</b>	7803 Jollymore Road, Smithers	250-552-0844	bookings@jollymoreranch.com		•				•	•		•		•
<i>3 luxury log houses with stunning views, laundry room (washer/dryer), BBQ grill, wood fireplace, games room (in 2 homes)</i>														
<b>Lakefront Escape</b>	7671 Tyhee Lake Road, Telkwa	778-210-1461	info@lakefrontescape.ca	•	•					•				
<i>Accommodates 6 : 1 queen bed, 1 queen pull out, 2 singles, wood heat chopped &amp; ready, canoe avail. swimming, river fishing nearby.</i>														
<b>Log Guest Cabin</b>	9702 Driftwood Road, Smithers		hperbel.wixsite.com/log-guest-cabin	•	•									
<i>Quiet, private, hidden away in a beautiful natural wilderness setting overlooking Babine Mountains Provincial Park.</i>														
<b>Rocky Ridge Resort</b>	31369 Kitseguela Lake Rd., Smithers	250-917-8705	rockyridgeresort-bc@hotmail.com	•	•	•	•			•				
<i>Log cabins, tenting &amp; RV camping (no hookups)105 acre wilderness setting 40 kms from Smithers. no phone (messages only), ltd. wifi.</i>														
<b>Round Lake Resort</b>	20806 Hwy. 16, Telkwa	250-846-9160	info@roundlakeresort.com	•					•	•				
<i>Lakefront cabins, a group RV site, sailing, campfires, trails, boat rentals, in a beautiful natural environment.</i>														
<b>Silvern Lake Trail B&amp;B</b>	10434 Horlings Rd., Smithers	250-847-4835	silvernlake@gmail.com		•							•		
<i>Glacier-view, outside hot-tub, prvte bthrms, separate entrance. garden w furniture, TV lounge, fireplace, pantry kitchen (coffee mach/mcrwv/fridge)</i>														
<b>Smithers Caribou House</b>	3277 3rd Ave., Smithers	250-643-8375	smitherscaribouhouse@gmail.com		•					•				
<i>Separate, private guest suite, 10 minute walk to town.</i>														
<b>Smithers Guesthouse</b>	1766 Main St., Smithers	250-847-4862	office@smithersguesthouse.com		•							•		
<i>Warm hospitality &amp; charm, large common room w/ satellite tv, full guest kitchen, deck w/ hot tub, bbq, great mountain view.</i>														
<b>Stonethrow Guesthouse</b>	2871 Laidlaw Rd., Smithers	250-877-9763	jasonkrauskopf77@gmail.com		•	•			•	•				
<i>1200 square foot Panabode, fully furnished with 3 bedrooms.</i>														
<b>Telkwa River House</b>	1508 Highway 16, Telkwa	780-781-1977	telkwariverhouse@gmail.com	•						•		•		
<i>Riverfront 3 bedroom house, 1 bath, kitchen, living room, laundry, riverside deck, hot tub, fireplace, BBQ, volleyball court</i>														
<b>Telkwa Riverside B&amp;B</b>	1613 Riverside Street, Telkwa	250-877-8687	phillipabeck@gmail.com	•					•	•				
<i>Cozy riverside retreat in a heritage log house. Walking paths, local cafes, and a yoga studio right beside your room. Accommodates 2</i>														
<b>Tukii Lodge</b>	Smithers Landing	250-697-6249	www.TukiiLodge.com	•	•				•	•				•
<i>7 newly built cabins on beautiful Babine Lake, boat rentals, mooring &amp; fishing charters, firepits and BBQs</i>														
<b>Twelve Lilacs B&amp;B</b>	9146 Engman Rd., Smithers	604-378-8450	www.twelvelilacsbnb.ca		•									
<i>Rural / Peaceful / Quiet retreat, Easy access, 2 minutes off Highway, Animals on property</i>														
<b>Tyhee Lake Guest Ranch</b>	8265 Tyhee Lake Rd., Telkwa	250-643-1740	hennig.canada@gmail.com		•					•				
<i>Lake frontage, 1 room king size w/ private bath, 1 room queen size &amp; bunk bed, separate bathroom, guest kitchen.</i>														

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# ACCOMMODATIONS

	Address	Phone	Web / E-mail	Cabins	Internet Access	Tenting	RV Hookups	Pet Friendly	Fitness Room	Kitchensettes	On-site Restaurant	Hot Tub/Spa	Swimming Pool	Wheelchair Access
<b>HOTELS &amp; MOTELS</b>														
<b>Aspen Inn &amp; Suites</b> <i>60 rms, standards, suites, family rms w/bunkbeds, highspeed wireless internet, indoor pool, spa, sauna, restaurant and lounge.</i>	4268 Hwy. 16, Smithers	800-663-7676	aspeninn@telus.net		•					•	•	•	•	•
<b>Bulkley Rental Suites</b> <i>Above the Alpenhorn Bistro &amp; Bar, 6 new fully furnished suites, cable, TVs and room service. Rooms sleep 2-6 people.</i>	1261 Main St., Smithers	250-847-5366	info@bulkleyrentalsuites.com		•									
<b>Capri Motor Inn</b> <i>Over 60 comfortable, affordable rms to meet your needs. Ample parking, 24-hr desk service, highspeed internet, restaurant.</i>	3984 Hwy. 16, Smithers	250-847-4226	caprismithers@citywest.ca		•		•			•	•			•
<b>Fireweed Motor Inn</b> <i>Centrally located on Smithers' Main St., walking distance to the town's best restaurants.</i>	1515 Main St., Smithers	250-847-2208	stay@fireweedmotel.com		•					•				
<b>Florence Motel</b> <i>Affordable, clean, quiet, secure courtyard, ground-level entry, wifi, kitchen suites, weekly, monthly discounts, pets OK.</i>	4160 Hwy. 16, Smithers	250-847-2678	florencemotel@gmail.com		•					•				•
<b>Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge</b> <i>Smithers' only full-service hotel. Conference and banquet facilities, bar, restaurant and liquor store, sauna.</i>	3251 Hwy. 16, Smithers	877-737-8443	smithers@prestige-hotels.ca		•		•			•	•			•
<b>Mountain View Motel &amp; Suites</b> <i>Affordable, clean, large rooms, suites, new ownership, free wireless internet, weekly, monthly discounts, pets allowed.</i>	4435 Hwy. 16, Smithers	778-210-1703	mvmotel@gmail.com		•		•							•
<b>Sandman Inn</b> <i>Centrally located. Rooms with fridges, microwaves and internet access. Five deluxe kitchen suites.</i>	3932 Hwy. 16, Smithers	250-847-2637	gm_smithers@sandman.ca		•		•			•				
<b>Stork Nest Inn</b> <i>A cozy B&amp;B-style inn close to restaurants and shopping. Quiet, comfortable, clean and non-smoking. Free full breakfast.</i>	1485 Main St., Smithers	877-647-3831	info@storknestinnsmithers.com		•									
<b>Sunshine Inn Estates</b> <i>Smithers' newest hotel located right in the heart of town. Experience the luxury you deserve! Sauna.</i>	3880 4th Ave., Smithers	250-847-6668	smithers@sunshineinn.ca		•					•	•			•
<b>Twin Valley Inn</b> <i>Hotel with a bar, restaurant and cold beer &amp; wine store.</i>	3939 Hwy. 16, Smithers	250-847-3281	twinvalleysmithers@gmail.com								•			



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