



***THINGS TO DO NEARBY...***

**HOT SPRINGS**

British Columbia has a significant number of hot springs, many of which are situated in some of the most scenic areas in the world. While most hot springs in BC are located in delightful undeveloped areas, often reached after a long hike up a mountain valley or adventurous trip by water, some have been developed into international resort destinations. Either way, allow plenty of time to experience the wonders that await you in British Columbia.

Activity	Description	Picture
<b>Ainsworth Hot Springs</b>	Relax in a hot springs cave, where mineral waters, rising steam and subdued lighting create a unique and relaxing atmosphere. With accommodation, majestic scenery and superb dining this is one of B.C.'s best kept secrets.	
<b>Lussier Hot Springs</b>	The wilderness Lussier Hot Springs are located near the western boundary of <a href="#">Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park</a> . Whiteswan forestry Road climbs steadily from Hwy 93/95, entering Lussier Gorge, where a maintained walking trail leads down to a set of four delightful rock pools alongside the Lussier River. The mineral water enters the first pool at a maximum temperature of	



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	<p>43°C (110°F), before gravity feeding down to the lower pools. The bottom pool alongside the Lussier river offers the coolest water, at about 34°C (94°F) in summer.</p>	
<p><b>Dewar Creek Hot Springs</b></p>	<p>A remote day hike or overnigher to geothermal wonders and a dicey dip in the Purcell Wilderness. The geothermal display at Dewar Creek is guaranteed to take your breath away. Both the steaming springs and the wild setting are visually stunning. But the access to this remote fairyland can be a different story, as is the problem of blending temperatures for a proper soak. Both the roads and the trail are subject to spring washouts, and visitors should check with the Park Service before setting out. The roads get progressively rougher even when intact; it's also a bit of a navigational challenge to follow them. The path isn't too difficult in dry weather</p>	 <p><small>Photo by: Amanda Follett</small></p>



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<p><b>Fairmont Hot Springs</b></p>	<p>Year after year, families have been returning to Fairmont Resort to enjoy the soothing waters of Canada's largest odourless hot mineral pools. The hot springs complex is a group of pools: a hot soaking pool, a diving pool and a large swimming / lap pool. Imagine relaxing in the pool as the majestic rugged peaks of the Rockies tower above you. It is not unusual to spot a herd of big horn sheep, deer or elk roaming the grounds. Lose the stress of everyday living with a relaxing massage in one of the two spas at the resort. An experienced, qualified staff provides a range of pampered services to leave you feeling totally rejuvenated. Over the years, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort has earned a prestigious 4 1/2 star designation. When they say, "Our Warmth Comes Naturally", they are not only referring to the waters, but also the warmth of a friendly, well trained staff waiting to cater to your every vacation wish. Please link <a href="http://FairmontHotSprings.com">FairmontHotSprings.com</a> for more planning information.</p>	
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**ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES**

<b>Horseback Riding</b>	Horseback adventure into the high and rugged country of the Canadian Rockies. Wind your way along crystal clear mountain streams, through high alpine meadows, and over mountain passes with your trusty four-legged friend.	
<b>Raft St. Mary River</b>	A scenic river drift is a great way to experience the beauty of a mountain river and countryside.  Relax and enjoy your drift on the deep lazy pools and exciting small rapids of the St. Mary's river.	



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<p><b>Kimberly Nature Park hiking trails</b></p>	<p>Kimberley is famous for its hiking trails. You can always enjoy a casual stroll through the Kimberley Nature Park or take the Buckhorn chair-lift up the mountain and access trails leading to the front and back side of Kimberley Alpine Resort. This 900 hectare(2000 acre) Kimberley Nature Park is one of the largest municipal parks in Canada. Located entirely within the City boundaries, its varied terrain and diverse ecosystems provide endless opportunities for recreation and education. Several dozen kilometers of multi-use trails, criss-cross the forested hillsides, linking small ponds and panoramic viewpoints into a unique soft-wilderness experience for residents and visitors alike.</p>	
<p><b>Hike to Baker Lake</b></p>	<p>The first 0.5 km of the trail follows an unused road through an area that was recently logged and now is growing a new crop of trees. From here, this moderate trail to Baker Lake follows a creek through subalpine forests, past berry patches, across talus slopes and along flower strewn bog meadows. Remnants of an old camp, complete with a stone oven can be found on the edge of the meadow. Wildlife sightings are common. The serene beauty of Baker Lake, at the foot of Akokli Mountain, can be enjoyed from the primitive lakeshore campsite. The campsite clearing is also a good place to fish from. Experienced route finders can hike onto the eastern ridge of Akokli Mountain. The Baker Lake trail connects to the Lockhart Creek trail, on the west side of the creek valley.</p>	



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<p><b>Hike to Glaciers / waterfalls</b></p>	<p>There are numerous glaciers and waterfalls to visit – some in as little as a 10 minute hike – some taking several hours.</p>	
<p><b>ATV tour</b></p>	<p>See the backcountry of British Columbia from the seat of an All Terrain Vehicle, commonly known as an ATV. ATV's allow access to places where few people go. Infact, these sure-footed machines can take you places that even horses fear to tread!</p> <p>ATV tours take you over trails and backroads into pristine backcountry to enjoy breathtaking vistas of majestic green forests, crystal clear streams and lakes; open meadows and snow capped mountains. This is your opportunity to see BC's wildlife and waterfowl in their natural habitat. Be sure to take your camera, as there are photo ops around every bend.</p>	



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**LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

<p><b>Eugene Mission Resort</b></p>	<p><i>History, aboriginal culture, golf and the night life come together at the beautiful St. Eugene Mission Resort</i></p> <p>Sitting on the banks of the St. Mary River bordered by the beautiful Rocky Mountains, the St. Eugene Mission Resort is the pride of the Ktunaxa people.</p> <p>And for a little fun in the evening, visitors can take their chance at the 19,000-square-foot Casino of the Rockies, which is operated by Lake City Casinos in conjunction with the British Columbia Lottery Corporation.</p>	
<p><b>Shopping in the Kimberley Platzl</b></p>	<p>Known as the "Bavarian City of the Rockies," Kimberley charms visitors with its Platzl, a colourful pedestrian walking area featuring unique shops and restaurants.</p>	



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<p><b>Fort Steele Heritage Town</b></p>	<p>Fort Steele Heritage town is a restored 1890's pioneer boomtown, with over 60 heritage shops and display buildings. Popular summertime features include the Wild Horse Theatre and living history street dramas, a steam railway, horse-drawn wagon rides, blacksmith, harness maker, and domestic interpretation. Nestled between the majestic Rocky and Purcell Mountain Ranges in the southeast corner of British Columbia, Fort Steele is open year round, with programming in effect and food service available from early May through Canadian Thanksgiving (October). A variety of special events occur year round.</p>	
<p><b>Lake Louise – Banff National Park</b></p>	<p>Lake Louise, with its blue-green water set against the stark backdrop of Victoria Glacier, is probably the most beloved and most photographed scene in the Canadian Rockies. Not only have international royalty, Hollywood stars and heads of state come to Lake Louise to relax, but increasingly the rest of the world is discovering its simple charms as well. Canada's "Diamond in the Wilderness," and the "Hiking Capital of Canada". This area offers a tremendous diversity of recreational and sightseeing opportunities.</p>	
<p><b>Cominco Gardens</b></p>	<p>Cominco Gardens has long been a favorite among the visitors to Kimberley. These gardens were originally intended to showcase the Elephant Brand Fertilizer which Cominco produced. They are located 5 minutes drive from downtown and are an attraction that everyone will enjoy. The Gardens feature over 45,000 blooms per year.</p>	



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**GOLFING**

Unbelievable golf, incredible views, and plenty to do off the course, the B.C. Rockies Region has it all and is quickly emerging as the next must-play region in Canada. Year after year more and more people are discovering what a phenomenal golfing heaven the B.C. Rockies are. With the kind of golfing resume the area has, it is no wonder the word is spreading like wildfire!

	<p><b>St. Eugene Mission</b></p>	<p>This outstanding new course opened in May 2000 and in 2001 was awarded a top 3 ranking in Golf Digest's "Canada's Best New Courses" category. St. Eugene Golf Course takes full advantage of its spectacular Rocky Mountain setting, where majestic pine forest and the St. Mary's River provide a fitting backdrop for the championship layout. Designed by the renowned golf architect Les Furber, St. Eugene Mission offers a rich variety of environments and is destined to join the ranks of famous courses that attract golfers to the Rockies from around the world.</p>	
	<p><b>Bootleg Gap</b></p>	<p>Designed by Alberta-based Les Furber, who got his start as a project director for Robert Trent Jones in the 1960s, Bootleg Gap consists of a full-size 18, plus a walkable par-34 nine-holer called The Gap. It's bigger than an executive course, but not quite a regulation nine. In other words, The Gap is perfect for beginners, juniors and seniors (three sets of tees stretching from 2,275 to 2,750 yards), as well as seasoned players seeking carefree recreation before or after a round on Bootleg's big course.</p>	



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	<b>Trickle Creek</b>	<p>Woven through the rugged alpine environment, crossing creeks and diving with the slopes of North Star Mountain, Trickle Creek Golf Resort is one of the most thrilling golf courses you'll ever play. Located in beautiful Kimberley, British Columbia, and designed by renowned architect Les Furber, the course was recently awarded a bronze medal by readers of SCORE Golf Magazine for being one of the top resort courses in all of Canada.</p>	
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