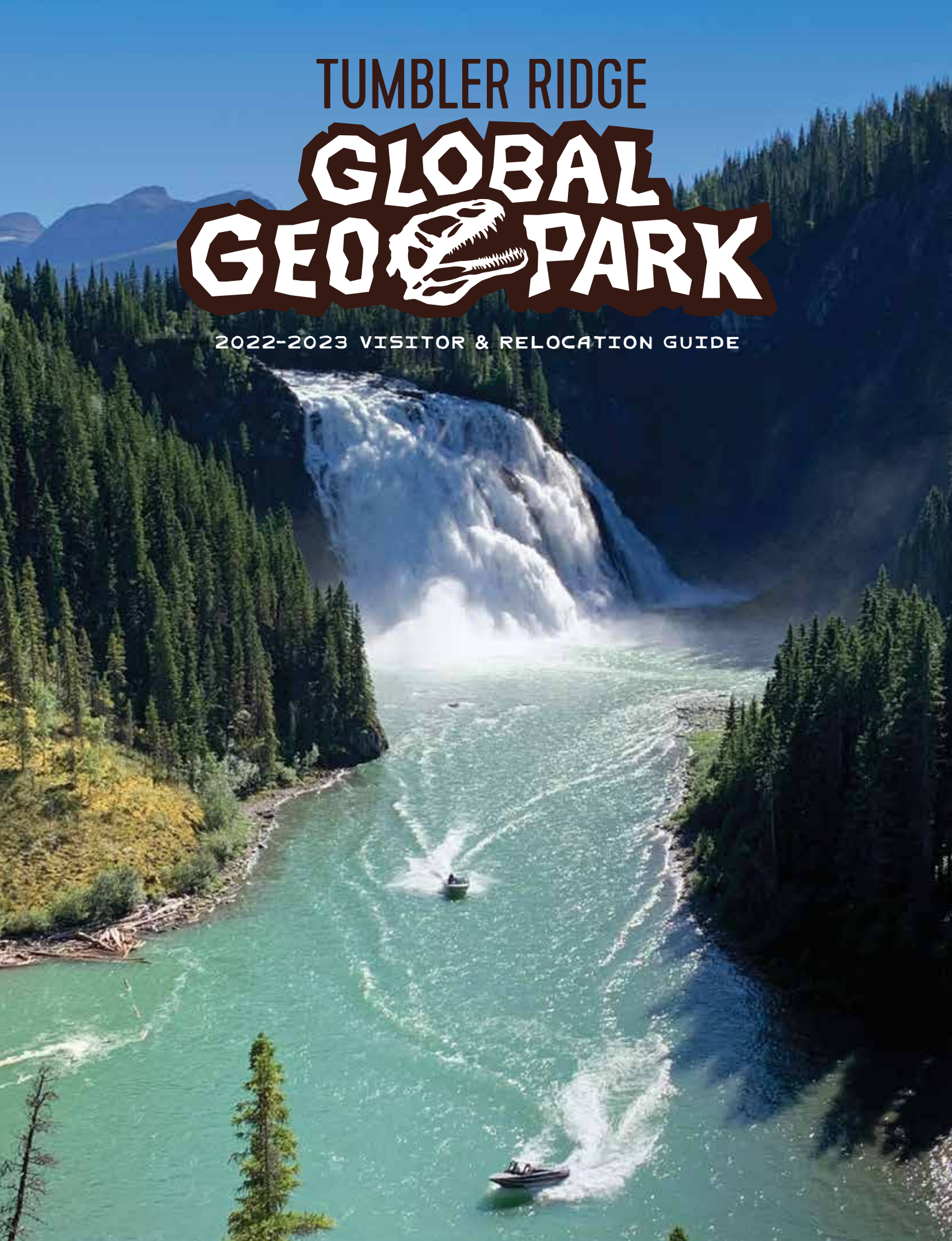


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# KEEP TUMBLER RIDGE UNIQUE AND AUTHENTIC

We are mindful of the added pressure that tourism puts on our local environment, and we encourage you to keep your impact as minimal as possible while you are here.

## A UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

Geoparks aim to reconnect people to the earth, whether through hiking trails, learning about mountain formation, eating food grown in the local soils, or celebrating the stories of the people who have lived here since time immemorial. Geoparks also inform about the sustainable use and need for natural resources, whether they are mined (we're well-known for metallurgical coal), quarried or harnessed from the surrounding environment, while at the same time promoting respect for the environment and the integrity of the landscape.

## TRANSPORT

Tumbler Ridge's downtown is walkable, and there are walking paths located all around the community. If you have your bike with you, even better! If you're travelling electric, we have a charging station right in front of the Visitor Information Centre.

## SHOP LOCAL

While you're here, do your best to support our community. We have many locally owned businesses and restaurants. We're proud to support local entrepreneurs, and hope that you do the same during your visit!

## RESPECT WILDLIFE

When in our parks and wilderness areas, ensure that you keep your distance from wildlife and refrain from feeding animals. Additionally, certain areas are closed to protect

our mountain caribou. Please check with the Visitor Information Centre regarding wildlife closures.

## STICK TO THE TRAILS

When you're out exploring, please stick to existing trails, particularly in our sensitive alpine areas. Follow posted signs and respect guidelines. When you encounter other outdoor enthusiasts, be sure to be respectful and courteous. Yield when you encounter other hikers on a trail.

## BUILD A ZERO WASTE TRAVEL KIT

Your kit can include, but is not limited to: a reusable bottle & mug, reusable utensils & straw, a packable backpack, some snack bags & sandwich bags, etc. Your kit should help you reduce single-use items. Stop in at one of our local shops to grab any missing items.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

If you're planning a backcountry trip or outing, make sure that you are prepared with the proper equipment and knowledge. If you don't have the knowledge or equipment, check with the Visitor Information Centre for advice on guided adventures to help keep you safe.

## PACK-IN / PACK-OUT

Pack all of your garbage out! This includes food wrappers and scraps, tissues and toilet paper. Leave no trace.

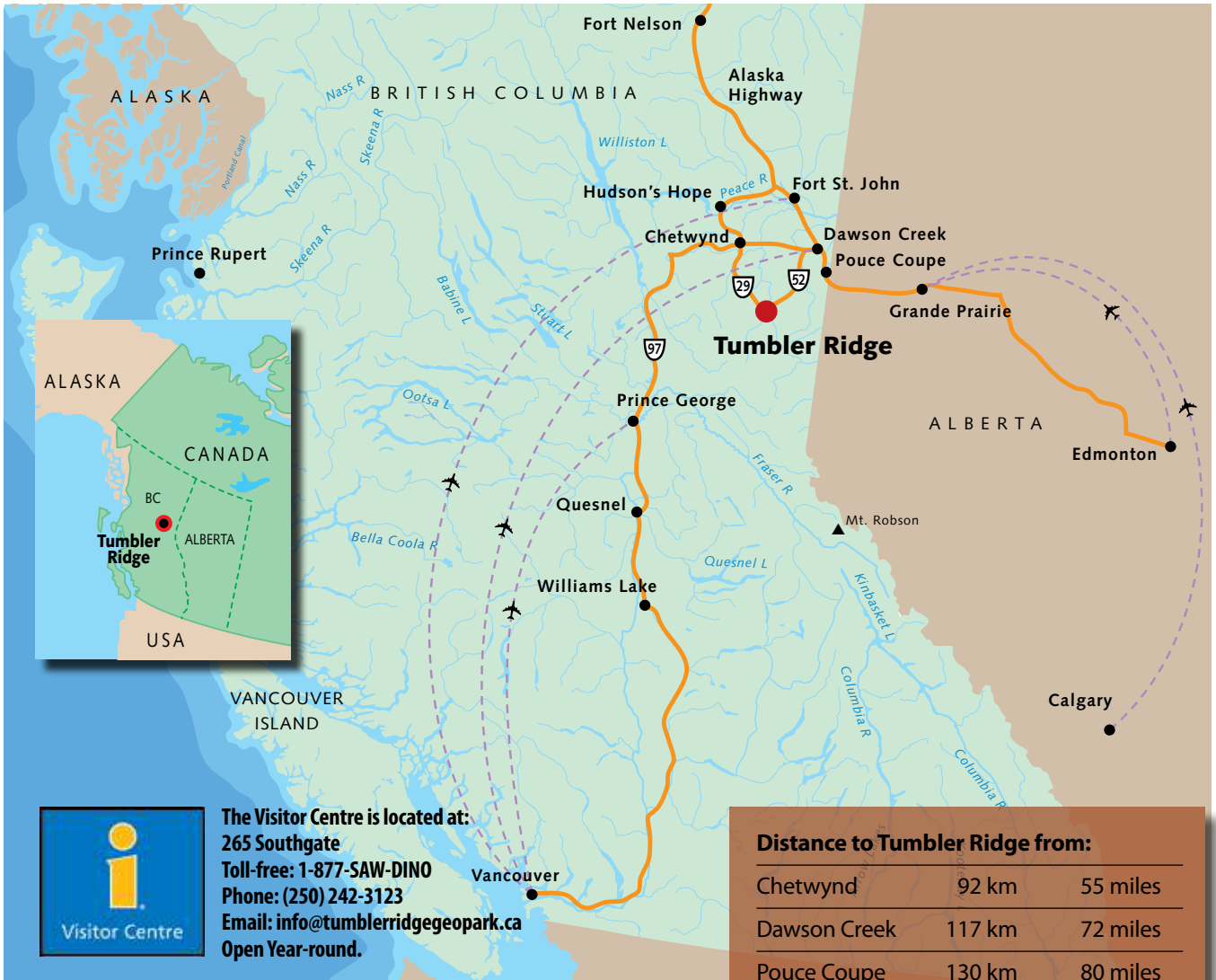
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**Tumbler Ridge may be surrounded by spectacular wilderness, but it is also very accessible. Road access is on highway 52 from Dawson Creek and highway 29 from Chetwynd.**

There is regularly scheduled air service into Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Prince George and Grande Prairie, Alberta, that brings visitors from cities across Canada and the US.








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## TIME ZONE

Part of the Peace River Regional District of BC (including Tumbler Ridge) is on Mountain Time and does not observe Daylight Savings Time. This means that the region's clocks are the same as those in Calgary and Edmonton in the winter, and are the same as those in Vancouver in the summer.



## GPS DRIVING ROUTES

Please be aware that if you take the shortest route on your GPS, you could end up on a Forest Service Road – which is often not a good idea if you're driving a car as not all FSRs are well maintained (especially during winter months). Stick to Hwy 29W and/or 52N. Be mindful of 52E, this route is partially gravelled as well. Check the Drive BC website for current road reports.



## CELL SERVICE

Cell Service – Visitors love Tumbler Ridge's wilderness as it allows them to unplug and relax. But you won't be totally disconnected during your visit, we have good cell service in and around town. Service on highways 29W (Chetwynd); 52N (Dawson Creek); 52E (Boundary) is limited.



## FUEL & FOOD

Make sure you fuel up (both gas and food) before touring some of our wondrous wilderness sites. Apart from the gas station in Tumbler Ridge, the only other gas stations are in Chetwynd (92kms) and Dawson Creek (117kms). There is also a Co-op card-lock in town, but you must be a member to access it.



## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The Tumbler Ridge Visitor Information Centre is equipped with a level two Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station that is accessible to most Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV) and Plugin Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV).



## COLOUR-CODED SIGNS

On the recreation map insert in this guide you will notice that the map legend is colour-coded. These colours correspond with directional street signage that you will find within town limits.



- Dawson Creek Route
- Chetwynd Route
- Boundary Route
- Kinuseo Falls Road Route
- Core Lodge Route
- Local Tumbler Ridge Attractions

# QUICK FACTS ABOUT TUMBLER RIDGE

## BEAR AWARE

"Bear" in mind, we're in the wilderness here. Consider travelling in groups, make noise, carry bear bangers/bells and bear spray (and know how to use it). Be aware of your surroundings as wildlife is plentiful. Please pack out what you pack in.



## TOUR GUIDES & RENTALS

Contact the Visitor Centre for information about local guides and equipment rental details at (250) 242-3123 / 1-877-729-3466 or at [info@tumbleridgegeopark.ca](mailto:info@tumbleridgegeopark.ca)



## SAFETY FIRST!

You're in the mountains where conditions can change rapidly and without warning. The Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark has vast expanses of untamed wilderness with areas of difficult terrain that have limited signage. Please go prepared for the unexpected, let the Visitor Centre staff know your plans and get home safely! For timely weather information, call Environment Canada at (250) 784-2244 or visit [theweathernetwork.com](http://theweathernetwork.com)

## ANGLING/HUNTING

Fishers and hunters must have the proper licenses before venturing out. You can purchase licenses online or at Home Hardware in Tumbler Ridge, open Monday - Saturday (250)-242-4338.



## TRAVELLING WITH YOUR HORSE?

Call Grizzly Valley Saddle Club at (250) 242-1448 to book your 'horsey hotel'!



## NUMBERS ON PHOTOS

Please note that the circle, square and triangle-enclosed numbers on the photos throughout the guide correspond with the trail numbers (and accompanying numbered brochures) on the trail descriptions and legend on the pull-out map insert.



**DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE, THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE IN BC. YOU MUST CALL 911 TO ACTIVATE SEARCH AND RESCUE.**

If you have any questions about the above, do not hesitate to contact the Tumbler Ridge Visitor Information Centre: 265 Southgate Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0  
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# TUMBLER RIDGE GLOBAL GEO PARK



Tumbler Ridge  
UNESCO Global Geopark

**23** Windfall Lake - Jesaja Class



## WHAT IS A GEOPARK?

Geoparks are specially designated places that are recognized for their international geological significance by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organizations). Our 34 accessible geosites include mountain peaks, alpine meadows, glaciers, canyons, waterfalls, incredible vistas, caves and karst formations, and dinosaur trackways and fossils. Significant new discoveries are found every year!

Unlike national or provincial parks, UNESCO Global Geoparks do not have additional restrictions outside of established laws on activities like resource extraction, hunting, or motorized recreation. Within our Geopark you will find everything from renewable energy wind farms, metallurgical coal mines and forestry operations.

Within the Geopark there are limitless recreation opportunities. There are hiking trails, ATV and snowmobile terrain, river boating, snowshoe and cross country skiing trails, rock and ice climbing, horseback riding trails and more.

Our mission is to honour the geological, cultural and environmental character of our Geopark, to enhance the well-being of our people through education, engagement and sustainable development. We also celebrate stories of people and place.

Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark is one of only five Geoparks in Canada, and the only one located in western North America.

**WELCOME!**



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TO SHOW OFF YOUR GEOPARK PHOTOS!

A large, dark-colored dinosaur skeleton is displayed in a museum. The skeleton is mounted on a metal stand and is shown in a walking or running pose. The skull is prominent on the right side, showing the jaw and teeth. The ribs and spine are visible on the left side. The background is a museum interior with wooden paneling and a light-colored floor. A bright light fixture is visible at the top of the frame.

# DINOSAURS

Trackways, fossils and dinosaur skeletons make  
Tumbler Ridge the dinosaur capital of BC

## How It Began

Imagine what it must have been like for two carefree boys out for some fun, floating down the Flatbed Creek rapids south of Tumbler Ridge one sunny day in 2000. A series of what looked like four-toed footprints in the bedrock caught their attention. Could these possibly be dinosaur tracks?



The boys got in touch with Rich McCrea, Canada's leading expert on dinosaur tracks. McCrea visited in 2001 and confirmed that these were ankylosaur tracks. He later found BC's first dinosaur bone right beside the trackway. Thousands more footprints have been discovered since then including the only known tyrannosaur trackways in the world. Subsequent important bone-bed discoveries in 2002 and 2004 intensified investigations, and the area now boasts several hundred bones, the largest collection in BC and some of the oldest bones in Western Canada. British Columbia's first articulated dinosaur has now been excavated from the area.

Fossilized ichthyosaur head, a Triassic marine reptile.



A replica theropod skeleton in the Tumbler Ridge Dinosaur Discovery Gallery - Jesaja Class

## Dinosaur Discovery Gallery

The Tumbler Ridge Museum's Dinosaur Discovery Gallery showcases the region's rich fossil heritage including samples that are unique to Tumbler Ridge. Opened in 2007, the Gallery is the only facility of its kind in British Columbia. Informative presentations tell the story of over 300 million years of Tumbler Ridge and Peace Region history. Displays include early marine life, several examples of Tumbler Ridge dinosaur footprints and bones, a full-scale paleontological exhibit, and regional Ice Age discoveries.

Don't forget to also visit the museum's Human History exhibition located in the Community Centre. [www.trmf.ca](http://www.trmf.ca)

## Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation (TRMF)

The TRMF collects, researches, archives, and displays over 300 million years of Peace Region history. It is home to an extensive collection of British Columbia's palaeontological resources from early examples of marine life, to dinosaurs, and the Ice Age.

## DINOSAUR FACTS

The Tumbler Ridge footprints fall into three groups:

**Ankylosaurs** – These armoured herbivores walked on all fours, sometimes had a massive tail club and grew to 10 m (33 ft) in length. Their hind feet had four toes, and the front footprint resembles a crescent moon, with five toes.



**Ornithopods** – The prints of these herbivores are wider than they are long, with three fairly blunt toes and tiny handprints. They had a stiff tail to help them balance as they ran on their hind legs.



**Theropods** – These bipedal carnivores were fast and agile. Their trackways are narrow and show three-toed prints that are often longer than they are wide.



Other types of footprints and traces are also represented in our geologic formations including crocodiles, turtles, and birds.



6 Wolverine Lantern Tour - Destination BC / Mike Seehagel

## Dinosaur Tours & Camps

Tumbler Ridge is one of the special places in the world where you can see actual dinosaur footprints preserved in their natural environment. To stand here and imagine dinosaurs living their lives across this very same ground—but millions of years ago—is awe-inspiring. An interpretive tour with an experienced guide is the best way to get the most out of your visit.

**Cabin Pool** - This informative two-hour tour begins with a hike to Flatbed Creek where you'll see dozens of footprints. The original 2000 ankylosaur trackway discovery is nearby, downstream and across the creek.

**Wolverine Lantern Tour** - Dozens of 97-99-million-year-old dinosaur footprints, fossil traces, and rare skin impressions barely visible by day, glow in the lantern light on this two-hour guided evening tour. The excitement builds as the sun sets making this an unforgettable, other worldly experience.

**Dinosaur Camps and Drop-In Programs** - The Museum offers several year-round and seasonal programs for kids of all ages. Learn all about dinosaurs, how to identify fossils, perform science experiments, play games, and make crafts.

To book your Trackway Tours and for details on current programs contact the **Dinosaur Discovery Gallery / Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation**

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You can find us on Facebook and Instagram @trdinosaurs

Check website for seasonal hours and activities.



Dinosaur Discovery Gallery - Jesaja Class

## New Discoveries and Research

New discoveries are being made all the time in the Geopark! From hand-sized samples to one-tonne blocks, most are found by volunteers and visitors. We rely on the public and our community partners to help us find, document, preserve and/or retrieve these discoveries so we can continue our research. Follow us on Facebook to be the first to hear about new discoveries and published research.

### If you discover what you think may be a dinosaur footprint or bone, take these steps:

- **Take three or four photos** from different angles, use an easily identifiable object like a coin or pen, for scale.
  - If possible, record the **GPS coordinates**. Or make detailed notes of where it's located so our team can find it.
  - Please **do not remove it**. The surrounding area is as important to the research as the discovery itself.
    - **Report the discovery** to the Museum at 250-242-DINO (3466) or email [gallery@trmf.ca](mailto:gallery@trmf.ca)



A dig site near Tumbler Ridge - Jesaja Class

# FIRST NATIONS HISTORY

The mountains and valleys here have been home to Indigenous Peoples for at least 10,000 years - since the end of the last ice age, when melting glaciers changed the landscape into what we know today.



Photo courtesy of Lenia Hambler

The stories of First Nations people tell of a giant's footsteps that left pothole lakes, and of glacial boulders that move and transform into people when no one is around. These stories have been passed down through the generations, and build a different kind of map of the land. The Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark lies within Treaty 8 territory, and includes the overlapping traditional lands of Cree, Dunne-Za, Saulteau and Tse'Khene.

The **DUNNE-ZA** ('real people', also known as Beaver) have a long history in the area, with communities located throughout northeastern BC. The closest Dunne-Za community to our Geopark is West Moberly First Nations at Moberly Lake.

The 'Dreamers' in the Dunne-Za tradition are medicine people who share the cultural history and visions of the future through stories and songs. Stories from the Dreamers go back in time for thousands of years and connect people to the land, the animals, and the spirits from the past and into the future.

From the south and into the mountains, the **TSE'KHENE** ('people of the rocks', also known as Sekani) travelled north into land that is now within the Geopark to hunt and fish as far back as their oral traditions go.

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Three generations of Dunne-Za women at Moberly Lake, British Columbia - Courtesy of Glenbow Museum

McLeod Lake Indian Band is the closest Tse'Khene community to our Geopark and is located along the shores of McLeod Lake on the western side of the Rocky Mountains. Their elders recall stories from before the fur trade. In earlier times, some families would travel north through the mountains and up the Sukunka River Valley to Gwillim Lake for fishing, and occasionally out to the plains beyond for hunting bison.

The CREE peoples in the region came west with the fur trade, tracing their roots to the prairies and the boreal forests of northern Alberta and Saskatchewan. Cree people have intermarried into the other Indigenous communities around the Geopark, and established a community at Kelly Lake.

SAULTEAU First Nations is located at the east end of Moberly Lake, to the northwest of the Geopark. The Saulteau people trace their roots to southern Manitoba, and their community story speaks of leaving their reserve, where they were starving, after their leader Napaneegwan ('One Wing') had a vision to travel west until they came to a lake below twin peak mountains. The trek west took many years,



Chief Calliou of Kelly Lake Cree Nation (As'in'wa'chi Ni'yaw Nation) performing a blessing of the land for the groundbreaking of the Geo Interpretive Centre.

and the Saulteau people first arrived at Moberly Lake in 1911, where the Beattie Peaks can be seen on the horizon to the west.

Today, Indigenous Peoples continue to hunt, fish and trap on their traditional territories in and around the Geopark. They are also business people, tradespeople, students, educators, doctors, nurses, administrators and more. They are our friends and neighbours, part of the fabric of the cultural landscape that makes up the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark.



Elder from McLeod Lake Indian Band teaching the Tse'khene language at the grand opening of the Community Forest Interpretive Trail.



Map showing the Treaty 8 Territory - Library and Archives Canada Mikan no. 384235

# EXPLORATION & RESOURCE HISTORY

Photo by the Leake expedition of Monkman Park in 1939.

While the 1789 Alexander Mackenzie expedition through the Peace River area is the first documented European presence in the region, there is no written record of any activity in the Tumbler Ridge area until the twentieth century, with Spencer Tuck working as a timber cruiser. Tuck left Jasper House with a guide in the spring of 1907. He succeeded in staking approximately two hundred fifty million board feet of lumber, and arrived in Grande Prairie with no food and barely any clothes on September 15.

Samuel Prescott Fay's 1914 expedition from Jasper to the Peace River focused on wildlife and bird species on behalf of the US Department of Agriculture, and included the first photographs of such landmarks as Kinuseo and Sukunka Falls. Prentiss Gray's photographs and journals from his 1927 and 1928 expeditions through the Tumbler Ridge and Monkman areas document the area from the adventurer's perspective. An avid outdoorsman and hunter, Gray travelled the area to seek Bighorn and Stone sheep.



Oil and gas exploration followed, with J.C. Gwillim in 1919 and Edmund Spieker in 1920, whose survey included the Murray River and present day town site of Tumbler Ridge. Gwillim's journal notes "a few trapper settlements, squatters and absentees" where the Flatbed Creek joins the Murray.

During the 1930s an undertaking to construct a highway between Rio Grande, Alberta, and Prince George, British Columbia, was led by Alex Monkman. Monkman is credited with the official discovery of Monkman Pass, the lowest pass through the Canadian Rocky Mountains. He felt that this route was the only viable route for Peace region farmers to get their grain to the coast for export. Countless volunteer hours were put in to make the dream of the 136 mile route a reality. Against overwhelming odds—lack of funds, rough weather, hazardous terrain—dedicated workers persevered to complete this unbelievably difficult task. With the outbreak

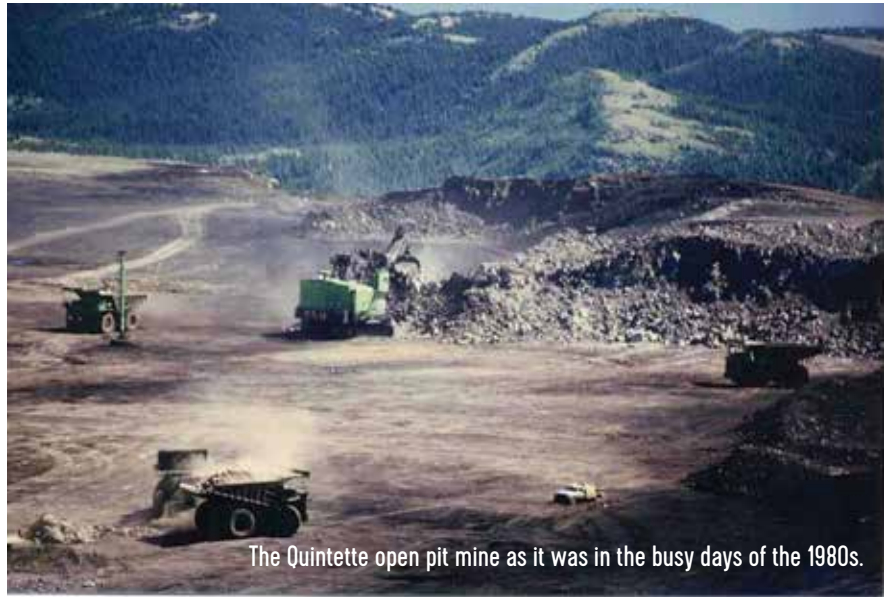


Photos this page: These archival photos show a Model A crossing the log bridge over Kinuseo Creek. Below, a work team takes time out for a coffee break. Images date from the 1930s.



of WWII, many workers left to sign up and the project sadly came to a halt.

In 1953, the father and daughter team of Julian Suski and Madelaine Suska performed the first detailed geological survey of the area, showing that important coal sequences existed. Given the remoteness of the location, these seams would not be developed until a project massive in scope could be undertaken. Modern mining activity in the Tumbler Ridge area started in 1981 when three industrial partners and the Government of British Columbia signed an agreement for the Northeast Coal Development. The mines would bring a paved road to the area, power from the WAC Bennett Dam, and a rail line through the Rocky Mountains to the port at Prince Rupert. It would also be the beginning of the town of Tumbler Ridge, which would be constructed from the ground up in a period of three years.



The Quintette open pit mine as it was in the busy days of the 1980s.

Oil and gas, forestry and clean energy followed suit in the region, and today the town of Tumbler Ridge relies on a diverse economy including coal, oil and gas, forestry, wind power and tourism.



Alex Monkman, centre, and members of his crew clear a trail through the bush in the 1930s.



# MAKING MEMORIES ONE WATERFALL AT A TIME

## **Monkman Provincial Park – Something for Everyone**

Monkman Provincial Park is truly a wilderness jewel, with a staggering 62,867 hectares (155,353 acres) of scenic splendor. This enchanting back country is full of rugged peaks, forested valleys, thundering waterfalls and glacial lakes. This area is a popular spot for camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, photography and more. Despite the rugged grandeur of the park, prime areas of it are easily reached.

Facilities include 20 shaded campsites (some pull-through), picnic areas, pit toilets, a boat launch and pumped water. Trails to the **Stone Corral**, **Canary Falls**, **Lake Joan** and the **Greg Duke Memorial Recreation Site** are relatively close to the campsite, and stunning **Kinuseo Falls** is 3 km (2 mi) downstream.

Backcountry campsites are strategically located for adventurous hikers on multi-day treks to the **Cascades**, **Monkman Lake** and **Monkman Tarns**.

Monkman Provincial Park is located on the Kinuseo Falls Road, 63 km (39 mi) south of Tumbler Ridge. Ask at the Visitor Information Centre for the comprehensive brochures of these sites.

## Welcome to the Waterfall Capital of the North!

Visit the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark and experience how geological forces have carved out these ancient wonders for waterfall lovers to explore. Some are well known and some are yet to be discovered - maybe by you! Detailed information about each waterfall can be found at the Visitor Centre or you can access the information online at [www.tumblerridgegeopark.ca](http://www.tumblerridgegeopark.ca).

### Kinuseo Falls

Kinuseo Falls is, quite simply, an icon of Northern British Columbia. This breathtaking, not-to-be-missed sight is 68.5 m (225 ft) tall, and can be found on the Murray River at the northern end of Monkman Provincial Park, 63 km (39 mi) south of Tumbler Ridge.

Vehicle access is by the unpaved Kinuseo Falls Road to a parking area near the top of the falls. A short, level wheelchair-accessible trail leads from the parking lot to the wide, fenced platform overlooking the falls. There are four other viewpoints of the falls within walking distance on trails that range from 400 m to 3 km. Tour operators also offer jet boat trips to the base of Kinuseo Falls and helicopter trips for an aerial view.



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9 Quality Falls - Collin Ball



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The drive to **Kinuseo Falls** passes by four significant side trips. **Nesbitt's Knee Falls**, **Barbour Falls**, **The Stone Corral**, and **Greg Duke Memorial Recreation Area** are all great ways to round out a day trip to the Murray River Valley. They're also a great excuse to bring a tent and stay for a night or two to really see it all.

### Nesbitt's Knee & Barbour Falls

These two waterfalls are short, easy side-trips on the way to or from Kinuseo Falls and Monkman Provincial Park and are accessed by short hiking trails. Foehn Wall is a short 1 km loop trail to a cave and beginner rock climbing area 500 m past the Nesbitt's Knee parking area.

### The Cascades

Also located in Monkman Provincial Park, the Cascades are a dazzling series of 10 waterfalls on Monkman Creek, all in the space of a few kilometres! A trail and campsites have improved access to this remote yet spectacular area.

"To the accepted pantheon of BC's major waterfalls should be added a new star, the Monkman Cascades... it almost defies human imagination... If I die tomorrow, I will die happy, for I have visited the Monkman Cascades."

- Tony Greenfield, naturalist and author of "Waterfalls of British Columbia, A Guide to BC's 100 Best Falls"

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### Bergeron Falls

At 100 m (328 ft), this is the highest accessible waterfall in Northern British Columbia and one of the closest to Tumbler Ridge. Set in a natural amphitheatre, water plunges over a sandstone lip into a spectacular horseshoe-shaped bowl and down into the Murray River valley. You can hike the 12 km circular trail that climbs up and down to viewpoints below and above the falls. For water access, jetboat to Bergeron Creek and then take a 2 km hike to the base of the waterfall.

## MORE MUST-SEE WATERFALLS

### Quality Falls

Located in a tranquil forest setting close to the Tumbler Ridge townsite, Quality Falls is reached by a 1.25 km easy hiking trail through the woods. This 10 m (33 ft) step waterfall has a lookout at the top and a trail winding down to the bottom, with lovely views all around. The water is warm enough to wade in during summer. In the winter months, Quality Falls is a great snowshoeing destination.

### Babcock Falls

Babcock Falls is definitely worth the short hike. Pass through mixed pine and spruce forests and subalpine meadows to arrive at the 8 m high falls that plunge from a sandstone cliff to the sparkling pool below. Wooden boardwalks lead a path through this unique wetland with wildflowers and fossilized logs on the way. In mid to late summer, when creek levels are down and the water is not too cold, swimming in the pools below the falls is an invigorating experience!

### More Falls...

Don't forget to visit **Tepee, Bullmoose, Martin, Canary, Flatbed, Belcourt** or **Red Deer Falls**. Take a jet boat tour downstream from town to see the waterfalls of Murray Canyon.

# OVER THE MOUNTAINS AND THROUGH THE WOODS

## Hit the Trails

Tumbler Ridge invites you to explore our network of fifty designated hiking trails. There are a wide variety of options for all levels of ability. The hiking season typically runs from mid-May to October, but a sunny winter day is also a great time to explore, with some trails making excellent snowshoe routes. Conditions and road accessibility can change, make sure you check in with the Visitor Centre for the latest information before you head out. Remember to honour the land by following the rule of “pack it in, pack it out”.

Windfall Lake Trail - Jesaja Class **23**



## 5 GREAT TRAILS CLOSE TO TOWN

### Community Forest Interpretive Trail (easy-moderate / 0.5 hours)

Located behind the Visitor Information Centre this short 750 m trail features a serene pond with a viewing platform and benches along with interpretive signage highlighting interesting information about Tumbler Ridge.



### Quality Falls (easy / two hours)

Just 9 km outside of town, this picturesque veil of water tumbling into a shallow creek is a great destination for a picnic and a quick dip on a hot summer day or a winter snowshoe adventure!



### Flatbed Pools & Falls (moderate / one to two hours)

Both trailheads are 1 km SE of Tumbler Ridge. Most famously, the Flatbed pools area is the site of our initial Ankylosaur trackway discovery by a pair of local boys in the year 2000.



### Tumbler Point Trail (easy / one to two hours)

Forming part of the 28 kilometre-long TR Trail, which encircles three quarters of the community of Tumbler Ridge, the Tumbler Point Trail is an easy return trip of 4 km. Hiking, running, snowshoeing, mountain biking and horseback riding are all popular options on this well-maintained trail which overlooks both the Flatbed and Murray River valleys.



### The Bald Spot (moderate / one to two hours)

This popular trail climbs relentlessly, gaining 225 metres in about a kilometre, then swings left to an excellent viewpoint with a picnic table where you can sit, relax and enjoy the sprawling vistas from the upper end of this distinctive natural landmark.



## 4 SPECTACULAR SCENERY SPOTS

### **Bergeron Cliffs (moderate / three to four hours)**

Bergeron Cliffs provides a panoramic view of the Murray River Valley, Tumbler Ridge and the Hart Ranges of the Rocky Mountains. Combine it with a trip to Bergeron Falls for a full day excursion.

### **Murray Canyon Overlook (easy / two to three hours)**

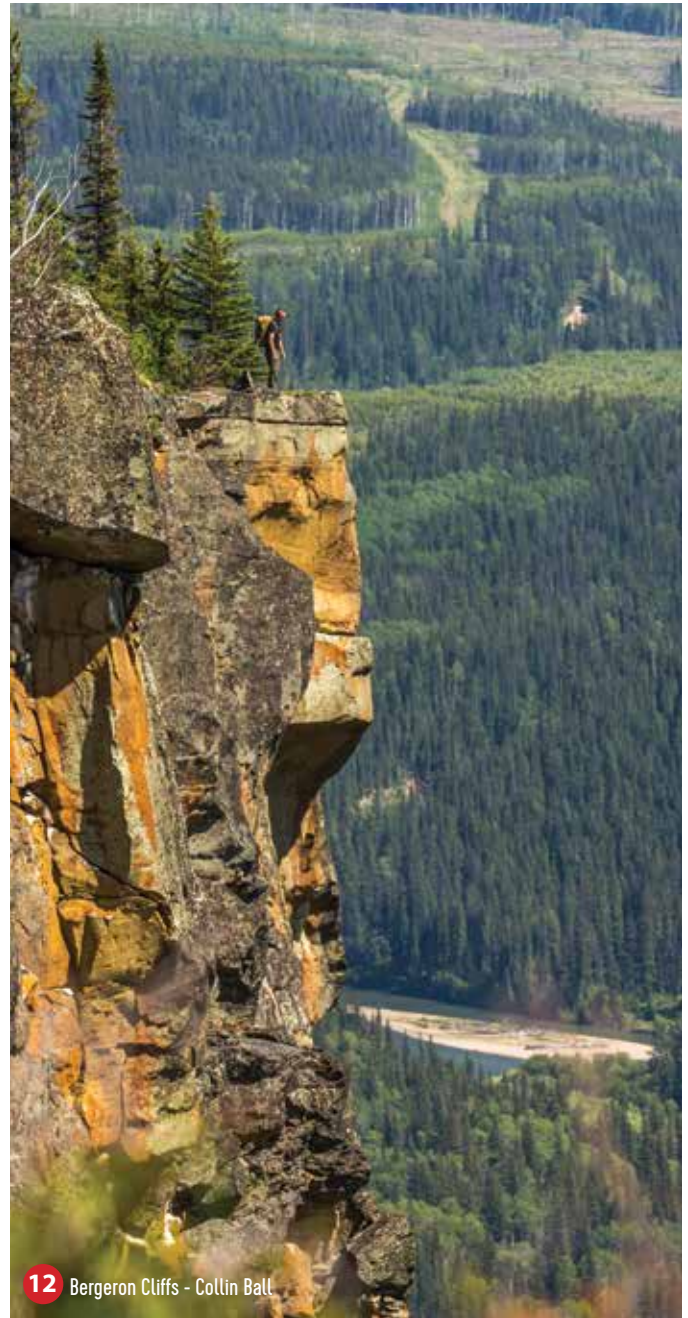
The initial part of this easy 5.5 km (return) trail leads through mostly pine and spruce forest, mixed with aspen. Viewpoints and strategically-placed rustic benches provide for an impressive opportunity to observe the geomorphology of the Murray River valley. The trail reaches a natural turnaround point at a bench with a magnificent view of the river valley and foothills.

### **Holzworth Meadows (challenging / four to six hours)**

This route leads hikers through a bowl of subalpine meadows onto an alpine ridge, followed by the opportunity for rambling up a series of alpine summits. There are expansive views of the surrounding mountain ranges. Mount Crum to the northwest, with a large anticline on its slopes, and Sentinel Peak to the west, with a glacier on its eastern flank, dominate the skyline.

### **Windfall Lake (challenging / six hours)**

The Windfall Lake trail climbs for five kilometres through forest and sub-alpine meadows to the far shores of the scenically splendid alpine lake, which is situated in a cirque beneath cliffs at tree-line. A circular route provides a good option for the return trip, leading through karst topography.





## 4 AMAZING GEOLOGY HIKES

### Boulder Gardens (moderate / three hours)

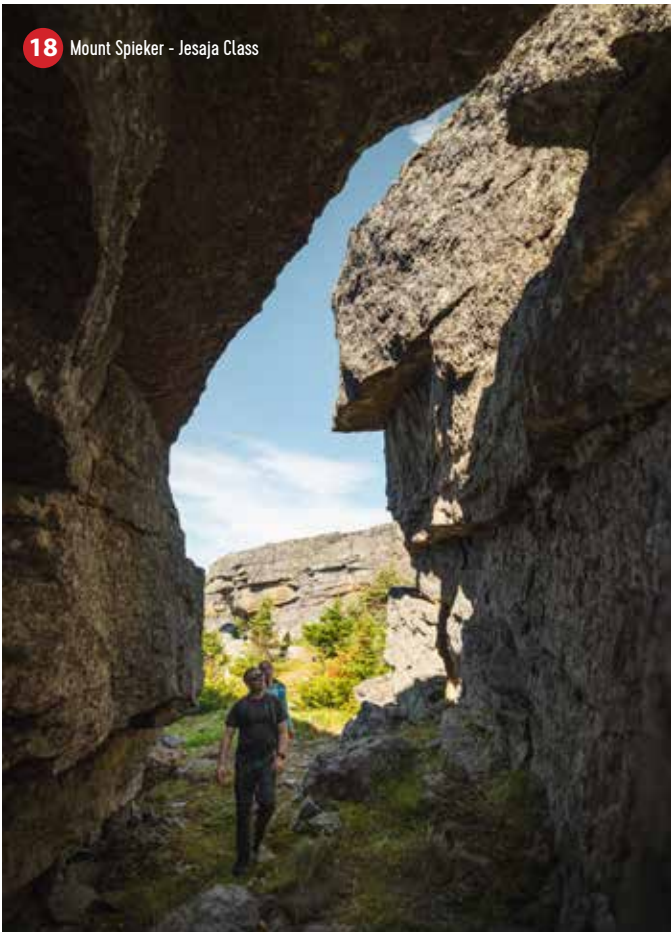
Beginning near the Peace River Coal Mine this route will lead you into an amazing formation of rock pinnacles on the slopes of Mount Babcock. A little further down the road you'll find the trail to the magnificent Babcock Falls.



35 Boulder Gardens - Christine & Kirsti Straza

### Shipyard – Titanic (moderate / two to three hours)

These unique geological formations are unlike anything else in the world. The Shipyard consists of a series of gravity defying rock towers. The Titanic, much like its name, is a massive rock that resembles the sinking ship.



18 Mount Spieker - Jesaja Class

### The Stone Corral (moderate / three hours)

Beginning near Kinuseo Falls this short hike has been a popular destination since its discovery in 1999. This geosite resides inside Monkman Provincial Park and along with Nesbitt's Knee Falls, Barbour Falls and Foehn Wall can make the drive to Kinuseo Falls into a full day or overnight excursion. There are many stops at this geosite so be sure to stop by our Visitor Information Centre to find out more detailed information.



28 The Stone Corral - Sheena Urness

### Mount Spieker (moderate / three to six hours)

Just a short distance from Tumbler Ridge, routes on flat-topped Mount Spieker make for excellent hiking through intriguing geological scenery. The actual summit of Mount Spieker is 1971 m and lies to the east along a gentle 4 km long alpine ridge. Once in the open, there are many choices for a half day or full day adventure. Grizzly bear, marmot, white-tailed ptarmigan, willow ptarmigan and golden eagle are all frequently seen in the area.

This is just a sample of the many hiking destinations in Tumbler Ridge. Please stop by the Visitor Information Centre for trail maps and information before setting out.

The **Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society** is the local outdoors club, promoting non-motorized outdoor recreation of all kinds. Visit their website for information and advice on

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Bulley Glacier - Kirk Gulick

**The following destinations are recommended for experienced hikers. We strongly recommend that you carry a satellite messaging device such as an inReach or SPOT and let Visitor Centre staff or other responsible adults know where you are headed and your latest possible return time.**

### **Bootski Lake (challenging / 11 km return)**

This rewarding hike leads to a small, beautiful, alpine tarn on the north flank of Mount Wapitik. It is surrounded by steep limestone slopes and spectacular alpine summits. The

short steep climb above the lake to the southeast brings the hiker to a saddle. There are excellent views of Mt. Becker and its subpeak from here.

### **Monkman Cascades Trail (challenging / two to four days)**

If you are an experienced backcountry hiker, this exhilarating 24 km/15 mi (each way) trek from the trailhead at Kinuseo Falls Campground to Monkman Lake rewards you with magnificent views of a seldom-seen wilderness in the heart of Monkman Provincial Park. Here lie the Cascades,

a series of 10 waterfalls (six are accessible) on Monkman Creek and truly a hidden wonder of British Columbia. Beyond lies Monkman Lake and a tough, but rewarding, trip to Monkman Tarns.

### **Pinnacle Peak (challenging / 7 km return)**

This spectacular and strenuous day hike climbs high into the alpine, following limestone ridges and culminating in an ascent



46 Bootski Lake - Antonio Sunci6n

# CHALLENGING HIKES

Not for the faint of heart.



Pinnacle Peak - Kevin Sharman **22**

of Pinnacle Peak (1912 m). The 690 metre ascent to the top leads through an old cut-block, a thick forest of fir and spruce, an avalanche chute, and along an alpine ridge. The rewards for this hard work include breathtaking mountain views with intriguing geological features and fossils. The summit climb looks challenging from a distance but turns out to be a simple scramble. There are spectacular views of the Windfall Lake area, Sentinel Peak with a glacier on its eastern flank, and Mt Crum with its distinctive anticline.

**Note: This is not a developed trail, but rather a route. It is only suitable for competent, experienced hikers with confident route finding skills.**

## Wapiti Lake - Onion Lake (challenging / 40-60 km return)

Nestled in the Rocky Mountains, Wapiti Lake Provincial Park with its fast flowing rivers, crystal clear lakes and surrounding mountains provide outstanding scenic viewing, fishing and wilderness camping opportunities. The park area protects 16,837 hectares and is bisected by the Wapiti Onion Trail. The 30 km Wapiti Onion hiking trail is located on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains and traverses river valleys and alpine habitats.



**45** Wapiti Lake - Mitesh Patel

**If you are interested in this kind of experience, but feel you lack the necessary skills and confidence, please contact the Visitor Centre to be put in touch with someone knowledgeable.**

# WILDLIFE



Grizzly Bears - Antonio Sunci6n

## Wilderness Alive with Wildlife

Tumbler Ridge and the surrounding area has abundant fauna and is the perfect place for avid amateurs to hone their photographic skills. With everything from eagles and elk to grizzlies and goats, you don't need to go far to find a deep connection with nature. Chances for wildlife photography are plenty, so charge up your camera battery and let your lens be your guide as you explore this spectacular area.

## Important Precautions

The backcountry around Tumbler Ridge is full of fascinating wildlife - mountain goats, deer, moose, elk, wolves, grizzly bears and cougars. Though beautiful to watch, these creatures can be unpredictable and dangerous. Please use common sense, remember every encounter is unique and follow the wildlife guidelines on the next page for a safe wilderness experience.



Marmot - Keona Osbourne



White-tailed Deer - Antonio Sunci6n

## WILDLIFE SAFETY

- > Keep your distance – these animals are wild
- > Do not allow pets to run loose
- > Do not feed, disturb or handle wildlife – for your safety and theirs
- > Use established trails – minimize disturbance to the land and wildlife
- > Respect the land and the space of other viewers

### Bear Safety Essentials:

- > Respect all bears – they can all be dangerous
- > Never attempt to feed a bear
- > Be defensive – never surprise a bear
- > Learn about bears – anticipate and avoid encounters
- > Know what to do if you encounter a bear
- > Each bear encounter is unique – no hard and fast rules can be applied when dealing with a potentially complex situation

### The Most Dangerous Bears Are:

- > Bears habituated to human food
- > Females defending cubs
- > Bears defending a fresh kill
- > Cute, friendly and apparently not interested in you

### About Bears:

- > Bears can run as fast as horses, uphill or downhill
- > Bears can climb trees, although black bears are better tree climbers than grizzly bears
- > Bears have excellent senses of smell and hearing and better sight than many people believe
- > Bears are strong – they can tear cars apart looking for food
- > Every bear defends a “personal space.” The extent of this space will vary with each bear and each situation: it may be a few metres or a few hundred metres. Intrusion into this space is considered a threat and may provoke an attack.
- > Bears aggressively defend their food
- > All female bears defend their cubs. If a female with cubs is surprised at close range or is separated from her cubs, she may attack. An aggressive response is the mother’s natural defence against danger to her young. A female black bear’s natural defence is to chase her cubs up a tree and defend them from the base. However, she is still dangerous and may become aggressive if provoked.



Cougar



Canada Lynx - Collin Ball



Elk

### About Cougars:

- > Hike in groups of two or more. Make enough noise to prevent surprising a cougar.
- > Never approach a cougar. Although cougars will normally avoid a confrontation, all cougars are unpredictable. Cougars feeding on a kill may be dangerous.
- > Always give a cougar an avenue of escape
- > Stay calm – talk to the cougar in a confident voice
- > Pick all children up off the ground immediately
- > Children frighten easily and their rapid movements may provoke an attack
- > Do not run. Try to back away from the cougar slowly. Sudden movement or flight may trigger an instinctive attack.

# BIRD WATCHING



30 Kinuseo Falls - Northern BC Tourism/Jason Hamborg

## Bird Watching

233 species have been recorded within the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark, of which 105 are known to breed here. A mixture of habitats contributes to this diversity: lakes, rivers, canyons, deciduous and coniferous forests, meadows, and alpine tundra. The Tumbler Ridge area is where the ranges of many eastern and western bird species meet. Bullmoose Marshes and the Tumbler Point Trail are a few of the great destinations in our Geopark to enjoy wildlife and bird watching.



4 Tumbler Point Trail - Brandon Braam

## Tumbler Point Trail (easy / two hours)

On the west side of Tumbler Ridge, the Tumbler Point trail is a great walk along the escarpment above Flatbed Creek, with expansive views of the Murray River valley. The Tumbler Point trail forms a small part of the 28 km TR Trail, which encircles three quarters of Tumbler Ridge. Tumbler Point Trail is relatively flat, with good views onto open slopes and the forest canopy.



14 Bullmoose Marshes - Brandon Braam

## Bullmoose Marshes (easy / one hour)

Bullmoose Marshes is made up of two main trails that are accessible with board walks. One of the best spots in the region for bird watching, a total of 93 species have been identified here. The Sora Trail (500 metres return) and Bittern Trail (1300 metres return) wind through a variety of forest and wetland habitats to viewing platforms.



Two theropod dinosaur tracks and multiple tracks of a shorebird, from Mt. Babcock - Charles Helm

## Ancient Birds

Exhibits in the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery celebrate the discoveries of a number of fossil bird tracksites, and replicas of these tracks are exhibited and interpreted. Add to this the dinosaur footprint tours that feature theropod tracks (birds are descended from theropods), and it is clear that Tumbler Ridge provides a one-of-a-kind birding experience.





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# BIKING

Endless road and trail adventures

## Tumbler Ridge Biking

Calling all bikeaholics - get ready to shred in Tumbler Ridge. Mountain biking in and around town ranges from flowy cross-country singletrack to short and fun descents through the forest and along the creek valleys. Tumbler Ridge has an impressive and growing cycling scene that includes paved road biking along well maintained local highways and mountain biking on our network of trails and unmapped mountain terrain. Whether you are new to the mountain bike world or a seasoned pro, there are endless options for you to ride and explore.

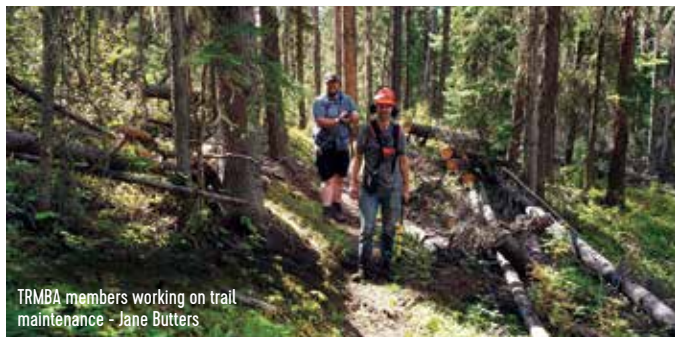




### Tumbler Ridge Mountain Bike Association

Tumbler Ridge’s iconic mountain scenery makes for ideal mountain biking terrain. As a result, the Tumbler Ridge Mountain Bike Association (TRMBA) is working hard to transform this undeveloped terrain into a world-class mountain biking destination, creating another reason to add Tumbler Ridge to your must-see destination list.

“The TRMBA is slated to be busier than ever in 2022 with project preparation, fundraising and execution. As a club, we are excited to see the influx of bikers from all backgrounds into Tumbler Ridge, and we hope that you will continue to join us as we develop new and exciting infrastructure year over year.



TRMBA members working on trail maintenance - Jane Butters

Tumbler Ridge currently has cross-country style multi-use trails that can be biked around town, and we are partnering with other local recreation groups to make existing trails more accessible for biking. Many of the biking accessible trails have been mapped and are available on Trail Forks.

The TRMBA recently released our Trails Master Plan (available at [www.trmba.ca](http://www.trmba.ca)) which provides a comprehensive view of the potential future trail development for the ridgeline. Overall this document will help our club to secure land tenure as well as assist in future fundraising.

The TRMBA’s main project in 2021 was the incredibly successful and exciting completion of the Tumbler Ridge Pump Track. A pump track is a paved family-friendly track used to develop early mountain biking skills such as carrying momentum, and is located centrally in the downtown core. Designed for all things on wheels; from bikes to scooters and skateboards, a pump track is a playground for all.”



18 Mount Spieker - Riley Shankel

The biggest biking news coming out of Tumbler Ridge is a \$500,000 partnership grant that was awarded to TRMBA and the District of Tumbler Ridge from FLNRORD (Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development) through an Economic Development Resiliency Fund. This funding will be used to establish downhill mountain biking trails along the ridge close to town, and we are working hard to get this project in the ground for 2022. Phase one of this project will involve the development of an up trail and several beginner and intermediate downhill trails from the Trail Master Plan.

Throw your bikes in for some family fun when you are packing for your Tumbler Ridge adventure!



Tumbler Ridge Skate Park - Trent Ernst

### Tumbler Ridge Skateboard Park

The Tumbler Ridge Skateboard Park was built in 2006 and was designed to include all the features necessary to challenge riders of all levels to develop a full range of skills. The skateboard park is located behind the Community Centre, come out and see what you can master!



Tumbler Ridge Pump Track - Jesaja Class



## The Tumbler Ridge Pump Track

The Tumbler Ridge Mountain Bike Association in partnership with the District of Tumbler Ridge accomplished a large and exciting project for Tumbler Ridge and Northern BC in 2021; the Tumbler Ridge Pump Track!

The Pump Track is an endless loop of berms and rollers designed to be ridden without pedaling, and instead by using a pumping motion. Riders push up on the face of the rollers, and push down on the back side to maintain speed and get a great feel for their bikes, scooters, skateboards or rollerblades. This track is for fun, fitness, skill building and introduction to off-road biking.

This project was three years in the making with planning beginning in 2019, and over \$300,000 was fundraised by TRMBA. The Pump Track has had a tremendous impact on Tumbler Ridge in its short existence. Tumbler Ridge has seen visitors at the track from every community in Northeast BC, plus many other communities from around BC and Alberta.

Velosolutions carried out the track construction and upon completion is now owned and operated by the District of Tumbler Ridge. Some exciting features of the track include

a 6 foot wall-ride on one of the corners which will allow advanced riders to really expand their skill sets and enjoy the track. Landscaping, signage, benches, a bike stand, and a bike tool station completed the family-friendly community space. A very well attended grand opening was held in July 2021 in partnership with the Diamond sponsor – Freshmart.

The track is a new and exciting hot spot for all demographics; kids, parents, grandparents, and is consistently alive with activity. The Velosolutions Pump Track has created some very exciting anticipation of biking development in Northern BC.

TRMBA is grateful for the support and partnership of the District of Tumbler Ridge, Northern Development Initiative Trust, Northern BC Tourism, Tumbler Ridge Community Forest, Lake View Credit Union to make this project possible for Tumbler Ridge.

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**TOBOGGAN HILL**

The Tumbler Ridge Golf Course has a sledding hill just a few minutes from town that is a blast during the winter months!



**TAKE A HIKE**

The area has countless kid-friendly treks! From short hikes close to town like Quality Falls, to more challenging spots like the Shipyard Titanic Trail, there are hikes for all ages.



**INDOOR PLAY PARK**

Located on the main level of the Community Centre, the play park provides hours of entertainment for little ones, especially during the colder winter months.



**SWIMMING POOL**

Located in the Community Centre, the swimming pool includes a tots pool and play lagoon, sure to provide hours of fun!



**FLATBED FALLS**

A fun swimming spot in the summer months! Remember to be very careful and check the depth before jumping and never dive into the water!



**DINOSAUR DISCOVERY GALLERY**

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**GOLFING**

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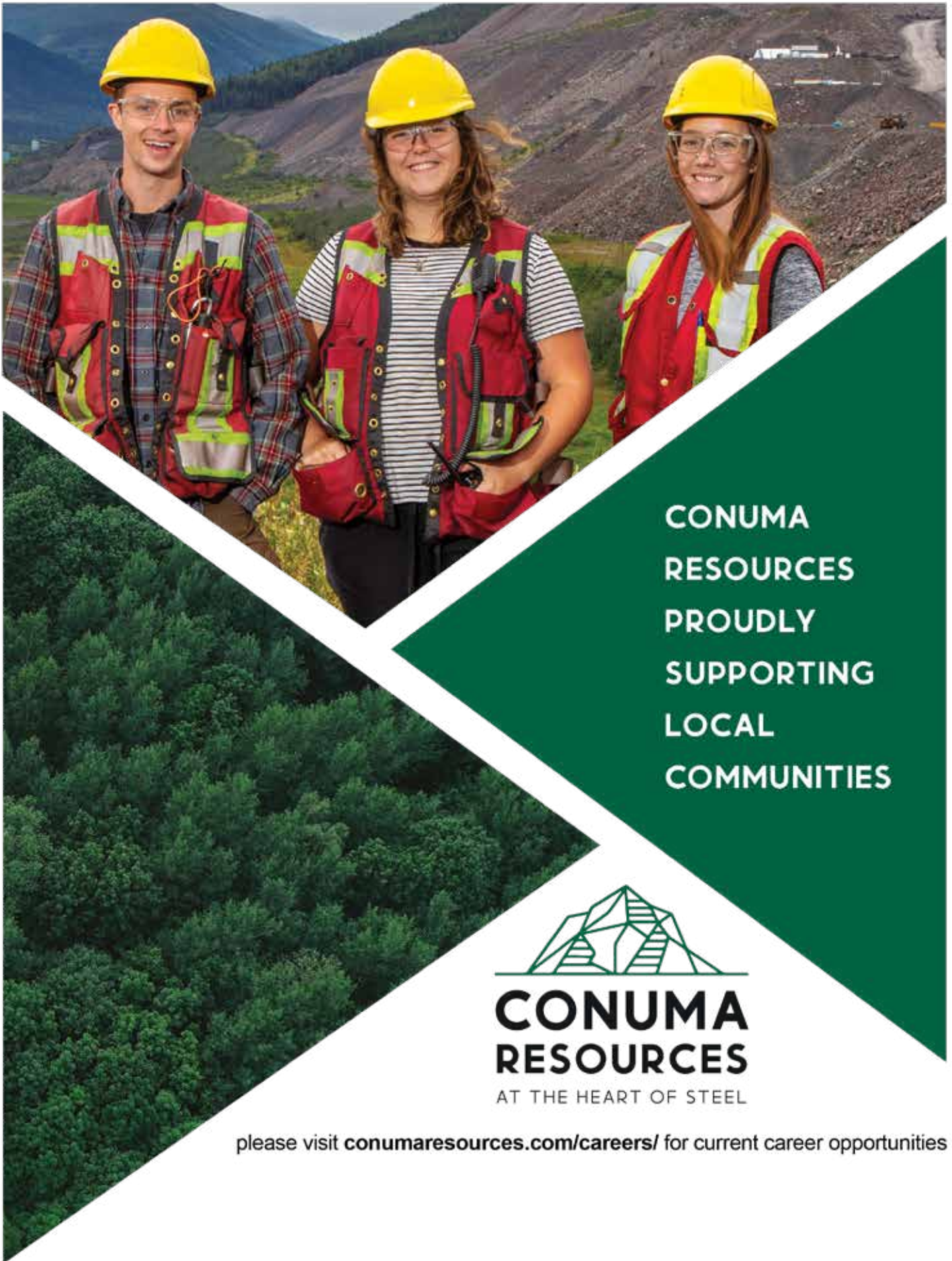
**LANTERN TOUR**

Book a tour through the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery to see dinosaur prints from 99 million years ago along the banks of the Wolverine River.

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Teeing off on #9 - Jesaja Class

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# ON THE WATER



5 Gwillim Lake - Jesaja Class

Whether you prefer the serenity and solitude of a crystal-clear lake or the thrill of fast flowing rivers, Tumbler Ridge has an abundance of lakes and rivers that provide water sports opportunities for all.

## Kayaking & Canoeing

Slip into the cockpit and put paddle to pond. Glide smoothly across the water in your kayak or canoe at one of the many calm bodies of water such as Quality Lake, Moose Lake or Upper Flatbed Creek. Gwillim Lake is also a great option just be aware that the wind can pick up quickly producing large waves so use caution.

## Jet Boating

The Murray River is a hugely popular choice for jet boats. The sandy banks along the winding river make great spots to stop for a shore-side lunch or to cast out a line to see if you can catch a fish. Seeing Kinuseo Falls from a jet boat is an awe-inspiring experience. Be ready to have your breath taken away as you feel the full effect of the water thundering down into the river below. Please be aware of, and courteous to all other river users, especially non-motorized users.



30 Murray River - Northern BC Tourism/Jason Hamborg

# ADVENTURE BIKING

Adventure and dual-sport riding are a way of life. Freedom and adventure are part and parcel of adventure riding vocabulary. Anything street legal with dirt-worthy tires will lead you deep into the backcountry.

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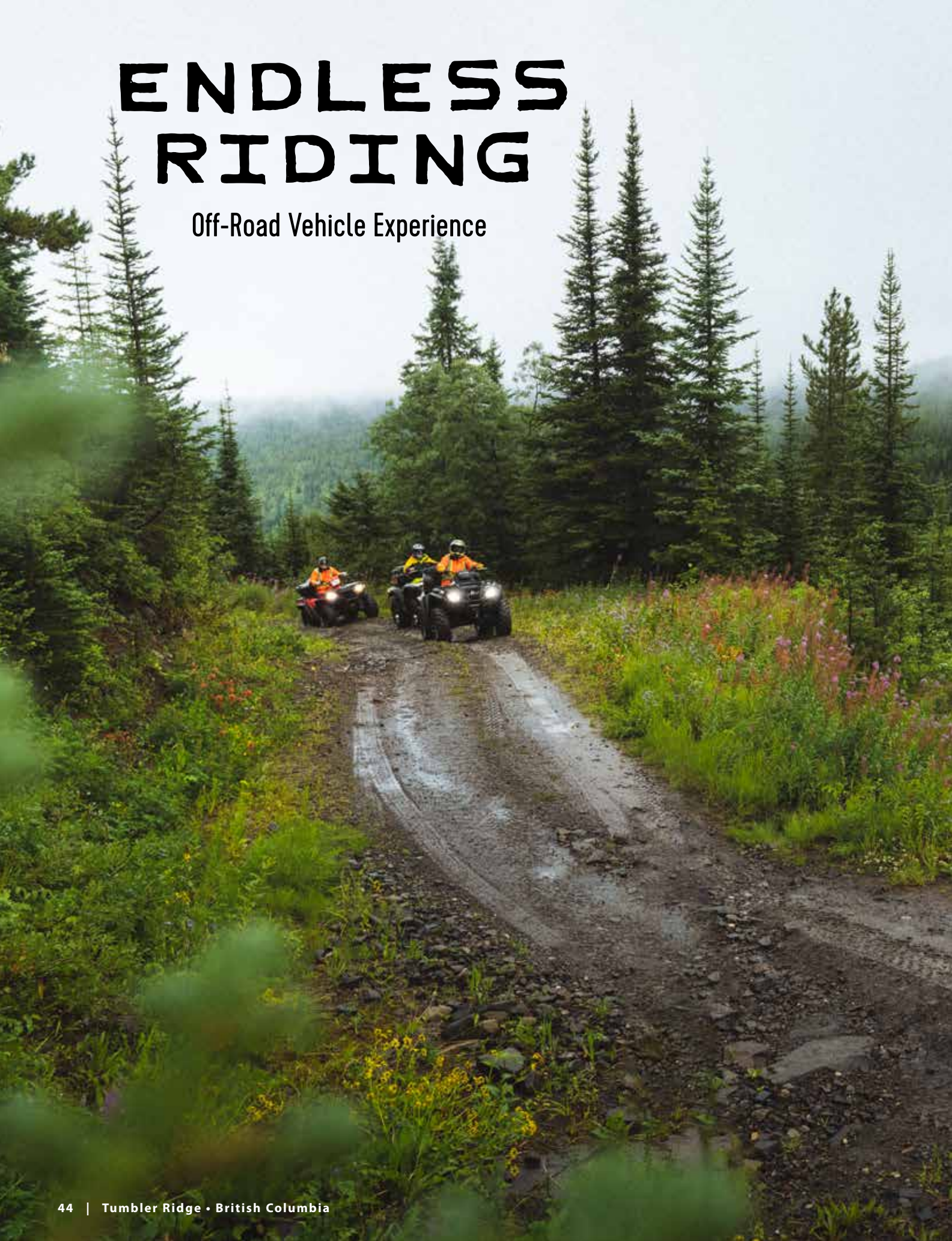
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## Gear Up

Tumbler Ridge is an off-road vehicle rider's paradise with no shortage of ATV trails. There are hundreds of kilometres of marked and unmarked trails with plenty of enjoyment for beginners and expert riders alike. There are cut lines, power lines, pipe lines, forestry roads and mountain top trails for you to ride that have numerous unparalleled views that will take your breath away.

## Core Lodge Area (easy-expert)

The Core Lodge is a day lodge with panoramic views of the Windy Ridge area. There are a number of great alpine trails in this area, including Roman Mountain, Windy Ridge, the Super Bowl, Summit Meadows and the Back Meadows. You can make your way to Kinuseo Falls (Provincial Park/ non-motorized regulations apply) from this area by travelling straight South (5 Cabin Creek Trail) until you join the Old Monkman Trail. Hidden Valley is accessible by a gravel road on the right a couple of kilometres past the Core Lodge, and offers spectacular views in every direction. Rides range from easy to extremely challenging.



Core Lodge Trail - Joshua Jansen **2**

## Bearhole Lake (easy)

Bearhole Lake is a small lake that can be easily accessed right from town via the Quality Lake Trail. At km 7, to the left (north), the Old Thunder Mountain trail winds through pristine forest up to the wind turbines at the Summit. Further down, on the way to Bearhole Lake, on an inactive forest service road, to the right (south), there is an option to ride up to Thunder Mountain as another riding experience. Beyond Bearhole Lake there are quite a few old logging areas and a few small lakes to investigate. There is good fishing in both lakes and this is an ideal area for family rides.



Sukunka Valley - Tim Croston

### Mount Spieker (moderate)

Feast your eyes on intriguing geological treasures and experience excellent wide-open alpine ATV routes on flat-topped Mount Spieker.

A must-do ride from the valley of Bullmoose Creek, Mount Spieker is great for riders looking for a fun day in the mountains. There are great photographic opportunities, especially in July and August when the wildflowers are in bloom. Begin by climbing a little-used road, then a trail following a now deactivated coal exploration road. The trail leads along mountain sides, past a small waterfall and through a switchback to the right as you near the top. At the top of the switchback, heading east will bring you to the summit of Mt Spieker. Heading south will bring you to the Perry Creek Forest Service Road and into the Wolverine valley.



9 Bearhole Lake - Jessie Olsen

### Wapiti / Red Deer (intermediate-expert)

This is a huge area of old roads with fantastic views and alpine areas that go on forever. Caution is advised as trails are unmarked. Points of interest are Red Deer Falls, Wapiti River, Onion Lake and Warner Lake. This area affords the most spectacular mountain top views of the whole North East BC area. There are not many trails in BC that can compare.



22 Red Deer Falls Trail - Joshua Jansen

### Bullmoose Area (easy-expert)

To access this area, head out to the old Bullmoose Mine Road (turn south off Hwy 29, north-west of Tumbler Ridge), then turn left at the power substation. There are two main areas and tons of trails and cut blocks to explore. Good for family rides with expert areas to challenge the adventurous rider.

**Detailed trail pamphlets** are available at the Visitor Information Centre, 250-242-3123. The Grizzly Valley ATV Club is the local ATV club, and the Facebook group “Tumbler Ridge Motorized Outdoor Recreation Enthusiasts” has a lot of good information including GPS files for many of the Tumbler Ridge area trails.



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# HUNTING & FISHING

Grayling fishing on the Wolverine River - Northern BC Tourism / Montana Christianson

## Untouched Wilderness Awaits

Looking for that truly remote area to hunt? Search no more; Tumbler Ridge offers thousands of kilometres of untouched wilderness. The area hosts numerous lakes, rivers, high peaks and mountain valleys, making it the ideal habitat for big game such as moose, elk, deer, black bears and goats. The biodiversity and uninterrupted, intact wilderness make our region unique. It's like taking a trip back in time, before development and extractive processes created easy access. It's an expansive and pristine wilderness area. The waters are cold and clean, and the wildlife is present in abundant numbers with outstanding trophy quality.



Moose



22 Red Deer Falls - Jessica Urness





For centuries our backyard has been the traditional foraging territory for many Indigenous peoples in the north. To this day, wild game, freshwater fish and edible plants remain an essential element of their diet, which in-turn brings an understanding and appreciation of wildlife and the ecosystems in which it lives.

Tumbler Ridge provides some of the best year-round fishing in the region for northern pike, lake trout, grayling, whitefish and perch. Whether you are new to the sport or new to the area, all you need to catch a fish in Tumbler Ridge, is a line, a license and a love for fishing. Multiple lakes in the area are stocked, but there are many more fishing holes that offer you a chance to catch monster fish that bite hard and fight even harder. One thing is for sure, your fishing adventure will provide you with endless fun and a real feast at the end of the day.

The Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark hosts an annual Fishing Derby on the July long weekend. This family-friendly event is not just a fishing derby, it is a full weekend of fishing, food, friends and fundraising with thousands of dollars in prizes to be won!



5 A huge northern pike (catch & release) at Gwillim Lake - Brandon Roy



Mountain Goat - Collin Ball

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# WINTER ADVENTURE

## **There's Nothing More Canadian Than Winter**

Winter doesn't keep us indoors! Get out and enjoy the crisp mountain air, sunny skies and pristine landscapes of our winter wonderland. The silent, snow-draped forests, majestic frozen waterfalls, crystal lakes and rivers, and mountain views will take your breath away. If you're lucky, the forests may yield a glimpse of winter wildlife or you may even be treated to the sight of the Aurora Borealis dancing across the night sky. With everything from snowmobiling to skiing to ice climbing, Tumbler Ridge offers endless options for winter adventures.

Perry Creek Falls - Northern BC Tourism / Johnie Gall



**Snowshoeing**

Summer trails in Tumbler Ridge turn into a winter snowshoeing paradise with terrain to suit all levels of experience and endurance. As the season progresses, the freezing of local rivers and streams can provide incredible snowshoeing excursions along frozen “highways” that lead to the base of frozen waterfalls and to canyons and natural features that are inaccessible during the summer. Always check local information and conditions before attempting these types of excursions. Many of the cross-country ski routes are ideal for snowshoeing, but please keep off the groomed ski trails and the set trails in the canyons.



7 Snowshoeing at the Tumbler Ridge Golf Course - Christine Vandeburgt

**Cross-Country Skiing**

Our groomed Nordic trails are ideal for traditional and skate skiing. By far the most popular route is the Wolverine Trail system (beginning and ending at the golf course), through 10 km (6.2 mi) of forest with views high above the Murray River. The system of groomed interlocking loops allows you to choose how far you want to go. Stop at the Lost Haven Cabin for a warm-up and rest. Nearby hills, valleys and flatlands provide a variety of experiences, from easy tours to rugged ski mountaineering.



7 Lost Haven Cabin - Jessie Olsen

**Ice Climbing**

Here, in the Waterfall Capital of the North, dozens of seeps and falls, ranging from short, easy climbs to difficult technical ascents, offer an array of ice-climbing choices to keep the most avid climber happy. Please ask at the Visitor Centre for information about local instructors and local conditions.



34 Babcock Falls - Antonio Sunci6n



Visitor Information Centre - Sheena Urness

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Babcock Seeps - Birgit Sharman

### Creek and Canyon Skiing

Winter's frozen creeks create natural highways through striking scenery. Canyons, inaccessible at other times of the year, are popular in winter, with a huge bonus; many trails lead to our magnificent frozen waterfalls. The Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society (WNMS) breaks trail on a number of creek routes. To learn more about skiing in Tumbler Ridge, as well as current conditions, contact the WNMS: [www.wnms.ca](http://www.wnms.ca)

For all outdoor winter activities, it is essential in avalanche terrain to have the knowledge and equipment to travel safely. Be sure to check the snow and avalanche reports before setting out.

# EMERGENCIES HAPPEN

**DON'T WAIT!**

There is no charge for Search & Rescue in BC.



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IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE**

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TO ACTIVATE SEARCH AND RESCUE**

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IF YOU HAVE AN  
EMERGENCY**



**NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

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**Fire Dept: (250) 242-3939**

 Follow @TumblerRidgeSAR for trip planning and adventure tips

# SNOWMOBILING

Some of the best, most diverse and remote riding in North America.



X Games athletes Brett Turcotte & Brock Hoyer snowmobiling in the Tumbler Ridge backcountry - Velocity Video Productions / Michael Reeve

Tumbler Ridge is the destination of choice for Peace Region riders. Untouched powder and a long, deep-snow season in the foothills of the Rockies provide some of the finest riding in the country. Our heart-pounding slopes and wide-open spaces—all cloaked in a thick layer of glistening white—offer endless riding possibilities.

The TR Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association has developed an extensive network of signed trails.

## **Core Lodge (easy – expert)**

The Core Lodge is a day lodge created by the TR Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association. It contains a cozy area to relax, start a fire and warm up. The Core Lodge area has everything from groomed, easy-to-ride trails to challenging hill climbs. Windy Ridge offers more than 100 runs with exciting climbing bowls and steep peaks. The Super Bowl, Toboggan Hill and Terminator Peak provide real tests for expert riders and terrific views for family and intermediate riders.

## **Bullmoose Riding Area (easy – expert)**

Bullmoose is a large area full of cut blocks and logging roads that will suit all experience levels of riders. There are

three main bowls and the area offers some excellent powder later in the season.

## **Wolverine Riding Area (intermediate – expert)**

Wolverine is a backcountry rider's dream. The Wolverine is made up of a variety of bowls and tree riding; most of the riding is for experienced riders. The staging area is located west of the Wolverine Mine site. This area boasts lots of trails and amazing alpine views. There is some side hilling to access the riding area and caution should be used. **CAUTION:** there are deactivated bridges beyond km 32.5 on the Wolverine FSR - check with the Visitor Centre for current road conditions.

## **Lovin' the Lakes (easy)**

Nearby lakes are perfect spots for families and beginners. Moose Lake is an easy ride with good, solid ice cover and picnic facilities, and Bearhole Lake has a network of interweaving trails.

**Please be advised that some areas within the Geopark boundary are closed to protect our mountain caribou. Contact the Visitor Information Centre for more information.**



### Avalanche Safety

Before heading out, check the Avalanche Canada website [avalanche.ca](http://avalanche.ca) for the avalanche forecast and important tips and tools like the Trip Planner. Be sure you wear your avalanche transceiver and bring a probe and shovel when riding in the backcountry. Consider taking an avalanche safety course from one of our local providers. Make a riding plan based on the current avalanche and weather forecast. If you see recent avalanche activity, unstable snow exists. Riding on or underneath steep slopes is dangerous.

For more riding information contact our Visitor Centre or visit [www.trridgeriders.com](http://www.trridgeriders.com)  
**Facebook: TR Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association**

5 Conducting a snow pit avalanche test, Wolverine riding area - Dave McAleney

22 Red Deer Falls / Wapiti Mountains - Dave McAleney



# CAMPING & TOURING IN THE NORTH



5 Gwillim Lake - Jesaja Class

Explore our geological wonders, rich history and fascinating palaeontological discoveries as a side trip to or from Alaska or as part of the Great Northern Circle Route.

Tumbler Ridge is justly famous as both the Waterfall Capital of the North and Canada's new Dinosaur Country, one of the few places in the world where you can visit authentic dinosaur trackways and view stunning waterfalls in the same day.

Drive the Monkman Pass Memorial Trail, a 193 km (120 mi) scenic tour from Beaverlodge, AB to Kinuseo Falls in Monkman Provincial Park, passing many sites of historical interest. A detailed brochure is available from the Visitor Centre.

Looking for a place to camp? Several Provincial Parks—Monkman, Gwillim Lake, Bearhole Lake—are relatively close by and provide opportunities for fishing, boating and other outdoor pursuits.

## Campgrounds

### Lions Flatbed Campground

Located in a beautiful creek setting, this campground has 40 sites and is located just 1 km from town. Amenities include; fire pits, firewood, a cooking shelter, picnic areas, playground, hiking trails and swimming hole. Also on site: a sani-station, flush toilets and hot showers. No hook-ups,

pets welcome. Open from May to October.

Reservations welcome, call 250-242-1197.

### Monkman RV Park

Located in Tumbler Ridge, this park has 55 drive-through sites complete with hook-ups, 13 winterized sites, ground camping and non-serviced lots as well. Amenities include: rented firepits, picnic tables, playground, hot showers, laundry facilities and non-serviced lots for tents and group camping. For more information call 250-257-7275.



2 Moose Lake - Northern BC Tourism/Matthew Littlewood





The **Tumbler Ridge Sanidump** is located on Ridge Road.

### Tumbler Ridge Golf & Country Club RV Park

Overlooking the Murray River Valley and immediately adjacent to the 9-hole, par 36 golf course, clubhouse and restaurant, this park has 8 private stalls and power hook-ups.

### Gwillim Lake Provincial Park Campground

Great fishing, boat launch, day-use picnic tables, playground, firewood, backcountry campsites, water pump, pit toilets, leashed pets welcome. 49 sites.

Open May 15 – Sept 30, 43 km NW of Tumbler Ridge. No reservations.

Call the Visitor Centre for more info and prices.

### Forest Service Recreation Sites

For more info, call the Tumbler Ridge Visitor Centre.

- Windfall Creek    • Stony Lake
- Moose Lake        • Redwillow
- Bearhole Lake    • Thunder Creek
- Boot Lake          • Wapiti West
- Flatbed East      • Wapiti East

Three new town entrance signs were installed in 2021 - Jessie Olsen



Lions Flatbed Campground - Jesaja Class

**Alaska Highway**  
The 2,237 km (1,522 mi) Alaska Highway connects the Continental US to Alaska from Dawson Creek, BC to Delta Junction, Alaska. Built during WWII and officially opened in 1942, construction took only eight months and employed over 10,000 soldiers and 16,000 civilians.

**Hudson's Hope**  
Visit the Gething Creek dinosaur tracksite as well as Peace Canyon Dam and W.A.C. Bennett Dam.

**Fort St. John**  
Visit the North Peace Museum's interpretive displays and thousands of historical artifacts including Tse'k'wa.

**Dawson Creek**  
The Mile Zero Cairn recognizes Dawson Creek as the beginning of the world-famous Alaska Highway. Discover local history at Walter Wright Pioneer Village, the Alaska Highway House and The Northern Alberta Railway Museum, where you can see a 12-foot mastodon tusk.

**Chetwynd**  
See more than 60 chainsaw sculptures on the Chainsaw Walking Tour, visit the Little Prairie Heritage Museum and visit the Dinosaur Trackway exhibit in the park.

**Grande Prairie, Alberta**  
See the interactive displays at the Heritage Discovery Centre, including Grande Prairie Museum & Heritage Village. Visit Pipestone Creek Park for camping and outdoor fun in Wembly, Alberta, and check out the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.



# COMMUNITY CENTRE

Aquatic Centre - Jesaja Class



Public Library - Jesaja Class

## Community Centre & TR Museum Exhibits

Tumbler Ridge is a welcoming, family-friendly place with an exceptional 8,361 m<sup>2</sup> (90,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) Community Centre that reflects the importance of activity for everyone.

- **Aquatic Centre** - full-sized pool, tots pool, sauna, hot tub and steam room.
- **Squash and racquetball courts** - with handy equipment rentals.
- The **Rock Pit Gym** is outfitted with a variety of free weights, aerobic equipment, treadmill, elliptical trainers and bikes.
- **Hockey Rink** - the 61 m x 26 m (200 ft x 85 ft) full-scale hockey rink boasts some of the best ice in the Peace Region.
- The **Curling Rink** hosts three sheets of playing surface, a viewing area and lounge overlooking the ice.
- An **indoor children's playground** welcomes the little ones on the main level, alongside a full service restaurant.
- The **Public Library**, with computer and internet access, can also be found here.
- **Sports Hall of Fame**, where Tumbler Ridge athletes who have excelled provincially and nationally are highlighted.

• The Community Centre is home to the District-sponsored **Youth Centre**. A safe place for young people in grades 5-12 to interact with friendly peers, the Youth Centre is open Tuesday through Saturday, afternoons and evenings, for games of pool, foosball or to just kick back and hang out. Inside the Youth Centre there is a **rock climbing wall** which is also available to be rented out to the public.

• **Tumbler Ridge Museum displays** exploring local natural and human history. You will find a historical map collection (including the 1906 first known map of the area), the town's coal-mining beginnings, early dinosaur discoveries, and photos of hardy pioneers such as Samuel Prescott Fay, Prentiss Gray and more. Visitors can also view a major retrospective on the construction of the Monkman Pass Highway in the late 1930s.

• The **Art Gallery** showcases local artists' work and photographs of some of the area's scenic splendour.

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Indoor Playground - Jesaja Class



Aquatic Centre - Jesaja Class



Arena - Bob Taylor



Curling Rink - Trent Ernst

# MOVING TO TUMBLER RIDGE

18 Mount Spieker - Jesaja Class

Now that you've had a glimpse into the amazing recreational opportunities Tumbler Ridge has to offer...maybe you want more than just a visit...maybe you are ready to call this special place home?

Do you crave closeness to nature, where wide open spaces are our main commodity? Tired of long drives to work and traffic jams? Do you dream of saying goodbye to rent payments, and saying hello to a place of your own? Imagine adventure awaiting in every direction in your own backyard. With an average commute of less than five minutes and some of the most affordable homes in BC, Tumbler Ridge could be just what you are looking for.

This friendly, family-oriented, approachable community sits in the heart of a recreation lovers paradise. The active and youthful people of Tumbler Ridge are deeply connected to the landscape and the experiences it provides. Adventurers, entrepreneurs, tradespeople, clean energy and resource professionals are the fabric of a place where work-life balance isn't just a saying but a reality.

## District of Tumbler Ridge

The District of Tumbler Ridge's vision is to work together to create a proud, vibrant, diverse, and sustainable community, where life is as spectacular as the setting.

This is a standard that we live by in Tumbler Ridge. Collaboration and teamwork within our municipal government departments and an abundance of community organizations and regional partners is strong. We are proud of our collective achievements and we continuously strive to strengthen these bonds to build upon our existing strong sense of community and shared values.

## Economic Development Office

The Economic Development Office is a department of the District that is a local business resource, industry service provider and community development specialist that works to create optimum conditions for businesses and the local economy to flourish.

Please visit [www.investtumbleridge.ca](http://www.investtumbleridge.ca), an excellent resource for information on relocating to Tumbler Ridge.

### AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURES

	January	July
High	- 4.5°C	22.4°C
Low	- 14.8°C	7.9°C
Average	- 9.6°C	15.5°

### ANNUAL PRECIPITATION

January Snowfall:	384 mm / 15.1 inches
July Rainfall:	77.7 mm / 3 inches

### AVERAGE DAYLIGHT HOURS

Maximum:	June - 17.3 hours
Minimum:	December - 7.3 hours

### POPULATION

District of Tumbler Ridge:	2500
Peace River Regional District:	62942

### AREA & ELEVATION

Coordinates:	55.1258° N, 120.9932° W
Area:	1,559 km <sup>2</sup> (602 sq mi)
Elevation:	830 m (2,720 ft)



**HOUSING &  
REAL ESTATE**

The affordability of property in Tumbler Ridge, coupled with low residential and commercial taxes and unrivaled business start-up and relocation opportunities provide the foundation of your future in the foothills of the Rockies. With neighbourhoods purpose-built for safety and walkability, the well-planned community has expandable, long-term infrastructure for the future. Create your own story in a place where nature lends itself to both industry and recreation.

Rentals and real estate are served through our local realtors. The District also has municipally-owned commercial, industrial and residential properties for sale, and are currently working to develop and expand rural residential opportunities in the community. In addition, Tumbler Ridge has substantial areas of provincially-owned Crown Land within its District boundaries that could be right for your venture.



**GENERAL SERVICES**

**District of Tumbler Ridge (Town Hall)**  
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www.districtoftumbleridge.ca

**BC Hydro**  
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www.bchydro.com

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www.png.ca

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# EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

Growing up in Tumbler Ridge, lessons are not just learned indoors, but also in the rich environment that encompasses the town. Unspoiled by the hustle and bustle of city life, Tumbler Ridge offers children an unmatched experience. Our public school system in Tumbler Ridge has an elementary school (grades K-6) and high school (grades 7-12) with modern facilities and programs. There are also exceptional educational opportunities in place for small children, including Strong Start, preschool and multi-age daycare programs. There are post-graduate courses at our Northern Lights College campus for young adults and mature students. Tumbler Ridge is an outstanding outdoor classroom for extracurricular school programs, sports and field studies in the surrounding UNESCO Global Geopark.

## SCHOOLS

### **Tumbler Ridge Elementary School (Kindergarten - Grade 6)**

355 Monkman Way

Phone: (250) 242-5281 • [www.sd59.bc.ca](http://www.sd59.bc.ca)

### **Tumbler Ridge Secondary School (Grade 7 - Grade 12)**

180 Southgate Street

Phone: (250) 242-4227 • [www.trss.sd59.bc.ca](http://www.trss.sd59.bc.ca)

### **Northern Lights College (Tumbler Ridge Campus)**

180 Southgate Street

Phone: (250) 242-5591 • [www.nlc.bc.ca](http://www.nlc.bc.ca)

## CHILDCARE

### **Tumbler Ridge Children's Center Society - Preschool/Daycare**

340 Front Street

Phone: (250) 242-4503 • [www.trccs.ca](http://www.trccs.ca)



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Gwillim Lake - Jesaja Class

Tumbler Ridge Community Health Centre is a Northern Health ([www.northernhealth.ca](http://www.northernhealth.ca)) diagnostic and treatment centre that is home to medical, ambulance, public health, social services, a visiting ophthalmologist, massage therapist, respiratory therapist and emergency care. We also have a well maintained runway and helicopter services in Tumbler Ridge to quickly evacuate medical emergencies to larger centres.

### CLINIC, HEALTH UNIT & PHARMACY

#### Tumbler Ridge Medical Clinic

220 Front Street

Phone: (250) 242-4251

#### Tumbler Ridge Community Health Unit

220 Front Street

Phone: (250) 242-5271

#### Tumbler Ridge Pharmacy

230 Main Street

Phone: (250) 242-3333

### COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

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Phone: (250) 242-7404

### POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### EMERGENCIES - CALL 911

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315 Iles Way

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325 Iles Way

Phone: (250) 242-3939 (non-emergency)



Go-kart races at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School.

## HEALTH, WELLNESS & COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

The Tumbler Ridge Community Centre is a hub of leisure activities. The facility features a pool, arena, curling rink, fitness centre, squash and racquetball courts, multipurpose meeting rooms, indoor playground, library, restaurant and museum exhibits. So, whether you enjoy being active or socializing with friends, there's something for everyone of all ages from educational to artistic, to fitness and leisure.

### COMMUNITY CENTRE & SENIORS GROUPS

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#### Tumbler Ridge Youth (Teen) Centre

340 Front Street

Phone: (250) 242-4246 Ext. 5

#### Tumbler Ridge Forever Young Society

Phone: (250) 242-0084

#### Willow Hall (Seniors Centre)

419 Willow Drive

Phone: 250-242-4422

There are many sports leagues, clubs and organizations in Tumbler Ridge, from hockey and golf to ATV and snowmobile, there are recreation opportunities for everyone. Call the Community Centre for more information on specific groups.



# THE ONLY LIMITATION IS YOUR IMAGINATION

18 Weaver Peak in Monkman Provincial Park - Destination BC/Mike Seehagel

## Why Tumbler Ridge?

Word is spreading about Tumbler Ridge! Our status as an international visitor destination and savvy investor hotspot has been enhanced exponentially by our 2014 UNESCO Global Geopark designation. Previously known as a single-industry metallurgical coal mining town with a cyclical resource-based economy, Tumbler Ridge is increasingly challenging these perceptions as dynamic new entrepreneurial opportunities and business sectors emerge.

While the mining sector remains a key part of the local economy, our community is actively pursuing diversification opportunities to strengthen, enrich and grow. Renewable energy, tourism, education, health care along with virtual work are areas of focus. The sky really is the limit when it comes to opportunities for you to grow your dream. We invite you to read on or visit our website [www.investtumbleridge.ca](http://www.investtumbleridge.ca) to learn more about these growth sectors and opportunities in more detail.

## Taxes and Incentives

The District of Tumbler Ridge sustains some of the lowest residential and business tax rates in British Columbia while maintaining exceptionally high municipal levels of service. Higher levels of taxation are paid by our heavy industries such as our mining companies which allows the community to reinvest in infrastructure and service provision.

## Growth Industries

We invite you to read on to find out more about some of our key economic sectors and some of the gaps in those sectors. You will notice that some of these industry sectors, particularly metallurgical coal mining, are well established in the community, while others will afford you incredible opportunities to genuinely shape the future.

## Tourism

Tumbler Ridge is rapidly becoming a year-round destination of choice for active and nature-based people who are looking for exceptional experiences in pristine wilderness terrain. Tumbler Ridge has made a strategic decision to focus substantial resources to expanding our tourism industry sustainably. Tumbler Ridge is well suited to ambitious, yet lifestyle and family-oriented workers and entrepreneurs that are looking to take advantage of our expanding tourism story. There are opportunities for growth in accommodation, restaurant and retail sectors; more specialists in outdoor recreation and education, photography, art courses and wildlife viewing as well as guides and businesses that support and build upon our UNESCO Global Geopark designation. Once you have experienced all that we have to offer we are confident that you will want to make Tumbler Ridge your new home.



## Health Care

Tumbler Ridge's relatively small population is largely made up of active, health-conscious people, and we do our best to cater to their needs. To complement existing services, we want to attract more health care providers, including but not limited to dentists, more nurses, counsellors and paramedics, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, chiropractors and naturopaths.

## Natural Resources

Tumbler Ridge is at northern BC's epicenter of activity for natural resources and clean energy. The town was built in conjunction with the North East Coal Development plan. Conuma Resources Limited is currently the community's largest employer, with three open pit operations, mining high-grade metallurgical coal used to make steel. Tumbler Ridge is also home to some of BC's largest wind turbine farms, including Pattern Energy's Meikle Wind Farm and Capital Power's Quality Wind Project. The forestry industry in Tumbler Ridge remains somewhat of an untapped resource, with many opportunities for value added business ventures available. The Tumbler Ridge Community Forest ([www.tumblerridgeforest.com](http://www.tumblerridgeforest.com)) has expanded the size of their forest operations and is ready to work with you! Our community is also a natural gas producer with companies such as Canadian Natural Resources Ltd (CNRL) and Pacific Natural Gas (PNG) adding significantly to our existing employment mix.

## Virtual Work

Technological advancements have provided entrepreneurs, freelancers, stay-at-home parents and company employees alike, with opportunities to escape city living without compromising their career prospects. Unobtainable house prices, pollution and traffic congestion are realities of 21st century city living, and with COVID-19 adding to these pressures many people are recognizing that urban living is no longer a compromise that they have to make to build a successful career.

Tumbler Ridge has a growing number of people who are able to work flexible hours in order to live in their ideal environment and to engage in their chosen outdoor and sporting passions. Work is currently underway to modernize our existing fibre optic network and to expand it into every residential, commercial and industrial neighbourhood in Tumbler Ridge.



Tumbler Ridge Town Hall

## Give Us A Call

The prospect of starting a business or taking over an existing business is an exciting time and there are unlimited opportunities for new ventures in Tumbler Ridge. Tumbler Ridge's Economic Development Office and other District departments are committed to helping you navigate the steps, finding the resources and information you need and connecting you to the right people.

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# TUMBLER RIDGE'S TOP 3 DESTINATIONS FOR ALL TYPES OF ADVENTURES

<b>Easy Hikes</b>	 	Quality Falls <b>9</b>	Murray Canyon Overlook <b>10</b>	Bullmoose Falls <b>20A</b>
<b>Moderate Hikes</b>	 	Cabin Pool Dinosaur Footprints <b>1</b>	Shipyards-Titanic <b>36</b>	Stone Corral <b>28</b>
<b>Challenging Hikes</b>	 	Cowmoose Mountain <b>20</b>	Mount Reesor <b>17</b>	Bergeron Falls Circular Route <b>13</b>
<b>Accessible/ Step free Hikes</b>		Kinuseo Falls  <b>30</b>	Bullmoose Marshes <b>14</b>	Paved walking paths in town 
<b>Overnight Hikes</b>	   	Monkman Cascades and Lake <b>31 32</b>	Windfall Lake <b>23</b>	Wapiti Lake <b>45</b>
<b>Waterfalls</b>	 	Kinuseo Falls <b>30</b>	Bergeron Falls <b>13</b>	Babcock Falls <b>34</b>
<b>Rock Scenery Hikes</b>	 	Shipyards-Titanic <b>36</b>	Boulder Gardens <b>35</b>	Mount Spieker <b>18</b>
<b>Mountain Biking</b>		Tumbler Point <b>4</b>	Flatbed Pools and Falls <b>1</b>	Wolverine Trails <b>7</b>
<b>Dinosaur Sites</b>		Dinosaur Discovery Gallery	Cabin Pool, Flatbed Creek (tour recommended) <b>1</b>	Wolverine Dinosaur Prints Lantern Tour <b>6</b>
<b>Birding Hikes</b>	 	Bullmoose Marshes <b>14</b>	Tumbler Point <b>4</b>	Mount Spieker <b>18</b>
<b>Rock Climbing</b>		Shipyards-Titanic <b>36</b>	Boulder Gardens <b>35</b>	Foehn Wall <b>26A</b>
<b>Canoeing</b>		Moose Lake <b>2</b>	Bearhole Lake <b>9</b>	Stony Lake <b>10</b>
<b>River Boating</b>		Murray River upstream (Kinuseo Falls) <b>30</b>	Murray River downstream (canyons and creeks) <b>10</b>	Gwillim Lake <b>5</b>
<b>ATVing</b>		Quality Lake Trail <b>6</b>	Red Deer Falls <b>22</b>	Mt. Spieker Trail <b>18</b>
<b>Swimming</b>		Tumbler Ridge Aquatic Centre	Flatbed Creek at Lions Flatbed Campground	Gwillim Lake <b>5</b>
<b>Fishing</b>		Moose Lake <b>2</b>	Quality Lake	Wolverine River
<b>Cross-Country Skiing</b>		Groomed Wolverine Trails <b>7</b>	Flatbed Creek upstream from Lions Flatbed Camp <b>1</b>	Babcock Creek
<b>Snowshoeing</b>		Babcock Falls <b>34</b>	Lost Haven Cabin <b>7</b>	Bullmoose Falls <b>20A</b>
<b>Ice Climbing</b>		Bullmoose Falls <b>20A</b>	Nesbitt's Knee Falls <b>26</b>	Cowmoose Falls
<b>Snowmobiling</b>		Core Lodge <b>2</b>	Wolverine Trail <b>5</b>	Bullmoose Trail <b>4</b>

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