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SUMMER GUIDE



FALL & WINTER



WELCOME

As summer fades, Boundary Country bursts into a breathtaking display of fall colours, with golden larches, fiery maples, and amber cottonwoods painting the landscape. Crisp autumn days invite you to hike scenic trails, cycle winding paths, and soak in the beauty of the season.

When winter arrives, the region transforms into a snowy wonderland, offering endless outdoor adventures. With three mountain ski areas, snow-covered trails, and frozen lakes stretching from valley floors to mountaintops, there's no shortage of ways to embrace the magic of winter. Whether you're carving through fresh powder, snowshoeing through peaceful forests, or skating on glistening ice, the great outdoors is calling.

Let the vibrant fall colours and sparkling winter landscapes inspire your next adventure in Boundary Country!



Kettle River
Photo: Tina Bryan



Baldy Mountain
Photo: Jackson Parker

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ANNUAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Funduro Biggest Bike Event at the Lake / Christina Lake

Fall Fairs / Rock Creek & Grand Forks

Kettle Valley Co-op Harvest Fest / Grand Forks

OCTOBER

Octoberfest / Christina Lake / (September or October)

Mushroom Festival / Christina Lake

Freakers Ball / Grand Forks

Spooktacular / Christina Lake

Halloween Bonfire & Fireworks / Greenwood

NOVEMBER

Grand Forks Art Gallery Wine Gala / Grand Forks

DECEMBER

Christmas Craft Fairs / Beaverdell, Christina Lake, Grand Forks,
Greenwood, Rock Creek Fairgrounds

Festival of Trees / Grand Forks

Solstice Sparkle / Christina Lake

Boundary Country New Years / Various locations

JANUARY

Big Effort Polar Plunge / Christina Lake

Winterfest / Christina Lake (January or February)

FEBRUARY

BC Family Day Weekend / Big White

Family Fun Day / Phoenix Mountain

Ice Fishing Derby / Wilgress Lake

Phoenix Nordic Loppet / Phoenix Mountain

Hot Chocolate Festival / Boundary Country Wide

Full Moon Ski & Snowshoe / Phoenix Mountain

Winemaker's Cup / Mount Baldy

MARCH

Slackcountry Cup / Mount Baldy

Spring Fling & Dummy Downhill / Mount Baldy

Bird Count Day / Rock Creek

APRIL

Slush Cups / Big White, Mount Baldy & Phoenix Mountain

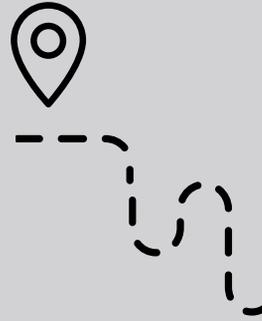
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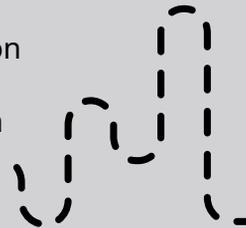


Phoenix Mountain
Photo: Peter Kalasz

TOP 10 FALL/WINTER ADVENTURES



- 1. LARCH FORESTS**– Make a stunning sight in Boundary Country, especially in autumn. You can find their golden transformation in areas along the Kettle Valley Rail trail typically mid to late October.
- 2. VISIT THE ROCK CREEK FALL FAIR**– Celebrated as a true country fair for over 75 years, featuring a rodeo, tractor races, live entertainment, carnival rides and showcases of local agriculture and crafts.
- 3. GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR**– Highlights Boundary Country’s agricultural heritage with exhibitions, borscht competition and family friendly activities.
- 4. WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER**– At Grand Forks Art Gallery, showcasing wines from the Kootenay, Okanagan and Similkameen regions along with BC Craft beers and locally roasted coffees.
- 5. FUNDURO**– The Kettle River Cycle association hosts their annual FUNDURO to tackle a combination of trails and obstacles at Christina Lake. This is a family friendly event where all ability levels are welcome.
- 6. EXPLORE THE REGION’S TRAILS**– The autumn months average a handful of rain so it’s a great time to head out and check over 2,000 km of trails in the region including the Kettle Valley and Columbia & Western Rail trails.



Kettle River
Photo: Tina Bryan



**Marshall Lake,
Phoenix Mountain**
Photo: Rocia Graham





7. DOWNHILL SKIING & SNOWBOARDING– Big White Ski Resort is a winter paradise known for its legendary “Okanagan Champagne Powder” and family-friendly atmosphere. With over 100 runs, world-class tree skiing, and a charming ski-in/ski-out village, it's the perfect destination for skiers, snowboarders, and winter adventure seekers alike. Baldy Mountain has the third-highest elevation ski area in BC. Known for its family-friendly atmosphere and diverse terrain, it offers a variety of winter activities amidst stunning alpine scenery. Bring the family to enjoy the squeals of tubing.

8. CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING– Explore scenic cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails stretching from Rock Creek to Christina Lake. Glide through peaceful forests, across open meadows, and along snow-covered paths for a true winter adventure.

9. THE ICE FISHING DERBY– Brings all kinds of folks out to Wilgress Lake for this annual event held on February Family Day long weekend. Lots of prizes entice families, friends and solo fisherfolks out looking to catch the big one.

10. HOT CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL– And other local festivals. Is there a better way to warm up on a cold winter day than with hot chocolate? Participating locations all through the Boundary share their enthusiasm creating unique taste experiences. The festival runs late January to mid February.



Wilgress Lake
Photo: Peter Kalasz

FALL ITINERARIES

Fall in Boundary Country becomes a large canvas of vibrant colours, the larches standing like light bulbs on the hillsides, a photographer's perfect capture. The landscape transforms in front of your eyes. Crisp autumn air invites you to hike scenic trails, cycle winding trails, and explore charming communities abundant in history and culture. From farmer's markets and cozy cafés to breathtaking vistas and peaceful lakes, fall in Boundary Country is a season of beauty, adventure, and relaxation. Get ready to embrace the magic of autumn with this unforgettable itinerary!

DAY 1 Start your day off with breakfast at one of the many local cafés.

DAY 2 Visit one of the many museums to learn about our region's history and culture.

DAY 3 Take in a movie at the historic Gem theatre in Grand Forks.

DAY 4 One of Boundary Country's best features is the vast number of hiking trails that come alive with colour in the fall. Pull on some hiking shoes and head out into nature.

DAY 5 Look out for snap-worthy murals on the walls in Grand Forks, Christina Lake, Greenwood and Rock Creek. The murals depict the outdoor adventures and history of Boundary Country including the 3-D mural at the Christina Lake Welcome Centre.




Boundary Creek
Provincial Park
Photo: Tina Bryan



Mural Walk, Grand Forks
Photo: Caroline
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WINTER ITINERARIES



When winter blankets Boundary Country in snow, the landscape transforms into a breathtaking playground for outdoor adventure. From thrilling days on the slopes at our ski resorts to peaceful moments gliding along snow-covered trails, there's no shortage of ways to embrace the season. Explore charming towns, warm up in cozy cafés, and experience the region's history and welcoming spirit. Whether you're carving through fresh powder, snowshoeing through quiet forests, or stargazing under crisp winter skies, Boundary Country is the perfect winter escape. Get ready for an unforgettable cold-weather adventure!

DAY 1 Bring your snowshoes or rent ones locally and experience the peaceful trails in Boundary Country. Rentals available at Christina Lake Welcome Centre.

DAY 2 If cross country skiing is more your style, you are in luck amidst our picturesque landscapes. Try the trails at Marshall Lakes, Big White, or The Trans Canada Trails. Rentals available at Seasons in Grand Forks.

DAY 3 Ride The Slopes at one of our three mountains: Big White Ski Resort, Baldy Mountain Resort, and Phoenix Mountain.

DAY 4 Try your luck at ice fishing. If you need a pole, Grand Forks Visitor Centre has some to lend. Some local favourite spots are Jewel Lake or Wilgress Lakes.

DAY 5 If you are seeking tranquility, renting a cabin in Boundary Country offers a serene escape from City life.

EXPLORE OUR MOUNTAINS

Let Boundary Country's mountains, wide open spaces, and beautiful vistas inspire you. Come experience the splendor and freshness of this winter wonderland.

THE BALDY EXPERIENCE

Baldy Mountain Resort is a high alpine treasure where plentiful powder rests seasonally upon Mt Baldy, the 3rd highest elevation ski area in British Columbia. Ski or snowboard through the perfectly spaced glades or take a walk through the forest on snowshoes. There is something for every fan or mountain enthusiast. This family friendly resort is known for uncrowded slopes and stunning views with 360 acres of managed trails and 240 acres of gladed tree skiing. After a day of activities, relax at Baldy Bar where you'll find great food and entertainment.

PHOENIX SKI HILL

Called "the best little Mountain in BC" is a community ski resort located between Greenwood and Grand Forks, 8 km off of Hwy 3. It was built in the late '60's by a group of local enthusiasts with the help of the Granby Mining Company, very near the ghost town of the City of Phoenix. It is a compact ski area with awesome terrain and a family friendly, hometown feel. Throughout the season there are various events to sample. Whether racing in the Phoenix open or entering a dummy for the Spring Fling Dummy Downhill there is no shortage of fun for everyone.

For those who love Nordic skiing, the Marshall Lake Trails above Phoenix Mountain are yours to explore. Pack a lunch and relax in the authentic Dacha where you can warm up and have a winter picnic. There are several hiking trails that double as cross country skiing and snowshoe trails.

You can spend the day on the 14 km loop that takes you past the cemetery, the only reminder of the once booming town of Phoenix.



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Located 8km off Highway 3, between Grand Forks and Greenwood



Big White Ski Resort
Photo: Geoffrey Holman

BIG WHITE SKI RESORT

Experience the ultimate winter destination at Big White Ski Resort, proudly known as Canada's Favourite Family Resort. With legendary Okanagan champagne powder, 119 thrilling runs, and breathtaking alpine scenery, it's a paradise for skiers and snowboarders alike. Enjoy ski-in, ski-out accommodations for effortless access to the slopes, plus horse-drawn sleigh rides, ice skating, dog sledding, and tubing for an unforgettable family-friendly getaway. After a day of adventure, refuel at one of 20 on-mountain dining establishments, offering everything from cozy cafés to lively après-ski spots. Big White is the ultimate winter destination.

POWDER HOUNDS ADAPTIVE PROGRAM

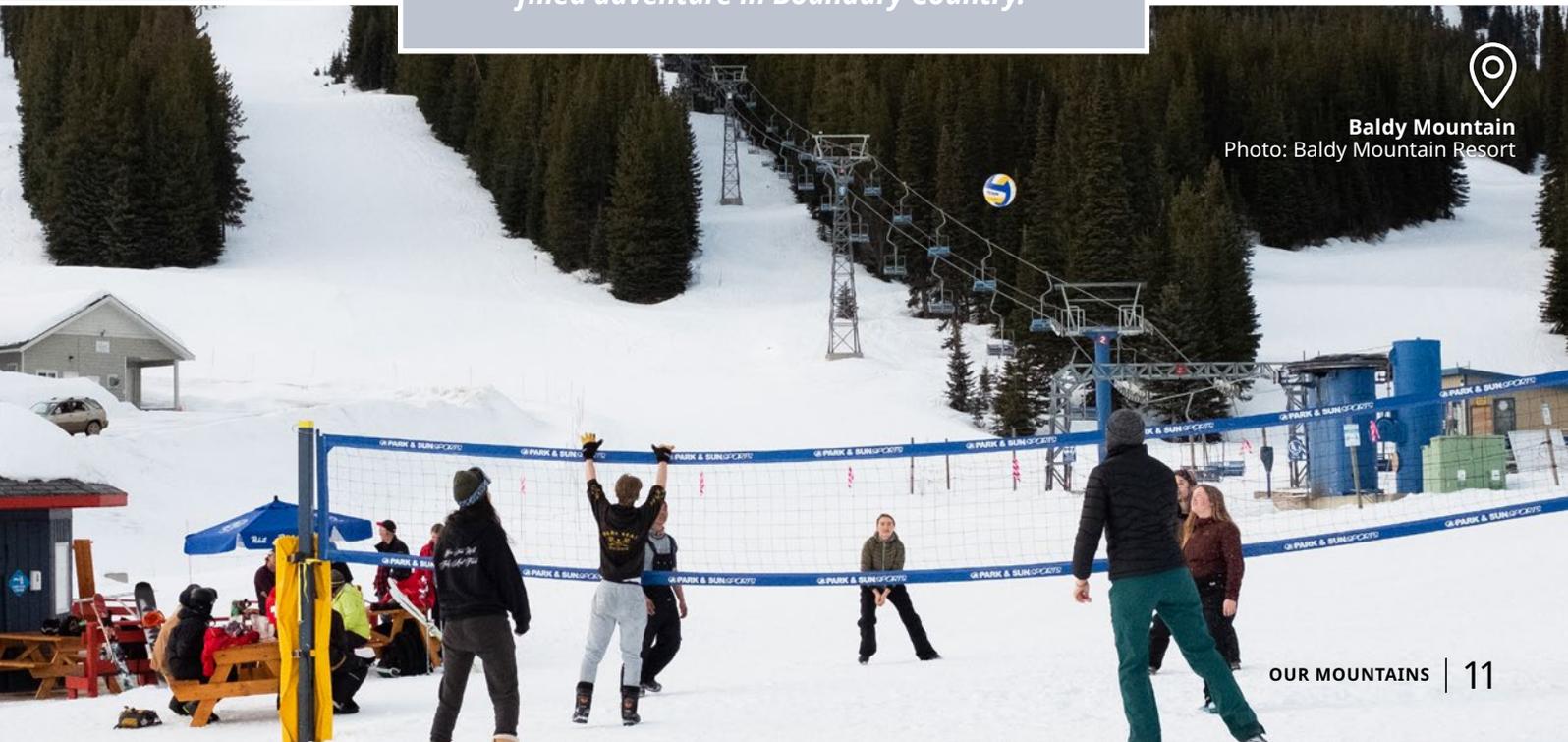
A specialized program designed for physical, cognitive and sensory challenges run by People in Motion, a non-profit society located out of Kelowna, BC. This adaptive program is available to children and adults with disabilities who wish to participate in downhill skiing or snowboarding at Big White Ski Resort. The program is designed to meet the needs of anyone with physical, cognitive, or sensory challenges. The program runs 7 days a week during the regular Big White ski season.

Lift Tickets 50% off with proof of BCAS membership

Prices do not include tax. Subject to change without notice.

Discount can only be applied in person at the Village Ticket Office.

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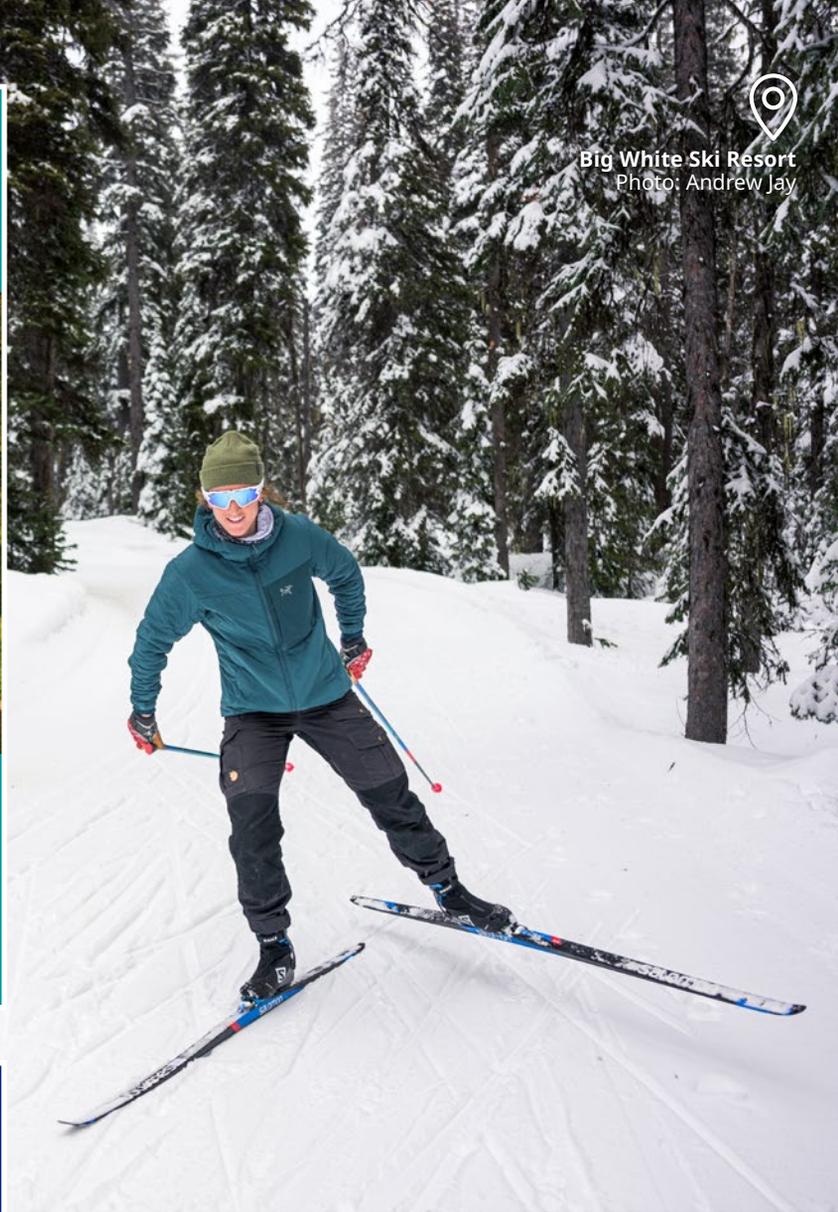
Baldy Mountain
Photo: Baldy Mountain Resort

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Big White Ski Resort
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Gyro Park Farmer's
Market, Grand Forks
Photo: Peter Kalasz



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WEEKEND IN
FEBRUARY



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ADVENTURES

Boundary Country offers a diverse array of adventures during the fall and winter seasons, catering to outdoor enthusiasts and culture seekers alike. Whether you are looking for the vibrant colours of fall or the snowy adventures of winter, Boundary Country offers experiences for everyone to create their own epic memories.

HIKING & CYCLING

The Kettle Valley and Columbia & Western Rail trails provide scenic routes traversing through forests and along rivers. These trails are especially picturesque in the autumn when the foliage transforms into vibrant colours.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

Boundary Country offers a wide variety of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing opportunities amidst its picturesque landscapes. Meander through tranquil forests, open meadows and trails suitable for both novice and experienced adventurers. Try trails at Marshall Lakes, Big White Ski resort, Baldy Mountain, the Rails Trails and Christina Lake Golf Course. Before setting out, be sure to check on current trail conditions

SNOWMOBILING

Big White offers snowmobiling tours for enthusiasts of all ages featuring a diverse range of trails designed to accommodate all skill levels. Climb the Paulson Summit near Christina Lake or explore the snowy alpine bowls to Pass Creek at the east end of Christina lake.

LOCAL FESTIVALS

Experience the vibrant spirit of Boundary Country through its seasonal festivals. The Rock Creek Fall Fair and Grand Forks Fall Fair celebrate the region's agricultural heritage with exciting exhibitions, live entertainment, and delicious local cuisine. As winter sets in, enjoy festive events like Christina Lake Winterfest, the Boundary Hot Chocolate Festival, the Ice Fishing Derby, and lively celebrations at our local ski hills. No matter the season, there's always something to enjoy!

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GETTING HERE

CROWSNEST HWY 3 FROM VANCOUVER

From Vancouver, travel east to Hope, then at the junction take Crowsnest HWY 3 east through the Similkameen Valley. Manning Park and China Ridge are where you can enjoy year-round activities. Cycle the Trans Canada Trail and the Kettle Valley Rail Trail from Princeton to the hamlets of Tulameen and Coalmont. Princeton is legendary for its fishing. Stop at Hedley and learn about First Nations people at the Snaza'ist Discovery Centre. Cawston/Keremeos is home to organic fruit, vegetable growers and a wine region that boasts almost 20 wineries. Travel onwards to Osoyoos, cross Route 97 and enter Boundary Country.

CALGARY TO BOUNDARY VIA CROWSNEST HIGHWAY 3

From Calgary, AB, drive south on HWY 2, then venture west on HWY 3 through the spectacular Crowsnest Pass. Witness the scene of Frank Slide, one of Canada's largest landslides. In Fernie, enjoy lift-accessed mountain biking at Fernie Alpine Resort, whitewater rafting, and endless hiking trails surrounding the town. Stop in Cranbrook to learn about the heritage and culture of the local Ktunaxa First Nation. Gaze at sculptures in Castlegar, the SculptureCapital of Canada. Enter Boundary Country via Christina Lake, where trails and water fun await.



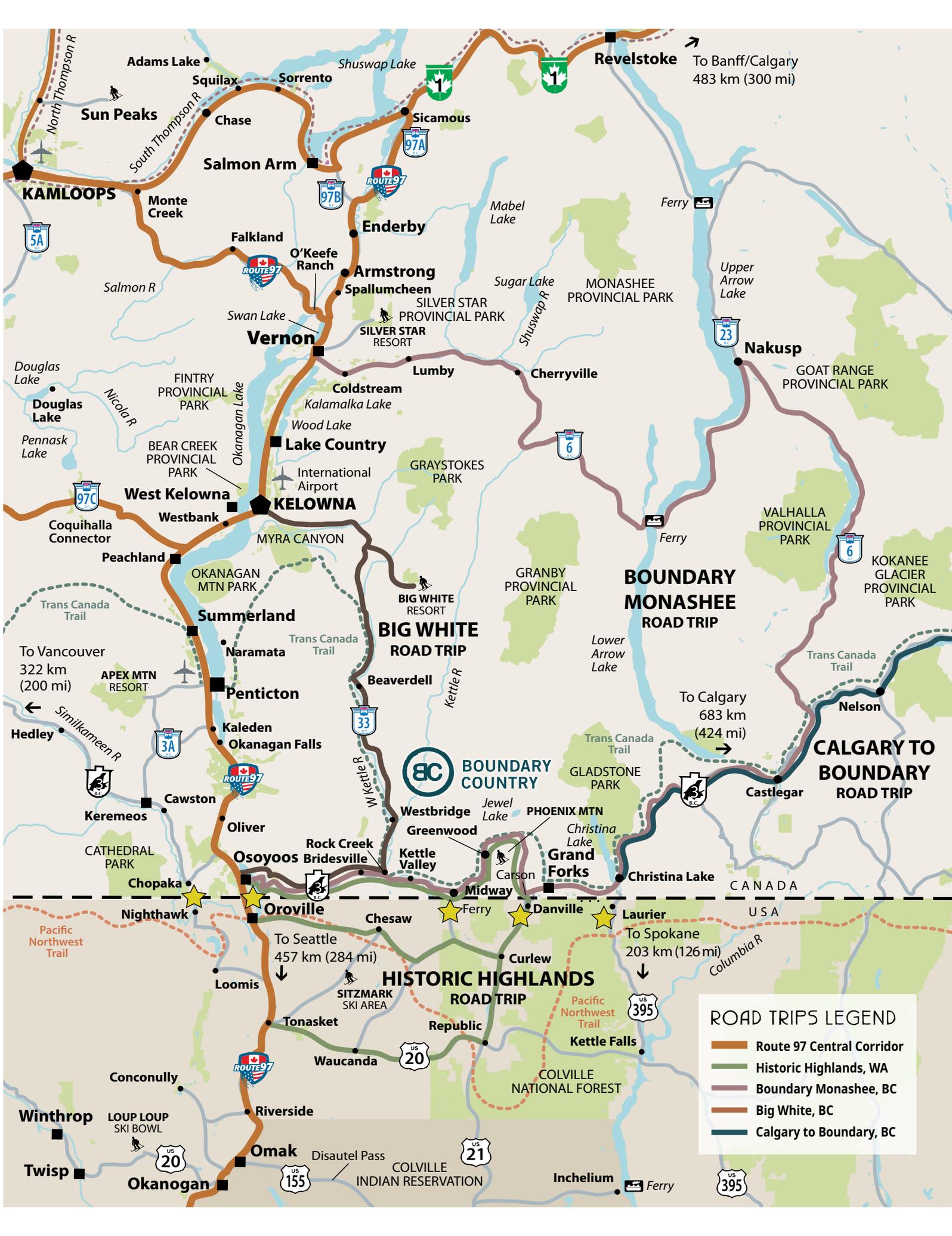
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Visitor Centre in Rock Creek
Photo: Trails to the Boundary

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To Banff/Calgary
483 km (300 mi)

To Vancouver
322 km
(200 mi)

To Calgary
683 km
(424 mi)

To Seattle
457 km (284 mi)

To Spokane
203 km (126 mi)

ROAD TRIPS LEGEND

- Route 97 Central Corridor
- Historic Highlands, WA
- Boundary Monashee, BC
- Big White, BC
- Calgary to Boundary, BC





Mural Walk, Grand Forks
Photo: Peter Kalasz

HWY 33 AND THE BIG WHITE ROAD TRIP FROM KELOWNA [OR NORTH]

From Route 97 in Kelowna, connect to HWY 33. Travel east on Big White Road to Big White Ski Resort – home of Okanagan champagne powder in winter and lush mountain wildflowers in summer. Return to HWY 33 and travel south to the hamlets of Carmi, Beaverdell, and Westbridge. Stop in Rock Creek, at the junction of HWYs 3 and 33, to explore the Kettle Valley Rail (KVR) Trail, part of Canada’s iconic Trans Canada Trail. Dip your pan in the river for a chance to discover gold! Next, drive east on HWY 3 towards Midway, Grand Forks, and beyond to Christina Lake, or turn west for Bridesville and on to Osoyoos, at the junction of Route 97 and HWY 3. From Osoyoos, travel west on HWY 3 through the Similkameen Valley, go north on Route 97 through the Okanagan Valley, or head south to the United States.

BOUNDARY MONASHEE LOOP FROM OSOYOOS

The drive from Osoyoos to Christina Lake is approximately 146 km (90.7 mi) through rolling farmland, as the Kettle and Granby Rivers wind through the region before converging in Grand Forks. From Osoyoos, take Crowsnest HWY 3 east to Boundary Country, stopping at Baldy Mountain Resort, Bridesville, and arriving in Rock Creek. Pan for gold in the Kettle River. Start a hiking or biking adventure on the Trans Canada Trail and visit Mile 0 of the Kettle Valley Railway in Midway. Explore the ghostly remnants of the copper mining town Phoenix. Visit Canada’s smallest city in Greenwood. Learn about Doukhobors at the Boundary Museum in Grand Forks, or make the most of the warmest tree-lined lake in Canada, Christina Lake.



Big White Ski Resort
Photo: Andrew Jay



Big White Ski Resort
Photo: Big White Ski Resort

There is no shortage of scenic viewpoints as you continue north, where Highway 3 connects with Highway 6 near Nakusp. It's there that you can explore the Valley of Hot Springs in the Arrow Lakes region before taking the Needles Cable Ferry from Fauquier across Lower Arrow Lake. In the Kootenays, soak your cares away in the revitalising, natural mineral hot springs. From there, continue westbound 135 km (84 mi) toward the North Okanagan city of Vernon, south of Kelowna. From Kelowna, travel east along HWY 33 to Big White Ski Resort, south to Beavercreek, through Westbridge, Rock Creek and Bridesville on your way back to Osoyoos.

BOUNDARY MONASHEE LOOP FROM REVELSTOKE

From Alberta, take HWY 1 to Revelstoke to access the Boundary Monashee Loop. Drive south on HWY 23 to Nakusp and enjoy the hot springs before you connect with HWY 6 south. Cruise the windy mountain roads through the Kootenays to connect with HWY 3 at Castlegar where you'll travel west to Christina Lake. From there it's a short drive to all that Boundary Country has to offer. Once you've enjoyed Boundary Country, travel west on HWY 3 to Route 97, then travel north to Vernon where you can take HWY 6 east to Nakusp and return to HWY 1 near Revelstoke.

FROM THE USA

There are several ways to arrive in Boundary Country from North Central Washington State. Check online for border crossing times.

- Cross into Canada at the Nighthawk or Oroville/Osoyoos border crossing and drive east on HWY 3 to Boundary Country.
- Enter through one of the smaller border crossings off Route 97 at Tonasket (to HWY 20) or Oroville (to Chesaw Road) WA. Travel through lush ranchlands and countrysides, through ghost towns and picturesque communities. Cross over into Boundary Country at Ferry/Midway crossing on US 501 or the Danville/Carson (US 21) crossing near Grand Forks.
- From the Spokane, WA area, cross over near Christina Lake at the Laurier/Cascade border crossing via HWY 395.

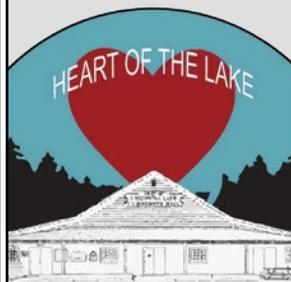
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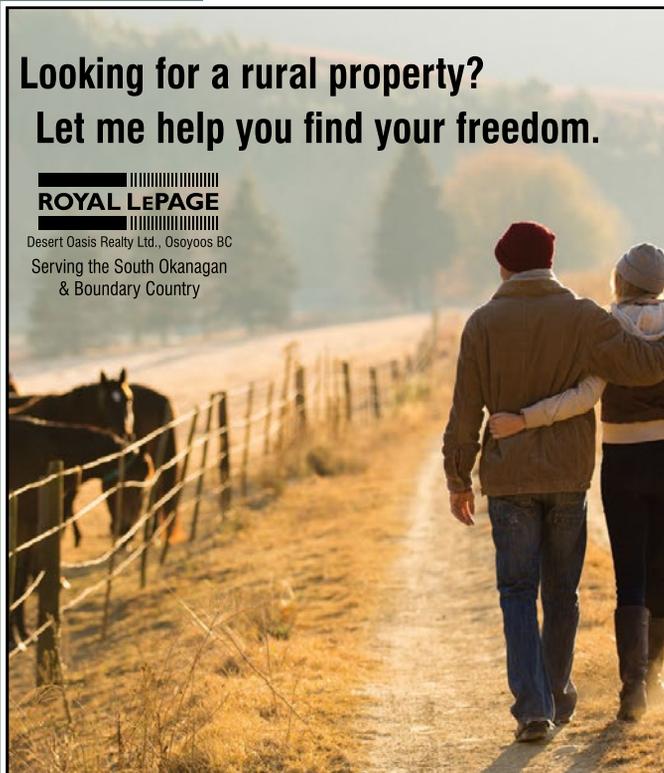
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