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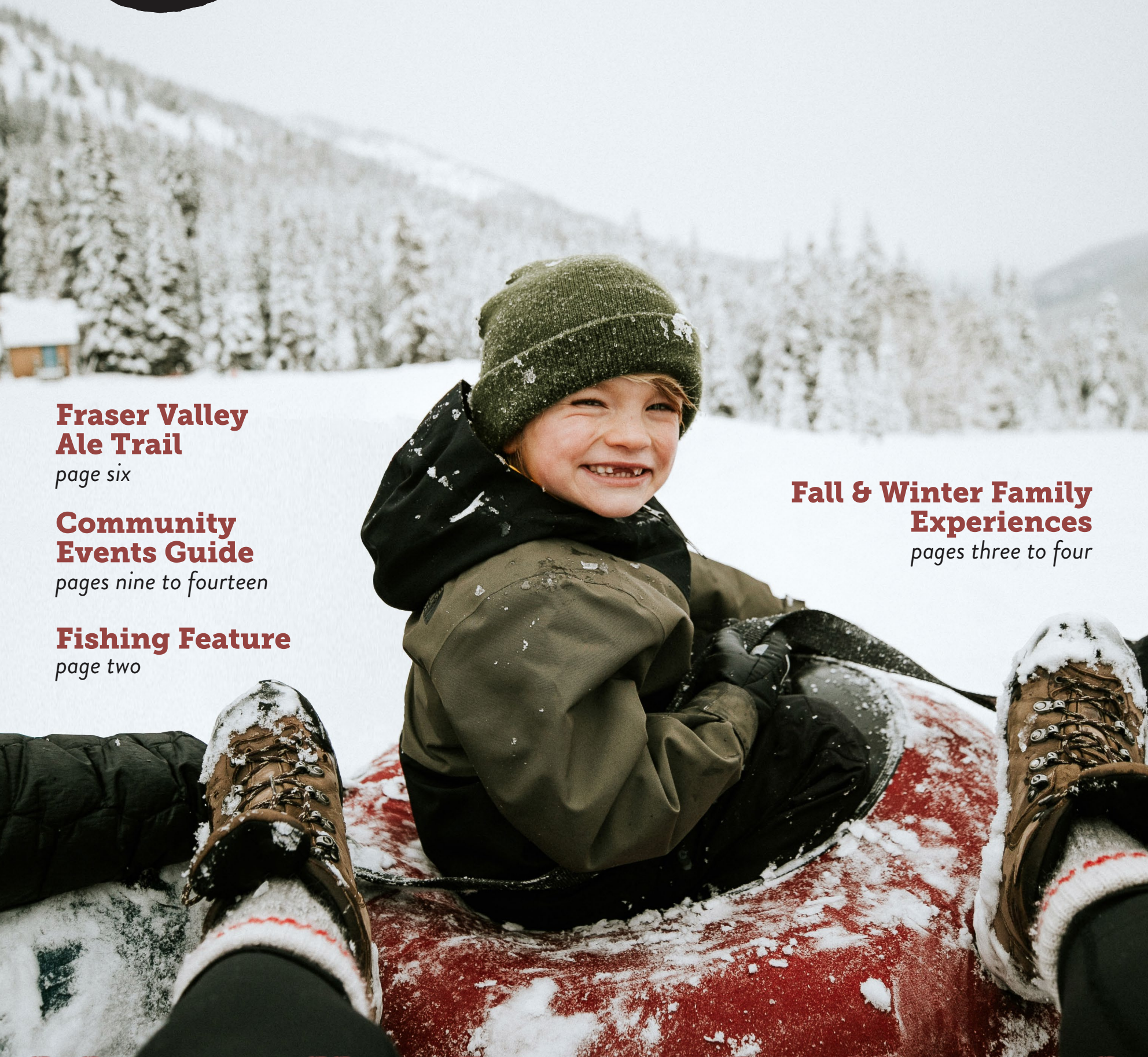
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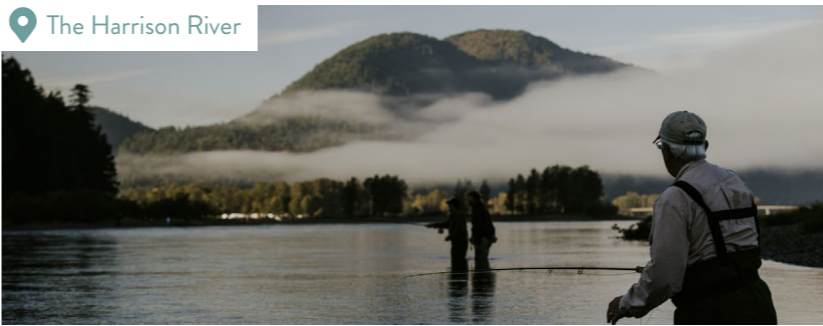
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Fishing in the Fraser Valley

One of BC’s most renowned fishing destinations, the Fraser Valley has abundant salmon, steelhead and sturgeon swimming through its lakes, rivers and creeks. Head to a serene spot to cast a line or hop on a charter boat for a guided fishing trip on the Fraser River with any of our world-class guides.



The Harrison River

Guided Fishing Adventures

Fraser Valley fishing guides have the perfect adventure waiting for you: whether you are new to the sport or have spent years building up your tackle and patience to catch that elusive prize fish.

- Fred’s Custom Tackle • Mainlanders Sportfishing
- Great River Fishing Adventures • Sturgeon Hunter
- Len’s Sportfishing Adventures • Kilby Lodge
- Chilliwack Dart & Tackle Shop • Streamline Guiding
- BC Sportfishing Group • Cascade Fishing Adventures
- Silversides Fishing Adventures • Swiftwater Guiding
- River Therapy Fishing Company • Fraser River Lodge
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Welcome to the Fraser Valley Explorer

We’re so happy that you picked up this inaugural edition of *The Fraser Valley Explorer*. In it you can peruse some of nature’s best playgrounds and our communities’ cozy offerings, all of which make our mountain-bordered valley home an adventure destination year-round. This issue highlights our top fall and winter experiences: from snow excursions and pow days to river fishing, taking in a sports game and exploring unique and locally produced craft beverages and food. You’ll find a range of activities to satisfy everyone’s needs and tastes. The feature drinks and venues map in the middle of this publication will help you plan your route. The six community pages that follow it highlight local features and events, as well as fun and useful facts relevant to the area. Enjoy, indulge and share this with a friend. We can’t wait to see you soon!

The Fraser Valley

Tourism Langley, Tourism Abbotsford, Tourism Ch’illiwack, Harrison River Valley, Tourism Mission, and Hope, Cascades & Canyons

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Learn more about the Fraser Valley by visiting our website!  
[thefraservalley.ca](http://thefraservalley.ca)

Plan your next trip to the Fraser Valley using these tips and tools:  
[fvtr.ee/plan](http://fvtr.ee/plan)



Acknowledging the Indigenous Peoples of this Land

We acknowledge that we live, work, play and travel on the traditional, ancestral, unceded and shared territories of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo, Leq’á:mel, Sema:th, Matheqwi, Qwó:lt’el, Sq’ewlets, Aitchelitz, Shxwha:y, Skowkale, Squiala, Soowahlie, Tzeachten, Yakweakwioose, Cheam, Skwah, Kwaw Kwaw apilt, Douglas, Seabird Island, Sts’Ailes, Samahquam, Sq’ewá:lxw, Skatin, Chawathil, Shxw’ow’hamel, Xwoxwela:lh, Peters, Popkum, Skawahlook, Spuzzum, Boston Bar and Boothroyd First Nations. Carving artist - Chief Terry Horne

Species	When
Black Crappie	Winter
Brook Trout	Winter + Spring
Bull Trout	Winter + Spring
Chinook Salmon	Late Summer + Early Fall
Chum Salmon	Fall
Coastal Cutthroat Trout	Spring
Coho Salmon	Late Summer + Fall
Dolly Varden	Late Summer + Fall
Kokanee	Spring + Summer + Fall
Lake Trout	Spring + Summer + Fall
Mountain Whitefish	Winter + Spring
Northern Pikeminnow	Spring
Pink Salmon	Late Summer
Rainbow Trout	Fall + Winter
Sockeye Salmon	Late Summer
Steelhead	Winter + Spring + Summer
White Sturgeon	Spring + Summer + Fall

Know Before You Go

Avoid missing out by checking first with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for information about potential closures and restrictions—such as limits and non-retention—in the area. Preparedness is key: ensure you have the right gear, water safety training and fishing licence(s).



The Fraser River

Resources to Get You Started

[gofishbc.com](http://gofishbc.com) | [dfo-mpo.gc.ca](http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca)  
[discoverboating.ca/boating/fishing/safety.aspx](http://discoverboating.ca/boating/fishing/safety.aspx)



Abbotsford To Anywhere

Our airline partners at YXX—Swoop, Flair and WestJet—are making travel more affordable and accessible for Canadians with direct flights throughout Canada.

[abbotsfordairport.ca](http://abbotsfordairport.ca) | [flyswoop.com](http://flyswoop.com) | [flyflair.com](http://flyflair.com) | [westjet.com](http://westjet.com)





# Explore the Fraser Valley Circle Farm Tour

By Amber Turnau and Sarah Ripplinger

Berry wine, breweries, corn mazes and baskets overflowing with goodies. The Fraser Valley’s self-guided Circle Farm Tour is a series of community roadmaps that bring you to unique agri-tourism destinations, special events, farm-gate vendors, open-air markets and eateries dotted throughout the Fraser Valley. It’s a perfect way to celebrate the seasons while supporting small, family-run businesses. Here’s what to expect:

## Immerse Yourself in the Seasons

Wind your way through quiet country roads as you explore the diverse communities of the Fraser Valley, each with unique offerings and specialties to discover along the Circle Farm Tour route.

Fall’s fresh, crisp breezes, pumpkin pie and cups of hot apple cider are reasons for couples and families alike to get out and explore. A pumpkin patch, hayrides and farm tours are featured at Eagle Acres\* (Langley). Pick fresh apples and pumpkins after a hayride and trip to the petting barn and corn maze at Taves Family Farms\* (Abbotsford). The Chilliwack Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch\* has activities for the whole family, along with a fire pit and picnic areas. *\*Offered until the end of October*

Chilliwack Corn Maze



### Get to Know Your Food

Go right to the source on your self-guided tour

Come winter, it’s all about procuring ingredients for your holiday feast and shopping for artisan gifts in a festive atmosphere. If it’s fromage you crave, the Harrison River Valley, Chilliwack and Abbotsford will satisfy—many of these cheesemakers supply BC restaurants with their signature delights. Creekside Cheese and Creamery (Harrison), for example, sources their organic milk from Creekside Dairy, creating artisan, hand-made cheeses aged the traditional way in an underground cheese cave. Indulge in home-style baked goods and small-batch canned goods at Cabin Fever Junction (Harrison/Agassiz), then impress your friends at the next dinner party with your local finds.

You will see how your food is produced with meticulous care and passion by local farmers and food producers in the region. Ask them questions, learn new recipe ideas and gain a greater appreciation for the good food that lands on your plate. You will no doubt be inspired to fill your baskets with all the ingredients needed to make your own show-stopping meal. Best of all, you’ll know the circle of the farms and farmers behind your food.

## Discover the Specialties of Each Community

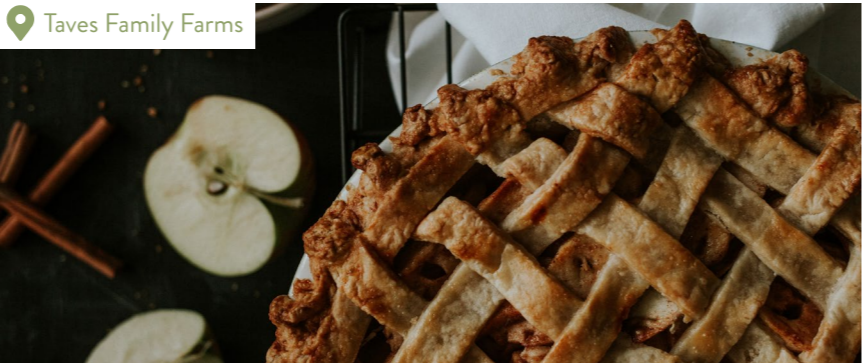


No Circle Farm Tour is ever the same, so let the magic of each experience unfold.

The Fraser Valley’s craft beverage scene is making a name for itself with a distillery, craft breweries, cideries and wineries sprinkled throughout. The Fraser Valley’s oldest winery, Chaberton Estate Winery (Langley), harvests ripe grape bunches hanging from rows of vines, which you can sample in one of their \$10 tasting tours or flights.

Find your ultimate honey and honey-wine destination at Campbell’s Gold Honey Farm and Meadery (Abbotsford). Sip a cider beer sourced from the on-site orchard while the kids enjoy a soft apple cider slushy at Taves Estate Cidery (Abbotsford). Find your new craft beer fav and try the beer cocktails at Bricklayer Brewing (Chilliwack).

Taves Family Farms



## How to Pick the Perfect Pumpkin

Pumpkins have two important roles to play in the fall: as canvases for spooky, expertly carved Jack-o’-lanterns, and as fodder for mouth-watering pumpkin pie. Pick the right one for each masterpiece to get the best results.

### Carving Jack-O-Lanterns

- Find them at pumpkin patches and your local farmers market
- Look for a deep orange colour and smooth skin
- Knock the pumpkin with your knuckles. A hollow sound means it’s ripe and ready for picking
- The stem should be green and firmly in place (don’t use it to pick up the pumpkin)
- Stay clear of pumpkins with blemishes or bruises, or that feel soft/mushy (check underneath it, too)
- Look for a pumpkin with a flat bottom, as this will make it more stable for carving
- Consider ones with an odd shape for added visual interest



### Making Pumpkin Pie

- Sugar, sweet or pie pumpkins are the ones you’ll want for your pie filling
- The skin should be hard and free from soft spots or signs of rot. A dull colour is okay
- The stem should be green and firmly attached
- The ideal weight is between four and eight pounds
- Store whole pumpkins in a cool and dry place. Cut pumpkin pieces can last in the fridge for up to 5 days. Leftover pumpkin cuttings or puree can be frozen for later
- Don’t forget to save the seeds and roast them to make your own homemade pumpkin seeds!



## Family Friendly Winter Experiences

Nestled between the magnificent snowy peaks of the Coast and Cascade mountain ranges, the Fraser Valley is the ultimate landscape for winter adventures the whole family will love.

### Outdoor Skating

Glide around the synthetic outdoor Starlight Skating Rink in Harrison Hot Springs admission-free (they also have skate rentals and a concession). Or head over to Manning Park Outdoor Skating Rink where admission is also free and you can rent skates, hockey sticks, helmets and soft pucks.

### Sliding Down the Mountains

Sasquatch Mountain Resort and Manning Park Resort have a vast range of runs and lessons for ski and snowboard enthusiasts of all skill levels and abilities, along with tubing parks. Check their websites for mid-week specials on lift tickets. Manning Provincial Park also features Nordic trails that range from easy to difficult (64km are groomed and over 160km are ungroomed), along with nordic skiing lessons.

Manning Park Resort



### Winter Walks & Snowshoeing

The Fraser Valley’s surrounding mountain ranges provide a multitude of trails for hikers and snowshoers alike. Sasquatch Mountain Resort and Manning Park Resort both offer guided snowshoeing excursions, as well as online and on-site maps of local trails. Expand your horizons with breathtaking mountain vistas from the Chilliwack River Valley’s Elk Mountain, or experience the tranquility and beauty of lakeside views at Lindeman Lake, Chilliwack Lake and Sumas Mountain.

# Catch the Action with High-Level Sports!

Sports fans can cheer on amateur and professional teams at top-of-the-line venues in the Fraser Valley. Whether it's celebrating a goal at an Abbotsford Canucks hockey game, or watching a smooth assist from the Langley Rivermen, these high-calibre competitions will give you lots of shots for your social media highlights reel.

Game times and ticket information are available on the team websites

George Preston Arena



# Four Seasons of Golfing

A rare find, in the Fraser Valley you can play golf and ski all in one day! Whether you're an experienced golfer or a first-timer, the Fraser Valley is home to a number of phenomenal courses ranging from kid-friendly mini-golf to expert fairways. With winter temperatures averaging six to 11 degrees Celsius, the greens will be waiting for you.

Find courses open all year at [fvtr.ee/winter-golf](http://fvtr.ee/winter-golf)



Sandpiper Golf Course



# Ride Our Trails Rain or Shine

The Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association has built an inclusive mountain biking culture and a sustainable trail network for all to enjoy. Ride 1,348 trails—from beginner to double black diamonds—that cover over 3,300 kilometres, 92,109 metres of descent and 2,442 metres of vertical. The valley's temperate climate also makes it a great choice throughout the fall and winter.

Local trail information and maps

[fvmba.com](http://fvmba.com) | [@fvmba](https://www.instagram.com/fvmba)

## Our Fraser Valley Hockey Teams



Abbotsford Canucks

American Hockey League

Abbotsford Centre



Vancouver Giants

Western Hockey League

Langley Events Centre



Langley Rivermen

Junior A Hockey

George Preston Arena



Chilliwack Chiefs

Junior A Hockey

Chilliwack Coliseum

Roots and Wings Distillery



# The Endeavour

By Rebekah Crowley



This warm number is made to keep you cozy on a chilly fall or winter day. A twist on a London Fog, it features an Earl Grey tea-infused-vodka called Mr. Grey.

I used pear juice, which is a great mixer for cocktails—a little less sweet than its counterpart, apple juice, with a little more mouth feel. The bergamot (oil from the rind of a bergamot orange) in the Earl Grey and the cara cara vinegar give both the alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions of this drink a great warming, tangy orange note.

## The Ingredients

- 1.5 oz Mr. Grey vodka
- ¼ oz cara cara balsamic vinegar\*
- 2 oz pear juice (I used Black River)
- 3 oz boiling water

For the non-alcoholic version

- 5 oz of strongly brewed Earl Grey tea
- 2 oz pear juice
- ¼ oz cara cara balsamic vinegar

Orange twist for garnish

## The Preparation

Bring water to a boil. In a mug, combine Mr. Grey Vodka, pear juice and vinegar and top with boiling water (alcoholic version), or steep Earl Grey tea in boiling water and add pear juice and vinegar. Garnish with an orange twist. Enjoy!

\*Cara Cara Orange-Vanilla Balsamic Vinegar is a product of Olivia's Oils and Vinegars, but any orange balsamic should do the trick.



Rebekah Crowley is the owner/distiller of Roots and Wings Distillery, Langley's first craft distillery (gin, whiskey, vodka and absinthe). Swing by "The Drinkery" tasting room to sample the goods and glean secret cocktail recipes. Find The Endeavour in their Fall cocktail menu starting in September 2021.

[rootsandwingsdistillery.ca](http://rootsandwingsdistillery.ca) | [@rawstillhouse](https://www.instagram.com/rawstillhouse) | 7897 240<sup>th</sup> Street, Langley BC

# The Fraser Valley Ale Trail

Craft beer connoisseurs and casual fans will love the experience of visiting all the unique and innovative breweries in the Fraser Valley. Part of the BC Ale Trail, the Fraser Valley's rendition takes you on a tour of the top craft breweries throughout Langley, Abbotsford and Chilliwack. Avoid small-batch release FOMO, and take in some extra sights and experiences along the way, following this path of ale.

## Why Fraser Valley Beer Reigns Supreme

Fresh beer always tastes the best, and one key ingredient has grown right here in the Fraser Valley for over a century.

After climbing sunwards up an 18-foot-high trellis, hops cones are harvested and then brewed raw or after being dried and pelletized. Often applied throughout the brewing process, they provide bitterness, flavour and aroma to the beer. And when the farms they come from are right next to the breweries where they are transformed into pint nectar, you know you're getting fresh.

Field House Brewing Co.



Trading Post Brewing



Farmhouse Brewing Co.



Learn more about the Ale Trail

[bcaletrail.ca/ale-trails/fraser-valley](http://bcaletrail.ca/ale-trails/fraser-valley) | [@bcaletrail](https://www.instagram.com/bcaletrail)



# Explore Every Corner of the Fraser Valley

## Visitor Centres

- 1 - Agassiz-Harrison Museum
- 2 - Harrison River Valley
- 3 - Hope, Cascades & Canyons
- 4 - Tourism Ch'illiwack
- 5 - Tourism Mission

## Event Centres

- 1 - Abbotsford Centre
- 2 - Agricultural Hall
- 3 - Chilliwack Coliseum
- 4 - Chilliwack Heritage Park
- 5 - George Preston Rec Centre
- 6 - Hope Recreation Centre
- 7 - Langley Events Centre
- 8 - Memorial Hall
- 9 - Mission Leisure Centre
- 10 - Tradex

## Wineries

### Langley

- 1 - Backyard Vineyards
- 2 - Blackwood Lane Winery
- 3 - Chaberton Estate Winery
- 4 - Festina Lente Estate Winery
- 5 - Glass House Estate Winery
- 6 - Krause Berry Farms & Estate Winery
- 7 - Sinocan Estate Winery
- 8 - Township 7 Vineyards & Winery
- 9 - Vista D'oro Farms & Winery

### Abbotsford

- 10 - Campbell's Gold Honey Farm & Meadery
- 11 - Maan Farms Country Experience & Estate Winery
- 12 - Mt. Lehman Winery
- 13 - Ripples Winery
- 14 - Seaside Pearl Farmgate Winery
- 15 - Singletree Winery

## Breweries

### Langley

- 1 - Camp Beer Co.
- 2 - Dead Frog Brewery
- 3 - Five Roads Brewing Co.
- 4 - Locality Brewing
- 5 - Smugglers Trail Caskworks
- 6 - Trading Post Brewing

### Abbotsford

- 7 - Field House Brewing Co.
- 8 - Loudmouth Brewing Co.
- 9 - Old Abbey Ales Brewing
- 10 - Ravens Brewing Company

## Cideries

- 1 - Fraser Valley Cider Company
- 2 - Lake Bottom Cider
- 3 - Taves Family Farms Apple Cider Mill

## Chilliwack

- 11 - Bricklayer Brewing
- 12 - Farmhouse Brewing Co.
- 13 - Field House Brewing Co.
- 14 - Flashback Brewing Company
- 15 - Old Yale Brewing Co.

## Mission

- 16 - Mission Springs Brewing Company

## Hope

- 17 - Mountainview Brewing Co.

## Distilleries

- 1 - New Wave Distilling
- 2 - Roots and Wings Distillery



**Sasquatch Mountain Resort**  
@sasquatchmountainresort  
sasquatchmountain.ca



**Manning Park Resort**  
@manningpark | manningpark.com



# LANGLEY

The Township of Langley is known as the birthplace of British Columbia for playing a pivotal role as a trading post in the 1820s. Today its population of just over 100,000 residents live in a lush agricultural region in the heart of the Lower Mainland. Here you'll find the characteristic warm hospitality of a small town coupled with a diverse array of experiences, such as authentic farm visits, exciting sports venues, unique shopping and extensive dining and libations opportunities. Langley's up-and-coming foodie scene has lots of options for people who like locally sourced ingredients. Within close proximity to rich farmlands, expect an abundance of freshness everywhere: from trendy hotspots to elegant fine dining, family friendly restaurants and mouth-watering bakery-cafes.

## Featured Winter Events

### The Cranberry Festival

Celebrate the harvest and the history of the cranberry in the area at this annual event

[fortlangleyproject.org/community/cranberryfestival](http://fortlangleyproject.org/community/cranberryfestival)

### Fort Langley Christmas Tree Lighting

A much-anticipated tradition, Santa will arrive at Fort Langley's historic Community Hall to magically light up a towering Christmas tree.

[facebook.com/fortlangleycommunityhall](https://facebook.com/fortlangleycommunityhall)

### Christmas at Williams Park

This family friendly event set in one of Langley's favourite parks brings the forest to life with festive lights and seasonal displays.

[facebook.com/christmas-in-williams-park-society](https://facebook.com/christmas-in-williams-park-society)

### Aldergrove Christmas Light Up Parade

This parade provides the perfect entertainment for little ones! It runs along the Fraser Highway through downtown Aldergrove, and includes carol singing and free hot chocolate.

[aldergrovefair.ca/parades/christmas-light-up-parade](http://aldergrovefair.ca/parades/christmas-light-up-parade)

 Glow Langley




### Glow Langley

A dazzling installation of millions of twinkling lights synched to festive music, this mesmerizing winter wonderland experience will have you captivated at your first glimpse of its illuminated displays.

[glowgardens.com/langley-christmas](http://glowgardens.com/langley-christmas)

Event details are subject to change. For more info visit [tourism-langley.ca/events](http://tourism-langley.ca/events)



 Fort Langley



## Did You Know?

Langley is often referred to as the "Horse Capital of BC" because it is home to over 6,000 horses and the Thunderbird Show Park, one of North America's premier equestrian facilities.

The community once drew many visitors to the site of the Langley Speedway—a quarter-mile track that hosted NASCAR races in the 1970s. Its walls, signs and track are still in place at Campbell Valley Regional Park.

Langley is home to the Lower Mainland's only drive-in movie theatre: Twilight Drive-In.

The Township of Langley has the greatest portion of farmed land in Metro Vancouver.

# ABBOTSFORD

Food and community are at the heart of Abbotsford. The largest municipality in BC, around 72% of Abby, as it's affectionately called, rests within the Agricultural Land Reserve—a provincially protected zone for agricultural use. Here, the flow of life moves in close step with the changing seasons, punctuated by times of celebration such as the harvest and holidays. With a selection of shops, farm experiences, events and destinations as diverse as the people who live here, you'll find many reasons to stay for a visit.

## Featured Winter Events

### Holidays in Downtown/Winter Jubilee

The streets of Downtown Abbotsford will be filled with holiday cheer: from storefront decorating contests to other magical surprises.

[downtownabbotsford.ca](http://downtownabbotsford.ca)

### Santa Shuffle 5K Fun Run and 1K Elf Walk

This fun run for people of all ages is presented by the Salvation Army and raises funds to help fight poverty.

[santashuffle.ca](http://santashuffle.ca)

### West Coast Christmas Show and Artisan Market

Discover new gift ideas, original art, crafts, woodwork, specialty foods, home decor, clothing, furniture, jewellery, candles, soaps and much more at one of the most highly visited Christmas shows in the Lower Mainland.

[westcoastchristmasshow.com](http://westcoastchristmasshow.com)

Event details are subject to change. For more info visit [tourismabbotsford.ca/events](http://tourismabbotsford.ca/events)



## Holiday Ice Cream

Abbotsford is becoming a destination for specialty ice cream, especially during the holiday season.

### Banter Ice Cream @bantericecream

Take in a great selection of seasonal flavours, such as candy cane, and a huge Christmas tree on their deck.


### Common Good Ice Cream @commongoodicecream

These ingenious ice cream creators have great holiday flavours like their Instagram-worthy Minter Wonderland Cone that featured crème de menthe ice cream on a candy cane and white chocolate-dipped cone topped with vanilla whipped cream, dark chocolate ganache and a mini sugar cookie. Yum!

### Maan Farms @maanfarms

Try out their festive Red + Green Ice Cream, and enjoy wandering around their holiday farm market.



 Sumas Flats



## Featured Winter Locations

### Ledgeview Tree Farm

Enjoy hot cocoa when you visit to cut down your tree or choose from their selection of pre-cut trees.

[@ledgeviewtreefarm](https://@ledgeviewtreefarm)

### Tanglebank & Brambles Bistro

German collectibles, comfort food and winter gardens: this enchanting locale makes for the perfect holiday stop.

[@tanglebank](https://@tanglebank)

### Glenda's Christmas Cottage

Pick out a unique Christmas ornament or gift that will make this and every year a special one to remember.

[@glendas\\_christmas\\_cottage](https://@glendas_christmas_cottage)

# CH'ILLIWACK

One of the warmest cities in Canada, Chilliwack (Ch'illiwack)\* comprises some of the most varying landscapes spanning from mountainous terrain to kilometres of farmland with a cityscape at the centre of it all. The historic downtown features cobbled alleyways and brick buildings in District 1881, where you'll find artisan shops, cozy eateries and warmly lit brewpubs. *\*Derived from Ts'elxwéyew*

## Featured Winter Events

### Light Up Cultus Lake

The Christmas lights along Cultus Lake's Main Beach are sure to put anyone in the holiday spirit.  
[cultuslake.bc.ca/events](http://cultuslake.bc.ca/events)

### Christmas Craft Market

Hosted by the Chilliwack Arts Council, the Christmas Craft Market is a great place to shop for locally made, unique gifts this holiday season.  
[chilliwackartscouncil.com/events/chilliwack-christmas-craft-market](http://chilliwackartscouncil.com/events/chilliwack-christmas-craft-market)

### Chilliwack Christmas Parade

This annual family-friendly event welcomes Santa Claus back to town with floats, bands and more! Presented by the City of Chilliwack and the Chilliwack Rotary Club.  
[chilliwackchristmasparade.com](http://chilliwackchristmasparade.com)

Event details are subject to change. For more info visit [tourismchilliwack.com/events](http://tourismchilliwack.com/events)

## Winter Safety Tips

The Chilliwack River Valley is a vast playground for snowshoeing and winter walks for everyone from the extreme adventurer to the casual outdoor enthusiast. Make your trip as safe and enjoyable as possible by planning ahead and packing/donning the right gear.

**Clothing and Gear:** Place a wool or synthetic base layer against your skin to wick away moisture, followed by insulating layers. Take one more layer than you think you'll need, just in case. Your footwear should have good tread and be able to keep your feet warm and dry. Microspikes\*, polls\* and other traction devices are great for added grip and stability.

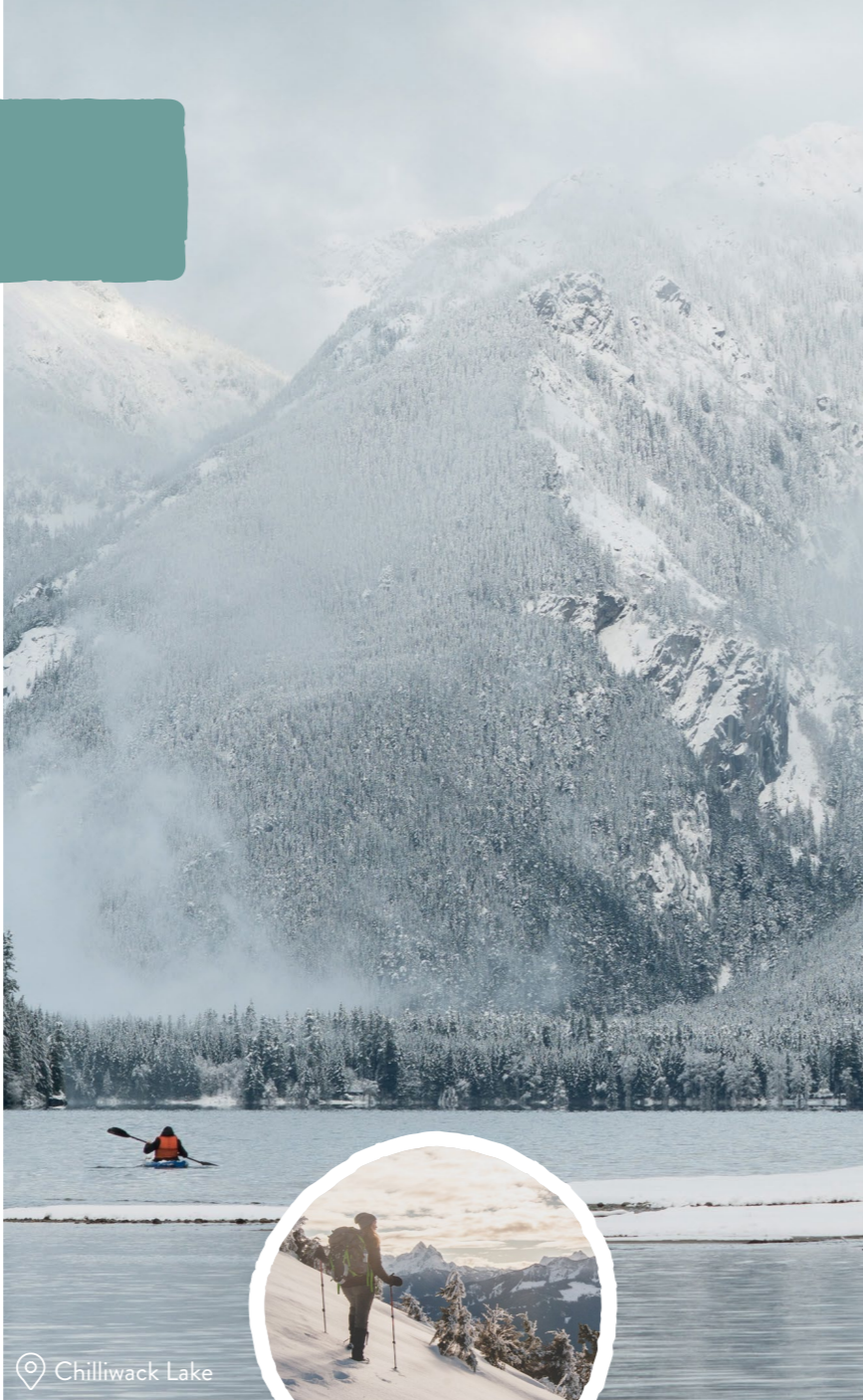
**Emergency Planning:** It's always best to carry a Personal Locator Beacon\* (often referred to as a PLB) when venturing into areas without cell service, particularly in the event of an emergency.

**Weather:** Check the forecast ahead of time and once more right before heading out on the trail. The weather is ever-changing in the backcountry, so be prepared to make adjustments to stay within your comfort zone.

**Know your limits:** Select trails for your ability level, and heed markers and signs warning of avalanche risks or other dangers.

**\*Find these and other gear at Mt.Waddingtons Outdoors**

[mtwaddingtons.com](http://mtwaddingtons.com) | [@mtwaddingtons](https://www.instagram.com/mtwaddingtons)



Chilliwack Lake

## 10 Essentials to Add to Your Pack

- Flashlight
- Fire-making Kit
- Whistle
- Mirror
- Extra Food and Water
- Extra Clothing
- Navigational / Communication Aids
- First Aid Kit
- Emergency Shelter
- Pocket Knife

### More Information & Resources

[adventuresmart.ca](http://adventuresmart.ca) | [chilliwacksar.org](http://chilliwacksar.org)

# HARRISON RIVER VALLEY

The vast area known as the Harrison River Valley encompasses Agassiz-Kent, Harrison Hot Springs and Harrison Mills. This already breathtaking landscape is made even more eye-catching with a blanket of freshly fallen snow topping mountain peaks and contrasting with the turquoise waters of area lakes, rivers and, of course, hot springs. Watch bald eagles. Hike in deep green forests. Alpine ski through powdery snow. Take brightly decorated lakefront strolls with hot chocolate in hand. With all there is to see and do, even summer enthusiasts will warm to Harrison in the winter.

## Featured Winter Events

### Agassiz Winter Night Lights

Pioneer Avenue, Pioneer Park and the Agassiz-Harrison Museum will be sparkling with vibrant Christmas lights this December.  
[kentbc.ca](http://kentbc.ca)

### Agassiz-Harrison Museum

Warm up with a cup of hot cocoa and tasty treats, and see the beautifully Victorian-decked halls of the museum, featuring handmade decorations, sparkling Christmas trees, faux Gingerbread houses and treats. Take a selfie on Santa's chair and pick up something special in the museum gift shop.  
[agassizharrisonmuseum.org](http://agassizharrisonmuseum.org)

### Kilby Christmas Dinner

Kilby Café is famous for its delectable homestyle turkey dinner, complete with all the fixings! Reserve your place at the table for this two-day event in December, and bring your appetite.  
[kilby.ca](http://kilby.ca)

### Holiday Fun at Sasquatch Mountain Resort

Sasquatch Mountain Resort has epic family fun on the slopes for skiers, snowboarders, tubers, snowshoers and winter trekkers. Watch for night skiing events featuring DJs.  
[sasquatchmountain.ca](http://sasquatchmountain.ca)

### Dickens Christmas Tea

Celebrate the season with a festively decorated tea box filled with holiday treats, tea bags and a recipe.  
[agassizharrisonmuseum.org](http://agassizharrisonmuseum.org)

Event details are subject to change. For more info visit [tourismharrison.com/upcoming-events](http://tourismharrison.com/upcoming-events)



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## Did You Know?

Originally used by the Coast Salish for their medicinal properties and rejuvenating effects, the Harrison Hot Springs Resort hot springs pools have been attracting visitors for years—including famous guests such as Clark Gable, John Wayne, Michael Bubl , Robin Williams and Liam Neeson.

### Season of the Wild

The Harrison River Valley is home to the world's largest winter gathering of Bald Eagles. See them congregate by the thousands to feast on spawning salmon that travel up the Fraser River. Watch from viewing areas, walk along the shoreline or take a boat tour.  
[tourismharrison.com/event-directory/season-of-the-wild](http://tourismharrison.com/event-directory/season-of-the-wild)

### Lights by the Lake

Get that magical Christmas feeling at this free event running Nov-Jan. See dazzling Christmas lights along the lagoon in Harrison Hot Springs, skate on the outdoor Starlight Skating Rink, take a self-guided Christmas Tree Trail tour and enjoy local food and shops.  
[lightsbythelake.ca](http://lightsbythelake.ca)

# MISSION

Take a walk through Mission and you'll soon see why this picture-perfect locale is the setting for so many Hallmark movies, including a great many that are winter- and Christmas-themed. Sitting at nature's doorstep, adventurers have easy access to an expanse of parkland, mountainous terrain, sparkling bodies of water and beautiful wildlife. Sightseers and explorers will also enjoy touring Mission's charming downtown shops, romantic cafés and regal historic buildings.

## Featured Winter Events

### Mission Candlelight Parade

One of the largest nighttime Christmas parades in BC, this annual event attracts an average attendance of 14,000 people to enjoy brilliantly lit floats, music and plenty of fun!

[missionchamber.bc.ca/candlelight-parade](https://missionchamber.bc.ca/candlelight-parade)

### Mission Arts Council Christmas Craft Market

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping with unique, hand-crafted items anyone would be thrilled to receive.

[facebook.com/ChristmasCraftMarket](https://facebook.com/ChristmasCraftMarket)

### Fraser Valley Academy of Dance: Nutcracker Re:Imagined 2021

A one-act ballet with all of your favourite dances and less of the theatrics.

[fvad.ca/nutcracker-2021-reimagined](https://fvad.ca/nutcracker-2021-reimagined)

### Winter Wonderland at the Mission Leisure Centre

Experience holiday magic in a skating wonderland complete with festive trees, thousands of lights, visits from Santa and family friendly pond hockey. Skate, ice cleat and helmet rentals are available.

[mission.ca/winter-wonderland](https://mission.ca/winter-wonderland)

Event details are subject to change. For more info visit [tourismmission.ca/events](https://tourismmission.ca/events)

 The Penny Coffee



Mission is a popular set location for blockbuster movies and TV series. For example, the dramatic TV series, *Riverdale*—based on the *Archie Comics*—transformed Mission's Rocko's Diner into *Riverdale's* Pop's Chock'Lit Shoppe.

### See a curated list of film & TV locations in Mission at:

[tourismmission.ca/mission-movie-moment-adventure-buff](https://tourismmission.ca/mission-movie-moment-adventure-buff)



 Mission Bridge



## Did You Know?

The X̱áytem National Historic Site is a traditional gathering place of the Sto:lo Nation and is believed to be the oldest settlement in BC.

# HOPE, CASCADES & CANYONS

Hope, Cascades and Canyons gets its namesake from its narrow rocky canyons, the District of Hope and the North Cascades (aka the Canadian Cascades), the most prominent mountain range in the region. This vast area stretches eastwards from the roaring Bridal Veil Falls, across the valley to Ruby Creek, up the Fraser Canyon, over to the wild and towering peaks of the Coquihalla Summit Recreation Area and ends at the far eastern border of E.C. Manning Provincial Park. The terrain offers locals and visitors alike a pristine and natural outdoors experience. Nordic ski over frozen lakes, snowshoe up the sides of mountains, snowmobile through the winter wonderland at Coquihalla Lakes or carve your way to an après-ski/snowboard at an alpine lodge. The region is as majestic and diverse as it sounds.

## Featured Winter Events

### Dark Sky Astronomy Weekend

Bring your curiosity about the cosmos to Manning Park Resort's third annual Astronomy Weekend. This educational weekend features workshops, speakers and stargazing in the pristine alpine environment of Manning Park.

### Hope's Annual Christmas Lights Challenge

Beginning in December, the townspeople of Hope decorate their homes for all to enjoy. Follow the map around the three areas: Kawkawa Lake; Downtown and Junction District; and Silver Creek, to see the beautiful holiday displays.

[hopebc.ca](https://hopebc.ca)

### Polar Bear Swim

The annual Polar Bear Swim isn't for the faint of heart! Join the crew at the Kawkawa Lake dock and boat launch on New Year's Day for a chilly yet refreshing dip.

Event details are subject to change. For more info visit [hopebc.ca/upcoming-events](https://hopebc.ca/upcoming-events)

## Featured Winter Locations

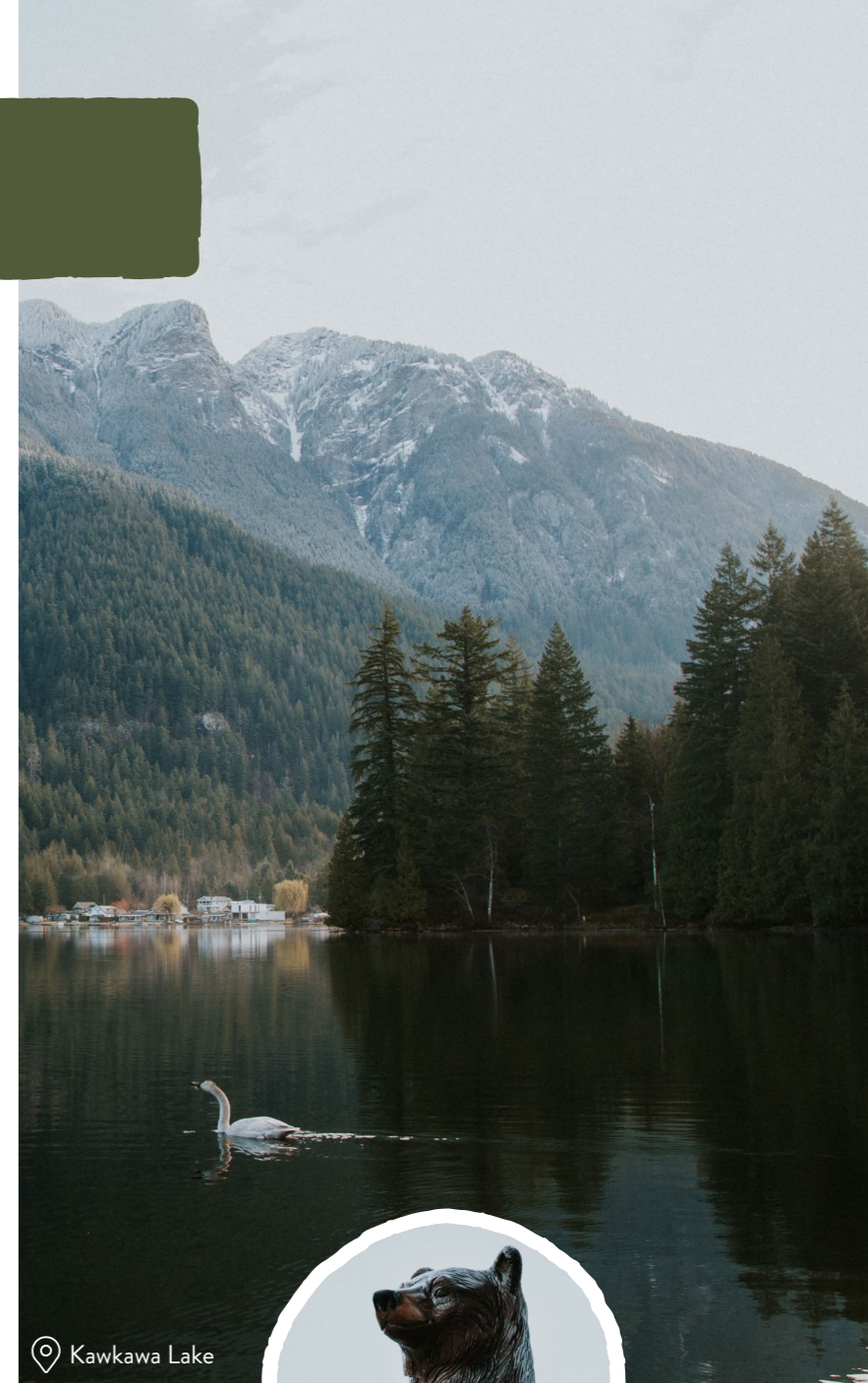
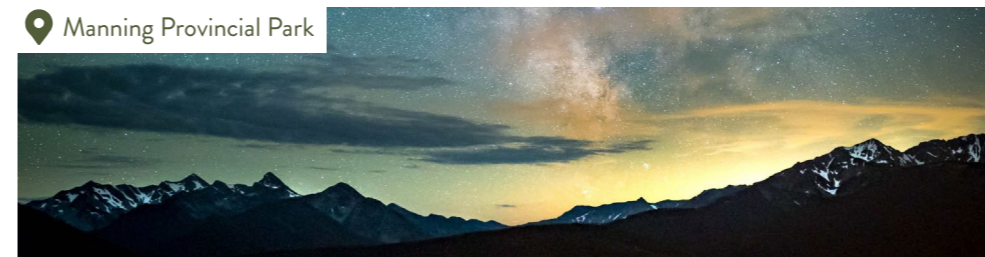
### Coquihalla Summit Recreation Area


Blanketed by snow, this scenic haven provides endless opportunities for winter sports. Snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice climbing and backcountry skiing are popular pursuits. Before you head out, check the BC Parks website for valuable information about the Coquihalla Summit Recreation Area.

### E.C. Manning Provincial Park

You'll find a diverse range of activities throughout this massive winter destination. Manning Park Resort offers alpine skiing/snowboarding, Nordic skiing, the Polar Coaster Tube Park, ice skating and snowshoeing. Book a cabin or room for an incredible multi-day getaway. Winter campers can snuggle in for the night with a thermos of hot chocolate at select campgrounds.

 Manning Provincial Park



 Kawkawa Lake



## Did You Know?

Hope is well-known around the world for being the site of the iconic Rambo film, *First Blood*. Two of many iconic set locations are the Kawkawa Lake Road Bridge (aka the site of the "Rambo Bridge") and Coquihalla Canyon (aka "Chapman's Gorge").

Hope has over 80 chainsaw carvings placed around town, and hosts an annual Chainsaw Carving Competition in August.

The Canadian docuseries, *Highway Thru Hell*, is based on Hope's own Jamie Davis Towing and the challenges Jamie and his drivers face along the Coquihalla Highway and other highways through BC's Cascades Mountains.



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## Shop the Valley

Visit our distinct shopping districts to find the perfect holiday treasure. As you stroll the charming streets in our shopping cores be ready to discover artisans, boutiques and unique handcrafted items you will not find anywhere else.

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[fvtr.ee/holiday-shopping](http://fvtr.ee/holiday-shopping)



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