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### ON THE COVER

Biking on Knox Mountain in Kelowna.  
Photo courtesy of Tourism Kelowna.

Passion, dedication  
and resilience



**Douglas McCrea**

President, Central Mountain Air

**While the last couple of years have been challenging for the aviation industry as a whole, we are proud of our resilience and ability to adapt and to continue to provide the highest level of safety and excellence that clients come to expect from Central Mountain Air.**

We look forward to brighter days ahead and are excited to celebrate 35 years of operating as of this month. While a lot has changed in the past 35 years, our commitment to you, our clients, and our staff has not. As we celebrate 35 years of growth, we look forward to more changes ahead as we continue to expand our offerings for our scheduled airline service as well as charter and cargo services.

This year we have brought back a digital version of our in-flight magazine, expanded charter service to the US, and have a new designated cargo operation with a converted Beechcraft 1900D.

As travel restrictions begin to ease around the country, we look forward to returning to pre-pandemic levels of operation, and continu-

ing to keep our increased sanitation safety measures in place, in support of our collective efforts to manage the pandemic. With increased travel and our commitment to safe, cost-effective and reliable air transportation, we are proud to provide an essential service that connects the communities we serve, reunites our passengers with friends and family again, and allows our passengers to travel for essential reasons, such as work, medical appointments and more.

We are excited about the opportunities ahead! I thank every member of our team, both old and new, for their passion, dedication, resilience and commitment to safety and excellence. Thank you to our customers and clients for your continued support and choosing Central Mountain Air as your airline of choice.

Here's to a safe, happy and healthy 2022, and we look forward to welcoming you on board on your next flight!

~ Douglas McCrea

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## CMA charter group announces relaunch of private air charters to the US

**Central Mountain Air (CMA) is pleased to announce the relaunch of private air charters to the United States.**

CMA is an expert in private charter services, providing tailored travel solutions for the unique needs of business executives, workforce crew movements, leisure travel and personal trips. We have a 35-year history of excellence in providing air transportation services across Western Canada via our scheduled route network as well as our private charters, both in Canada and internationally.

With core bases in major cities across Western Canada (including Calgary, Vancouver and Edmonton) and satellite offices in many more locations, we offer unparalleled charter services to our clients via a fleet of 34 aircraft and a dedicated staff with extensive experience. Aircraft options range from corporate aircraft (9 seats) to Dash 8-300s (50 seats).

This relaunch will provide convenient air charter services to meet our clients' increasing needs, as travel restrictions ease. This service will provide clients with the benefits of hassle-free travel, including less time spent parking, checking in and boarding at airport terminals. Private air charter clients have the ultimate convenience and flexibility to choose their departure and return times, destinations, catering services, in-flight menu and luggage requirements—and all with the privacy of CMA's charter lounges.

In addition to our workforce movement charter services, CMA provides air charter service for trips of all sizes and scopes, including cargo

hot shots, tours, business meetings, fishing and hunting trips, family vacations, sporting events, luxury VIP and group travel.

CMA is safety- and customer-focused with a passionate dedication to exceeding expectations. In addition to top-of-the-line sanitation protocols, passenger and operational safety is at the core of CMA's first-class quality assurance and safety management system.

"The relaunch of our private charters to the United States is part of our continued business growth plans for our charter group," said Carrie Colville, CMA charter manager.

"As travel continues to resume in the coming months, the travelling passenger has noted an increased need for convenience, cutting back wait lines and less crowded spaces. Our domestic charters have operated through the pandemic, providing safe, cost-effective and reliable charter service, and I am excited about the relaunch of our US charters. Our dedicated team of professionals plan and oversee every detail of your trip, guaranteeing your comfort and providing you with excellent customer service and an unmatched travel experience."

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# Discover Nisga'a

## Redefining tourism in northwest British Columbia

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And with the brand launch comes a new website and social media platforms inviting potential visitors to virtually discover Nisga'a Lands and plan their travel to northwest British Columbia.

The Nisga'a have lived in the Nass Valley for thousands of years. The name "Nass Valley," however, does not evoke the people who have always called it home. With the Nisga'a Treaty in 2000, "Nisga'a Lands" were formally recognized. Now, with the Discover Nisga'a website and social media channels, the Nisga'a are welcoming the world to Nisga'a Lands and setting a new standard for sustainable Indigenous tourism.

The Discover Nisga'a website invites visitors to discover the richness of Nisga'a Lands and culture.

The destination showcases a primeval landscape of vast lava beds, pristine alpine meadows, lush temperate rainforests, natural hot springs,



rich salmon rivers and Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a / the Nisga'a Museum—a world-renowned collection of Northwest Coast Indigenous art and artifacts.

"We Nisga'a are known for our hospitality, and we are proud to invite the world," says Nisga'a President Eva Clayton,

Domestic and international travellers have shown a growing appetite for authentic travel experiences and Indigenous culture. A recent labour market research report found that between 2003 and the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Indigenous tourism businesses in British Columbia grew 170 per cent.

Northern BC has the province's highest number of Indigenous-owned tourism businesses (29 per cent). Discover Nisga'a aims to jumpstart sustainable travel to Nisga'a Lands as the pandemic subsides.

The Discover Nisga'a website offers people around the world a vivid introduction to Nisga'a Lands and culture and is a valuable resource for planning a visit in 2022 and beyond.

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# KELOWNA: BC's all-season playground

There's something  
for everyone in this  
Okanagan city

BY • ALTITUDE STAFF / PHOTOS COURTESY TOURISM KELOWNA

**Welcome to Kelowna—an all-season playground that has a bit of everything for everyone. This is a place that's both urban and rural, offering nature and culture, and playtime and downtime. Kelowna isn't just one destination. It's a whole bunch of them, located in one uniquely beautiful place. And Coastal Mountain Air can get you there!**

The largest city in the interior of British Columbia, Kelowna is located along the shores of Okanagan Lake, and its name originates from the Syilx/Okanagan people's word for grizzly bear.

Kelowna is cradled within a glorious range of mountains and is a sanctuary filled with pristine lakes, pine forests, abundant gardens, orchards and vineyards, sandy beaches and superb amenities.

Kelowna has miles of beautiful parkland and several sandy beaches that provide wonderful opportunities for boating, swimming, waterskiing, windsurfing and fishing in the summer. As well, you can hit the links at one of the many golf courses nine months out of the year. In cooler months, the snow-capped mountains and pine-filled forests are a haven for skiers, boarders, snowmobilers and outdoor adventurers of all types and levels.

Orchards and vineyards thrive within a 10-minute drive from the downtown core and provide year-round seasonal delights. You can pluck ripe cherries or juicy peaches from trees or spend a day sampling the award-winning sips of internationally acclaimed wines.

That's not all. Kelowna's growing Cultural District covers several blocks in the downtown area and features a concentration of galleries, museums, theatres, casino, artists' studios, fine dining, unique shops and a vibrant cultural life all year long.

Any time, any day, any season, Kelowna and the Okanagan Valley offer a world of things to do. The options are endless and there's something for everyone.



## Wine

Kelowna is the birthplace of winemaking in British Columbia; it's known for its top-quality wines that regularly win national and international awards.

With over 40 wineries within a 20-minute drive, you'll find plenty of terroir to swirl, sip and savour.

The area has five unique wine trails: Kelowna's Southeast Bench, Lake Country's Scenic Sip, Westside Wine Trail, Lakeshore Wine Route and Downtown Grapes & Grains. Explore the wine country where you will find an abundance of culinary experiences as well as unforgettable winery and vineyard events throughout the year.

## Golf

Averaging over 2,000 hours of sun every year, Kelowna offers one of the longest, driest golf seasons in Canada. Vineyards, orchards, semi-desert terrain, rolling hills and expansive lakes make the golf courses in the area some of the most picturesque in the country. And that's not all: many golf courses offer amazing dining experiences—from casual to gourmet.

With courses that range from easy-going to ego-shattering, there is something in Kelowna for every skill level. Build your own golf package, view sample golf packages or book tee-times to experience the mild weather, stunning scenery and more than 19 exceptional courses that make Kelowna a must-play destination on every golf enthusiast's list!

## Farms, orchards and markets

Kelowna's agricultural roots go deep. You want fresh? You've come to the right place. Kelowna is internationally renowned for its locally grown fruit and produce. Each season is celebrated with special festivals. Stop at a roadside fruit stand. Visit a farm or orchard. Gorge yourself on cherries, bob for apples or stomp grapes. The region's micro-climate and predisposition for a long, hot growing season mean you can tour stunning floral gardens, take tractor tours of orchards and stroll vineyards.



## Farm-to-table dining

In Kelowna and the Okanagan Valley, farmers and chefs take pride in their commitment to quality, and they share a passion for locally grown food. Because the farms and restaurants are so close together, chefs can pick products at just the right moment to create tasty works of art, all in the same day. So go eat local and give it a taste.

## Lake activities

Stunning Okanagan Lake spans 135 kilometres (84 miles) from north (at Vernon) to the south (at Penticton). Kelowna sits just about halfway, and the east and west sides of the lake are connected by the wondrous five-lane William R. Bennett Bridge.

Okanagan Lake is known for its beaches with over 30 throughout the region. Many beaches are equipped with playgrounds, concessions and bathrooms.

Enjoy the lake from a stand-up paddleboard, wake boat, sailboat, pedal-boat, charter boat, flyboard, kayak, or canoe—boats are available for every kind of water enthusiast. Okanagan Lake's water temperature in July averages 19 to 23 C (69 to 71 F).



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The lake is welcoming and refreshing during the summer but it also has mysteries—mythical creatures, hidden coves and tombs. Search for Ogoopogo, hike Paul's Tomb trail at Knox Mountain or snorkel in the crystal clear water of the quiet, secluded bays.

## Where to stay

Want a budget-friendly vacation with the family or a romantic couple's getaway? Lodging in Kelowna will exceed your expectations, wants and needs. From outdoor camping at provincial and regional parks to cosy bed and breakfasts with lake and valley views, lakeside resorts along the shores of Okanagan Lake and family-friendly hotels with pools and waterslides, there are many options.

If easy beach and lake access is top of your list, consider the historic Eldorado Resort with its charming boutique hotel perfect for couples, or the more urban resort hotel that's a fit for a family. The Delta Hotels by Marriott Grand Okanagan Resort is conveniently located downtown within easy walking distance of all amenities. The Cove Lakeside Resort, located on the western shores of Okanagan Lake, features all suites, making your stay feel like home away from home.

Hotels with pools and waterslides make for a perfect family-friendly stay. Try the Comfort Suites, newly built Hyatt Place Kelowna, Coast Capri or Prestige Beach House. All have great amenities including breakfast, parking and convenient locations to easily explore Kelowna and area.

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# Digging up HISTORY

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BY • ALTITUDE STAFF

**BC's population exploded starting in the mid-1800s with the first gold rush that brought thousands of people here, hoping to strike it rich. While many of them didn't find monetary riches, they did stick around, contributing to the growth of the province both above and below ground.**

Gold fever aside, BC is rich in many other minerals, and mining is a huge part of the province's history, with a number of museums and sites to prove it.

One such site is located just 75 minutes from the Coastal Mountain Air destination at Vancouver International Airport. Located in Squamish, Britannia Mine Museum is a great place to dig up some history.

Once the largest copper mine in the British Commonwealth, the Britannia Mine produced more than 50 million tons of ore that yielded copper, zinc, lead, cadmium, silver and gold in the 70 years it was operational.

Today, the Britannia Mine Museum offers an immersive experience of an iconic National Historic Site. Through a range of exhibits, tours and a multi-sensory, live-action show, guests experience what it was like to be working and living in a remote, tight-knit community, and consider their own personal connection with the materials mined.

Passionate, friendly historic interpreters bring history to life, sharing real miners' stories of challenges and accomplishments. Highlights include a ride through The Underground on a mine train, early mining demonstrations in the haulage tunnel, panning for gemstones (you can

keep what you find!), and the live-action, multi-sensory experience of BOOM! in the landmark Mill No.3 building. Learn about minerals, the copper extraction process and what life was like back in the day as the mill building is brought back to life.

BOOM! offers a thrilling, 15-minute live-action experience that utilizes special effects, state-of-the-art technology, multiple screens, and over 30 speakers, bringing one of the world's most striking industrial buildings roaring back to life.

A tactile exploration of Canadian industrial heritage and mining's modern relevance, the museum offers an immersive and authentic learning experience. History constantly evolves at the museum, connecting the past, present and future of Canadian mining. Presenting historical and current information in fun, interactive and relatable formats allows guests to reflect on what mining means to them today, and what it means for future generations.

As a charitable organization, the museum is self-supporting in its ability to earn revenues to maintain operations, research, exhibits and programs. Each admission, gift shop purchase, site rental, membership and donation helps preserve Canadian heritage and presents mining's relevance today.

**The museum is open daily (except Christmas).**

**Check [britanniamuseum.ca](http://britanniamuseum.ca) for daily hours and tour times; entry time reservations are required.**



# WINE TIME in Kamloops

BY • SUSAN LUNDY / PHOTOS COURTESY TOURISM KAMLOOPS

**We are sitting at a picnic table in the lush, grassy setting of Monte Creek Winery near Kamloops. Rows of vines climb the hill at our backs and, looking forward, we can see the South Thompson River weaving its path through the valley.**

We have tasted a wealth of wines, from a crisp, sparkling rosé to the creamy Hands Up white and the winery’s signature blueberry wine. Like the wines at Harper’s Trail winery—our first stop in a Kamloops-area wine tour—the reds are delicious, but it’s the whites that truly show off the region’s unique flavours.

Recognized as an official wine region in 2018, the Thompson Valley is home to one of the northernmost vinifera growing areas. The most commonly planted grapes in this region are Riesling, Marquette, Maréchal Foch and Chardonnay.

In this wine region—nestled amid the North and South Thompson rivers—well-drained soils rich in mineral content have resulted in white wines that are bright, crisp and aromatic, and fruit-forward reds. The flavours are unique to this region and it’s easy to see the difference between wines here and those in the nearby and more recognizable Okanagan region.

According to the Wines of BC website: “On the edge of cool climate

## Thompson Valley wine region serves up its own unique flavours

viticulture, Thompson Valley wineries are pioneering an exciting new region and expanding the boundaries of quality BC winemaking. [In this area], the rain shadow of the high coastal mountains, the semi-arid conditions and diverse microclimates provide many creative options for our winemakers to shine.”

With four wineries covering six vineyards and 120 acres under vine, the growing wine industry in the Thompson Valley is winning provincial, national and international awards.

At Harper’s Trail, located right on the banks of the South Thompson, we tasted the flavours of the area’s first winery (established in 2012), seated on the patio, with hoodoos and rolling hills of sage and antelope brush behind us. The wines were all excellent, and we couldn’t resist purchasing bottles of the sparkling Chardonnay and pinot noir.

Back at Monte Creek, it was time to tuck into dinner. In addition to its excellent vintages, Monte Creek—Kamloops’ largest winery—features seasonal al fresco patio dining at The Terrace Restaurant or at the (pet-friendly) picnic tables where we sat. The menu is extensive and we savoured the cuisine along with the selection of wine samples. Ultimately, we bought bottles of red and white, the blueberry wine and a haskap berry liqueur.





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More purchases occurred the next day, after sampling the vintages at Privato Vineyard & Winery, which has a to-die-for selection of pinot noir and premium-quality, single-vineyard Burgundy wines. This boutique winery, which crafts wine in small batches and distributes to a small selection of fine restaurants and wine aficionados, is set on an eight-acre Christmas tree farm, and the patio—where we enjoyed a generously portioned charcuterie plate—is set amid a lush garden setting. A stop here should include a walk through the gardens and vines.

The fourth and final winery in the Thompson Valley wine region is Sagewood, a family-owned and -operated boutique vineyard. While we ran out of time to visit Sagewood on this tour, it's high on our to-do list for when we return.

On our wine tour, we were able to split our winery visits up and enjoy sipping and savouring over a few days. But those who wish to do a one-day tour have the opportunity of embarking on the journey with DiVine Tours. Specializing in groups of two to 22, the tour company is based out of Kamloops but also provides wine and brew tours in the Shuswap, Lake Country, Kelowna, Summerland and Naramata regions.

Cheers!

## RELAX AND REEL IN THE RAINBOWS

Kamloops is a must-fish destination



**Hooked on fishing? With 100-plus freshwater lakes within a one-hour drive, Kamloops is your next must-fish destination...and its craft beer, cocktail and spirits scene is the ideal way to wind down afterward.**

Kamloops has it all—hook, line and sinker!

The semi-arid climate in Kamloops means the spring and fall are the best bet for open-water fishing, but the fish will also be biting during the summer months at the higher-elevation lakes. An added bonus? Winter in Kamloops presents some of the best ice-fishing conditions around, so you can bring the auger along and fish year-round.

With numerous affordable accommodation options and nearby lakes galore, Kamloops is the perfect home base for a fishing adventure. Edith Lake, Monte Lake, Tunkwa Lake, Roche Lake and Jacko Lake are all world-class destinations for angling and they are within 50 kilometres of Kamloops. These can't-miss spots in the Kamloops region are the perfect places to reel in a variety of rainbow trout, brook trout and other freshwater fish.

Of course, few things pair better with fishing than an ice-cold beverage. Relax after a fishing adventure at one or more of Kamloops' five micro-breweries or visit a tap house and experience craft beer creations from places near and far. Not into beer? Go for a more refined taste and try one of Kamloops' four local distilleries or two cideries. (And see related story on this page for wine options.) After a day of casting a line, these refreshing options are just the après adventurers crave!

With world-class fishing holes and the brews, ciders and cocktails, Kamloops is the ultimate place for relaxing and reeling in the rainbows. Cast a line and experience some of BC's best stillwater fly fishing.

Learn more at [tourismkamloops.com/fishing](http://tourismkamloops.com/fishing).

# GET REEL

Fishing in Kamloops is available year-round with spring and fall months offering the most consistent open water fishing options. Come cast a line on trophy stillwater and experience some of the BC Interior's best fishing.



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# GO NORTH!

## Five must-see tourist attractions in Northern BC

Northern BC has a host of places to visit and Central Mountain Air has the means to get you there—check the airline’s website for a list of northern BC destinations. In the meantime, dream of experiencing these five attractions.



Photo by Mike Seehagel, courtesy Destination BC

### ▲ 1. Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark

In the summer of 2000, two Tumbler Ridge kids were floating down Flatbed Creek (located just north of Prince George) when they fell off their inner tubes and stumbled on a trail of dinosaur footprints. None of the adults in town believed them, but the boys persisted until a visiting palaeontologist confirmed their find. It was one of the most

significant dinosaur discoveries in BC in 100 years. Visit the Tumbler Ridge museum to learn all about dinosaurs and the fascinating geology of the region, then head out on the trails for a hike to see some jaw-dropping landscapes.



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### ◀ 2. Barkerville

If you like historic sites where costumed interpreters help you immerse yourself in a different time, you’ll love Barkerville. The gold rush town, located east of Wells, BC, is huge (including over 125 heritage buildings), with a wide range of hands-on activities, restaurants, entertainment and displays to engage visitors of all ages. Try your luck at gold panning, practice calligraphy at the Chinese school house, or watch infamous Judge Begbie lay down a harsh verdict in court. Combine a visit with a canoe trip in Bowron Lake Provincial Park.

### 3. Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park

For an other-worldly moonscape, visit Anhluut'ukwsim Laxmihl Angwinga'asanskwhl Nisga'a (Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park), one of the youngest and most accessible volcanic features in the province. See vast, sparse fields of volcanic rock, and something called a tree cast—when tree trunks vaporize in the lava flow, leaving bark-engraved holes in the basalt.

Make sure to stay on marked paths, since a single footprint can set back hundreds of years of delicate lichen growth. Along with geology, on the Nisga'a Nation Auto Tour you'll learn about Nisga'a culture and visit a Nisga'a village that was destroyed by the volcano.



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### 4. Fort Nelson Heritage Museum

If you're in the area, be sure to stop and visit Fort Nelson's quirky and informative museum, located right across the road from the Visitor Information Centre. This fun, family-friendly museum has a little bit of everything and anything—from a collection of mounted animals and antique vehicles to old telegraph equipment and much, much more. This affordable site is open during the summer season from 10 am to 7 pm daily.



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### 5. Dawson Creek: Self-Guided Walking Tour

As the official start point of the Alaska Highway, Dawson Creek is rich in pioneer and Second World War history. Pick up your complimentary walking tour map from the Visitor Centre, and spend an hour exploring the colourful downtown—with its walls of original photos and interesting murals—and learn about the rich history of the area. At the same time, take some time to visit the Alaska Highway House, the Train Station Museum, and of course, the Mile 0 marker, located along your walking route.



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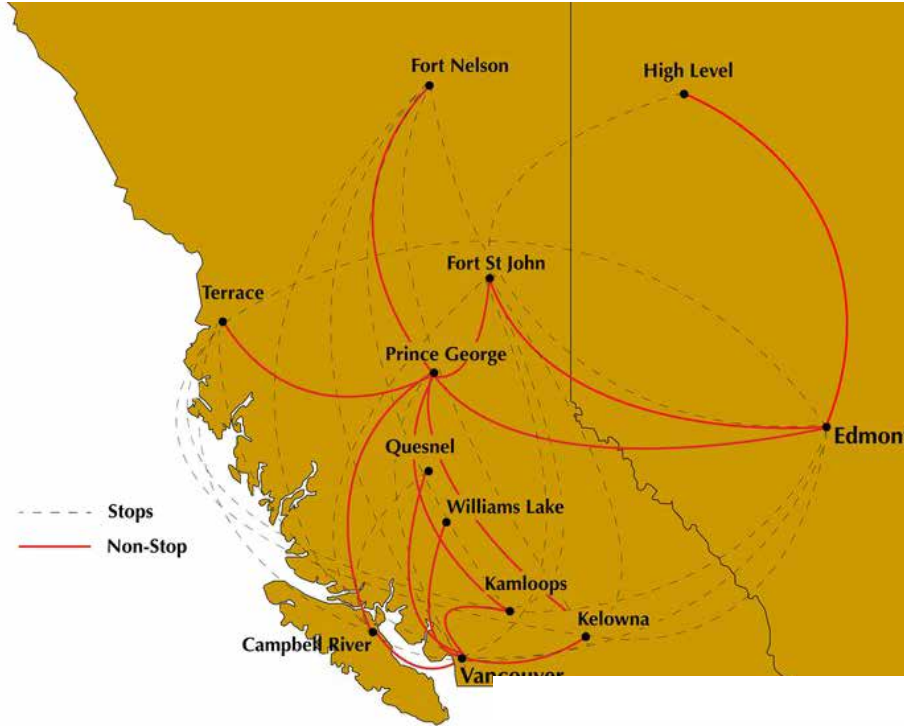
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Photo: Northern BC Tourism/Andrew Strain

**NATURAL OPPORTUNITY**



# Williams Lake INSIDER

BY • LAUREN KRAMER / PHOTOS BY JONNY BIERMAN

## Where does the name of the city come from?

Williams Lake is named in honour of Secwepemc Chief William, who served as a chief during the mid-to-late 1800s.

## What is the city best known for?

The city is known as a business hub for the region's forestry, ranching, mining and tourism industries and is acclaimed for its mountain bike trails and outdoor adventures. It is also well known for the Williams Lake Stampede, a highly anticipated annual event, which takes place this summer, June 30 to July 3. This will be the stampede's 94th year.

## Best family activities?

Williams Lake is an outdoor paradise in the heart of the Cariboo Chilcotin, surrounded by hundreds of lakes and rivers. With scenic mountains, forests and trails, there are myriad opportunities for hiking, biking, camping, boating and fishing.

## Best spot for a fantastic dinner? A hearty breakfast?

For dinner head to The Point Restaurant, an upscale casual dining room inside Signal Point Casino, where the menu features fresh local ingredients inspired by a gastro-pub influence. For breakfast, The Gecko Tree offers wholesome food, organic coffee and a bohemian-style café atmosphere.

## Best locally owned getaway?

Likely Lodge in Quesnel is situated on the shores of Quesnel Lake and offers a wide range of activities, including boating, river rafting, kayaking, fishing, hunting, quadding, hiking, snowshoeing, biking, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Located an hour's drive from Williams Lake, the lodge offers 14 lodging rooms, a restaurant and a pub.

## How can visitors find out more about the town?

Start your trip at the Discovery Tourism Centre on Highway 97, which offers information on attractions, events and a wide range of visitor resources in Williams Lake and the Cariboo. The massive log and timber frame structure is a gateway to understanding the city's growing industry, economy, and its rich history and culture.

Phone (877) 967-5253 or visit [tourismwilliamslake.com](http://tourismwilliamslake.com) and [landwithoutlimits.com](http://landwithoutlimits.com)



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**Victoria:** First Steps: Chinese Canadian Journeys in Victoria  
*Weekends until May 8, 11 am to 5 pm*  
*Fan Tan Alley*



Photo by Danielle Lindenlaub

This new temporary exhibition highlights important starting points for Chinese Canadians in Victoria, offering examples of intergenerational resilience shared through stories of community support, entrepreneurship and personal accomplishment. “Gold Mountain Dream,” a second exhibit, examines the stories and sacrifices of early Chinese migrant workers who came to BC during the Fraser Valley Gold Rush in the 1850s.

**Terrace:** Pacific Northwest Music Festival  
*April 22 to May 6 2022*  
*REM LEE Theatre*



The Pacific Northwest Music Festival, the largest annual public event in the Terrace area, includes performances such as dance, piano, strings, instrumental, speech arts, vocal, band and choral. Participants range in age from under five years to retirees, and encompass the entire surrounding area, including Smithers and Houston, Prince Rupert, Kitimat and the Nass Valley. The festival’s main focus is personal learning and growth, and all performances are open to the public with no admission charge. A schedule of events and more information can be found at [pnmf.ca](http://pnmf.ca).

**Kamloops:** Tournament Capital Open  
*May 26 to 29*  
*McArthur Island and Rose Hill Disc Golf Courses*



Photo by Dylan Sherrard

Disc golf players from across Canada and the United States will make their way to Canada’s Tournament Capital for the Tier A event sanctioned by the Professional Disc Golf Association. Players will register to play in one of two pools—pro or amateur. For full event details and to register, visit [kdgc.com](http://kdgc.com).

**Edmonton:** International Children’s Festival of the Arts  
*June 2 to 5*

This magical multi-day festival transforms the banks of the Sturgeon River in downtown St. Albert (25 minutes from Edmonton) into a mighty carnival as more than 55,000 kids come out to play with professional artists from across the country and around the world. The festival’s mission is to bring the best in children’s arts and cultural experiences to the region in a way that removes barriers, fosters joy and creativity, and inspires the next generation of artists and patrons of the arts.

**Campbell River:** Kite Flying Day  
*June 18*  
*Robert Ostler Park*



Photo by Tom Clarke

On June 18, Ostler Park will come alive with its first Kite Flying Day. The beautifully landscaped park, surrounded by trees, is in the middle of town overlooking the Discovery Passage and Quadra Island. This free event is sponsored by the Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA) in partnership with the arts community. Take part for a fun, family-friendly event where participants will make their own kites; prizes will be awarded for “Best in Show.”

**Calgary:** Sled Island Music & Arts Festival  
*June 22 to 26*  
*Various venues*

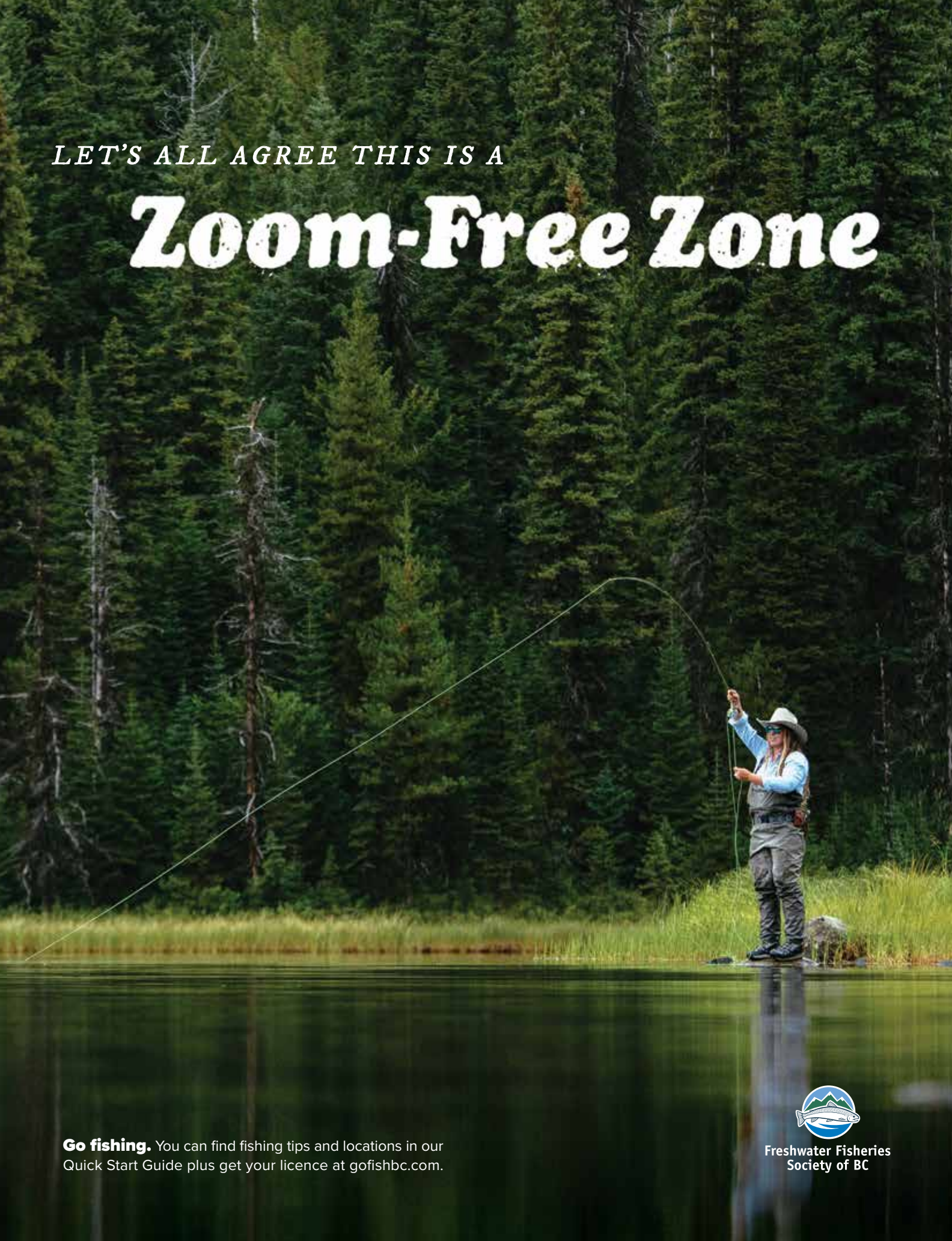


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Sled Island brings together over 200 bands, comedians, films and artists in more than 30 venues throughout the city. Explore an eclectic collection of venues and performances—from bands that don’t usually make tour stops in Calgary—in five jam-packed days of culture in the heart of the city.

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### Work

Pursue your business dreams or embrace remote working. Williams Lake has a great mix of career options such as major industry, government, and health and education services. We have a thriving small business sector and are uniquely positioned for access to global markets. Our good wireless connectivity makes Williams Lake an excellent place for remote working, as well. Skilled workers and professional services are in demand in the Cariboo.



### Live

Williams Lake offers affordable housing in a variety of rural and urban settings, all within minutes of our vibrant and bustling downtown. There you will find shopping, dining and services. Access to a full range of health services, post secondary education and an engaged school district will help make the transition to our welcoming community easy. Our world-class recreation complex has something for everyone, as well as a rich arts and culture community with festivals and activities throughout the year.



### Recreate

With the largest mountain bike trail network in BC, the 300-plus kilometres of trails outside your door will keep you busy in our four-season playground. Whether it is golfing, fishing, hiking, indoor or outdoor sports, cross-country or downhill skiing, there is no better place than Williams Lake to recreate. Within city limits, our nature reserve is a bird-watching paradise with annual migrations that attract visitors from around the world.



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