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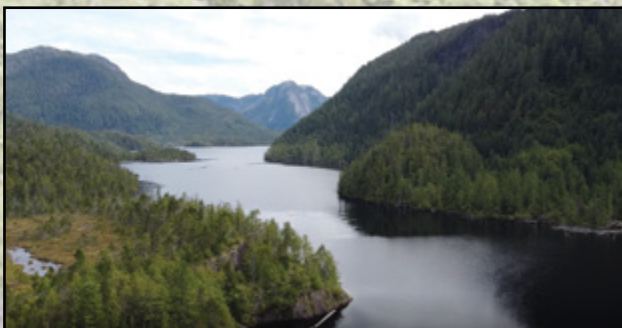
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Ceremony with the Xení Gwet'in at Nemiah Valley Lodge

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Douglas McCrea
President, Central Mountain Air

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~ Douglas McCrea

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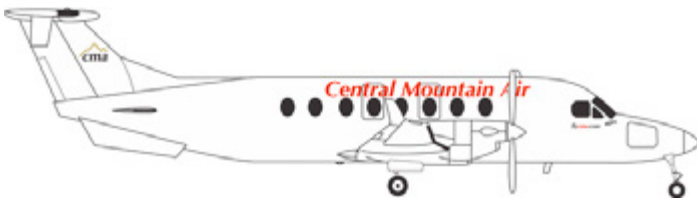
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“We are pleased to be partnering with Uplift, providing the convenience and personalization that our valued customers deserve,” commented Trevor Wakefield, chief operations officer at CMA. “We believe you shouldn’t have to delay or cancel your travel plans due to lump sum payments up front; this important partnership is the next step to our evolution and our continued ability to put our customers first.”

“We are proud to partner with Central Mountain Air whose promise is to provide an enjoyable customer experience to Western Canada,” said Denise Heffron, managing director, Uplift Canada. “By offering Uplift’s flexible pay-over-time options, we believe this is the perfect complement to provide travellers with flexibility in how they pay, making more trips and getaways a greater possibility.”

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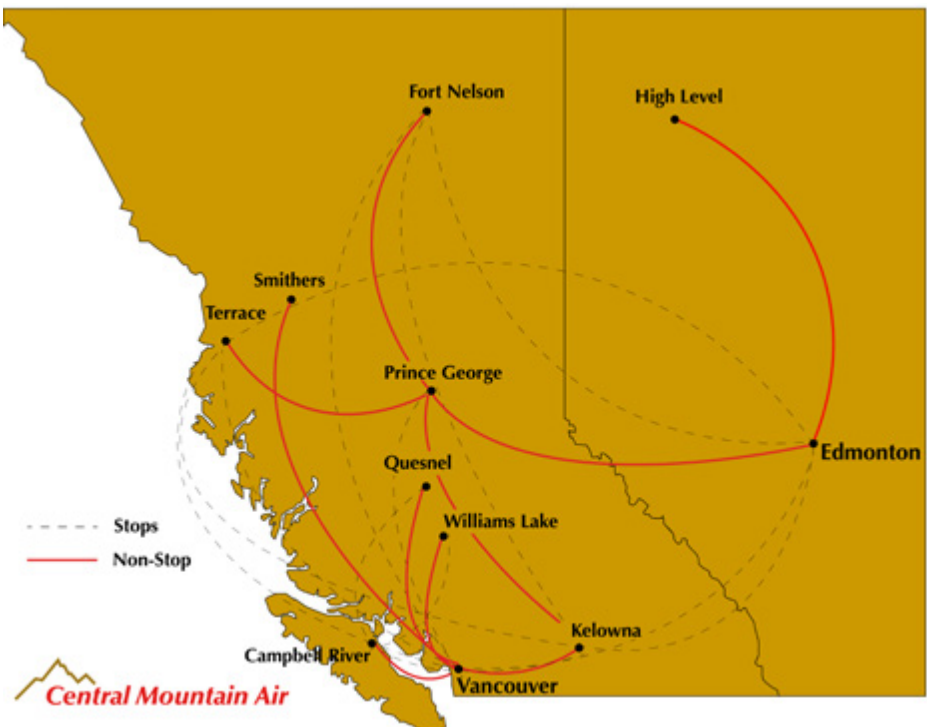
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BC Bird Trail expands to four new communities

Outdoor enthusiasts, rejoice! The BC Bird Trail returns for its third seasonal campaign with an expanded online guide to birdwatching across BC, and inspiring people of all ages and levels to get outside, look up and explore some of the best birdwatching in Canada.

In partnership with Destination BC, The BC Bird Trail is kicking off the 2022-2023 birding season with the all-new Sea to Sky Bird Trail in both Whistler and Squamish, along with two new standalone Bird Trail Outposts in Langford and Osoyoos.

The expansion of The BC Bird Trail provides locals and travellers, as well as budding and seasoned birders, with a free, self-guided itinerary and resource to view and identify some spectacular birds and nature across five regions of BC. From western meadowlarks, bald eagles and the arrival of the snow geese in the fall and winter to countless songbirds, swallows and warbler species in the spring and summer, nature enthusiasts of all levels can utilize the newly expanded BC Bird Trail to easily explore birding, conservation and community across the province.

Discover self-guided birding trails and community itineraries throughout the province at BCBirdTrail.ca, each of which is

highlighted below:

“As we begin our third year of The BC Bird Trail, our entire group of partner organizations are thrilled to be connecting even more nature lovers from BC—and beyond—with iconic opportunities to explore the world of birding in our province,” says Ceri Chong, director of destination and industry development at Tourism Richmond. “Birding truly is for everyone. With the addition of the Sea to Sky Bird Trail and the all-new BC Bird Trail Outposts in Langford and Osoyoos, there are even more opportunities for folks to get outside and discover all the spectacular birding opportunities our province has to offer.”

A sudden rise in birdwatching took the world by storm in 2020 at the onset of the pandemic as people sought safe, outdoor hobbies and activities to try out—and it hasn’t stopped. Called the “big birding boom,” birding continues to attract more enthusiasts each year, along with a younger, more diverse group of people than ever before.

With British Columbia’s reputation for offering some of the best birdwatching in North America, The BC Bird Trail was developed as the leading source of information on attractions, activities, and accommodations related to birdwatching travel, while also promoting responsible visitation, sustainability and mindfulness in birdwatching communities across the province. Most importantly, while The BC Bird Trail is designed to support budding and seasoned birders alike, it is also to attract, inspire and encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to get outside and discover the accessibility, benefits and supernatural wonders of birding.

The BC Bird Trail is the result of a group of dedicated folks who love British Columbia’s diverse communities, the natural landscapes that surround them, and the migratory birds that nest in our regions throughout the year. Funding for this program is provided by Destination BC, Birds Canada, Indigenous Tourism BC, Tourism Richmond, and more than a dozen additional tourism partners throughout the province.

To discover more regions and communities throughout the entire BC Bird Trail, and to plan your very own birding experience, visit BCBirdTrail.ca.



Terra Nova Rural Park in Richmond.



*Yellow-winged blackbird,
Osoyoos Oxbows Trail.*



Blackie Spit in Surrey.



*A rendering of the campground at Buddy Bay.
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New ecotourism campground is part of First Nation's "Come Back Home" plan

A new campground in the Broughton Archipelago off northern Vancouver Island is expected to help jump-start the economy of a local First Nation.

The Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation government has initiated a "Come Back Home" plan that will provide the necessary housing, education, health, transportation and other basic amenities, allowing for the return of their people to their homelands.

The cornerstone of this plan is the creation of a tourism economy that will replace the once vibrant forestry and fishery industries that employed many of their people.

The First Nation received \$50,000 in funding for the new camping facilities at Buddy Bay, near the Gilford Island village of Gwa'yas'dums, from the Island Coastal Economic Trust's Capital and Innovation Program.

"Our Nation is one of the few First Nations who are still fortunate enough to live in their traditional village site, which we have occupied for thousands of years," said Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation Chief Rick Johnson. "Gwa'yas'dums Village remains a strong draw for many of our members who live off reserve and who wish to return home."

The Come Back Home plan has other initiatives that respond to public interest in Indigenous cultural and ecotourism experiences. These in-

clude the restoration of the Gwa'yas'dums Bighouse in 2014, the acquisition of the Echo Bay Marina and Lodge in 2020, and the completion of an interpretive ecotourism trail in Echo Bay in 2022. All of the initiatives were led by the Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation.

The Buddy Bay Campground will offer accommodation to visitors to the area arriving through group kayak tours, self-organized tours, and other marine excursions. Amenities will include tent pads and a covered meeting area, outdoor shower and outhouse, potable water, safety and cultural interpretive signage, and trail improvements to existing trails to facilitate easy access to the village.

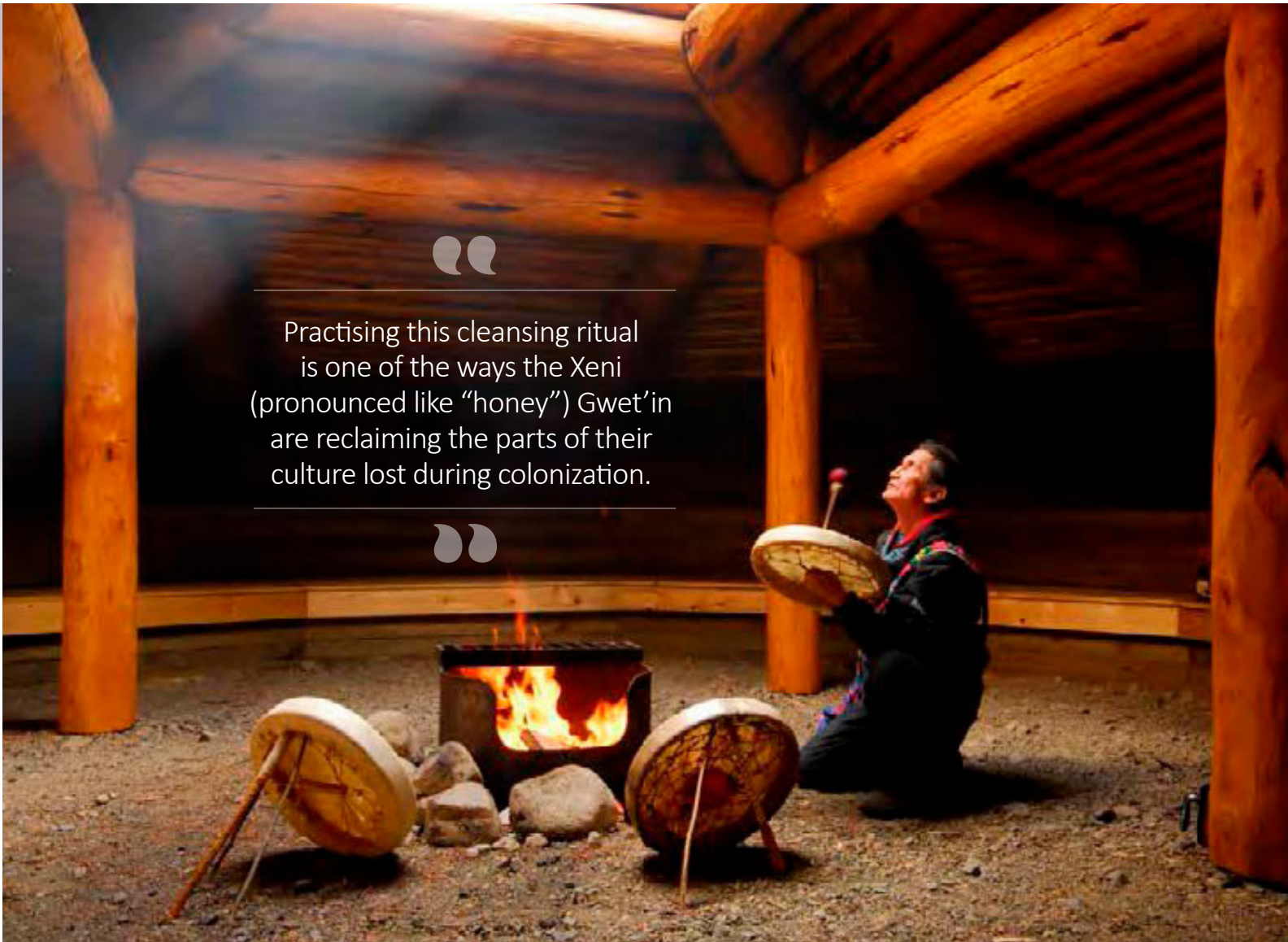
Future offerings may include traditional experiences such as meals, marine tours, and cultural excursions led by Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation community members.

"First Nations have stewarded and continue to steward these special places which visitors come to experience. Too often in the past, kayakers and ecotourism companies have used the beautiful territories of First Nations without contributing back towards their stewardship," said Aaron Stone, Island Coastal Economic Trust chair. "By introducing a new tourism experience to the Broughtons, this project will attract visitors to beautiful Gwa'yas'dums where they can experience Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis culture and community in a respectful way."

As SWEET as HONEY

Staying with the Xení Gwet'in
at Nemiah Valley Lodge





Practising this cleansing ritual is one of the ways the Xeni (pronounced like “honey”) Gwet’in are reclaiming the parts of their culture lost during colonization.

BY • SUZANNE MORPHET

The earthy scent of sage fills my nostrils as smoke swirls around me. Closing my eyes, I hear the rhythmic beat of a drum and the guttural voice of the man beating it. I feel heat from the fire and the brush of eagle feathers over my legs and back.

I’m taking part in a smudging ceremony by two cultural ambassadors from the Xeni Gwet’in community near the Central Mountain Air destination of Williams Lake in BC’s Chilcotin region.

Practising this cleansing ritual is one of the ways the Xeni (pronounced like “honey”

Gwet’in are reclaiming the parts of their culture lost during colonization. It’s primarily for their own benefit, but sharing their traditions with outsiders provides employment opportunities for people who have said “no” to logging, mining and a hydro dam.

With that in mind, the Xeni Gwet’in made their first foray into tourism in 2019 with the purchase of a lodge and seven log cabins in the Nemiah Valley. With a lake at one end and glacier-capped Mt. Tsi’l’os (also known as Mt. Tatlow) in the distant other end, the setting is resplendent.

We arrive late one mid-September afternoon when the freshly cut hay field in front of the lodge glows in the rays of the setting sun. Originally a horse ranch and fishing lodge, the property maintains its wild west charm with wooden railings that separate the cabins from the former paddock.

The Xeni Gwet’in, who belong to the T̓silhqot’in First Nation, spent \$1.5 million fixing it up: replacing roofs, windows, doors; installing a solar field with battery bank that provides 100 per cent renewable energy; and buying all new furniture and linens. The



lodge re-opened in spring of 2022 for its first season.

On our way there, we stop at Tl'esqox—an other one of six T̓silhqot'in communities—and enjoy a lunch of salmon, moose and bison, before travelling through Farwell Canyon. Wind and rain have carved hoodoos from the sandstone, while the Chilcotin River surges through the sage-covered hills.

Peyal Laceese, a 24-year-old cultural liaison at Nemiah Valley, tells us it's been a good year for salmon. We watch as an Indigenous man swings a long-handled net, scoops up a salmon, then flings it onto the rocks above.

"You have to be quick," explains Peyal, adding that it's a physically tough job.

That evening we enjoy more salmon at din-

ner with the former chief of the Xeni Gwet'in, Roger Williams. Roger is highly regarded for successfully leading the T̓silhqot'in in their claim for Aboriginal title in a case that went all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada.

"There's still a lot of work ahead of us," he says, smiling, "but it's all exciting, there's so many things to do."

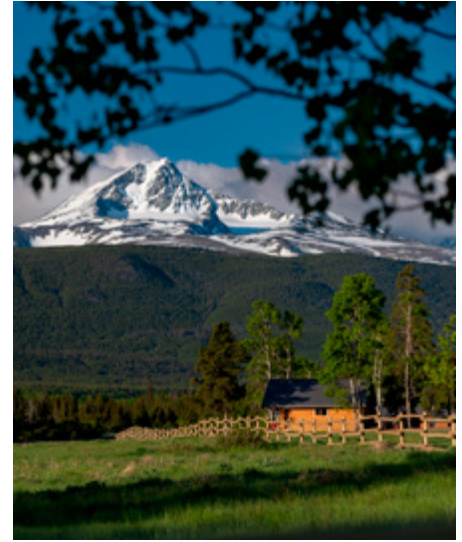
There's lots for us to do too, but it's all play, no work. The next morning a few of us hike up nearby Cardiff Mountain, while others stay back at the lodge and learn the craft of beading by decorating tiny moccasins and making decorative dreamcatchers.

Cardiff Mountain is the remnant of an ancient volcano with striking vertical columns of basalt that have an orange sheen from lichen.

We pick our way over leafy kinnikinnick and rosy pussytoes until we come to the edge with a grand view over the whole valley, including Veden Lake, where a sweat house will offer guests another Indigenous experience starting in 2023. When it starts to snow, we're only a little surprised. The Chilcotin Plateau is more than 1,000 metres above sea level and winter arrives early here.

The T̓silhqot'in traditionally lived in pit houses in winter; these are simple structures dug into the ground and mounded on top with an opening for smoke to escape. Our hiking guide, Bruce Lulua, tells us depressions from hundreds of pit houses have been found from pre-contact times when the T̓silhqot'in numbered about 2,000 people.

"But the smallpox wiped out 60 per cent of



our population,” he adds.

These are happier days for the T̓silhqot̓'in. At dinner that night we're joined by chief Jimmy Lulua, who enjoys backcountry skiing in winter and says he wants to build another lodge, this one closer to the Coast Mountains. It would cater to heli-skiers and provide more prosperity for the Xení Gwet'in.

We head in that direction the next day on our way to Chilko Lake in Tsi'lipos Provincial Park, which the Xení Gwet'in co-manage with BC Parks. Chilko is the largest natural, high-elevation freshwater lake in Canada. Fed by glaciers, the water looks pure and crystalline. The sky, however, is threatening, so instead of taking a boat ride, we walk along the shoreline, delighting in the contrast of dark clouds, turquoise water and snowy peaks.

Before we leave this enchanted valley there's one more thing I want to see—wild horses. Believed to be descendants of horses brought to North America by the Spanish conquistadors, hundreds of them abound, to the point that the land is being overgrazed.

A couple years ago, horseback riders from the Xení Gwet'in community rounded up as many wild stallions as they could and castrated them.

“But I've seen some foals, so they must have missed a few,” chuckles Bernice Koepke, as we drive along gravel roads back to Williams Lake.

When she spots a group of horses grazing on a hillside, she stops and we admire their

strong bodies and healthy coats. They're at home here, just like the Xení Gwet'in. For us, it's been one sweet stay—as sweet as honey, you might just say.

Nemiah Valley Lodge is open June 15 to September 27, 2023. Three-night packages start at \$2,175 per person.

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SWIMMING *with salmon*

A watery adventure in Campbell River

BY • HANS TAMMEMAGI

Encased in a wetsuit and a life jacket that the guide has cinched up too tight, I'm bobbing in an inflated raft on the Campbell River on northern Vancouver Island. The river drains into Discovery Passage at the northwest end of the Strait of Georgia at the City of Campbell River, a destination accessed via Central Mountain Air.

It is a perfect, cloudless day in late September and the river is running

fast. I'm nervous because I'm about to snorkel downstream among spawning salmon, which are headed in the other direction.

Lowering myself onto a rock ledge, I adjust to the shock of the cold (8 degrees C) water and then push into the river. The visual horizon shortens to about seven metres. Shafts of light angle down through the bluish, silty water like an array of laser beams. Large fish flit into view



and then quickly exit. These are Chinook, the biggest and sportiest of the five salmon species; they range from two to three feet in length and from 20 to more than 50 pounds. I'm in ecstasy.

I start down the river floating along like a cork; the raft hovers close behind like a mother hen. With recent rains, the river has swollen and the flow is more than 80 cubic metres per second, about three times

faster than usual. This is definitely not placid Caribbean snorkelling. There is an edge, a rush of adrenaline. Seaweed on the river bottom all point downstream like weather vanes showing the direction of the river's flow toward the ocean. I float quickly past cobbles and boulders.

Our destination is the estuary, about four kilometres downstream. Occasionally, my guide from the local rafting company that organized



this adventure, hauls me into the raft so we can traverse a particularly fast-tumbling stretch of water. Then I plunge right back in.

Hundreds of Chinook pass by, some right underneath me.

About 8,000 spawn in the Campbell River each fall, explains the guide. “But that’s nothing,” he continues. “In August about 800,000 pinks cram the river.”

Floating along, I ponder this amazing phenomenon. At this very moment, salmon are struggling up thousands of streams and rivers along the entire BC coast. Often, they swim hundreds of kilometres inland, where they begin and end their life cycle, with their bodies providing vital nourishment to the forest and its creatures. Salmon are indeed the lifeblood of the province. I feel as though I’m swimming inside the artery of some giant living organism.

We pass the piled stones of an abandoned fish weir, one of several where Indigenous people once used cedar nets to capture salmon. Today, fly fishers cast their lines sinuously into the river, pursuing the elusive Tye (a Chinook weighing more than 30 pounds).

Through the bushes I glimpse the home of the late Roderick Haig-Brown, a notable conservationist, magistrate and writer. An avid fisherman, he was one of the first to snorkel the river to investigate what damage dams were causing and, of course, to find the best places to fish.

Tall, stately, dark-green Douglas firs line the shore, interrupted by the

bright fall yellows of bigleaf maples. An eagles’ nest and then a herons’ nest are contrasted against the blue sky. A hawk soars. The guide describes the black bears he saw on a previous outing. “Bears,” he says, “are relatively common here, especially during spawning season.”

I’m glad to be moving with the river’s current.

It’s so easy floating with the current, I can only marvel at the work the salmon do to fight upstream.

As we approach the sea, the heads of harbour seals occasionally poke above the waves. They must be looking for a Chinook dinner. A seal passes underwater, slower and more languid than the Chinooks, but still smooth and graceful, making me feel like a hippo trying ballet.

Too soon it is over. Lying in the raft, I strip off the wet rubber suit, grinning and happy to have been part of this vital coastal heartbeat.

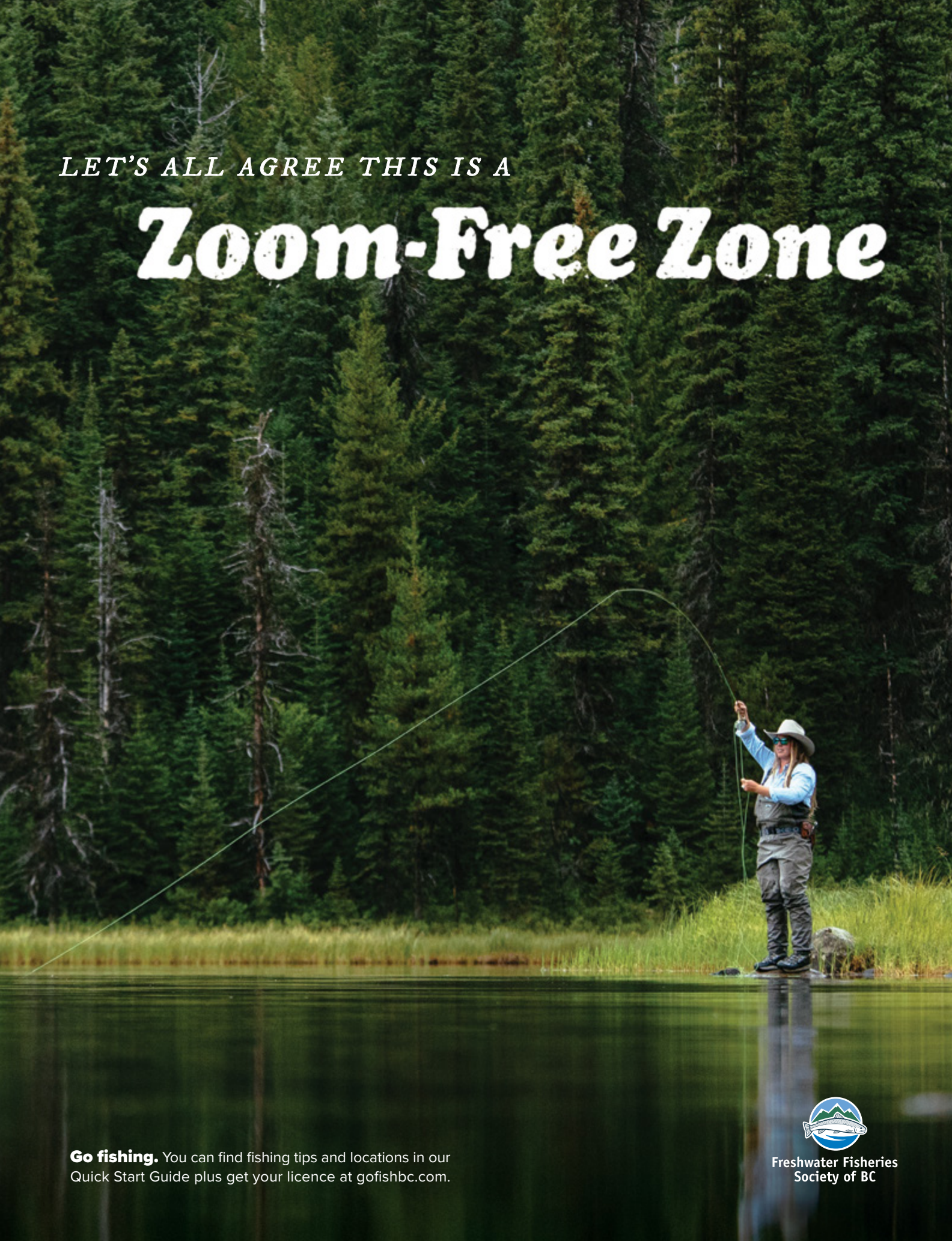
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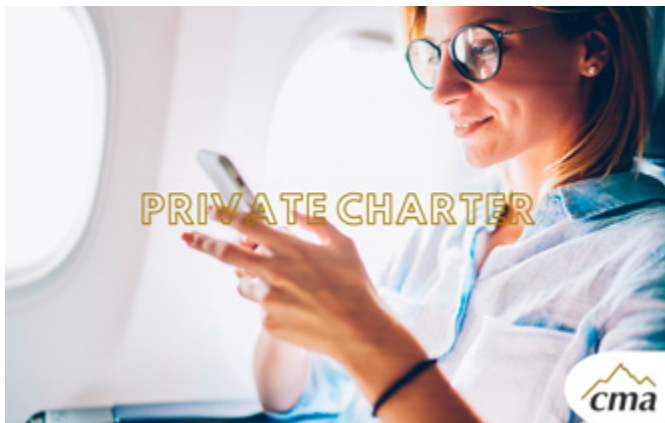


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5 *Fabulous* Things TO DO

in the Okanagan
this season

BY • DARCY NYBO





The Okanagan really is a place where you can enjoy four seasons of fun. Once your Central Mountain Air plane touches down at Kelowna International Airport (YLW), a world of indoor and outdoor adventure awaits.

Here are five activities to sample the fun:

1 Head to the mountains

Of course you can ski here, but there's so much more to do on the mountains! Take your pick of three ski resorts in the Kelowna area. SilverStar Mountain Resort near Vernon has a shuttle that meets people right at the airport, whisking them away for a day or more of pure snow fun. There are dozens of events and activities to do at SilverStar, from rock climbing to taking a sleigh ride in the snow.

A mere hour from the airport in central Okanagan is Big White. Noted for having some of the best champagne powder in the world, Big White offers events and competitions right up until the very last ski day. Try your hand at fat biking or take a group or a small private sleigh ride through snow-covered trails. The Big White bus shuttles directly between the airport and the ski resort's village area.

In the south Okanagan, there's Apex Mountain. This family-friendly mountain has lots of great group activities, including cosy family bonfires and robust hockey games. Their shuttle runs once a day from Penticton to the mountain.

Let's Go Transportation has shuttle buses that run from YLW to Big White and SilverStar, and has several wine-tasting tours as well. All shuttles require advanced booking. Check their websites for more information.

2 GOLF!

Yes, it is true, you can ski in the morning and golf in the afternoon in the Okanagan during most seasons. 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. That's not all: many golf courses offer amazing dining experiences that range from casual to gourmet. With courses that range from easy-going to ego-shattering, there is something in Kelowna for every skill level.



3 Get into the spirits

The Okanagan is well-known for its wines; however, you may be surprised to discover they also make exceptional spirits here. Grab your friends and make a day of tasting some of the finest spirits around.

Okanagan Spirits has two locations, one in downtown Kelowna and one in Vernon. Chat with the staff and taste some of their unique and award-winning spirits and liqueurs. After the tasting, get cosy in the lounge and relax with a house-crafted cocktail. It's a great way to warm up, inside and out. Both locations have a lounge and distillery.

Urban Distilleries + Winery is in West Kelowna and is the largest craft whiskey distillery in British Columbia. Take a tour, and then settle in for a taste experience like no other. Once you're done, relax in Shakers Lounge for some delicious food and cocktails.

4 Long table dinners

There's nothing like sitting down to a table filled with great food, laughter and good conversation. Long table dinners can be experienced with a group of friends or family, or you can go alone and meet a great new group of people.

The Okanagan Table on Pandosy in Kelowna was started by RauDZ owners Chef Rod Butters and Audrey Surrao. It's a grab-and-go foodie stop for lunch, and they host culinary classes on Sunday evenings. They also feature Long Table Producers Lunch on Friday afternoons, which allows you to learn more about local producers. Reservations are needed.

5 Escape reality

When life gets to be too much, it's time to escape reality and get lost in one of Kelowna's escape rooms or virtual reality lounges.

The Xperience Exit Escape Room and VR Arcade is a 100 per cent tech-based escape room and virtual reality arcade with 17 adventures offered. Exit has two locations in the Okanagan, one in Kelowna and one in Penticton. There are real-life escape games as well as an anger room where you can bust things up and vent to your heart's content.

Axe Monkeys has what they call rage rooms, which they say is cheaper than therapy. They also have axe-throwing rooms for those who prefer to hurl sharp objects at a target. Whichever you choose, you're sure to enjoy your little break from the real world.

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High Level

BY • LAUREN KRAMER



Where does the name of the city come from?

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What is the city best known for?

High Level is a hub in the region and it's known for being the last stop before you reach the Northwest Territories. It's home to Alberta's northernmost 18-hole golf course. Summer nights are some of the longest anywhere in the country and winter nights are some of the best anywhere for seeing the northern lights.

Best family activities?

The beautiful rivers and lakes surrounding High Level make for great boating, kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding. Stop at the Mackenzie Crossroads Museum & Visitors Centre to experience a typical trading post showcasing items used in the late 1800s, as well as the history of

farming, trapping and Indigenous life in the region. In summer there's golfing at the Fox Haven Golf & Country Club, fishing and hunting. In winter there's snowmobiling and cross-country skiing on the Rocky Lane Ski Trails, as well as exceptional opportunities to view the northern lights.



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Best spot for a fantastic dinner?

The Best Western Mirage is one of High Level's fancier restaurants and it's a great choice for date night or a family dinner out. Traditions is a locally owned café and coffee shop, offering specialty drinks, homemade lunches and a beautiful gift shop.

Best locally owned getaway?

The cabins at Zama City Campground, a 90-minute drive west of High Level, offer a one-of-a-kind family getaway where wild bison sightings are common. There are two glamping cabins, a beach and swimming pond, a stocked fish pond, horseshoe pits and fire pits.

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Edmonton

Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival

November 4-5

Edmonton Convention Centre (9797 Jasper Avenue)

Explore an incredible array of dynamic wines, smooth spirits and downright delicious beers from around the globe, all under one roof at the Edmonton Convention Centre. Cap it all off with tantalizing bites from some of Edmonton's best restaurants and food purveyors, and you've got a can't-miss event. Since launching in 1998, Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival remains Alberta's largest and most beloved food and adult beverage event. The festival entices exhibitors and guests to explore the city, while they feast on an elevated festival experience. Hundreds of exhibitors and over 25,000 guests travel from across Western Canada to discover and explore a variety of fine wines, premium spirits and craft beers. Chefs from local restaurants are in attendance, serving up delicious fare to pair with the wonderful assortment of beverages.

Kelowna

Downtown Kelowna Winter Street Market

December 3, 11 am to 6 pm

Downtown Kelowna

Get into the holiday spirit at this festive outdoor celebration featuring local Okanagan artisans. The Downtown Kelowna Winter Street Market is a free community event geared towards all ages. This event celebrates the magic of the holiday season with authentic local products, delicious food and drink, family activities, music, ice skating, entertainment and, of course, a visit with Santa!



Prince George

The Comic Strippers

November 25-26, 8 to 10:30 pm

Prince George Playhouse

WARNING! No extreme nudity, just extreme hilarity. A fictitious male stripper troupe (played by a cast of some of Canada's best improvisational comedians) performs a sexilarious improv comedy show. Constantly grooving and gyrating, they banter in between scenes with the crowd and perform their hilarious twist on improv sketches. They sing, they dance and they are ready to make you laugh. Partially undressed and completely unscripted, The Comic Strippers take off their shirts and take on your suggestions to create a whole new genre of comedy.

For more information, call the TicketsNorth Box Office at 236-423-1157. You must be 19+ to attend this event. There will be no refunds for refused entry.



Quesnel

Quesnel Christmas 2022 Artisan Craft Show

November 12, 1 to 9 pm

Quesnel & District Seniors' Society (461 Carson Avenue)

This family event features artisans and makers from Quesnel and surrounding communities who represent a wide variety of crafts, from food to jewellery and more. This is a great opportunity to support the community by purchasing unique gifts for the holiday season. The event includes a canned-food drive: attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item, which the Quesnel GreenHope Society will distribute in the community.



Vancouver

Beyond King Tut

November 4 to January 8, 2023

Vancouver Convention Centre

For the first time, *National Geographic's Beyond King Tut: The Immersive Experience* will take over the Vancouver Convention Centre, bringing a story 3,000 years in the making to life. The exhibition celebrates the 100-year anniversary of the discovery of King Tut's tomb. It connects the journey to modern-day Egypt through nine distinct galleries, and includes a narrated virtual reality experience of the tomb.

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