



## Hot Springs

This Circle Route features the 'Hot Springs' in the Kootenay Rockies

Let's begin this tour in the south, near the city of Cranbrook travelling north on Hwy #95 Fairmont Hot Springs.

Along the way, you may like to leave the highway behind for a visit to the Lussier Hot Springs in *Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park*. The highway turnoff is near Canal Flats and this drive is 18 km (11 mi) on gravel road. These popular pools are among the boulders.

Once back on the highway again, the 4 ½ star Fairmont Hot Springs Resort is a quick drive further north. Fairmont offers Canada's largest, year-round, odourless hot springs pools - the 1,000 sq metre swimming and diving pools offer natural mineral waters and beckons travellers to stay for a while. Resort amenities include the Natural Springs Spa, fine dining, adventure activities and overnight lodging including a RV park.

Another great vacation destination is the quaint town of Invermere and Windermere Lake. Nearby *Panorama Mountain Village*, a four season resort offers many outdoor pursuits and the Panorama Springs pools, hot tubs and waterslide complex, exclusive to overnighting guests.

**Radium Hot Springs** natural hot springs pool is set amidst the spectacular rock walls of Sinclair Canyon in Kootenay National Park. The Pleiades Day Spa, restaurant and gift shop are also on-site.

Continue north on Highway #95 to Golden. The TransCanada Hwy #1 and Rogers Pass will take you through magnificent Glacier National Park and to **Canyon Hot Springs** - watch for the red umbrellas along the roadside! This resort, open May to September, offers natural mineral hot pools, a campground, RV park and cabin accommodation.

Once you arrive at the city of Revelstoke, head south on Highway #23 towards the Upper Arrow Lakes Ferry for a swift and scenic crossing to Galena Bay and soon there after, **Halcyon Hot Springs**. Surrounded by spectacular alpine peaks and the crystal blue lake, the resort's four mineral-rich pools await you. This is a place of wellness and recreation, with resort & spa facilities.

Continuing alongside the beautiful Arrow Lakes to the village of **Nakusp** is a pleasure. The quaint Nakusp Hot Springs pools are situated in a beautiful mountain setting, On-site cedar chalets

and a shaded campground are available for over nighting. Once you're ready to proceed, travel south on Hwy #6 to New Denver and then take Hwy 31A past the ghost town of Sandon to the pretty village of Kaslo. New Denver, Silverton, Sandon and Kaslo offer excellent historical attractions, walking trails & artisans (*check the [Silvery Slocan Circle Route](#) for details.*)

**Ainsworth Hot Springs** is a short drive south on Hwy #31 from Kaslo. This resort offers casual dining and modern, comfortable rooms overlooking beautiful Kootenay Lake. These unique odourless hot springs have a horseshoe shaped cave, which is lined with stalagmites and stalactites, or gaze at the magnificent Purcell Mountain view.

At **Balfour**, 14 km (9 mi) south of Ainsworth Hot Springs, take the free Kootenay Lake Ferry to **Crawford Bay**. Travelling along Hwy #3A and the east shore of Kootenay Lake provides opportunities to explore many artisan shops before you enter the colourful world of orchards and gardens at **Creston** - a wonderful way to wrap up the Hot Springs tour. It's a quick one hour drive from Creston back to Cranbrook.



<i>Number of Days</i>	<i>5 Days/4 Nights</i>
<i>Tour Distance</i>	<i>800 km/500 mi</i>
<i>Day 1: Cranbrook to Fairmont Hot Springs</i>	<i>2 Hour Drive</i>
<i>Day 2: Fairmont Hot Springs to Revelstoke</i>	<i>3 Hour Drive</i>
<i>Day 3: Revelstoke to Nakusp</i>	<i>1 Hour Drive</i>
<i>Day 4: Nakusp to Ainsworth</i>	<i>2 Hour Drive</i>
<i>Day 5: Ainsworth to Cranbrook</i>	<i>3 Hour Drive</i>

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**Special Interest**

*Ainsworth—Hot spring pool & cave*

*Cranbrook - Cdn Museum of Rail Travel, Fort Steele Heritage Town*

*Fairmont Area— Hot Pools, Lussier Hot Springs*

*Golden - Kicking Horse Mtn Resort/Gondola, Columbia Wetlands*

*Invermere - Lake Windermere, Panorama Mtn Village*

*Kaslo—SS Moyie*

*Nakusp—Hot Springs (Nakusp & Halcyon), Japanese Garden Waterfront*

*New Denver/Silverton—Niekki Internment Memorial Centre, Sandon, Idaho*

*Peak & the Galena Trail*

*Radium - Natural Hot Springs/Pool, Sinclair Canyon*

*Revelstoke - Railway Museum, BC Hydro Dam, Mt. Revelstoke & Glacier*

*National Parks*

**Itinerary Planning:  
KootenayRockies.com/itineraries**



The **myTrip** tool from the website, KootenayRockies.com, creates a travel vacation package for you by customizing your preferred activities and services in the Kootenay Rockies region.

**This route showcases the wonderful, soothing hot springs of the Kootenay Rockies. Calgary Alberta is the international gateway for this circle route and the regional airports are Castlegar and Cranbrook. You'll travel through friendly communities, tour national and provincial parks, and explore the many attractions along the way.**



Caves at Ainsworth Hot Springs



Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

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