

# THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES IS BRITISH COLUMBIA'S MOUNTAIN PLAYGROUND



Nature Farmers Market | Ken Medig photo

## THESE SUGGESTED ROAD TRIPS HIGHLIGHT MANY OF THE AREA'S ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES – BUT THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO DISCOVER.

Incomparable scenic beauty is waiting to be explored around every corner – crystal clear rivers, lakes, waterfalls, beaches, mineral hot springs, alpine meadows and snow-capped mountains.

Outdoor adventures here are epic – the area is one of Canada's pre-eminent destinations for hiking, mountain biking and whitewater rafting. There are also opportunities to visit restored heritage towns, thriving arts communities, quaint wineries and so much more – each community has its own unique story to tell.

Along your journey, enjoy all this Mountain Playground has to offer.

View the detailed itineraries for these Road Trips and more online at [KRRoadTrips.ca](http://KRRoadTrips.ca).

### MOUNTAINS & VINEYARDS



Ballie-Corbin Estate Winery | Ken Medig photo

Approx 1,250 km / 775 mi

The interior of British Columbia is abundant with rich landscapes teeming with diversity. Lakes, mountains, deserts, valleys and exciting urban centres are ripe for exploration. For its length and limitless opportunities, the Mountains and Vineyards Route reigns supreme. Discover pristine orchards, beautiful vineyards that hug the rolling hills and family-run farms. Taste the bounty of this fertile land. In the warm evening glow, settle into a mountain resort where wine tastings and locally-inspired food will win your heart.

### WEST KOOT ROUTE



Approx 450 km / 280 mi

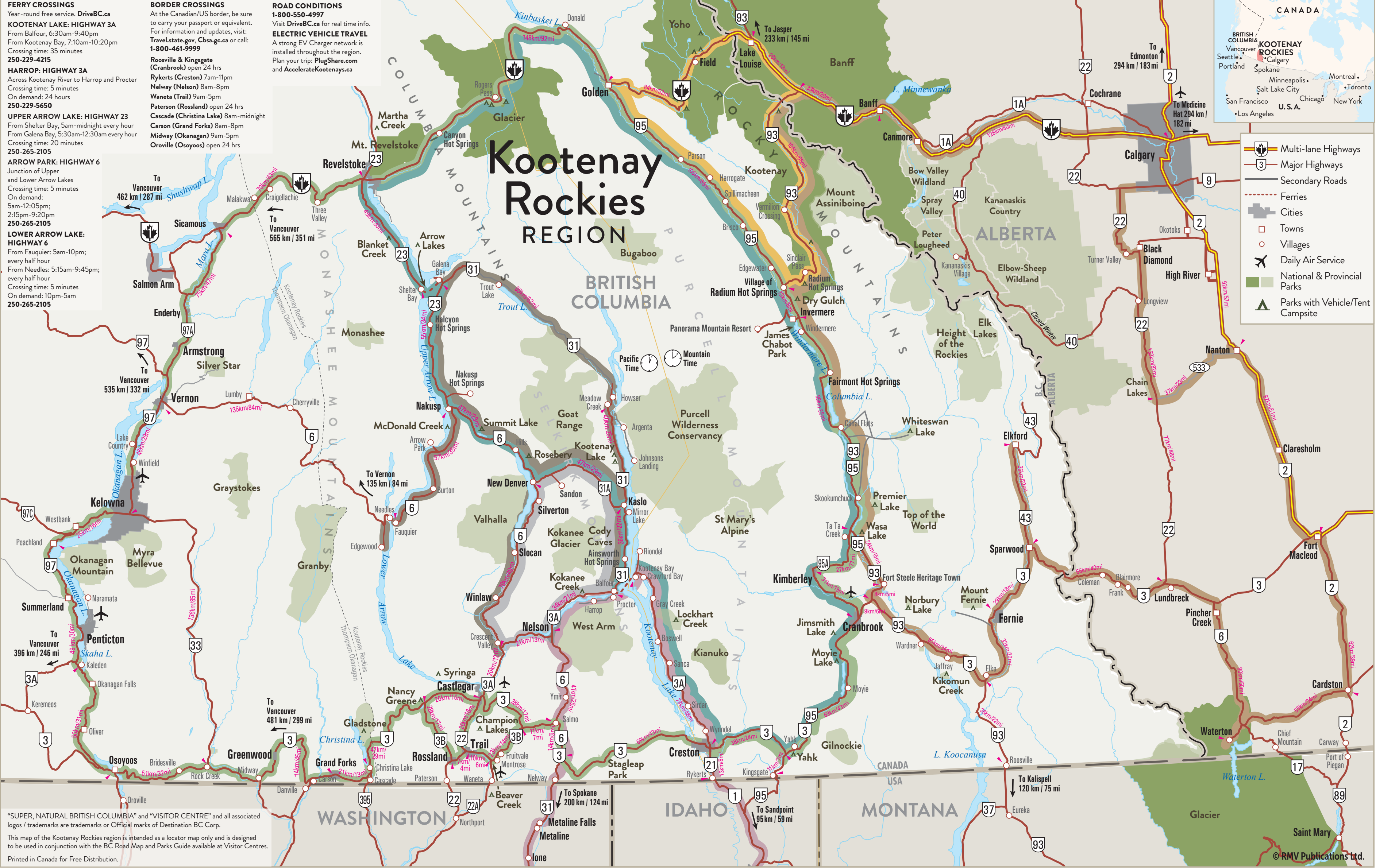
Quiet roads that twist through the heart of the British Columbia wilderness. Dense forests that yield to rising rock and glacier-scoured summits where only the bravest mountaineers have ventured. A place to be respected and admired. Stunning backcountry beauty is around every corner on the West Koot Route. Soak it in. Stop for a hike, paddle a perfect lake, fling a fly in a trout-filled stream and find your little patch of paradise in the West Kootenay.

Marshall Isfield | Ken Medig photo

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**KOOTENAY LAKE: HIGHWAY 3A**  
From Balfour, 6:30am-9:40pm  
From Kootenay Bay, 7:10am-10:20pm  
Crossing time: 35 minutes  
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Across Kootenay River to Harrop and Procter  
Crossing time: 5 minutes  
On demand: 24 hours  
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From Shelter Bay, 5am-midnight every hour  
From Galena Bay, 5:30am-12:30am every hour  
Crossing time: 20 minutes  
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Crossing time: 5 minutes  
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**LOWER ARROW LAKE: HIGHWAY 6**  
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every half hour  
From Needles: 5:15am-9:45pm;  
every half hour  
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### SILVERY SLOCAN



Approx 215 km / 135 mi

Journey into the wild-west past when bars and brothels, saloons and silver, ruled the day. Wander through pristine forests, sverve along scenic single-track, hike through an alpine meadow filled with wildflowers and visit an ancient ghost town – rich with mine ruins, an eclectic museum and turn-of-the-century buildings – that beckons anyone with a taste for adventure. End your day by easing into a lakeside town where cool cafés, streetside markets and renowned restaurants will give you a 'taste' of this region's famous mountain culture.

Slocan Lake | Ashlee Yohin photo

### SELKIRK LOOP



Approx 450 km / 280 mi

Remote, culture-rich towns that cling to their old-world charm. Hidden waterfalls. Adventures on a zipline, mountain bike and whitewater raft. The International Selkirk Loop crosses the border but the mantra is the same – explore and experience until your heart is content. Discover eclectic art galleries, vibrant mountain towns, stunning turn-of-the-century architecture, gourmet dining, live music and festivals – all wrapped in an authentic, out-there vibe that can only be found on this multi-national scenic drive.

Great Northern Rail Trail | FieldandForest.co

### GOLDEN TRIANGLE



Approx 315 km / 195 mi

Lined with soaring, jagged mountains covered in snow and ice, the Golden Triangle features some of the most scintillating scenes in Canada. Enjoy never-ending views of the Columbia Valley Wetlands (one of the longest intact wetlands in North America) and embark on a trek-of-a-lifetime as you tour through Yoho and Kootenay National Parks where rushing rivers, emerald lakes and sky-high peaks dominate the landscape. After the exploration, unwind in a timber-framed mountain lodge, refuel with a gourmet meal and relax by the crackling fire.

Kicking Horse River | Ryan Canny photo

### HOT SPRINGS



Approx 800 km / 500 mi

Wedge into the rocky and remote creases of these stunning mountains are untamed natural hot springs that soothe, inspire and rejuvenate. Driving along quiet, tree-lined lakeshores where rustic resorts, historic silver-rush towns, natural caves and backcountry trails leave a lasting impression. Venture into this therapeutic wilderness on bike, on foot or in a kayak – then relax in warm, mineral rich water at some of the most enticing natural hot springs pools in British Columbia.

Harlowen Hot Springs Resort | Ken Medig photo

### ROCKIES & RANGLANDS



Approx 1,025 km / 635 mi

Where the prairies meet the mountains. Cowboy country. These are lands wild and vast. Sacred, sweeping views that Indigenous people have honoured and revered for centuries. The allure of the Rockies & Ranchlands route speaks to romantics, ranchmen and railroading enthusiasts. Explore heritage gold rush towns, mountain resorts, national parks, antique stores, a sacred buffalo jump and western themed villages.

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# THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES IS BRITISH COLUMBIA'S POWDER HIGHWAY

Not much tops skiing down a gorgeous, pine-lined run with deep pillow-soft powder beneath your feet. The Kootenay Rockies' Powder Highway, an adventure-filled highway-to-heaven that's peppered with world-class ski resorts, is more than just the epic skiing and boarding.

Snowshoeing, fat biking, skating and snowmobiling are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to off-piste activities. The Kootenay Rockies is your road to winter – discover the myriad of winter experiences.



Kicking Horse Mountain Resort | Andrew Miralto photo

## ALPINE RESORTS

- Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
- Fernie Alpine Resort
- Kicking Horse Mountain Resort (Golden)
- Kimberley Alpine Resort
- Panorama Mountain Resort
- RED Mountain Resort (Rossland)
- Revelstoke Mountain Resort
- Whitewater Ski Resort (Nelson)



Valhalla PowderCats | Geoff Holman photo

## CAT-SKIING

- Baldface Lodge (Nelson)
- Big Red Cats (Rossland)
- Chatter Creek (Golden)
- Fernie Wilderness Adventures
- Great Northern Snowcat Skiing (Trout Lake)
- Island Lake Catskiing (Fernie)
- K3 Cat Ski (Revelstoke)
- Keefe Lake Lodge (Cherryville)
- Monashee Powder Snowcats (Revelstoke)
- Mustang Powder (Revelstoke)
- Retallack Lodge (New Denver)
- Revelstoke Mountain Resort
- Selkirk Snowcat Skiing (Meadow Creek)
- Valhalla PowderCats (Slocan)
- White Grizzly (Meadow Creek)



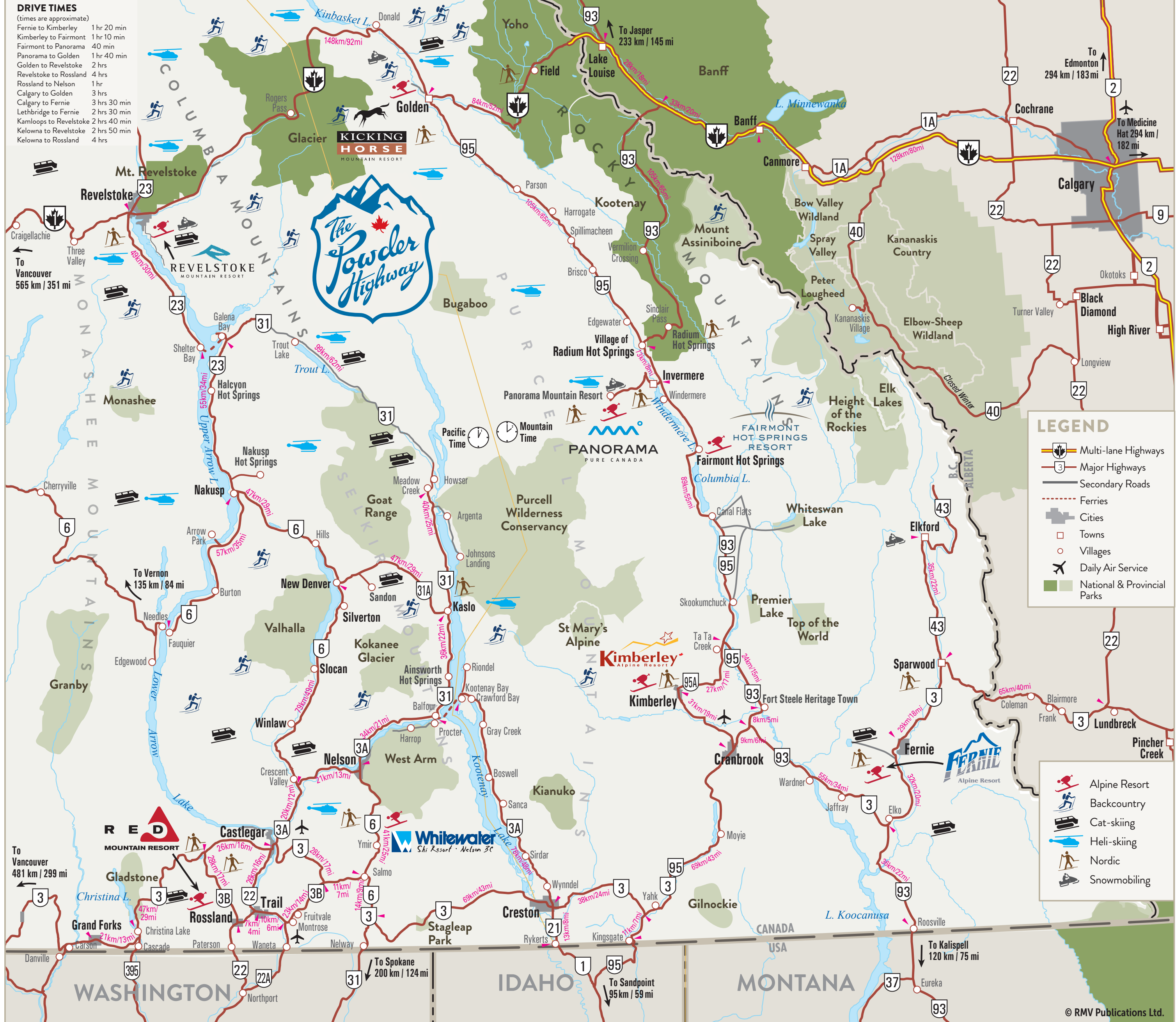
Snowwater | Geoff Holman photo

## HELI-SKIING

- Canadian Mountain Holidays (9 lodges)
- Chatter Creek (Golden)
- Eagle Pass Heliski (Revelstoke)
- Great Canadian Heli-Skiing (Golden)
- Kingfisher Heli-Skiing (Cherryville)
- Mica Heli-Skiing (Revelstoke)
- Purcell Heli-Skiing (Golden)
- RK Heli-Ski Panorama (Invermere)
- Selkirk Tangiers Heli-Skiing (Revelstoke)
- Snowwater Heli-Skiing (Slocan)
- Stellar Heli-Skiing (Kaslo)

**DRIVE TIMES**  
(times are approximate)

Fernie to Kimberley	1 hr 20 min
Kimberley to Fairmont	1 hr 10 min
Fairmont to Panorama	40 min
Panorama to Golden	1 hr 40 min
Golden to Revelstoke	2 hrs
Revelstoke to Rossland	4 hrs
Rosland to Nelson	1 hr
Calgary to Golden	3 hrs
Calgary to Fernie	3 hrs 30 min
Lethbridge to Fernie	2 hrs 30 min
Kamloops to Revelstoke	2 hrs 40 min
Kelowna to Revelstoke	2 hrs 50 min
Kelowna to Rossland	4 hrs

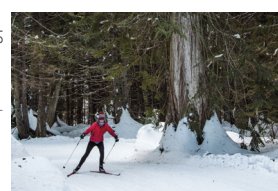


Valley Adventure | Steve Ogilvie photo



## BACKCOUNTRY

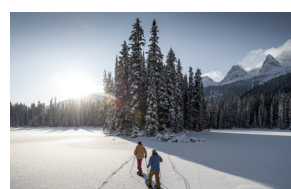
Thousands of hectares of unspoiled, uninhabited terrain in the Kootenay Rockies is a huge draw for adventurers of all makes and models. Backcountry lodges nestled deep in the mountains include luxurious retreats offering helicopter access, meals, guides and track-set trails. You can also ski tour to a rustic self-catered cabin, or embark on a wilderness lodge-to-lodge expedition.



Nelson Nordic Ski Club | Kari Medig photo

## NORDIC

Thanks to numerous communities boasting networks of groomed trails, the graceful gliding of Nordic skiing is one of the region's prized pastimes. Nipika Mountain Resort is a Nordic ski mecca with 50 km of groomed trails and 25 km of dedicated fat bike trails. Whether you are gliding effortlessly or poling through the pines, rest assured – your free heel is a free heart.



Island Lake | Dave Heath photo

## SNOWSHOEING

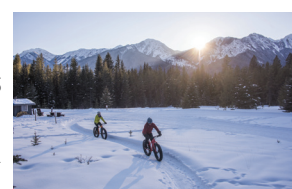
If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Indeed, not many sports are as easy to get into as snowshoeing. And not many regions are as perfect for pouncing through powder as the Kootenay Rockies. Trails are, literally, everywhere. No lift lines, limited gear, fun for the whole family, inexpensive, great workout, go on your own or take a guided tour.



Golden | Dave Best photo

## SNOWMOBILING

'A sledding paradise' is how snowmobiling enthusiasts describe the region. While hot spots such as Revelstoke, Elkford, Golden and Panorama immediately come to mind, the options of where you can go are limitless. From exploring remote snow-smothered valleys to blazing trails to a cabin-in-the-woods or high-alpine powder bowls, snowmobiling here is world-renowned.



Nipika Resort | Kari Medig photo

## FAT BIKING

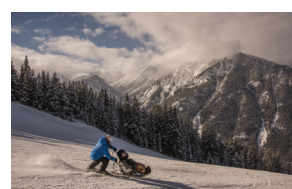
Thanks to fat bikes with big low-pressure tires that glide over packed snow trails, there's no need to stop pedalling in winter. Awesome winter riding is yours for the taking in and around the communities. Mountain biking hot spots – like Fernie, Golden and Nelson – offer plenty of trails for winter riders. Make no mistake, fat biking is here to stay.



The Whiteway | Kari Medig photo

## SKATING

Whoever thinks skating isn't an adventure hasn't put on blades and cruised around the famous Lake Windermere Whiteway. This 34 km (21 mi) of maintained ice (you can also cross-country ski around it) is the longest skating path in the world. Not surprisingly, it continues to grow in popularity every year. Almost all Kootenay Rockies communities, and many resorts, host skating rinks.



Panorama Resort | Kari Medig photo

## ADAPTIVE SPORTS

Tour the region, the communities and the accessible activities they offer. Resorts have runs and terrain suitable for all alpine disciplines, in fact, the Kimberley Alpine Resort has become a destination for disabled ski training and racing. Discover barrier free adventure year-round. Check [AccessibleBC.ca](http://AccessibleBC.ca) for information about accessibility in parks and outdoor spaces throughout BC.



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