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LAKEFRONT MOUNTAINS - Where YOU Want to Be

RECREATION HAVEN - FRONT DOOR ACCESS

Kootenay Lake is a popular recreational area with excellent promotion, located near numerous attractions that draw traffic from around the world. In the Central Kootenay, the BC mountain playground is, literally, out your front door.

Water Sports

Light boat traffic on Kootenay Lake makes the sailing amazing, the view awe-inspiring, and the water-skiing and tubing exciting. Beachcombing becomes an adventure. There's canoeing, stand up paddle boarding, white-water rafting, cliff jumping, scuba diving...in fact, there's almost every water sport you can imagine on miles and miles of pristine fresh water including sun bathing while listening to the water gently lap upon the beach.

Fantastic FISHING

Trophy fishermen know Kootenay Lake is the spot for giant Gerrard Rainbow Trout, the world's largest wild Rainbow Trout. And, because the lake doesn't freeze, you can chase Rainbow all year round. Winter is prime fishing.

Glorious GOLFING

Balfour Golf, 1km away, features awe-inspiring lake views, private meadows and majestic forest as you wind through the Selkirk Mountains on stellar fairway and green conditions. Other awesome venues nearby include Kaslo Golf Course (30km), Granite Pointe in Nelson (30km), and the world famous Kokanee Springs Resort, a championship course only a short ferry ride away.

Stellar Mountain Activities

Your mode of transportation may vary – snowmobile, snowshoes, hiking boots or dirt bike – but the many maintained trails and cabins that exist throughout the region make each outdoor adventure memorable.

Motor-Biking Paradise

With winding roads boasting impressive scenery, Kootenay Lake is a must-ride destination for motorcycle touring. "You won't find a better riding experience anywhere in the province." (McScoots)

SPELUNKING in Cody Caves

Guided tours in this amazing natural limestone, caving network, make Cody Caves a unique and memorable experience. Tours catering to young and old, experienced and daring, are available.

ZIP-LINE down Kokanee Creek Canyon

The freedom of flight with no wings required. From high in the forest canopy experience a bird's eye view of the stunning natural environment.

... and Ski

Cross country and Nordic, downhill, back country, alpine, deep powder, mogul, extreme skiing, heli-skiing, snow-cat, glacier skiing, ski touring. This is where skiing happens.



Kootenay Lake is
the mountain
playground



LAKEFRONT Location - Where YOU Want to BE

AMAZING ATTRACTIONS AT YOUR DOORSTEP

Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort

Famous for the natural cave swimming experience, these hot springs are only 10 km (6 miles) up the road from the property. The Lower Kootenay Indian Band recently acquired the Ainsworth Hot Springs and have initiated investing in substantial capital improvements at the resort.



Kokanee Glacier and Kokanee Creek Parks

Kokanee Glacier and Kokanee Creek, about 6 km from the property, are some of the oldest parks and campsites in BC. At the glacier rugged nature, alpine hikes, amazing photo ops, old growth forests, sapphire lakes and rushing streams from three glaciers leave you invigorated. From the mountain headwaters, Kokanee Creek leads to roadside salmon spawning grounds overflowing with bright red rainbow trout in late summer and fall. Zip lining was installed recently.



SS Moyie National Historic Site

Originally built in 1898, the Steam Ship Moyie is the world's oldest intact stern-wheeler still showing off its resplendent glory. Tour the site and the impressive array of artefacts from May through October. Then uncover the rich heritage of the region at the many museums, ghost towns, mine tours and restored heritage buildings only a short drive away.



Thriving Artisans and Arts

A short ferry ride away is a unique opportunity to watch artisans demonstrate their craft. Watch sparks fly at Kootenay Forge, glass-blowing at Breathless Glass, hand-weavers weaving, potters shaping clay... even broom-making used in the Harry Potter movies. Galleries and artisans abound on the Lake.



Festivals Galore

The Central Kootenay is jam-packed with festivals. Every August, Shambhala Electronic Music festival transforms into the largest pop-up city in the West Kootenay; Starbelly Jam becomes the family fun destination on the Lake; and the Kaslo Jazz Festival, iconic and famous for its floating stage, touts world class performances.

Relaxing Retreats, World-Class Yogi Meditation

The Yasodhara Ashram, the Shambhala Centre, Tipi Camp and Academy of Classical Oriental Sciences, are spiritual teaching centres and retreats. Mountain Trek is a high end fitness & weight loss retreat. Falling Waters Spa offers wellness spa services as does Blaylocks Mansion and many more in Nelson, BC.



LAKEFRONT Location - Where YOU Want to Be

REGIONAL TOURISM PROFILE

From Kootenay Rockies April 2017

<https://www.destinationbc.ca/Research/Research-by-Region.aspx>

Kootenay Lake is a popular tourist destination. In 2014, the Kootenay Rockies received 3.9 million travellers, and generated \$778 million in related spending (overnight & day traffic). Over three quarters of all tourism traffic and spending in the region was attributed to domestic visits from Alberta and BC residents, with Albertans outnumbering British Columbians. Four percent of the visitors hailed from Washington State. Americans made up 10 percent of travellers to the region.

Of the 2.07 million overnight person-visits, on average travel parties stayed 3.2 nights. Same-day travellers accounted for 47% of visitor volume and accounted for 16 percent of visitor expenditures. The property in this listing benefits from both day and overnight traffic.

The highest number of travellers, about half, occurred during peak summer months, July to September. Almost half of US residents visited in the spring and two-thirds of other international travellers visited the region during the summer. Visits by BC residents were relatively more spread throughout the year. October to December saw the smallest number of visitors. Ski season, January thru March, saw about 15 percent of the traffic, and April to June the remaining 25 percent. Cottage ownership is evident with a third of overnight visits staying with friends and family. These figures are reflected in the business revenues for this property.

The property is affiliated with the International Selkirk Loop, Nelson Kootenay Lake DMO, Kootenay Rockies Tourism, the Chamber of Commerce in Nelson and Kaslo, the Balfour District Business & Historical Society, the SS Moyie Historical Site (Kootenay Lake Historical Society), and Friends of Kootenay Lake.

Kootenay Lake has received much positive press as part of North America's only multi-national scenic loop.

- Top 10 Places to See in Canada by Maclean's Magazine
- #2 Best Motor Biking Road in North America by Harley Davidson
- Designated a National Scenic Byway in the US, one of ten Top 10 Scenic Byways in America, and the only International Byway in the US
- Selected by Rand McNally as one of five "Best of Roads" Rand McNally Atlas, US and Canadian Editions

Tourism development is growing in the region, and substantial investment into the region is anticipated. Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort recently changed hands, purchased by the Lower Kootenay Band. Significant investment in the property and tourism development is underway. Additional attractions are planned and a sizeable zip line operation started recently opened. Columbia Basin Trust has recognized tourism development as important to the region and ear-marked substantial dollars to encouraging further development of the industry. Enthusiasm and excitement over tourism development is evident in the region.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/statistics/business-industry-trade/industry/tourism>

A TOP-TEN Places to See in Canada

MacLean's Magazine

**Missed the
WHISTLER
BOOM?
Discover the
KOOTENAY
LAKE
opportunity**



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