



## Tour the GOLD RUSH TRAIL

The trail begins at **Fort Langley Historic Site** just 40 minutes from Vancouver and ends at the Huble Homestead just north of the city of **Prince George**. A few recommendations would be to stop in at

- Historic Yale (24 km from Hope) and visit the 1863 Church of St. John the Divine, the oldest church on the B.C. mainland, and the Yale Museum.
- Hell's Gate Air tram. Be sure to visit Historic Hat Creek Ranch located 11 km north of Cache Creek where you can tour through the restored buildings or take a wagon ride on the original Cariboo Waggon Road.
- 108 Heritage Site and Museum, and enjoy an informative tour of the historic buildings.
- Barkerville, one of the largest heritage sites in Western North America. Relax and enjoy this fully restored gold rush town with over 120 heritage buildings, guided tours, period actors and live theatre.
- Prince George, site of the Huble Homestead, a gold rush stopover for those venturing to the goldfields of Barkerville from the north.

## Lillooet

### *"Mile 0" Cariboo Waggon Road*

The Governor of the Colony of British Columbia set Mile 0 of the "waggon" road to the Cariboo for all that was seeking their fortunes in mining for Gold. See the "Mile 0" cairn that still rests on Main Street. The Museum is a must see – it will enlighten you on the Gold Rush Trail.



## Hat Creek Ranch Historic Site

250-457-9722

[www.hatcreekranch.com](http://www.hatcreekranch.com)

*Lillooet to Hat Creek – 75 km*

Once a BX Stage roadhouse, Hat Creek Ranch offers an experience where you step back in time. 1860s Roadhouse tour, blacksmith shop, 2 historic structures, Shuswap Village, trail rides and stagecoach rides name only a few of the things that you can see and do while there. Restaurant on site.

## 70 Mile House

*Hat Creek to 70 Mile – 59 km*

70 Mile House was once the first historic roadhouse locations on the Cariboo Wagon Road. There is now a store and other services, and a turnoff east along the Green Lake Road to the Green Lake Recreational Area.

## Chasm Park

*15 km North of Clinton and 4 km off Highway 97*

Formed by volcanic activity and carved by glacial melt water, Chasm is a spectacular, bedrock box-canyon, 1.5 km long and 120 m deep, featuring a brilliant display of bright orange and pink rock.

## Mt. Begbie Lookout– OPTIONAL – look closely for sign

*16km south of 100 Mile House*

A short hike of 10 – 15 minutes along a steep trail (CAUTION) takes you to the 4,187 foot summit. The hike is well worth it – one can see over 160 km on a clear day; from the snow-capped peaks of Well Gray Park in the east to the Marble Range to the west.



## **OVERNIGHT STAY**

### **OPTION ONE**

#### **Green Lake**

*30 minute drive off of Hwy 97*

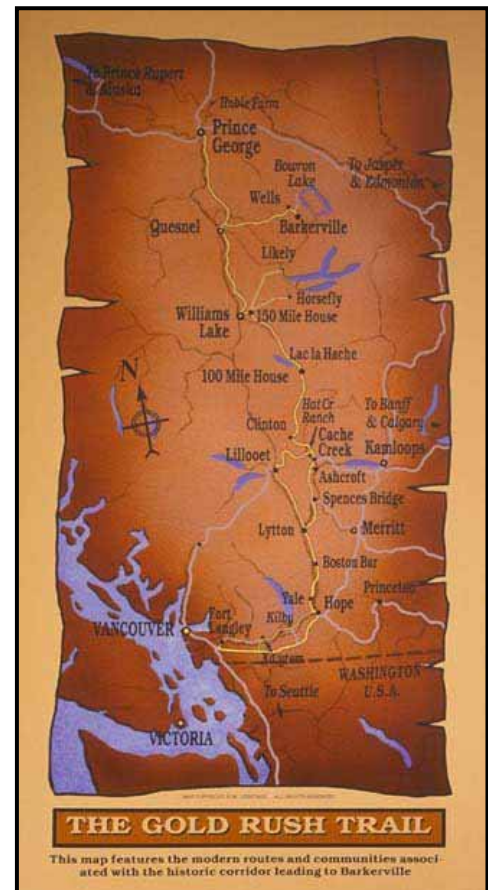
Fifteen km long Green Lake was situated on the Fur Brigade trail between Fort Kamloops and Fort Alexandria. Now it is one of the South Cariboo's most popular spots for swimming, boating and other water sports or for the birder. There are some 18 public access points to Green Lake; for swimming, boaters, windsurfers and water-skiers. While at Green Lake consider staying at the:

### **OPTION TWO**

#### **100 Mile House**

As a stagecoach stop 100 Mile House was 100 miles from Lillooet where miners and others travelers refreshed themselves. Today one of the original Barnard Express stagecoaches sits on display at the north end of town. There are several other interesting spots in town. There is an 8-hectare marsh and wildlife sanctuary where birders can walk the trail to see some spectacular sights of a variety of birds especially during migration season. There have been sightings of over 1000 birds during the spring. Right in downtown 100 Mile House you can go to Centennial Park and take a short 5 minute walk to Bridge Creek Falls. Take a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon. If you are a canoeist there is a 12 lake chain at Moose Valley just west of town. If you are into hiking there are a lot of interpretive trails. If you stop in at the Visitor Information Centre located in a log building next to the marsh they can provide you with trail maps.

[www.southcaribootourism.com](http://www.southcaribootourism.com).



108 Mile Ranch - just 10 minutes north of 100 Mile House on Highway 97.

### **108 Resort & Conference Center**

Contact: Jared Beaton  
Phone: 250-791-5211  
Box 112, 100 Mile House. BC, V0K 2E0  
Website: <http://www.108resort.com/>  
Restaurant & Golf course on Site

### **The Hills Health & Guest Ranch (Spa)**

Contact: Pat Corbett  
Phone: 250-791-6384  
C26 108 Mile Ranch, 1088 Mile Ranch,  
BC, V0K 2Z0 Website:  
<http://www.spabc.com/>  
Restaurant and Horseback riding on site

## **Williams Lake**

*Lillooet to Williams Lake 240 km*

The Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin tells a colorful history of the area including the unique history of the Williams Lake Stampede. Birders should visit the Scout Island Nature Centre, which overlooks a staging area for migrating waterfowl. Williams Lake is the commercial heart of the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast and offers excellent accommodation and dining.

### **OPTION THREE**

Places to stay in Williams Lake:

#### **Super 8 Motel**

1712 South Broadway, Williams Lake,  
BC, V2G 2W4,  
1-250-398-8884  
<http://www.super8.com>

#### **Coast Fraser Inn Hotel Restaurant**

285 Donald Road, Williams Lake, BC, V2G  
4K4,  
1-250-398-7055  
<http://www.fraserinn.com>

#### **Overlander Motor Inn Restaurant, Pub, Cold Beer & Wine Store**

1118 Lakeview Cres, Williams Lake, BC,  
V2G 1A3,  
1-250-392-3321  
<http://www.overlanderhotel.com>

#### **Sandman Hotels & Inns Denny's Restaurant**

664 Oliver Street, Williams Lake, BC,  
V2G 1M6,  
1-604-730-6600  
<http://www.sandman.ca>

## **Scout Island Nature Trails**

Short walking trails are located on both islands. A bird sanctuary and a wonderful place to dip your toes in at the beach take Mackenzie Avenue to Borland Drive, turn right. Take the next right and drive to the parking lot. Great place for a bus tour to take a pit stop and only 4 minutes off Highway 97. Birders should visit the Scout Island Nature Centre, which overlooks a staging area for migrating waterfowl.

## **Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin**

250-392-7404 Website: [www.cowboy-museum.com](http://www.cowboy-museum.com)

Located in downtown Williams Lake this museum tells the history of the area including the unique history of the Williams Lake Stampede.

Place to stay north of Williams Lake just off Highway 97:

### **McLeese Lake Resort**

Motel, Cabins & Camping

25 minutes north of Williams Lake on highway 97

Phone (250) 297-6525 Email: [mcleeselake@laketown.net](mailto:mcleeselake@laketown.net)

<http://www.mcleeselake.com>

### **Xats'ull Heritage Village**

250-989-2323 Website: [www.xatsull.com](http://www.xatsull.com) Located 33 km north of Williams Lake is Soda Creek, where travelers used to board paddle wheelers that headed north up the Fraser River. Here you will find Xats'ull Heritage Village where you can experience first hand the traditional lifestyle of the Xats'ull (Secwepemc) people. (Warning – hill into village is a dirt winding switchback hill that takes you down into the Fraser River Valley – beautiful scenery!)

### **Quesnel**

*120 North of Williams Lake*

After a long bus ride your travelers may like to stroll along the Riverfront Trail, an interpretive historic walk along the banks of the Quesnel and Fraser Rivers, see the restored 1867 Hudson's Bay building on Front Street, or visit the [Quesnel Museum](#) and archives featuring the displays on 19<sup>th</sup> century Chinese culture. Further info can be obtain at the Quesnel Visitor & Conference Bureau 250-992-2111 or [www.northcariboo.com](http://www.northcariboo.com)

### **Billy Barker Casino Hotel**

308 McLean Street Quesnel, BC V2J 2N9

Phone: (250) 992-5533 or toll free 1-800-992-4255 Fax: (250) 992-1103

<http://www.billybarkercasino.com/>

### **Sandman Hotels & Inns**

**Denny's Restaurant**

Hwy 97 South and Maple Drive, Quesnel BC

1-604-730-6600

<http://www.sandman.ca>

## **TURN EAST JUST PAST QUESNEL ON BARKERVILLE HWY (HWY #26) FOLLOW SIGNS**

### **Cottonwood House**

Contact: Lori 250-992-2071 Website: [www.cottonwoodhouse.ca](http://www.cottonwoodhouse.ca)

*Situated 28 km east of Quesnel*

This 1861 roadhouse features the main house, barns, sheds, animals, a stagecoach ride and a wonderful picnic spot.

### **Wells**

Website: [www.wellsbc.com](http://www.wellsbc.com)

*Turn east on Highway 26 and travel 80 km to Wells, and 8 km west of Barkerville*

Browse through historic 'uptown' Wells, once a company mining town site for the Cariboo Gold Quartz Mine with its unique heritage buildings.

### **White Cap Motor Inn**

Box 153 Wells BC  
V0K 2R0  
Phone : ( 250) 994-3489  
Fax: (250) 994-3426  
[whitecap@goldcity.net](mailto:whitecap@goldcity.net)  
[www.whitecapinn.com](http://www.whitecapinn.com)

### **Wells Hotel**

PO Box 39 Wells BC  
V0K 2R0  
Phone: (250) 994-3427  
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[www.wellshotel.com](http://www.wellshotel.com)



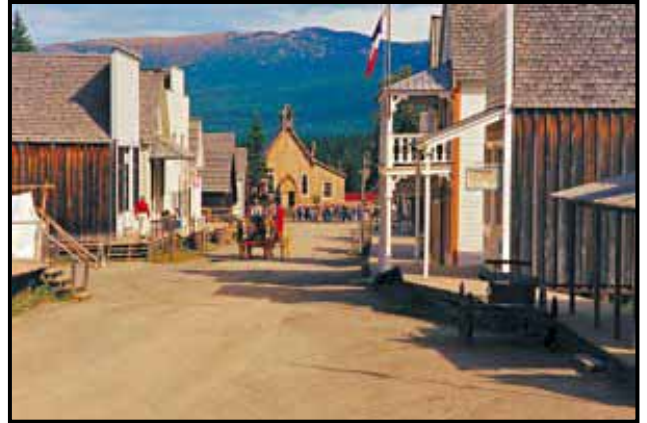
## **Barkerville**

Contact: 250-994-3332

Website: [www.barkerville.ca](http://www.barkerville.ca)

*Turn east on Highway 26 and 88 km to  
Barkerville - gravel roads*

BC's premiere heritage site, a restored gold rush town from the 1860's. Over 125 buildings with displays, costumed interpreters, live theatre, gold mining demonstrations and unique shopping and dining opportunities make Barkerville a 'must see' in British Columbia.



Barkerville Historic Town  
Photo: BC Heritage

Side trip
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## **Bowron Lakes**

*Turn east on Highway 26 and travel 120 km to Bowron Lake, 32 km east of Wells –  
gravel roads*

This beautiful Provincial Park provides one of the world's unique canoeing opportunities. 116 kilometers of lakes, rivers and short portages form a rectangular chain through superb mountain scenery, allowing you to canoe right back to your starting point. The Park provides some of BC's finest wildlife viewing opportunities. Bald eagles, osprey, moose, mink, beaver and bears are regularly seen from your canoe. Reservations with [BC Parks](#) are necessary for overnighting & canoe trips.

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