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a variety of circle tours. Pacific coast and Arctic as well as the Yukon, Alaska and the Valley, making a link to through the Robson Highway passes The Yellowhead T.W.N

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Open year-round at Main and First, McBride

place to stay, relax and explore year round. opportunities in the Robson Valley, and is an ideal beauty, is the hub for many outdoor recreation The Village of McBride, in the midst of this natural mountain in the Canadian Rockies.

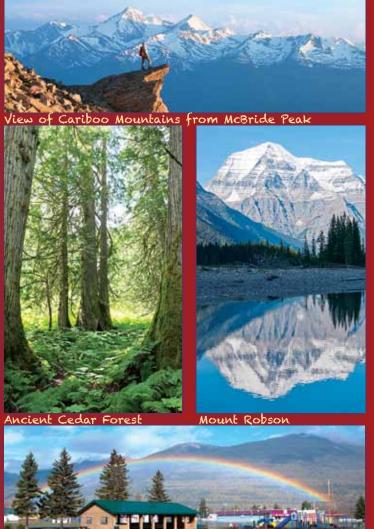
the Cariboos. Visit Mount Robson, the highest Mountains and rare inland rainforests along Janue, alpine meadows and glaciers in the Rocky Explore forest-covered sand dunes near lete through forests and farmlands, fed by numerous

the other, with the mighty Fraser River winding on one side, the majestic Rocky Mountains on Picture the snowcapped Cariboo Mountains IN MCBRIDE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Visitor Centre

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McBride's Heritage Railway Station

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company laid out the townsite

in a standard GTP design with the station as the focus of Main

Street, flanked by two parks, and it remains the same to this

day. The present station was completed in 1919 on the sturdy

Meeting the passenger train was major entertainment for

villagers. With rail as the only viable way in and out for many years.

the station was where one went to wait for the mail, ship milk and

ream, pick up supplies, send a telegram, have a good feed at the

Canadian National, owner of the railway, moved the last of its

operations out of the building in 1989. The Canadian government

designated the station a heritage building, and the Village of

along 1920 lines with locally grown and milled wood. The station

is again a gathering place, the home of the Visitor Information

Centre and a new beanery. The art gallery is an attraction with

work by local artists and artisans, and VIA Rail's year-round

passenger trains continue a century of service to McBride.

foundations of the original, which was lost to fire in 1918.

24-hour Beanery Restaurant, or just catch up on gossip.

McBride purchased it in the early 1990s.

Whistle Stop Gallery

Located inside the historic McBride

train station at First and Main, visitors

can see an amazing variety of original,

local artwork created by more than 100

members of the non-profit Whistle Stop

Gallery Society. Members have also

worked hard to bring arts and culture into

the Robson Valley as evidenced by various

public art projects including murals,

artistic fire hydrants and participation in

various cultural festivals and events.

Railway Station

Gallery 34



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Canada Highway (16), connects the valley with Jasper to the east and Prince George to the west

Highway 16 branches at Tete Jaune with Highway

5, which connects south to Kamloops and beyon

The lonely highway attracts many long-distance cyclists and motorcyclists. This is also a popula

route to Alaska. For some distances across Canada

o Pacific, Arctic and Atlantic oceans, see the greer

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EXPLORE McBRIDE

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Breathtaking mountain beauty, clean air. Fine dining or home-made style takeouts. Friendly streets, good conversation. Explore the historic village and forested trail. With full services, relaxing green spaces, playground, skate park and rec centre, McBride is your year-round stopping place.

(G) View from the gazebo



Museum and Library



Head down Main Street to visit the beautiful new library and museum by the locomotive gateway. Browse books and meet local people, connect with a computer or free wifi. Use your BC library card to borrow or return library materials here. Both organizations offer fun, interesting programs for all ages including nusic, speakers, movies, history, arts and

crafts. Travellers are welcome to take part! Browse digital archives at the museum and tour the latest exhibitions. Be sure to see the casts of dinosaur footprints from the Monroe Trackway discovered just 70 km north of town. Pick up a travel guide to the many history plaques around McBride. Visit mcbride.bc.libraries.coop & valleymuseumarchives.ca

Walk or wheel to painted hydrants, history sites, murals and amenities. Take a pedicab for a tour, or to your destination across town.

McBride's Scale Model Solar System

You can have fun with astronomy in McBride even on a rainy day! Starting from the sun (a street lamp near the railway station) travel down Main Street and find each planet's orbit as you head to the outer solar system. At approx. 3 billion-to-one scale, the walk from the Sun to Neptune is 1.5 km, 3 km return. Pick up a free brochure for more astronomy facts to enjoy during your "space flight." visitmcbride.ca/solar

Dominion Creek Trail

Retrace some of the steps of the builders of the railway and early McBride in a forested trail just a few blocks from Main Street. In 1912-13 supplies were carted from ships and scows at the river up to the future railway yard. For a longer nature walk through town, follow the suggested route to Horseshoe Lake. Orange path on McBride map.

Horseshoe Lake Gazebo

Horseshoe formed from an oxbow channel of the Fraser River, boasts a variety of bird species. A mobility friendly walkway takes you over water to the covered gazebo where you can enjoy the peaceful surroundings. From the Visitor Centre to the gazebo is 1.3 km.

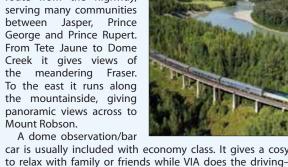


Ask at the Visitor Centre for the complete Robson Valley bird list or check us out online at visitmcbride.ca

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One of the north's best kept secrets

Another way to come to McBride is on VIA Rail's daytime passenger train, the Skeena. It runs year round and travels quite a different route from the highway,



car is usually included with economy class. It gives a cosy way to relax with family or friends while VIA does the driving-even blizzards are fun! (Note: on some trains in summer the dome car is reserved for touring class only.) Beverages and snacks can be bought on board, or take a picnic.

Bicycles, kayaks, small canoes and caged pets can usually be taken along for extra fees-check what is available before travel. For current fares, schedules and on-line booking see viarail.ca. The waiting room in McBride station is open every afternoon for the train, and has more information. visitmcbride.ca/rail

McBride Mountain Trails

A great way to have fun near McBride is walking or cycling our new trail system just 4 km from town. Built by local volunteer effort in partnership with several agencies, the McBride Mountain village of McBride. A fire lookout. Trails are for hiking, cycling and horse riding, and are great in built in 1930, is located near the snowshoeing season too. The 24 km network branches off and peak. Building materials for it crosses the forest service road in several places, providing a great were hauled up by packhorses variety of trips. The routes take you through an amazing variety of on the steep mountain trail. A natural settings, from the cool shade of a cedar forest, aspen groves, second building at the Halfway and fern-rimmed wetland, to drier pine and spruce habitat where Viewpoint provided an overnight stop for staff going to the top, you can see stumps drilled by large piliated woodpeckers. Start from and served as a lookout during spring before snow melted at downtown, from the forest road, or part way between at Koeneman

make a fun connection to the river beach at low water. See map above for directions to the trail head. Trail etiquette: non-motorized use only. Cyclists yield to equestrians, hikers yield to both. See the kiosk at the horseback staging area by Koeneman House for details on trail use, or visitmcbride.ca/parks.



McBride Peak offers a panoramic

view of the Robson Valley and the

builders' dreams all those years ago.

higher elevations. Built by the industrious Fred Koeneman, this Park. New paths under the highway bridge near Koeneman Park historic cabin still overlooks McBride and Fred's homestead (now Koeneman Park). The site, maintained by Rec Sites and Trails BC and the McBride Community Forest, offers picnic tables, fire rings and a pit toilet. The road is steep with several switchbacks, so 4WD is recommended. Visitors are reminded to use their gears when descending, to avoid burning out the brakes. A further 5.5 km rough, steep 4WD road zig-zags to a parking lot below the tree line. From there, travel in the alpine is strictly non-motorized.

present communities are Red Pass, Mount Robson, Rearquard, Tete

Jaune, Shere, Croydon, Dunster, Raush, Eddy, McBride, Craibenn,

Legrand, Rider, Goat River, Crescent Spur, Loos, Snowshoe, Urling,

Kidd, Dome Creek, Penny, and on down the line. A century after

The railway, owned for the past century by Canadian National

4.5 km (2.8 miles) long serving an expanding port and realizing the

THE SITE OF MCBRIDE was surveyed and established as a divisional

HOW WE BEGAN

FOR CENTURIES the Yellowhead Pass was a First Nations trading oute. At the west end of the pass, the Shuswap people had seasonal salmon fishing camps and a village which became known as Tete railway construction, the only other station left is at McBride. Jaune Cache in the 1800s. Further west the Raush River valley, where they were as well before the railway came, was noted on a map in (CN Rail) is busy and much more automated, with trains more than 1871 as Rivière au Shuswap, later shortened to Raush.

The nineteenth century brought explorers, goldseekers and railway surveyors. Early in the 1900s the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company planned an extension of their line from the prairies to a port on the west coast through the Yellowhead Pass. Railway construction point on the railway in 1912, and its first station was claimed, for a took place in what is now the Robson Valley from 1911 to 1914. while, to be the largest between Winnipeg and Prince Rupert. The At that time the only route through thick forests was the Fraser vards had eight miles of track in addition to a roundhouse, turntable. River. Thousands of workers

plus food, horses, lumber, and concrete and steel for railway bridges went down the river on scows. Graceful ships called sternwheelers steamed right up the river to Tete Jaune until summer 1913 when a railway bridge was "accidentally" built too low for them to pass.

Huge camps made of logs and tents were set up for the

labour. The railway contractors enforced prohibition within 3 miles of hospital and drug store, clothing, grocery and variety stores, car

A parade on July 1st, 1913 at Mile 90, renamed McBride that day.

the workers-they along with horses and mules provided most of the community with almost all services needed including schools, a

their camps, so just beyond, another camp would appear with belles, and farm machinery dealerships, a drive-in and theatre, real estate booze and card rooms. As construction passed through, these camps office and airfield. In 1932 the village was incorporated and over vanished, but some of the railway settlements grew and flourished. time the boundaries extended. Highway 16 was officially opened in The railway had maintenance sections about 8 miles apart. 1970, bringing to an end the isolation of the village, Today McBride Stations were built at many of them. Most were identical to the only is supported by a diverse economy, including railway, agriculture, one now preserved in the valley, at Dunster. Some names of past and forestry, tourism, arts, culture, and community services.

annual Fraser Heritage Festival in late summer rates the arts and music at venues suc

as the Ancient Forest, McBride and the shore of Kinney Lake. In winter, whether you like as Mile 90, its distance from the to watch or to take part, there are hockey Alberta border. On July 1st, 1913 it was officially named McBride after tournaments and curling bonspiels, as well as family fun days in the snow, figure skating shows and a Santa parade. Music, plays, guest speakers and workshops are on offer much of the year. Find out what is coming up in the valley by clicking on the calendar icon at visitmcbride.ca or call the Visitor Centre at 1-866-569-3366.

> The name "Robson Valley" was chosen in a contest held by the Dunster Farmers' Institute

arriving three days a week each way from Jasper and Prince Rupert/Prince George. Provides the option to bring your bicycles and caged pets along. See visitmcbride.ca/rail, viarail.ca, phone

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As a newly constructed railway

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Koeneman Regional Park Koeneman Park, a popular picnic site for both highway travelers and local residents, was established by the Regional District in 1981. Located just east of McBride, beside the Fraser River, this community park boasts

> Near the Fraser River bridge is an informal boat launch and a modern log picnic shelter. Left: Koeneman House with backdrop of Mount Lucille and the Cariboo range.

a superbly crafted log house. This authentic

structure was built in the late 1930s by Fred

Koeneman to enable his children to attend

school in McBride. The park, for day use only.

provides picnic tables, toilets and fire rings,

and is an equine staging area for the new trails

Tete Jaune Community Club CHURCHES

Elks and Royal Purple, McBride

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DUNSTER

construction in 1913, Dunster remained settled after the

building boom, and has flourished as a farming area ever

The Dunster Community Hall, located on the uphill side

with flower paintings. Nearby is the home of the annual Robson

At the "T" intersection turn left and follow the road until you

come to Dunster's quaint country general store and post office

open daily, and the 1913 railway station at the VIA Rail flag stop,

Named after a town in England by the railway during

motorized boat launch and beach.

Valley Music Festival, held in August.

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travelled in Crescent

Spur-Loos, Made up of

several communities

which grew and faded

as sawmills came and

went, it now attracts back

country enthusiasts from

all over the world. From

rizzly bear watching in

the Morkill to hiking the

historic Goat River Trail

the unspoiled wilderness

offers a true challenge

to the adventurous at

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Kinney Lake at the base of Mt. Robson, right, and Mt. Whitehorn.

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Mount Robson Provincial Park starts just 76 km from

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the region have been designed for, or are suitable for riding. For details on three, see Bell Mtn (C), Blueberry Trail (M), and McBride Mtn (overleaf). Guided

Backcountry

Bell Mountain and the

Dore River drainage

offer terrain for all skill

levels. Snowmobile

access may be required

Bell Mountain offers

approximately 15 kms

of groomed and track-

set trails complete

with a cabin managed

by the Yellowhead Ski

Dogsled tours

Cross-country

for some areas.

parks, see bcparks,ca

The area is home for many species of big game. Avid hunters will appreciate the rugged terrain and challenges. Start with the BC Hunting & Trapping Regulations Synopsis for seasons, regulations and restrictions. Hunting licenses are required and available at local businesses.

Snowboarding

Novice to expert rides that will give you big air on Bell Mountain and Lucille areas. Snowmobile access reauired.

Snowshoeing

From easy trips to waterfalls, or ambitious treks to backcountry cabins for an overnight.



Some of the best alpine powder sledding in North America is right here! Elevations vary from 3,500' timber riding to 9,000' hill climbing. Access trails to endorsed areas are groomed throughout the riding season. Trail user passes are required and can be purchased at the trailheads. It is recommended that you carry beacons, shovels, probes and extra gas. Area businesses provide rentals, repairs, tours and accommodations. See trail condition updates

all winter at visitmcbride.ca **Bell Mountain:** trailhead 13 kms from the Village

a kilometre below. Easy access to open alpine and a of McBride with a 12 km groomed trail to the alpine. An award-winning family riding area ideal for novice

to intermediate sledders. Mount Lucille: trailhead located only 3 km from McBride, has a 13 km

groomed trail to the alpine

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extreme and is useable earlier and later in the season

Mount Renshaw: an award-winning snowmobiler's heaven for the more seasoned rider. Trailhead is located 18 kms by road from McBride, followed by 30 kms of

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ATVs Enthusiasts of all experience levels are lured and challenged by the variety of road systems the Robson Valley has to offer.

Bird Watching Varied and plentiful opportunities from the valley bottom up to the alpine. More than 170 species have been

> identified between Mount Robson and Dome Creek (checklists are available at the Visitor Centre). Be sure to visit the Horseshoe Lake observation platform.

From full service private campgrounds to back country camping, there are many options. The McBride Community Forest maintains two rustic campsites. Privately owned camparounds along Highway 16 offer electrical hookups, washrooms, hot showers, laundry facilities and corrals. Look for the camping symbols on the maps on this



Canoeing & Kayaking

for the more experienced boater and kayaker. LaSalle Lake offers pleasant lake paddling (no motors) with access from the campsite.

Mountaineering

snowfields, alpine ridges, rock faces or scree slopes.

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Photography From panoramic vistas to the minute details at your

photographer's paradise. Salmon watching

along the Fraser and its tributaries to watch the large Chinook salmon on their 1375 km journey from ocean to spawning grounds in August. Be alert for bears and keep well away from them. Beaver River Falls: As well as Chinook, sometimes bright red and green sockeye salmon are seen in the pools below the falls. See trails K & L at left. Rearguard Falls: A 15 minute walk to viewpoints. See trail Q at left. Tete Jaune spawning **grounds:** Shallow water in the Fraser, off Old Tete Jaune Road. For directions, see Dunster-Tete Jaune drive at left.

roomed trail to the alpine.

Tete Jaune Cache, BC

The Robson Valley provides varied fishing opportunities. Beautiful streams and creeks feed the Fraser River from both the Cariboo and Rocky Mtn sides of the valley. Clear, deep pools, as well as numerous log jams are ideal homes for rainbow trout, Rocky Mtn whitefish and dolly varden. These fish are attracted to any number of lure or fly patterns, especially red and white. Dolly varden are catch and release only-

Beaver Creek Lodge

please be careful to revive and release them to their stream home. Salmon are off-limits in the Robson Valley. Be sure to consult the fishing regulations and get your license. **Goat River & West Twin Creek**

found in the large, deep pools. Holmes (Beaver) River Located 11 km east of McBride, great fishing for

Located between McBride and Crescent Spur,

off Hwy 16, access is mostly by hiking. Rainbow,

whitefish, with large dollies up to 18 pounds

dollies and rainbow, especially at the falls just up

LaSalle Lakes 46 km west of McBride, just east of Crescent

Spur. The east lake, which offers smaller rainbow, has a blazed footpath to a canoe launch. The west lake, another 1.5 km westward and 1.5 km off Hwy 16, has a rustic overnight campsite with tables, fire pits, a swimming dock, small boat launch (no motors please), beach and some big eastern brook trout. An opportunity for ice fishing, but the access road may not be plowed in winter.

Little Lost Lake

There is a 20-minute foot trail that takes the angler to this beautiful little lake, located on a bench just above the weigh scale at Tete Jaune.

McKale (Blackwater) River

Access via Mountainview Road, beginning just east of McBride, on the north side of the Fraser River. Good for dollies, rainbow and whitefish.

Also, logging road access into the headwaters Nevin (King), Holliday (Baker) Horsey

Creek & Small River

All four creeks are east of McBride along Highway 16. Access to Nevin and Holliday Creeks is on foot, while Horsey Ck and Small River have logging road access off the highway. Fishing is good for dollies and rainbow. After high water, a

run of larger dollies occurs. A small lake located off the Dunster-Tete Jaune

Road. A short trail and wharf provide access to the lake. Suitable for day use only. An opportunity for ice fishing, but the access road may not be plowed in winter.



The Fraser River is . . 1375 km (854 miles) long fifth largest river in Canada, by volume and drains an area of 220,000 km² (almost the area of Britain)

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DOME CREEK

The community of Dome Creek lies down in the valley several kilometres north of Highway 16 along the railway and the Fraser River. Founded by the railway in 1912-13, it continues as a settlement and farming area. Its first school is now under development as a museum. The community has a Post Office and a library open Monday afternoons and Friday evenings. The library, Lena Schultz Reading Room, has high speed Internet accessible anytime from the front porch.



hosts a variety of animal and bird species and is a popular year-round destination for hiking or snowshoeing. Thanks largely to grass roots community efforts, the forest has several

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kilometers of marked trails and walkways, and includes a 450 metre long universal access boardwalk. Parking at the trail head is 95 km west of McBride on lighway 16. Day-use/picnic area only. Universal access pit oilets. For more details, see bcparks.ca

visitmcbride.ca/parks Boulder Mountain Trail

Offers a steep 6 km trail through an old growth forest up to open alpine with excellent views of the Rocky Mountain Trench. Access: Off the Goat River Forest Service Road, 34 km west of McBride. Further up the FSR is the start of the historic Goat River Trail to owron Lakes and Barkerville. A week's hike over the

Bell Mountain

rovides excellent views of the McBride area, as well as open alpine hiking. Access: Bell Mountain Road, 9.3 km west of McBride on Hwy 16, with vehicle access (rough) to start of alpine (16 km). A multiseason recreation area used by skiers, snowshoers, and sledders in winter, and equestrians and hikers in summer. The equestrian and hiking trail networks extend from the Dore River, connect with the ski trails mid mountain, and up to the sled trails and alpine meadows on top of Bell Mtn. Many loops in the network offer short or long trail options. Trail heads are located at km 0 on the Dore River FSR, and at 3 km and 5 km on Bell Mountain FSR. Rustic



Ozalenka Trail

A 6.9 km trail ascending gradually to an open alpine features wildflowers, small lakes and waterfalls in summer, and fun snowfields in winter. A public hut is available for overnight use Pre-registration is **equired** by calling the Ozalenka Alpine Club at 250-569-2596. Access: km 19 on the West Dore Forest Road via Dore River Road, 5 km west of McBride.

A 10.9 km trail leading to a high elevation alpine pass area in the Cariboo Mountains. A small backcountry campsite is located at the end of the trail. Access: From the middle fork of the Dore River drainage,

Kristi Glacier Trail

Avalanche Valley Trail Starting on Dore R. road, '5 km west of McBride, go 8.4 km, left onto South Dore FSR, then 18 km to trail head. 13 km one way with steep sections. Provides spectacular views of the Cariboo Mountains. A backcountry campsite is on the edge of Cariboo Lake just below Roberts Glacier.

access via Dore River road, 5 km west of McBride.

Trail head at km 13.1 on South Dore FSR. Offers a moderate 9 km trail to access a spectacular moraine and glacier environment. Public hut available for overnight use-pre-registration is required by calling the Ozalenka Alpine Club at 250-569-2596.

Eagle Valley Trail

Mount Lucille Alpine

Open alpine hiking offering splendid viewing, lakes

and wildflowers. Access: From Lucille Forest Road, which starts just 5 minutes from downtown McBride At the 4.5 km mark take the right fork, Rough vehicle access to parking, with up to 5 km hike to the subalpine, depending on parking location.

logging is in progress. Watch for signs indicating road restrictions. Gear down when descending steep mountain roads to avoid burning out brakes. Protect the fragile ecosystem-please do not use motorized vehicles

When travelling forest roads, watch for trucks especially when active

in the alpine and stay on trails. Before setting out, educate yourself about local conditions and

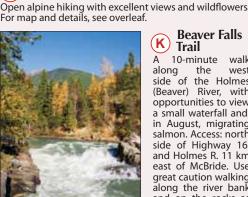
Never feed wild animals, or leave food items or packaging where they might find them, and pack out what you pack in. Enjoy watching wildlife at a safe distance or from a vehicle.

For more details and tips, see wildsafebc.com



Paradise Trail Difficult

7.9 km trail leading to an alpine ridge which offers spectacular views of the Cariboo Mountains as well as the Rocky Mountain Trench. Access: 12 km on Mountainview Rd. east of McBride.



McBride Peak

Beaver Falls Trail 10-minute walk side of the Holmes (Beaver) River, with opportunities to view a small waterfall and in August, migrating almon. Access: north side of Highway 16 and Holmes R. 11 kr east of McBride. Use

great caution walking

along the river ban

and on the rocks a

there are no railings

Look for 10 species of

Holmes (Beaver) River Forest Service Road and campsite About 11 km east of McBride, turning just east o the Holmes River bridge. Maintained by the McBride ommunity Forest, the Beaver (Holmes) River Recreation Site offers 8-10 campsites 1 km up the Holmes Forest

Service Road. The 2WD gravel forest road continues up to 48 km towards Alberta.

Blueberry Trail Primarily a horse trail, but provides hiking access to the extensive Blueberry Alpine and Boundary area along the Continental Divide. Access: Trailhead is at km 44 of the

since. It once had many dairy farms which sent cream out in cans by passenger train, until the highway and tanker trucks Natural Arch Trail Difficult/steep Access: Off replaced that in the late 1960s. In recent decades most have Highway 16, 23 km east of McBride opposite the rest changed over to beef farming. area, just west of Baker (Holliday) Creek. Recommended or experienced hikers only. Another difficult route up the other side of Baker Creek valley is the Groeneveld rail. 8.7 km to Groeneveld Peak with a view of the stone arch across the valley. Access: Highway 16 via McNaughton Road

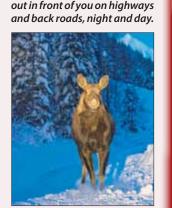
famous Ice Cream Social and dance on the Saturday evening Dunster Trail (Tom's Cabin) Difficult/steep closest to July 1-an annual event not to be missed. Provides access to a small lake and alpine ridge via a steep 6 km trail. Access: from Pepper Gravel Pit in Dunster. Check in at the Dunster General Store to use the the paved Dunster Station Road, down to the picturesque cabin, 250-968-4488 Flower Bridge across the Fraser River. Whenever the highways department paint the bridge white, local women decorate it

ichen and other communities. Trails for walking and skiing. Please stay only on the marked trails as the plants and ground are very fragile. bcparks.ca

ise-sized sand dunes, partially covered by forest. Rare

lackman Flats Provincial Park

Q Rearguard Falls Provincial Park Parking lot south of Highway 16, 5 km east of the Tete aune junction of Hwys 5 and 16. A 15 minute walk takes you to viewpoints with excellent views of the entire Fraser cascading over a rock ledge. The area is fenced for your safety, please stay within the boundaries. bcparks.ca



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Be alert for wildlife running

GALLERIES & CULTURAL ATTRACTION

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of the highway, hosts a community market on Saturdays To further explore the communities 11am–1pm, July to September, where one can find home of Dunster, Croydon and Tete Jaune paking, garden produce, crafts, flea market items and Cache on the century-old route of barbequed lunches. The community also hosts the world sternwheelers and railway builders, continue east past the store. From here on, there is sometimes logging activity and you could encounter fast-moving trucks. in by the railway grade, where you can observe a variety of bird For a scenic drive to 'downtown' Dunster turn west onto Also, be careful to stop, look and listen at the five busy level

dunsterbc.net

Rufous hummingbirds winter as far as Mexico

as a must-see museum. The Dunster

School of Fine Arts building is being

maintained for community education

and arts events, including touring

concerts. For local information visit

The Dunster-Croydon-Tete

Jaune Loop

but fly back to the Robson Valley every spring

railway crossings—there are no gates or signals As you leave both pavement and Dunster behind, you carry on through the farming countryside to the pioneer community of South Croydon. Further along the road you can see a small cemetery, a reminder of local pioneers. A few minutes further east brings you to the turnoff to Shere Lake. This small lake is suitable for picnic and day use.

the high country and glaciers.

Next, you cross the bridge over the cascading Kiwa Creek. Just past the bridge Turn left and pass through the the Kiwa Forestry Road heads up into this community of Tete Jaune to the side valley, giving recreationalists access to Another 10 km east is Watertank Hill, where there is a view over a steep dropoff to the meandering Fraser River and the at the Dunster Store about current of high quality mica in the road conditions.

you may see the incredible ritual of spawning Chinook salmon. Cross the railway (Harvey flag stop) and soon come to a "T intersection with Blackman Road. highway junction, from where you can drive west to Dunster and McBride. Check with the Visitor Centre at 1-866-569-3366 or ask

Mile 52, part of Tete

Once down the hill you skirt a wide backwater area hemmed

species. Across the CNR tracks you enter the forested site of

old Tete Jaune. You are now on Old Tete Jaune Road, and five

short turnoff takes you to the Fraser River where, in August, Jaune in about 1912. Two sternwheelers were assembled here as well as countless barges of supplies called scows. Tete Jaune was later famous for its mica mine on the mountain named for it just to the south, which produced the largest sheets

minutes further you cross the McLennan River Bridge. Here a enjoy the wilderness beauty around you.

TETE JAUNE

during construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and

nistory books are alive with the tales of its exis

Pronounced "tee jon cash", it

s named after a yellow-headed

trapper thought to be Pierre

Bostonais, who cached his

furs near Mt. Robson. The pass

nglish version of his nickname.

and the highway received the

while flooding erased most of the signs of early activity, local

Tete Jaune has evolved as an attractive residential

community and a stopping place for tourists. See the history

kiosk at the Tete Jaune Community Hall, visit Jackman Flats

and walk the trails along the jackpine covered sand dunes. Go

mushing with a dogsled team, take a guided horseback ride, go

whitewater rafting down the Fraser River, or relax in a spa and

Tete Jaune Cache was briefly a major centre with a shipyard

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more challenging sections

Mountain Biking Bell Mountain & McBride Peak roads, which climb to sub alpine (please do not ride in the fragile alpine) excite enthusiasts of all experience levels

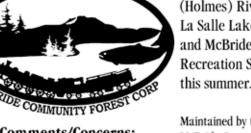
Your choice of mountain challenges on glaciers, **Paragliding** Launch from McBride Peak and descend to the vallev

feet, this is a year round

There are several spots

than other areas

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