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Pattern Energy’s Meikle Wind is the largest wind facility in British Columbia and is located north of Tumbler Ridge in the Peace Region. The facility is on Provincial Crown Lands and lies within the traditional territory of Treaty 8 First Nations.

The 180 MW wind facility is providing clean, renewable energy for the province – equal to the needs of 54,000 B.C. homes each year – and is helping the government reach its renewable energy goals.

Over the 25-year term of the power purchase agreement with BC Hydro, Meikle Wind will contribute an estimated $70 million dollars in payments for property taxes, the Crown lease, Wind Participation Rent, and community benefits.

Pattern Energy is committed to giving back to the region through sponsorships of local causes and through the Meikle Wind Community Benefits Program.

The Community Benefits Program committed a quarter million dollars to support the Moose Lake Recreation Site, Tumbler Ridge Visitor Centre, Pat O’Reilly Outdoor and Environmental Studies Centre, and the Tumbler Ridge Geopark.

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Welcome!

Tumbler Ridge is a dream destination for outdoor enthusiasts, from high-energy to laid back. With accessible year-round recreation opportunities for all ages, interests and abilities, the possibilities are as diverse as the landscapes in which they appear. Nearly 8500 km² (3300 mi²) of Provincial Parks and wilderness areas enshrine a huge variety of landscapes, vegetation and wildlife – gifts of nature that allow you to discover the heart and soul of a region that will always be wild. Fifty hiking trails and countless ATV, snowmobile and mountain bike trails lead to special places – caves, fascinating geological formations, waterfalls, dinosaur trackways and mountain tops.

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On behalf of District Council, welcome to the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark. 8500 square kilometres of beautiful wilderness with our community situated in the middle. The Geopark designation is awarded to areas around the world with global geological significance. One of our highlights is dinosaurs! We have in our community a palaeontology museum called the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery. It’s filled with amazing fossils and dinosaur trackways in slabs of rock.

Our community was “instantly” built in 1982 to support two steel making coal mines. We are situated in the eastern foothills of the Rockies with rolling hills and big peaks in the distance. To complement our mines, we now have 145 wind turbines spread over three different wind parks, as well as oil and gas activities. In the 90’s our population was around 5000 so the infrastructure was built to support that. Currently we have 2500 residents. Our community is very family friendly and really made for outdoor enthusiasts. I’ve always found it amazing having the steel making coal mines and wind turbines operating together all within our Global Geopark.

We are currently, in Tumbler Ridge, developing infrastructure to expand the mountain bike opportunities in town with a paved pump track as well as trail development on the Ridge! We have been awarded Snow Riders Sled Town of the year for 2019. The mountain snowmobiling is unmatched along with hundreds of kilometres of trails. In Tumbler Ridge, our backyard is truly an outdoor paradise. That was the motivation to gain the designation for the UNESCO Global Geopark status to celebrate all of its wonders with the world! This will definitely include Kinuseo falls! At 212 ft tall, and approximately 100 ft wide, it’s spectacular to see from a riverboat as well as the platform above. The THRONE of ICE was landed in Tumbler Ridge District of Tumbler Ridge Council (From left to right) Councillor Will Howe, Councillor Darryl Krakowka, Councillor Chris Norbury, Mayor Keith Bertrand, Councillor Bernie Lehmann, Councillor Joanne Kirby, Councillor Curtis Miedzinski.

along the Babcock Creek ice seeps. One of six in the world. This event was for the HBO series Game of Thrones. This was an incredible week long event that drew just over five thousand people to our area from all over the world to sit on the throne.

I could go on and brag a lot more about the incredible place I’ve called home for 18 years. But I’ll stop now and just invite you to join us here in the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark and British Columbia’s northern outdoor paradise! Whatever your adventure, I know you won’t be disappointed.

Sincerely,
Keith Bertrand
Mayor

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
TIME ZONE
Part of the Peace River Regional District of BC (including Tumbler Ridge) is on Mountain Time and does not observe Daylight Savings Time. This means that the region's clocks are the same as those in Calgary and Edmonton in the winter, and are the same as those in Vancouver in the summer.

GPS DRIVING ROUTES
Please be aware that if you take the shortest route on your GPS, you could end up on a Forest Service Road – which is often not a good idea if you're driving a car as not all FSRs are well maintained (especially during winter months). Stick to Hwy 29W and/or 52N. Be mindful of S2E, this route is partially gravelled as well. Check the Drive BC website for current road reports.

CELL SERVICE
Call Service – Visitors love Tumbler Ridge’s wilderness as it allows them to unplug and relax. But you won't be totally disconnected during your visit, we have good cell service in and around town. Service on highways 29W (Chetwynd); S2N (Dawson Creek); S2E (Boundary) is limited.

FUEL & FOOD
Make sure you fuel up (both gas and food) before touring some of our wondrous wilderness sites. Apart from the gas station in Tumbler Ridge, the only other gas stations are in Chetwynd (92kms) and Dawson Creek (117kms). There is also a Co-op card lock in town, but you must be a member to access it.

TRAVELLING WITH YOUR HORSE?
Call Grizzly Valley Saddle Club at (250) 242-1448 to book your “horsey hotel”!

TOUR GUIDES & RENTALS
Contact the Visitor Centre for information about local guides and equipment rental details at (250) 242-3123 / 1-877-729-3466 or at info@tumblerridgegeopark.ca

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What is a Geopark?

Geoparks are specially designated places that are recognized for their international geological significance by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organizations). Our 34 accessible geosites include mountain peaks, alpine meadows, glaciers, canyons, waterfalls, incredible vistas, caves and karst formations, and dinosaur trackways and fossils. Significant new discoveries are found every year!

Unlike national or provincial parks, UNESCO Global Geoparks do not have additional restrictions outside of established laws on activities like resource extraction, hunting, or motorized recreation. Within our Geopark you will find everything from renewable energy wind farms, metallurgical coal mines and forestry operations to hiking trails, ATV and snowmobile terrain, river boating, snowshoe and cross country skiing trails, rock and ice climbing, and horseback riding trails.

Our mission is to honour the geological, cultural and environmental character of our Geopark, to enhance the well-being of our people through education, engagement and sustainable development. We also celebrate stories of people and place.

Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark is one of only five Geoparks in Canada, and the only one located in western North America.

Welcome!
How It Began

Imagine what it must have been like for two carefree boys out for some fun, floating down the Flatbed Creek rapids south of Tumbler Ridge one sunny day in 2000. A series of what looked like four-toed footprints in the bedrock caught their attention. Could these possibly be dinosaur tracks?

The boys got in touch with Rich McCrea, Canada’s leading expert on dinosaur tracks. McCrea visited in 2001 and confirmed that these were ankylosaur tracks. He later found BC’s first dinosaur bone right beside the trackway. Thousands more footprints have been discovered since then including the only known tyrannosaur trackways in the world. Subsequent important bone-bed discoveries in 2002 and 2004 intensified investigations, and the area now boasts several hundred bones, the largest collection in BC and some of the oldest bones in Western Canada. British Columbia’s first articulated dinosaur has now been excavated from the area.

Dinosaur Discovery Gallery

The Tumbler Ridge Museum’s Dinosaur Discovery Gallery showcases the region’s rich fossil heritage including samples that are unique to Tumbler Ridge. Opened in 2007, the Gallery is the only facility of its kind in British Columbia. Informative presentations tell the story of over 300 million years of Tumbler Ridge and Peace Region history. Displays include early marine life, several examples of Tumbler Ridge dinosaur footprints and bones, a full-scale palaeontological exhibit, and regional Ice Age discoveries.

Don’t forget to also visit the museum’s Human History exhibition located in the Community Centre. www.trmf.ca

Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation (TRMF)

The TRMF collects, researches, archives, and displays over 300 million years of Peace Region history. It’s home to an extensive collection of British Columbia’s palaeontological resources from early examples of marine life, to dinosaurs, and the Ice Age.

A false colour image of a local tyrannosaur trackway.

Dinosaurs

Trackways, fossils and dinosaur skeletons make Tumbler Ridge the dinosaur capital of BC
Dinosaur Tours
Tumbler Ridge is one of the special places in the world where you can see actual dinosaur footprints preserved in their natural environment. To stand here and imagine dinosaurs living their lives across this very same ground—but millions of years ago—is awe-inspiring. An interpretive tour with an experienced guide is the best way to get the most out of your visit.

Cabin Pool - This informative two-hour tour begins with a hike to Flatbed Creek where you’ll see dozens of footprints. The original 2000 ankylosaur trackway discovery is nearby, downstream and across the creek.

Wolverine Lantern Tour - Dozens of 97-99-million-year-old dinosaur footprints, fossil traces, and rare skin impressions barely visible by day, glow in the lantern light on this two-hour guided evening tour. The excitement builds as the sun sets making this an unforgettable, other worldly experience.

Book your Trackway Tours at the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery.

Dinosaur Camps and Drop-In Programs
The Museum offers several year-round and seasonal programs for kids of all ages. Learn all about dinosaurs, how to identify fossils, perform science experiments, play games, and make crafts.

For details on current programs visit www.trmf.ca or call 250-242-DINO (3466).

New Discoveries and Research
New discoveries are being made all the time in the Geopark! From hand-sized samples to one-tonne blocks, most are found by volunteers and visitors. We rely on the public and our community partners to help us find, document, and retrieve these discoveries so we can continue our research. Follow us on Facebook to be the first to hear about new discoveries and published research.

If you discover what you think may be a dinosaur footprint or bone, take these steps:

- Take three or four photos from different angles, use an easily identifiable object like a coin or pen, for scale.
- If possible, record the GPS coordinates. Or make detailed notes of where it’s located so our team can find it.
- Please do not remove it. The surrounding area is as important to the research as the discovery itself.
- Report the discovery to the Museum at 250-242-DINO (3466) or email gallery@trmf.ca.

Dinosaur Facts
The Tumbler Ridge footprints fall into three groups:

**Ankylosaurs** - These armoured herbivores walked on all fours, sometimes had a massive tail club and grew to 10 m (33 ft) in length. Their hind feet had four toes, and the front footprint resembles a crescent moon, with five toes.

**Omnithopods** - The prints of these herbivores are wider than they are long, with three fairly blunt toes and tiny handprints. They had a stiff tail to help them balance as they ran on their hind legs.

**Theropods** - These bipedal carnivores were fast and agile. Their trackways are narrow and show three-toed prints that are often longer than they are wide.

Other types of footprints and traces are also represented in our geologic formations including crocodiles, turtles, and birds.

Check website for seasonal hours and activities.

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You can find us on Facebook and Instagram @trdinosaurs
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The stories of First Nations people tell of a giant’s footsteps that left pothole lakes, and of glacial boulders that move and transform into people when no one is around. These stories have been passed down through the generations, and build a different kind of map of the land.

The Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark lies within Treaty 8 territory, and includes the overlapping traditional lands of Cree, Dunne-Za, Saulteau and Tse’Khene.

The DUNNE-ZA (‘real people’, also known as Beaver) have a long history in the area, with communities located throughout northeastern BC. The closest Dunne-Za community to our Geopark is West Moberly First Nations at Moberly Lake.

The ‘Dreamers’ in the Dunne-Za tradition are medicine people who share the cultural history and visions of the future through stories and songs. Stories from the Dreamers go back in time for thousands of years and connect people to the land, the animals, and the spirits from the past and into the future.

From the south and into the mountains, the TSE’KHENE (‘people of the rocks’, also known as Sekani) travelled north into land that is now within the Geopark to hunt and fish as far back as their oral traditions go.

The mountains and valleys here have been home to Indigenous Peoples for at least 10,000 years since the end of the last ice age, when melting glaciers changed the landscape into what we know today.

McLeod Lake Indian Band is the closest Tse’Khene community to our Geopark and is located along the shores of McLeod Lake on the western side of the Rocky Mountains. Their elders recall stories from before the fur trade. In earlier times, some families would travel north through the mountains and up the Sukunka River Valley to Gwillim Lake for fishing, and occasionally out to the plains beyond for hunting bison.

The CREE peoples in the region came west with the fur trade, tracing their roots to the prairies and the boreal forests of northern Alberta and Saskatchewan. Cree people have intermarried into the other Indigenous communities around the Geopark, and established a community at Kelly Lake.

SAULTEAU First Nations is located at the east end of Moberly Lake, to the northwest of the Geopark. The Saulteau people trace their roots to southern Manitoba, and their community story speaks of leaving their reserve, where they were starving, after their leader Napaneeegan (‘One Wing’) had a vision to travel west until they came to a lake below twin peak mountains. The trek west took many years, and the Saulteau people first arrived at Moberly Lake in 1911, where the Beattie Peaks can be seen on the horizon to the west.

Today, Indigenous Peoples continue to hunt, fish, and trap their traditional territories in and around the Geopark. They are also business people, trades people, students and educators, doctors, nurses, administrators and more. They are our friends and neighbours, part of the fabric of the cultural landscape that makes up the Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark.
While the 1789 Alexander Mackenzie expedition through the Peace River area is the first documented European presence in the region, there is no written record of any activity in the Tumbler Ridge area until the twentieth century, with Spencer Tuck working as a timber cruiser. Tuck left Jasper House with a guide in the spring of 1907. He succeeded in staking approximately two hundred fifty million board feet of lumber, and arrived in Grande Prairie with no food and barely any clothes on September 15.

Samuel Prescott Fay’s 1914 expedition from Jasper to the Peace River focused on wildlife and bird species on behalf of the US Department of Agriculture, and included the first photographs of such landmarks as Kinuseo and Sukunka Falls. Prentiss Gray’s photographs and journals from his 1927 and 1928 expeditions through the Tumbler Ridge and Monkman areas document the area from the adventurer’s perspective. An avid outdoorsman and hunter, Gray travelled the area to seek Bighorn and Stone sheep.

Oil and gas exploration followed, with J.C. Gwillim in 1919 and Edmund Spieker in 1920, whose survey included the Murray River and present day town site of Tumbler Ridge. Gwillim’s journal notes “a few trapper settlements, squatters and absentees” where the Flatbed Creek joins the Murray.

During the 1930s an undertaking to construct a highway between Rio Grande, Alberta, and Prince George, British Columbia, was led by Alex Monkman. Monkman is credited with the official discovery of Monkman Pass, the lowest pass through the Canadian Rocky Mountains. He felt that this route was the only viable route for Peace region farmers to get their grain to the coast for export. Countless volunteer hours were put in to make the dream of the 136 mile route a reality. Against overwhelming odds — lack of funds, rough weather, hazardous terrain — dedicated workers persevered to complete this unbelievably difficult task. With the outbreak of WWII, many workers left to sign up and the project sadly came to a halt.

In 1953, the father daughter team of Julian Suski and Madelaine Suska performed the first detailed geological survey of the area, showing that important coal sequences existed. Given the remoteness of the location, these seams would not be developed until a project massive in scope could be undertaken. Modern mining activity in the Tumbler Ridge area started in 1981 when the three industrial partners and the Government of British Columbia signed an agreement for the Northeast Coal Development. The mines would bring a paved road to the area, power from the WAC Bennett Dam, and a rail line through the Rocky Mountains to the port at Prince Rupert. It would also be the beginning of the town of Tumbler Ridge, which would be constructed from the ground up in a period of three years.

Oil and gas, forestry and clean energy have followed in the region, and today the town of Tumbler Ridge relies on a diverse economy based on coal, oil and gas, forestry, wind power and tourism.

**Photos this page:** These archival photos show a Model A crossing the log bridge over Kinuseo Creek. Below, a work team takes time out for a coffee break. Images date from the 1930s.
Welcome to the Waterfall Capital of the North!
Visit the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark and experience how geological forces have carved out these ancient wonders for waterfall lovers to explore. Some are well known and some are yet to be discovered - maybe by you! Detailed information about each waterfall can be found at the Visitor Centre or you can access the information online at www.tumblerridgegeopark.ca.

Kinuseo Falls
Kinuseo Falls is, quite simply, an icon of Northern British Columbia. This breathtaking, not-to-be-missed sight is 68.5 m (225 ft) tall, and can be found on the Murray River at the northern end of Monkman Provincial Park, 63 km (39 mi) south of Tumbler Ridge.

Vehicle access is by the unpaved Kinuseo Falls Road to a parking area near the top of the falls. A short, level wheelchair-accessible trail leads from the parking lot to the wide, fenced platform overlooking the falls. There are four other viewpoints of the falls within walking distance on trails that range from 400 m to 3 km. Tour operators also offer jet boat trips to the base of Kinuseo Falls and helicopter trips for an aerial view.

Nesbitt’s Knee & Barbour Falls
These two waterfalls are accessed by short hiking trails, and short, easy side-trips on the way to or from Kinuseo Falls and Monkman Provincial Park. Foehn Wall is a short 1 km loop trail to a cave and beginner rock climbing area 500 m past the Nesbitt’s Knee parking area.

Quality Falls
Located in a tranquil forest setting close to the Tumbler Ridge townsite, Quality Falls is reached by a 1.25 km easy hiking trail through the woods. This 10 m (33 ft) step waterfall has a lookout at the top and a trail winding down to the bottom, with lovely views all around. The water is warm enough to wade in during summer. In the winter months, Quality Falls is a great snowshoeing destination.

Babcock Falls
Babcock Falls is definitely worth the short hike. Pass through mixed pine and spruce forests and subalpine meadows to arrive at the 8 m high falls that plunge from a sandstone cliff to the sparkling pool below. Wooden boardwalks lead a path through this unique wetland with wildflowers and fossilized logs on the way. In mid to late summer, when creek levels are down and the water is not too cold, swimming in the pools below the falls is an invigorating experience!

More Falls...
Don’t forget to visit Tepee, Bullmoose, Martin, Canary, Flatbed, Belcourt or Red Deer Falls. Take a jet boat tour downstream from town to see the waterfalls of Murray Canyon.
BERGERON FALLS

At 100 m (328 ft), this is the highest accessible waterfall in Northern British Columbia and one of the closest to Tumbler Ridge. Set in a natural amphitheatre, water plunges over a sandstone lip into a spectacular horseshoe-shaped bowl and down into the Murray River valley. You can hike the 12 km circular trail that climbs up and down to viewpoints below and above the falls. For water access, jetboat to Bergeron Creek and then take a 2 km hike to the base of the waterfall.

MONKMAN CASCADES

The Cascades
Also located in Monkman Provincial Park, the Cascades are a dazzling series of 10 waterfalls on Monkman Creek, all in the space of a few kilometres! A trail and campsites have improved access to this remote yet spectacular area.

“To the accepted pantheon of BC’s major waterfalls should be added a new star, the Monkman Cascades... it almost defies human imagination... If I die tomorrow, I will die happy, for I have visited the Monkman Cascades.”

– Tony Greenfield, naturalist and author of “Waterfalls of British Columbia, A Guide to BC’s 100 Best Falls”

Monkman Provincial Park – Something for Everyone
Monkman Provincial Park is truly a wilderness jewel, with a staggering 62,867 hectares (155,353 acres) of scenic splendor. This enchanting back country is full of rugged peaks, forested valleys, thundering waterfalls and glacial lakes. This area is a popular spot for camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, photography and more.

Despite the rugged grandeur of the park, prime areas of it are easily reached.

Facilities include 20 shaded campsites (some pull-through), picnic areas, pit toilets, a boat launch and pumped water. Trails to the Stone Corral, Canary Falls and the Greg Duke Memorial Rec Site are relatively close to the campsite, and stunning Kinuseo Falls is 3 km (2 mi) downstream.

Backcountry campsites are strategically located for adventurous hikers on multi-day treks to the Cascades, Monkman Lake and Monkman Tarns.

Monkman Provincial Park is located on the Kinuseo Falls Road, 63 km (39 mi) south of Tumbler Ridge. Ask at the Visitor Information Centre for the comprehensive brochures of Kinuseo Falls, Stone Corral, Lake Joan and Greg Duke Memorial Recreation Site.

WATERFALL MAGIC
Hit the Trails

Tumbler Ridge invites you to explore our network of fifty designated hiking trails. There are a wide variety of options for all levels of ability. The hiking season typically runs from mid-May to October, but a sunny winter day is also a great time to explore, with some trails making excellent snowshoe routes. Conditions and road accessibility can change, make sure you check in with the Visitor Centre for the latest information before you head out. Remember to honour the land by following the rule of “pack it in, pack it out”.

4 Great Trails close to Town

Flatbed Pools & Falls (moderate / one to two hours)
Both trailheads are 1 km SE of Tumbler Ridge. Most famously, the Flatbed pools area is the site of our initial Ankylosaur trackway discovery by a pair of local boys in the year 2000.

Quality Falls (easy / two hours)
Just 9 km outside of town, this picturesque veil of water tumbling into a shallow creek is a great destination for a picnic and a quick dip on a hot summer day.

Tumbler Point Trail (easy / one to two hours)
Forming part of the 28 kilometre-long TR Trail, which encircles three quarters of the community of Tumbler Ridge, the Tumbler Point Trail is an easy return trip of 4 km. Hiking, running, snowshoeing, mountain biking and horseback riding are all popular options on this well-maintained trail which overlooks both the Flatbed and Murray River valleys.

The Bald Spot (moderate / one to two hours)
This popular trail climbs relentlessly, gaining 225 metres in about a kilometre, then swings left to an excellent viewpoint with a picnic table where you can sit, relax and enjoy the sprawling vistas from the upper end of this distinctive natural landmark.

4 Amazing Rock Scenery Hikes

Boulder Gardens (moderate / three hours)
Beginning near the Peace River Coal Mine this route will lead you into an amazing formation of rock pinnacles on the slopes of Mount Babcock. A little further down the road you’ll find the trail to the magnificent Babcock Falls.

Shipyard – Titanic (moderate / two to three hours)
These unique geological formations are unlike anything else in the world. The Shipyard consists of a series of gravity defying rock towers. The Titanic, much like its name, is a massive rock that resembles the sinking ship.

The Stone Corral (moderate / three hours)
Beginning near Kinuseo Falls this short hike has been a popular destination since its discovery in 1999. This geosite resides inside Monkman Provincial Park and along with Nosbit’s Knee Falls, Barbour Falls and Foehn Wall can make the drive to Kinuseo Falls into a full day or overnight excursion. There are many stops at this geosite so be sure to stop by our Visitor Information Centre to find out more detailed information.

Mount Spieker (moderate / three to six hours)
Just a short distance from Tumbler Ridge, routes on flat-topped Mount Spieker make for excellent hiking through intriguing geological scenery. The actual summit of Mount Spieker is 1971 m and lies to the east along a gentle 4 km long alpine ridge. Once in the open, there are many choices for a half day or full day adventure. Grizzly bear, marmot, white-tailed ptarmigan, willow ptarmigan and golden eagle are all frequently seen in the area.
**Bergeron Cliffs (moderate / three to four hours)**
Bergeron Cliffs provides a panoramic view of the Murray River Valley, Tumbler Ridge and the Hart Ranges of the Rocky Mountains. Combine it with a trip to Bergeron Falls for a full day excursion.

**Murray Canyon Overlook (easy / two to three hours)**
The initial part of this easy 5.5 km (return) trail leads through mostly pine and spruce forest, mixed with aspen. Viewpoints and strategically-placed rustic benches provide for an impressive opportunity to observe the geomorphology of the Murray River valley. The trail reaches a natural turnaround point at a bench with a magnificent view of the river valley and foothills.

**Holzworth Meadows (challenging / four to six hours)**
This route leads hikers through a bowl of sub-alpine meadows onto an alpine ridge, followed by the opportunity for rambling up a series of alpine summits. There are expansive views of the surrounding mountain ranges. Mount Crum to the northwest, with a large anticline on its slopes, and Sentinel Peak to the west, with a glacier on its eastern flank, dominate the skyline.

**Windfall Lake (challenging / six hours)**
The Windfall Lake trail climbs for five kilometres through forest and sub-alpine meadows to the far shores of the scenically splendid alpine lake, which is situated in a cirque beneath cliffs at tree-line. A circular route provides a good option for the return trip, leading through karst topography.

This is just a sample of the many hiking destinations in Tumbler Ridge. Please stop by the Visitor Information Centre for trail maps and information before setting out. The Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society is the local outdoors club, promoting non-motorized outdoor recreation of all kinds. Visit their website for information and advice on outdoor activities, www.wnms.ca. Brochures are available for download with detailed maps, directions to trailheads, descriptions of trails, and sights along the way.

Our environment is precious—please help us protect it for the future, while you enjoy it today.

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4 Spectacular Scenery Spots

- Bergeron Cliffs - Collin Ball
- Murray Canyon Overlook - Jane Butters
- Holzworth Meadows - Collin Ball
- Windfall Lake - Sean Sullivan

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The following destinations are recommended for experienced hikers. We strongly recommend that you carry a satellite messaging device such as an inReach or SPOT and let Visitor Centre staff or other responsible adults know where you are headed and your latest possible return time.

**Bootski Lake (challenging / 11 km return)**
This rewarding hike leads to a small, beautiful, alpine tarn on the north flank of Mount Wapitik. It is surrounded by steep limestone slopes and spectacular alpine summits. The short steep climb above the lake to the southeast brings the hiker to a saddle. There are excellent views of Mt. Becker and its subpeak from here.

**Monkman Cascades Trail**
(challenging / two to four days)
If you are an experienced backcountry hiker, this exhilarating 24 km/15 mi (each way) trek from the trailhead at Kinuseo Falls Campground to Monkman Lake rewards you with magnificent views of a seldom-seen wilderness in the heart of Monkman Provincial Park. Here lie the Cascades, a series of 10 waterfalls (six are accessible) on Monkman Creek and truly a hidden wonder of British Columbia. Beyond lies Monkman Lake and a tough, but rewarding, trip to Monkman Tarns.

**Pinnacle Peak**
(challenging / 7 km return)
This spectacular and strenuous day hike climbs high into the alpine, following limestone ridges and culminating in an ascent of Pinnacle Peak (1912 m). The 690 metre ascent to the top leads through an old cut-block, a thick forest of fir and spruce, an avalanche chute, and along an alpine ridge. The rewards for this hard work are great and include breathtaking mountain views with intriguing geological features and fossils. The summit climb looks challenging from a distance but turns out to be a simple scramble. There are great views of the Windfall Lake area, Sentinel Peak with a glacier on its eastern flank, and Mt Crum with its distinctive anticline. Note: This is not a developed trail, but rather a route. It is only suitable for strong, experienced hikers with good route finding skills.

**Wapiti Lake - Onion Lake (challenging / 40-60 km return)**
Nestled in the Rocky Mountains, Wapiti Lake Provincial Park with its fast flowing rivers, crystal clear lakes and surrounding mountains provide outstanding scenic viewing, fishing and wilderness camping opportunities. The park area protects 16,837 hectares and is bisected by the Wapiti Onion Trail. The 30 km Wapiti Onion hiking trail is located on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains and traverses river valleys and alpine habitats.

If you are interested in this kind of experience, but feel you lack the necessary skills and confidence, please contact the Visitor Centre to be put in touch with someone knowledgeable.
Gear Up

Tumbler Ridge is an off-road vehicle rider's paradise with no shortage of ATV trails. There are hundreds of kilometres of marked and unmarked trails with plenty of enjoyment for beginners and expert riders alike. There are cut lines, power lines, pipe lines, forestry roads and mountain top trails for you to ride that have numerous unparalleled views that will take your breath away.

Core Lodge Area (easy-expert)

The Core Lodge is a day lodge with panoramic views of the Windy Ridge area. There are a number of great alpine trails in this area, including Roman Mountain, Windy Ridge, the Super Bowl, Summit Meadows and the Back Meadows. You can make your way to Kinuseo Falls (Provincial Park/non-motorized regulations apply) from this area by travelling straight South (5 Cabin Creek Trail) until you join the Old Monkman Trail. Hidden Valley is accessible by a gravel road on the right a couple of kilometres past the Core Lodge, and offers spectacular views in every direction. Rides range from easy to extremely challenging.

Bearhole Lake (easy)

Bearhole Lake is a small lake that can be easily accessed right from town via the Quality Lake Trail. At km 7, to the left (north), the Old Thunder Mountain trail winds through pristine forest up to the wind turbines at the Summit. Further down, on the way to Bearhole Lake, on an inactive forest service road, to the right (south), there is an option to ride up to Thunder Mountain as another riding experience. Beyond Bearhole Lake there are quite a few old logging areas and a few small lakes to investigate. There is good fishing in both lakes and this is an ideal area for family rides.

Mount Spieker (moderate)

Feast your eyes on intriguing geological treasures and experience excellent wide-open alpine ATV routes on flat-topped Mount Spieker.

A must-do ride from the valley of Bullmoose Creek, Mount Spieker is great for riders looking for a fun day in the mountains. There are great photographic opportunities, especially in July and August when the wildflowers are in bloom. Begin by climbing a little-used road, then a trail following a now deactivated coal exploration road. The trail leads along mountain sides, past a small waterfall and through a switchback to the right as you near the top. At the top of the switchback, heading east will bring you to the summit of Mt Spieker. Heading south will bring you to the Perry Creek Forest Service Road and into the Wolverine valley.

Wapiti / Red Deer (intermediate-expert)

This is a huge area of old roads with fantastic views and alpine areas that go on forever. Caution is advised as trails are unmarked. Points of interest are Red Deer Falls, Wapiti River, Onion Lake and Warner Lake. This area affords the most spectacular mountain top views of the whole North East BC area. There are not many trails in BC that can compare.

Bullmoose Area (easy-expert)

To access this area, head out to the old Bullmoose Mine Road (turn south off Hwy 29, north-west of Tumbler Ridge), then turn left at the power station. There are two main areas and tons of trails and cut blocks to explore. Good for family rides with expert areas to challenge the adventurous rider.

Detailed trail pamphlets are available at the Visitor Information Centre, 250-242-3123.
Adventure biking: you either know of it or you don’t. For those that know, it’s a way of life. Freedom is a regular part of the adventure motorcyclists vocabulary. Diversity is another. Leave your home, hit the streets, hop onto gravel roads that lead you deep into the backcountry, all on one mode of transportation.

Adventure biking is one of the fastest growing motorcycle segments and it is creating an entire lifestyle change for riders. Adventure bikes are exactly what they sound like: motorcycles that are the catalyst for adventure. Some call them enduro bikes, dual-sport or off-road touring bikes. They can conquer both the asphalt and the dirt, making it the motorcycle for the true adventurer.

Tumbler Ridge offers an endless playground for the adventure bike enthusiast. You’ll find all the necessary amenities such as fuel, food, and accommodations, but that is where the similarities with other destinations diminish. Hundreds of kilometers of off-highway roads are merely a signal light away. From high-grade gravel that leads you to stunning waterfalls, to technical trail riding that will challenge even the most prudent of riders. Tumbler Ridge revels in its backcountry glory; the remoteness is not only adventure-fueling but daunting. Finding yourself engulfed in wondrous silence, accompanied by wildlife, and pristine waterfalls is not out of the ordinary. In fact, it’s quite the contrary.

Don’t let our location on the GPS deter you. We’re only an hour and a half from Mile Zero of the Alaska Highway in Dawson Creek! Trust us, this short detour on your trip may end up stealing the spotlight. A tough feat but we’re confident that you’ll be unpacking your pannier set on our doorstep for years to come. Welcome to the backcountry. Welcome to adventure. Welcome to Tumbler Ridge.
Tumbler Ridge Biking

Calling all bikeaholics - get ready to shred in Tumbler Ridge. Mountain biking in and around town ranges from flowy cross-country singletrack to short and fun descents through the forest and along the creek valleys. Tumbler Ridge has an impressive and growing cycling scene that includes paved road biking along well maintained local highways and mountain biking on our network of trails and unmapped mountain terrain. Whether you are new to the mountain bike world or a seasoned pro, there are endless options for you to ride and explore.

Biking

Endless road and trail adventures

Tumbler Ridge Mountain Bike Association

Tumbler Ridge’s iconic mountain scenery makes for ideal mountain biking terrain. As a result, the Tumbler Ridge Mountain Bike Association (TRMBA) is working hard to transform this undeveloped terrain into a world-class mountain biking destination, creating another reason to add Tumbler Ridge to your must see destination list.

The TRMBA is slated to be busier than ever in 2021 with project preparation, fundraising and execution. As a club, we are excited to see the influx of bikers from all backgrounds into Tumbler Ridge, and we hope that you will continue to join us as we develop new and exciting infrastructure year over year.

Tumbler Ridge currently has cross-country style multi-use trails that can be biked around town, and we are partnering with other local recreation groups to make existing trails more accessible for biking. Many of the biking accessible trails have been mapped and are available on Trail Forks.

The TRMBA recently released our Trails Master Plan (available at www.trmba.ca) which provides a comprehensive view of the potential future trail development for the ridgeline. Overall this document will help our club to secure land tenure as well as assist in future fundraising.

Currently, the TRMBA’s main project is the pumptrack (a paved family friendly track used to develop early mountain biking skills such as carrying momentum) which will be located centrally in the downtown core. The club is in the final stages of fundraising and hopes to commence construction in 2021.

The biggest biking news coming out of Tumbler Ridge from 2020 is a $500,000 partnership grant that was awarded to TRMBA and the District of Tumbler Ridge from FLNRORD through an Economic Development Resiliency Fund. This funding will be used to establish downhill mountain biking trails along the ridge close to town. Phase one of this project will involve the development of an up trail and several beginner and intermediate downhill trails from the Trail Master Plan.

TRMBA’s hope for biking in Tumbler Ridge for 2021 is to run our popular group rides again, and take part in community events such as the bike rodeo and the Triathlon.

Throw your bikes in for some family fun when you are packing for your Tumbler Ridge adventure!
10 FUN THINGS TO DO

WITH KIDS!

GO FISHING
Year round fun ice fishing at one of the nearby lakes, or casting a line in the Murray or Wolverine rivers is a great time for kids of all ages.

SKATE PARK
Located behind the Community Centre, the Skateboard Park has everything for riders of all levels to show off their skills!

TAKE A HIKE
The area has countless kid-friendly trails! From short hikes close to town like Quality Falls, to more challenging spots like the Shipyard Titanic Trail, there are hikes for all ages.

LANTERN TOUR
Book a tour through the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery to see dinosaur prints from 90 million years ago along the banks of the Wolverine River.

TOBOGGAN HILL
The Tumbler Ridge Golf Course has a sledding hill just a few minutes from town that is a blast during the winter months!

FLATBED FALLS
A fun swimming spot in the summer months! Remember to be very careful and check the depth before jumping and never dive into the water!

INDOOR PLAY PARK
Located on the main level of the Community Centre, the play park provides hours of entertainment for little ones, especially during the colder winter months.

GOLFCING
Tumbler Ridge’s beautiful 9-hole golf course is a great place to take young golfers, and you might even see some wildlife while you are there!

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY GALLERY
Aspiring young paleontologists will be wowed by the full-scale dinosaur skeletons, footprints and other fossils. Check with the museum for available camps & programs for kids!

SWIMMING POOL
Located in the Community Centre, the swimming pool includes a tots pool and play lagoon, sure to provide hours of fun!

PLAN YOUR STAY WITH US!

Summer Rates start at $130.00. Free continental breakfast, free Wi-Fi, onsite laundry facility & hot tub.

For more information and to book your room online, visit www.TrendMountainHotel.com or call 250-242-2000

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Whether you prefer the serenity and solitude of a crystal-clear lake or the thrill of fast flowing rivers, Tumbler Ridge has an abundance of lakes and rivers that provide water sports opportunities for all.

Kayaking & Canoeing
Slip into the cockpit and put paddle to pond. Glide smoothly across the water in your kayak or canoe at one of the many calm bodies of water such as Quality Lake, Stony Lake or Bullmoose Marshes.

Jet Boating
The Murray River is a hugely popular choice for jet boats. The sandy banks along the winding river make great spots to stop for a shore-side lunch or to cast out a line to see if you can catch a fish. Seeing Kinuseo Falls from a jet boat is an awe-inspiring experience, be ready to have your breath taken away as you feel the full effect of the water thundering down into the river below. Please be aware of, and courteous to all other river users, especially non-motorized users.

Bring Your Game
Tumbler Ridge Golf & Country Club welcomes you to the most scenic and challenging course in Northern BC. Novice and experienced golfers alike enjoy the 9-hole, par 36 public course complete with pro shop, driving range, putting green, clubhouse (available for special events) and campground.

Fully irrigated and cut from thickly forested terrain high above the Murray River, the course tests your skills with gentle breezes, natural slopes, water hazards and rolling fairways. Most of the bent-grass greens have elevated approaches and well-placed sand traps guarding them. The finishing hole is the challenging 405-yard ninth, playing up a two-level fairway to an elevated green.

Public Tee Times
Tee times are dawn to dusk, seven days a week, May to September. Call the Clubhouse for info and green fees: 250-242-4656. Junior / Senior rates available.

The licensed clubhouse restaurant includes a large patio that provides a wonderful view of the course. The clubhouse is open to the public and offers a wide selection of food and drink choices. Available for banquet and event rentals.

Men’s & Ladies Open Golf Tournament – TBA
Join us for this annual event set in the beauty, tranquility and excellence of the Tumbler Ridge Golf and Country Club. Call 250-242-4656 for more information.
Untouched Wilderness Awaits

Looking for that truly remote area to hunt? Search no more; Tumbler Ridge offers thousands of kilometres of untouched wilderness. The area hosts numerous lakes, rivers, high peaks and mountain valleys, making it the ideal habitat for big game such as moose, elk, deer, black bears and goats. The biodiversity and uninterrupted, intact wilderness make our region unique. It’s like taking a trip back in time, before development and extractive processes created easy access. It’s an expansive and pristine wilderness area. The waters are cold and clean, and the wildlife is present in abundant numbers with outstanding trophy quality.

For centuries our backyard has been the traditional foraging territory for many Indigenous peoples in the north. To this day, wild game, freshwater fish and edible plants remain an essential element of their diet, which in-turn brings an understanding and appreciation of wildlife and the ecosystems in which it lives.

Tumbler Ridge provides some of the best year-round fishing in the region for northern pike, lake trout, grayling, whitefish and perch. Whether you are new to the sport or new to the area, all you need to catch a fish in Tumbler Ridge, is a line, a license and a love for fishing. Multiple lakes in the area are stocked, but there are many more fishing holes that offer you a chance to catch monster fish that bite hard and fight even harder. One thing is for sure, your fishing adventure will provide you with endless fun and a real feast at the end of the day.

The Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark is hosting the third annual Fishing Derby, July 2-4, 2021. This family-friendly event is not just a fishing derby, it is a full weekend of fishing, food, friends and fundraising with thousands of dollars in prizes to be won!
There’s Nothing More Canadian Than Winter

Winter doesn’t keep us indoors! Get out and enjoy the crisp mountain air, sunny skies and pristine landscapes of our winter wonderland. The silent, snow-draped forests, majestic frozen waterfalls, crystal lakes and rivers, and mountain views will take your breath away. If you’re lucky, the forests may yield a glimpse of winter wildlife or you may even be treated to the sight of the Aurora Borealis dancing across the night sky. With everything from snowmobiling to skiing to ice climbing, Tumbler Ridge offers endless options for winter adventures.

Snowshoeing

Summer trails in Tumbler Ridge turn into a winter snowshoeing paradise with terrain to suit all levels of experience and endurance. As the season progresses, the freezing of local rivers and streams can provide incredible snowshoeing excursions along frozen “highways” that lead to the base of frozen waterfalls and to canyons and natural features that are inaccessible during the summer. Always check local information and conditions before attempting these types of excursions. Many of the cross-country ski routes are ideal for snowshoeing, but please keep off the groomed ski trails and the set trails in the canyons.

Cross-Country Skiing

Our groomed Nordic trails are ideal for traditional and skate skiing. By far the most popular route is the Wolverine Trail system (beginning and ending at the golf course), through 10 km (6.2 mi) of forest with views high above the Murray River. The system of groomed interlocking loops allows you to choose how far you want to go. Stop at the Lost Haven Cabin for a warm-up and rest. Nearby hills, valleys and flatlands provide a variety of experiences, from easy tours to rugged ski mountaineering.

Creek and Canyon Skiing

Winter’s frozen creeks create natural highways through striking scenery. Canyons, inaccessible at other times of the year, are popular in winter, with a huge bonus; many trails lead to our magnificent frozen waterfalls. The Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society (WNMS) breaks trail on a number of creek routes. To learn more about skiing in Tumbler Ridge, as well as current conditions, contact the WNMS:

www.wnms.ca

For all outdoor winter activities, it is essential in avalanche terrain to have the knowledge and equipment to travel safely. Be sure to check the snow and avalanche reports before setting out.

We Offer:
- Guided Snowshoe Tours
- Guided Snowmobile Tours
- Overnight Winter Camping
- Avalanche Safety
- Equipment Rentals
- Snowmobile Rentals
- Snowshoe Rentals
- Avalanche Beacon Rentals
- Cabin Rental

Choose to Experience an Adventure You Will Always Remember!
Ice Climbing

Here, in the Waterfall Capital of the North, dozens of seeps and falls, ranging from short, easy climbs to difficult technical ascents, offer an array of ice-climbing choices to keep the most avid climber happy. Please ask at the Visitor Centre for information about local instructors and local conditions.
Tumbler Ridge is the destination of choice for Peace Region riders. Untouched powder and a long, deep-snow season in the foothills of the Rockies provide some of the finest riding in the country. Our heart-pounding slopes and wide-open spaces—all cloaked in a thick layer of glistening white—offer endless riding possibilities.

The TR Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association has developed an extensive network of signed trails.

**Core Lodge (easy – expert)**
The Core Lodge is a day lodge created by the TR Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association. It contains a cozy area to relax, start a fire and warm up. The Core Lodge area has everything from groomed, easy-to-ride trails to challenging hill climbs. Windy Ridge offers more than 100 runs with exciting climbing bowls and steep peaks. The Super Bowl, Toboggan Hill and Terminator Peak provide real tests for expert riders and terrific views for family and intermediate riders.

**Bullmoose Riding Area (easy – expert)**
Bullmoose is a large area full of cut blocks and logging roads that will suit all experience levels of riders. There are three main bowls and the area offers some excellent powder later in the season.

**Wolverine Riding Area (intermediate – expert)**
Wolverine is a backcountry rider’s dream. The Wolverine is made up of a variety of bowls and tree riding; most of the riding is for experienced riders. The staging area is located west of the Wolverine Mine site. This area boasts lots of trails and amazing alpine views. There is some side hilling to access the riding area and caution should be used.

**Lavin’ the Lakes (easy)**
Nearby lakes are perfect spots for families and beginners. Moose Lake is an easy ride with good, solid ice cover and picnic facilities, and Bearhole Lake has a network of interweaving trails.

**Avalanche Safety**
Before heading out, check the Avalanche Canada website avalanche.ca for the avalanche forecast and important tips and tools like the Trip Planner. Be sure you wear your avalanche transceiver and bring a probe and shovel when riding in the backcountry. Consider taking an avalanche safety course from one of our local providers. Make a riding plan based on the current avalanche and weather forecast. If you see recent avalanche activity, unstable snow exists. Riding on or underneath steep slopes is dangerous.

For more riding information contact our Visitor Centre or visit www.trridgeriders.com Facebook: TR Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association
Wildlife Safety

Keep your distance – these animals are wild
Do not allow pets to run loose
Do not feed, disturb or handle wildlife – for your safety and theirs
Use established trails – minimize disturbance to the land and wildlife
Respect the land and the space of other viewers

Bear Safety Essentials:
Respect all bears – they can all be dangerous
Never attempt to feed a bear
Be defensive – never surprise a bear
Learn about bears – anticipate and avoid encounters
Know what to do if you encounter a bear
Each bear encounter is unique – no hard and fast rules can be applied when dealing with a potentially complex situation

The Most Dangerous Bears Are:
Bears habituated to human food
Females defending cubs
Bears defending a fresh kill
Cute, friendly and apparently not interested in you

About Bears:
Bears can run as fast as horses, uphill or downhill
Bears can climb trees, although black bears are better tree climbers than grizzly bears
Bears have excellent senses of smell and hearing and better sight than many people believe
Bears are strong – they can tear cars apart looking for food
Every bear defends a “personal space.” The extent of this space will vary with each bear and each situation: it may be a few metres or a few hundred metres. Intrusion into this space is considered a threat and may provoke an attack.
Bears aggressively defend their food
All female bears defend their cubs. If a female with cubs is surprised at close range or is separated from her cubs, she may attack. An aggressive response is the mother’s natural defence against danger to her young. A female black bear’s natural defence is to chase her cubs up a tree and defend them from the base. However, she is still dangerous and may become aggressive if provoked.

Important Precautions
The backcountry around Tumbler Ridge is full of fascinating wildlife—mountain goats, deer, moose, elk, wolves, grizzly bears and cougars—to name just a few of the larger animals. Though beautiful to watch, these creatures can be unpredictable and dangerous. Please use common sense, remember every encounter is unique and follow the wildlife guidelines on the next page for a safe wilderness experience.

About Cougars:
Hike in groups of two or more. Make enough noise to prevent surprising a cougar.
Never approach a cougar. Although cougars will normally avoid a confrontation, all cougars are unpredictable. Cougars feeding on a kill may be dangerous.
Always give a cougar an avenue of escape
Stay calm – talk to the cougar in a confident voice
Pick all children up off the ground immediately
Children frighten easily and their rapid movements may provoke an attack
Do not run. Try to back away from the cougar slowly. Sudden movement or flight may trigger an instinctive attack.

Wildlife

The area surrounding Tumbler Ridge is filled with fauna making it the perfect place for avid amateurs looking to hone their photographic skills. With everything from eagles and elk to grizzlies and goats, you don’t need to go far to find a deep connection with nature. Chances for wildlife photography are plenty, so charge up your camera battery and let your lens be your guide as you explore this spectacular area.

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Bird Watching

233 species have been recorded within the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark, of which 105 are known to breed here. A mixture of habitats contributes to this diversity: lakes, rivers, canyons, deciduous and coniferous forests, meadows, and alpine tundra. The Tumbler Ridge area is where the ranges of many eastern and western bird species meet. Bullmoose Marshes and the Tumbler Point Trail are a few of the great destinations in our Geopark to enjoy wildlife and bird watching.

Bullmoose Marshes (easy / one hour)

Bullmoose Marshes is made up of two man trails that are accessible with board walks. One of the best spots in the region for bird watching, a total of 93 species have been identified here. The Sora Trail (500 metres return) and Bittern Trail (1300 metres return) wind through a variety of forest and wetland habitats to viewing platforms.

Tumbler Point Trail (easy / two hours)

On the west side of Tumbler Ridge, the Tumbler Point trail is a great walk along the escarpment above Flatbed Creek, with expansive views of the Murray River valley. The Tumbler Point trail forms a small part of the 28 km TR Trail, which encircles three quarters of Tumbler Ridge. Tumbler Point Trail is relatively flat, with good views onto open slopes and the forest canopy.

Ancient Birds

Exhibits in the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery celebrate the discoveries of a number of fossil bird tracksites, and replicas of these tracks are exhibited and interpreted. Add to this the dinosaur footprint tours that feature theropod tracks (birds are descended from theropods), and it is clear that Tumbler Ridge provides a one-of-a-kind birding experience.
Explore our geological wonders, rich history and fascinating palaeontological discoveries as a side trip to or from Alaska or as part of the Great Northern Circle Route.

Tumbler Ridge is justly famous as both the Waterfall Capital of the North and Canada’s new Dinosaur Country, one of the few places in the world where you can visit authentic dinosaur trackways and view stunning waterfalls in the same day.

Drive the Monkman Pass Memorial Trail, a 193 km (120 mi) scenic tour from Beaverlodge, AB to Kinuseo Falls in Monkman Provincial Park, passing many sites of historical interest. A detailed brochure is available from the Visitor Centre.

Looking for a place to camp? Several Provincial Parks—Monkman, Gwillim Lake, Bearhole Lake—are relatively close by and provide opportunities for fishing, boating and other outdoor pursuits.

**Campgrounds**

**Lions Flatbed Campground**
Located in a beautiful creek setting, this campground has 40 sites and is located just 1 km from town. Amenities include: fire pits, firewood, a cooking shelter, picnic areas, playground, hiking trails and swimming hole. Also on site: a sani-station, flush toilets and hot showers. No hook-ups, pets welcome. Open from May to October. Reservations welcome, call 250-242-1197.

**Monkman RV Park**
Located in Tumbler Ridge, this park has 55 drive-through sites complete with hook-ups, 13 winterized sites, ground camping and non-serviced lots as well. Amenities include: rented firepits, picnic tables, playground, hot showers, laundry facilities and non-serviced lots for tents and group camping. For more information call 250-257-7275.

**Gwillim Lake Provincial Park Campground**
Great fishing, boat launch, day-use picnic tables, playground, firewood, backcountry campsites, water pump, pit toilets, leashed pets welcome. 49 sites. Open May 15 – Sept 30, 43 km NW of Tumbler Ridge. No reservations. Call the Visitor Centre for more info and prices.

**Forest Service Recreation Sites**
For more info, call the Tumbler Ridge Visitor Centre.
- Windfall Creek
- Moose Lake
- Bearhole Lake
- Boot Lake
- Flatbed East
- Wapiti West

**Alaska Highway**
The 2,237 km (1,522 mi) Alaska Highway connects the Continental US to Alaska from Dawson Creek, BC to Delta Junction, Alaska. Built during WWII and officially opened in 1942, construction took only eight months and employed over 10,000 soldiers and 16,000 civilians.

**Mountains and Waterfalls**
The Tumbler Ridge Sanidump is located on Ridge Road.

**Tumbler Ridge Golf & Country Club RV Park**
Located overlooking the Murray River Valley and immediately adjacent to the 9-hole, par 36 golf course, clubhouse and restaurant, this park has 8 private stalls and power hook-ups.

**Chetwynd**
See more than 60 chainsaw sculptures on the Chainsaw Walking Tour, visit the Little Prairie Heritage Museum and visit the Dinosaur Trackway exhibit in the park.

**Hudson’s Hope**
Visit the Gething Creek dinosaur tracksite as well as Peace Canyon Dam and W.A.C. Bennett Dam.

**Fort St. John**
Visit the North Peace Museum’s interpretive displays and thousands of historical artifacts including Tse’k’wa.

**Dawson Creek**
The Mile Zero Cairn recognizes Dawson Creek as the beginning of the world-famous Alaska Highway. Discover local history at Walter Wright Pioneer Village, the Alaska Highway House and The Northern Alberta Railway Museum, where you can see a 12-foot mastodon tusk.

**Grande Prairie, Alberta**
See the interactive displays at the Heritage Discovery Centre, including Grande Prairie Museum & Heritage Village. Visit Pipistone Creek Park for camping and outdoor fun in Wembly, Alberta, and check out the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.
Tumbler Ridge is a welcoming, family-friendly place with an exceptional 8,361 m² (90,000 ft²) Community Centre that reflects the importance of activity for everyone. Bring the kids to the modern Aquatic Centre and enjoy the full-sized pool, tots pool, sauna, hot tub and steam room.

Next to the Aquatic Centre you’ll find the squash and racquetball courts, with handy equipment rentals. The Rock Pit Gym is outfitted with a variety of free weights, aerobic equipment, treadmill, elliptical trainers and bikes. Our 61 m x 26 m (200 ft x 85 ft) arena boasts some of the best ice in the Peace Region, with three sheets for curling and a full-scale ice hockey surface. An indoor children’s playground welcomes the little ones on the main level, alongside a full service restaurant.

The Public Library, with computer and internet access, can also be found here. Downstairs is the Sports Hall of Fame, where Tumbler Ridge athletes who have excelled provincially and nationally are highlighted.

The Community Centre is home to the District sponsored Youth Centre. A safe place for young people in grades 5-12 to interact with friendly peers, the Youth Centre is open Tuesday through Saturday, afternoons and evenings, for games of pool, foosball or to just kick back and hang out. Inside the Youth Centre there is a rock climbing wall which is also available to be rented out to the public.

Also in the Community Centre are the free Tumbler Ridge Museum displays exploring local natural and human history. You will find a historical map collection (including the 1906 first known map of the area), the town’s coal-mining beginnings, early dinosaur discoveries, and photos of hardy pioneers such as Samuel Prescott Fay, Prentiss Gray and more. Visitors can also view a major retrospective on the construction of the Monkman Pass Highway in the late 1930s. The Art Gallery showcases local artists’ work and photographs of some of the area’s scenic splendour.
Now that you've had a glimpse into the amazing recreational opportunities Tumbler Ridge has to offer...maybe you want more than just a visit...maybe you are ready to call this special place home.

Do you crave closeness to nature, where social distancing isn't a concern? Tired of long drives to work and traffic jams? Do you dream of saying goodbye to rent payments, and instead having a place to call your own? Imagine adventure awaiting in every direction right in your own backyard, even during lockdowns. With an average commute of less than five minutes and some of the most affordable homes in BC, Tumbler Ridge could be just what you are looking for.

This friendly, family-oriented, approachable community sits in the heart of a recreation lovers paradise. The active and youthful people of Tumbler Ridge are deeply connected to the landscape and the experiences it provides. Adventurers, entrepreneurs, tradespeople, clean energy and resource professionals are the fabric of a place where work-life balance isn't just a saying but a reality.

District of Tumbler Ridge
The District of Tumbler Ridge’s vision is to work “together to create a proud, vibrant, diverse, and sustainable community, where life is as spectacular as our setting.”

This is a standard that we live by in Tumbler Ridge. Collaboration and teamwork within our municipal government departments and with an abundance of community organizations and regional partners is strong. We are proud of our collective achievements and we continuously strive to strengthen these bonds to build upon our existing strong sense of community and shared values.

Economic Development Office
The Economic Development Office is a department of the District that is a local business resource, industry service provider and community development specialist that works to create optimum conditions for businesses and the local economy to flourish.

Please visit www.investtumblerridge.ca, an excellent resource for information on relocating to Tumbler Ridge.

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Private sales are available to check out through our local realtors, while the District also has many exciting and affordable municipally-owned commercial, industrial and residential properties for sale, and are currently working to develop and expand rural residential opportunities in the community. In addition, Tumbler Ridge has substantial areas of provincially-owned Crown Land within its District boundaries that could be right for your venture.

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Growing up in Tumbler Ridge, lessons are not just learned indoors, but also in the rich environment that encompasses the town. Unspoiled by the hustle and bustle of city life, Tumbler Ridge offers children an unmatched experience. Our public school system in Tumbler Ridge has an elementary school (grades K-6) and high school (grades 7-12) with modern facilities and programs. There are also exceptional educational opportunities in place for small children, including Strong Start, preschool and multi-age daycare programs. In addition, there are post-graduate courses at our Northern Lights College campus for young adults and mature students. Tumbler Ridge is an outstanding outdoor classroom for extracurricular school programs, sports and field studies in the surrounding UNESCO Global Geopark.

**SCHOOLS**
- **Tumbler Ridge Elementary School (Kindergarten - Grade 6)**
  355 Monkman Way
  Phone: (250) 242-5281
  www.sd59.bc.ca
- **Tumbler Ridge Secondary School (Grade 7 - Grade 12)**
  180 Southgate Street
  Phone: (250) 242-4227
  www.trss.sd59.bc.ca
- **Northern Lights College (Tumbler Ridge Campus)**
  180 Southgate Street
  Phone: (250) 242-5591
  www.nlc.bc.ca

**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**
- **TR Cares**
  Phone: (250) 242-7444
- **Tumbler Ridge Food Bank**
  Phone: (250) 242-7404

**POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- **EMERGENCIES - CALL 911**
  **RCMP - Tumbler Ridge Detachment**
  315 Iles Way
  Phone: (250) 242-5252 (non-emergency)
- **Tumbler Ridge Fire Department, Bylaw Enforcement Officer & Animal Control**
  325 Iles Way
  Phone: (250) 242-3939 (non-emergency)

**RECREATION**
- **Tumbler Ridge Community Centre**
  340 Front Street
  Phone: (250) 242-4246
  Email: trcentre@dtr.ca
  www.districtoftumblerridge.ca
- **Tumbler Ridge Forever Young Society**
  Phone: (250) 242-0084
- **Willow Hall (Seniors Centre)**
  419 Willow Drive
  Phone: 250-242-4422

The Tumbler Ridge Community Centre is a hub of leisure activities. The facility features a pool, arena, curling rink, fitness centre, squash and racquetball courts, multipurpose meeting rooms, indoor playground, library, restaurant and museum exhibits. So, whether you enjoy being active or socializing with friends, there’s something for everyone of all ages from educational to artistic, to fitness and leisure.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SENIORS GROUPS**
- **Tumbler Ridge Community Centre**
  340 Front Street
  Phone: (250) 242-4246
  Email: trcentre@dtr.ca
  www.districtoftumblerridge.ca
- **Tumbler Ridge Youth (Teen) Centre**
  340 Front Street
  Phone: (250) 242-4246 Ext. 5
- **Tumbler Ridge Forever Young Society**
  Phone: (250) 242-0084
- **Willow Hall (Seniors Centre)**
  419 Willow Drive
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There are many sports leagues, clubs and organizations in Tumbler Ridge, from hockey and golf to ATV and snowmobile, there are recreation opportunities for everyone. Call the Community Centre for more information on specific groups.

**EDUCATION & CHILDCARE**

**Tumbler Ridge Children’s Center Society - Preschool/Daycare**
340 Front Street
Phone: (250) 242-4503
www.trccs.ca

**Little Dino Daycare**
123 Babcock Avenue
Phone: (250) 819-5130
www.facebook.com/littledinodaycare
YOUR ONLY LIMITATION IS YOUR IMAGINATION

Why Tumbler Ridge?

Word is spreading about Tumbler Ridge! Our status as an international visitor destination and savvy investor hotspot has been enhanced exponentially by our 2014 UNESCO Global Geopark designation. Best known as a single-industry metallurgical coal mining town with a cyclical resource-based economy, Tumbler Ridge is increasingly challenging these perceptions as dynamic new entrepreneurial opportunities and business sectors emerge.

While the mining sector remains a key part of the local economy, our community is actively pursuing diversification opportunities to strengthen, enrich and grow. Renewable energy, tourism, education, health care along with virtual work are just a few of the other areas of focus, the sky really is the limit when it comes to opportunities for you to grow your dream. We invite you to read on or visit our website www.investtumblerridge.ca to check out these growth sectors and opportunities in more detail.

Taxes and Incentives

The District of Tumbler Ridge sustains some of the lowest residential and business tax rates in British Columbia while maintaining exceptionally high municipal service levels. Higher levels of taxation are paid by our heavy industries such as our mining companies which allows the community to reinvest in infrastructure and service provision.

Growth Industries

We invite you to read on to find out more about some of our key economic sectors and some of the gaps in those sectors. You will notice that some of these industry sectors, particularly metallurgical coal mining, are well established in the community, while others will afford you incredible opportunities to genuinely shape the future.

Tourism

Tumbler Ridge is rapidly becoming a year-round destination of choice for active and outdoorsy people who are looking for exceptional experiences in pristine wilderness terrain. Recognizing how we are quickly getting discovered, Tumbler Ridge has made a strategic decision to focus substantial resources to expanding our tourism industry sustainably. Tumbler Ridge is well suited to ambitious, yet lifestyle and family-oriented workers and entrepreneurs that are looking to take advantage of our expanding tourism story. There are opportunities for growth in accommodation, restaurant and retail sectors; more specialists in outdoor recreation and education, photography, art courses and wildlife viewing as well as guides and businesses that support and build upon our UNESCO Global Geopark designation. Once you have experienced all that we have to offer we are confident that you to will want to make Tumbler Ridge your new home.

Health Care

Tumbler Ridge’s relatively small population is largely made up of active, health-conscious people, and we do our best to cater to their needs. To complement existing services, we want to attract more health care providers, including but not limited to dentists, more nurses, counsellors and paramedics, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, chiropractors and naturopaths.

Natural Resources

Tumbler Ridge is at northern BC’s epicenter of activity for natural resources and clean energy. The town was built in conjunction with the North East Coal Development plan. Conuma Resources Limited is currently the community’s largest employer, with three open pit operations, mining high-grade metallurgical coal used to make steel. Tumbler Ridge is also home to some of BC’s largest wind turbine farms, including Pattern Energy’s Meikle Wind Farm and Capital Power’s Quality Wind Project. The forestry industry in Tumbler Ridge remains somewhat of an untapped resource, with many opportunities for value added business ventures available. The Tumbler Ridge Community Forest (www.tumblerridgeforest.com) has expanded the size of their forest operations and is ready to work with you! Our community is also a natural gas producer with companies such as Canadian Natural Resources Ltd (CNRL) and Pacific Natural Gas (PNG) adding significantly to our existing emloyment mix.

Virtual Work

Technological advancements have provided entrepreneurs, freelancers, stay-at-home parents and company employees alike, with opportunities to escape city living without compromising their career prospects. Unobtainable house prices, pollution and traffic congestion are realities of 21st century city living, and with COVID-19 adding to these pressures many people are recognizing that urban living is no longer a compromise that they have to make to build a successful career.

Tumbler Ridge has a growing number of people who are able to work flexible hours in order to live in their ideal environment and to engage in their chosen outdoor and sporting passions. Work is currently underway to modernize our existing fibre optic network and to expand it into every residential, commercial and industrial neighbourhood in Tumbler Ridge.

Give Us A Call

The prospect of starting a business or taking over an existing business is an exciting time and there are unlimited opportunities for new ventures in Tumbler Ridge. Tumbler Ridge’s Economic Development Office and other District departments are committed to helping you navigate through the steps, finding the resources and information you need and connecting you to the right people.

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Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce

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Distance to Tumbler Ridge from:
- Chetwynd 92 km 55 miles
- Dawson Creek 117 km 72 miles
- Pouce Coupe 130 km 80 miles
- Hudson’s Hope 155 km 96 miles
- Fort St. John 188 km 117 miles
- Fort Nelson 548 km 340 miles
- Prince George 400 km 249 miles
- Grande Prairie 250 km 155 miles
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