

Experience the Ultimate Outdoor Playground in [Williams Lake](#)!

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Summer

Mountain Biking

From all mountain single track, to the most progressive free-riding, to truly epic cross country, Williams Lake has something for every style and skill level of rider. With over 200km of single track trails within the city limits, another 100km within a half hour drive from town, and the largest bike park in the Interior, Williams Lake is truly the Shangri-La of mountain biking, and home of Pro-rider, James Doerfling.

Hiking

All 200km+ Mountain bike trails in Williams Lake double as hiking trails, if you want something more off the beaten path Williams Lake stands at the cross roads of two massive mountain ranges and everything in between. To the west lies highway 20 to Bella Coola and the Coast Mountain Range.

There are a number of stunning provincial parks, lakes and hiking zones out here that will surely take your breath away. Check the [BC Parks website](#) for some helpful hints. To the east are the Cariboo Mountains which hosts some vast unexplored terrain.

Other outdoor activities

Fishing, camping and hiking opportunities are endless in this untamed wilderness.

The Cariboo Chilcotin offers countless lakes Most with areas to camp, with some of the best sportfishing for rainbow trout and other game fish. With numerous lakes within a short 30 minute drive from town and many more beyond you can explore different lakes for years.

There are also numerous rivers that present kayaking and canoeing possibilities. From raging class 4 rivers to calm rivers for the family, the Cariboo has it all.

Scout Island, located downtown Williams Lake, is a nature sanctuary and park area comprised of two islands connected to the mainland by a vehicle causeway. In addition to a beach area, picnic ground and boat launch, Scout Island contains a series of nature trails that take visitors through a relatively undisturbed natural environment, rich in bird and small wildlife habitat.

Winter

Winter does not slow things down in the Cariboo. With huge mountains waiting for you, backcountry and cross country skiing awaits the wiling warrior.

Troll and Timothy

Two local ski hills have everything to keep local skiers and boarders cruising groomers, roaming for fresh pow, riding the lifts and soaking up the family ski hill vibe in warm day lodges.

Both Troll Resort and Mt. Timothy Ski Area offer diverse terrain, gear rentals, hot food, cold beverages and great atmosphere. For all your lift-assisted winter stoke, check out our wicked local hills!

The Gold Rush Trail

Accessible year round the Gold Rush Trail follows the path of prospectors who came in search of adventure and wealth; today, the Barkerville Historic Town recounts the past in a recreated 1860s boomtown. Throughout the area, spirit of adventure remains, and outdoor adventure activities abound. Can be accessed on snowmobile/snowbike in the winter months, and in the summer it can be hiked, biked or accessed on ATV's.

Snowmobiling

Yanks Peak is our local mountain range for snowmobiling and is home to the Williams Lake Powder Kings snowmobile club. Williams Lake has access to many Km's of groomed trails and endless terrain and numerous popular mountains within a 2 hour drive.

Mount Timothy is a one-hour drive from Williams Lake and has access to days of snowmobiling fun and also has cabins for rent.

Ski Touring

If you are more of a thrill seeker, there are endless options for backcountry touring.

Williams Lake Xc Ski Club & The Bull Mountain Xc Ski & Snowshoe Area

Bull Mountain was the site of the 2002 BC Winter Games cross-country skiing competitions.

Whether you are wishing for a gentle ski or a social afternoon with friends on undulating trails, or the challenge of a long climb and some steep downhill sections, the variety in the 28 km of trails at Bull Mountain allows you to choose routes that suit you best. The Bull Mountain trail network includes 28 km of well-groomed trails and cross trails.

The Williams Lake Cross-Country Ski Club is partnered with Recreation Sites and Trails BC (Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations) and maintains and operates the Bull Mountain Cross-Country Ski & Snowshoe area, which is located about 16 km north of Williams Lake in the central Cariboo region of British Columbia.

Bull Mountain also has a brand new Lodge built 2023! It has seating, a kitchen, bathrooms, and also houses the ski / snowshoe rental shop. Bull Mountain is also known for Mike's Maison trailside warming hut which can be found by ski's or snowshoes!