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2025-26 TRAVEL PLANNER



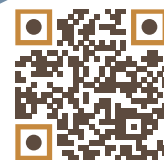
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# INTRODUCTION



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## Seek and you will find.

With gratitude, we acknowledge that Golden, British Columbia is situated on the traditional unceded territories of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc Nations, and is the chosen home of the Métis Nation Columbia River Society.

### Inclusivity

Tourism Golden is proud to hold a Rainbow Registered designation and is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive destination.



Photo by Andrew Chad

Situated between the Canadian Rockies and the Columbia Mountains, close to six stunning national parks, and at the confluence of two historic rivers, Golden is a paradise for year-round outdoor adventure.

This historic mountain town, cherished by explorers for generations, proudly celebrates its heritage as the birthplace of mountain adventure tourism. It remains a vibrant community where residents deeply value their connection to the land.

For those looking for pure unrefined mountain adventure, Golden is the real thing. We invite you to come and create your own Golden Rules.

We want all users to enjoy the outdoors safely and sustainably. We ask that you follow some simple guidelines:

- Plan ahead and prepare.
- Pack adequate food, water, clothing, maps and gear.
- Carry a first aid kit and bear spray.
- Check current weather and trail conditions.
- Tell somebody where you are going and when you will be back.
- Leave what you find, and take what you bring.
- Do not feed or approach wild animals.
- Do not damage plants or alter the environment.

For more information visit [www.adventuresmart.ca](https://www.adventuresmart.ca)

### Travel Responsibly

Safety is your responsibility. Be prepared and always respect the environment.

Find more hints and tips on travelling safely and responsibly at [www.tourismgolden.com/travel](https://www.tourismgolden.com/travel)



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Cover photo by Mitch Winton



# PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Photo by Mitch Winton, Location: Rogers Pass

## Plan your Golden Experience.

The drive to Golden is an adventure in itself, with stunning mountain terrain surrounding you at every turn.

Visit [tourismgolden.com/getting-here](https://tourismgolden.com/getting-here) for important resources on the latest travel information, including weather conditions and road closures.

### Golden Shuttle

During the winter months, the Golden Shuttle offers daily shuttle service from Calgary Airport to Golden, and Golden to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. Book the shuttle at [goldenshuttle.ca](https://goldenshuttle.ca)


### Online reservation system

You can now reserve your accommodation directly via [book.tourismgolden.com](https://book.tourismgolden.com).

### Planning resources

Whatever the season, Golden has many experiences for all to enjoy. Use the interactive 'Experience Finder' on [tourismgolden.com](https://tourismgolden.com) to match your interests with Golden's experiences, helping you curate your own unique adventure. Read our blog content and view our digitized maps to prepare for your trip.

Use the Golden BC App to create your own customised itineraries. Download the app by scanning the QR code below or visiting [tourismgolden.com/localapp](https://tourismgolden.com/localapp). Find everything you need from places to stay, things to do, events, and activities, and use the app's GPS capabilities to know your exact location while out on the trails. You can create itineraries and share them with friends via social media, email or SMS.




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# VISITOR INFORMATION



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Once you are in Golden there are multiple ways to find information about Golden activities, experiences, attractions, places to stay and dine.

Drop into the Golden Visitor Centre where you will find friendly, welcoming visitor information counsellors who can help you create your own customised itinerary, which can be emailed directly to your device. Pick up free hiking and biking trail maps, and other useful information, or purchase Parks Canada passes, attraction tickets and Golden souvenirs. Come visit the Indigenous Cultural and Art Interpretive Display.

Other facilities at the centre include:

- WiFi
- Digital kiosks
- Picnic tables
- Dog run
- Potable water
- Sani-dump (user fee applies)
- Gender neutral, accessible washrooms

The Golden Visitor Centre is open during the summer months, and is located at 1000 Trans Canada Highway. Visit [www.tourismgolden.com/visitors](http://www.tourismgolden.com/visitors) for more information.

WiFi hotspots are provided at the Visitor Centre. Use the WiFi hotspot to add the Golden BC App to your device.

Our Hiking, Biking and Outdoor Discovery maps will help you get the most of your time on the trails. View them online, or pick them up at the Golden Visitor Centre, or other locations around town. Braille versions are available for review at the Visitor Centre.

You can speak to a Golden Information Counsellor at the Golden Farmer's Market during the summer months. If you're travelling without your own device, digital kiosks providing access to [tourismgolden.com](http://tourismgolden.com) are situated in the Golden Visitor Centre, Best Western and the Ramada.



## Golden Visitor Centre

Ask our friendly, knowledgeable Information Counsellors about activities, attractions, dining, and accommodations in Golden. Free travel guides, local maps, WiFi and other amenities. Purchase your Parks Passes and souvenirs. Open daily during the summer.

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# RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

Photo by Maur Mere Media, Location: Golden Rotary Trail

## Plan Ahead

You will love that Golden is a small, welcoming community off the beaten track, but that also means there are fewer resources than a city. We suggest the following to help you and our residents to enjoy your visit more:

- Book your accommodation before you arrive.
- Book your activities ahead of time.
- Make reservations and eat at off-peak hours.

## Learn the Culture

Learning about the community that you visit not only enhances your experience but is also a sign of respect for the locals who reside here.

Head to the Golden Museum to learn about Golden through the ages. To learn more about the Indigenous Nations who have a connection to this land, view our Indigenous People's page online or visit the Golden Visitor Centre.

[www.tourismgolden.com/about/indigenous-peoples](http://www.tourismgolden.com/about/indigenous-peoples)

## Respect the Land

- Leave what you find, and take what you bring.
- Do not feed or approach wild animals. Don't stop your vehicle for photos of wildlife.
- Follow Fire Smart practices. Check fire bans, abide by restrictions, and use designated fire pits to prevent wildfires.
- Clean, Drain, and Dry. All users must completely wash and dry off before entering a body of water.
- Clean your gear before entering and leaving trails and recreation sites.



- Fishing requires a permit.
- Off-road vehicles are prohibited in national & provincial parks.
- Do not damage plants or alter the environment.
- Stay on trail and respect closers and designated boundaries.

## Remember, you are responsible for your own safety.

- Get advice from a Visitor Centre.
- Study trail descriptions and maps before starting.
- Check the weather forecast and current trail conditions.
- Check avalanche conditions, active logging and restrictions that may be applied to forest service roads.
- Pack adequate food, water, clothing, maps, and gear.
- Carry a first aid kit and bear spray.
- Tell somebody where you're going, when you'll be back, and who to call if you don't return.
- Travel with a friend or group.
- Be prepared for emergencies and changes in weather.

## Important Contacts and Resources

Responsible Travel Tips: [www.tourismgolden.com/travel](http://www.tourismgolden.com/travel)

Safety and Essential Tips: [www.adventuresmart.ca](http://www.adventuresmart.ca)

Avalanche Reports, Info and Training: [www.avalanche.ca](http://www.avalanche.ca)

Invasive Species Prevention: [playcleango.org](http://playcleango.org)

Parks Canada: [www.parkscanada.ca](http://www.parkscanada.ca)

Fire Smart: [firesmartbc.ca](http://firesmartbc.ca)

Alertable App: [alertable.ca](http://alertable.ca)

BC Wildfire Service: [wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca](http://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca)



# GOLDEN TRIANGLE



Photo by Agathe Bernard. Location: Wapta Falls

**T**he Golden Triangle is a spectacular 316 km circular route that will take you on an epic journey through the Canadian Rockies, national parks and natural landscapes along the Trans-Canada Highway 1, Highway 93 and Highway 95.

Use Golden as your base from which to explore the Golden Triangle, or make the journey part of your vacation by taking the opportunity to explore the Golden Triangle as an alternative route for getting to Golden. Either way, make sure you experience the majestic mountain scenery, abundant nature, and outdoor activities and experiences in Yoho and Kootenay National Parks, the Village of Radium, Radium Hot Springs and the Columbia River and Wetlands.

Discover the towering rock walls, waterfalls and high peaks in Yoho National Park. Experience the unique contrasts of Kootenay National Park, from icy mountain rivers to steamy hot springs. Both of these national parks offer fantastic roadside and hiking opportunities.

Travel along Highway 95, and you will have the magnificent Columbia River and Wetlands to admire. The Columbia Wetlands are the largest protected wetlands in North America, and provide habitat to hundreds of thousands of birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and mammals.

Use the interactive Golden Triangle map to plan your route and to discover the many things to do throughout the circuit.

For more information visit [www.tourthetriangle.ca](http://www.tourthetriangle.ca)

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Photo by Nora Moll



# Suggested Itineraries Winter

Looking for some winter inspiration? Whether you're a hard-core skier, or a wildlife enthusiast, bring your family, and enjoy a couple of days or weeks in Golden, B.C. Here's where to start.

We have a few ideas here, and more at [www.tourismgolden.com/plan](http://www.tourismgolden.com/plan)

## 7 day Snow Lovers' Dream



**DAY 1:** Check into your accommodation, have a soak in the hot tub, and then head out to one of our many restaurants or pubs.



**DAY 2:** Have fun on the powder or the groomers at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. Head downtown to visit the longest free-standing covered timber frame bridge in Canada.



**DAY 3:** Check out the Nordic ski trails at Dawn Mountain, or rent some snowshoes. Take a walk back in time and learn about our history at the Golden Museum.



**DAY 4:** Take a guided snowmobile tour or ask the locals about the best place for tobogganing. Watch a movie at the Golden Cinema, or attend one of the many concerts at the Golden Civic Centre.



**DAY 5:** Get the big mountain experience at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, with a private or group lesson. Get your skates on during public skating at the Golden Arena.



**DAY 6:** Enjoy an interpretive talk or the chance to walk with wolves at the Northern Lights Wolf Centre. Enjoy an indoor climbing session at one of our local gyms.



**DAY 7:** Finish off with an iconic experience in the high alpine with a guided heli-skiing tour. Enjoy a relaxing meal at one of our fine dining restaurants.



View more itineraries on the Golden, BC App!

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## Weekend Discovery



### DAY 1

Check in, then head into town for a bite to eat. Explore the downtown and our River Walk alongside the Kicking Horse River. Don't forget to see the longest free-standing covered timber frame bridge in Canada.



### DAY 2

Head to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort for skiing and tubing. Try your hand at ice skating followed by supper at one of our many restaurants.



### DAY 3

Take a half or full day guided snowmobile tour, then rent some snowshoes and explore our winter wonderland.



# Suggested Itineraries Spring, Summer & Fall

From biking to whitewater rafting, or just simply relaxing, there is something for everyone to enjoy from spring through to fall. Just make sure you stay long enough.

Start planning your Golden adventure today at [www.tourismgolden.com/plan](http://www.tourismgolden.com/plan)



## 7 day Outdoor Adventure



**DAY 1:** Check into your accommodation. Visit the Golden Visitor Centre for information on activities and to buy your Parks Canada and attraction passes. Head downtown to sample some local cuisine and a locally brewed beer.



**DAY 2:** Ride the thrilling whitewater on the famous Kicking Horse River. Try out the disc golf course at Keith King Memorial Sports Fields.



**DAY 3:** Get a bird's eye view on a tandem paraglide, launched from the famous Mount 7 site, or try a tandem skydive. Play a round of golf at the Golden Golf Club.



**DAY 4:** Visit the new Golden Skybridge and enjoy stunning views from Canada's highest suspension bridges. Fun for the whole family with a mountain coaster, ziplines and more.



**DAY 5:** Get vertical on downhill mountain bikes at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and Mount 7, or explore over 125 km of prime singletrack cross country biking trails.



**DAY 6:** Take a guided tour to discover Golden's hidden gems and wildlife. Get the catch of the day with a licensed fishing guide. Enjoy the Columbia Wetlands by renting a canoe, kayak, or SUP.



**DAY 7:** Get pumped on the Via Ferrata (Italian for iron path) at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. Take a guided ATV tour and explore Golden's backcountry.



## 3 day Fun Getaway



### DAY 1

Visit the Golden Visitor Centre to purchase Parks Canada passes and tickets for attractions. Head to the Golden Skybridge and discover fun activities for the whole family.



### DAY 2

Visit Boo at the Grizzly Bear Refuge or take a gondola ride to the top of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. Try out your skills at indoor rock climbing.



### DAY 3

Visit the nearby national parks to enjoy amazing hiking trails with spectacular views and historical sites.



# Events

Throughout the year Golden is host to race events, shows, concerts and much more.

Please check [www.tourismgolden.com/events](http://www.tourismgolden.com/events) or the Golden BC App to view upcoming events.

From June to September the Golden Farmers Market is a great place to find hand-crafted goods and fresh local produce.

Kicking Horse Culture offers free Summer Kicks concerts at Keith King Memorial Park during the summer months and a regular schedule of Live Kicks concerts at the Golden Civic Centre during the fall and winter months. In winter, support the local 'Golden Rockets' team at an ice hockey game.



The Freeride World Tour is scheduled to return to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort in early 2026; the only North American stop on the tour. The Freeride World Tour is the worldwide circuit of freeride snowboarding and skiing with the best riders in the world competing on the most legendary and challenging alpine faces at the most renowned ski resorts across the world. For more information visit [www.freerideworldtour.com](http://www.freerideworldtour.com)



Join TransRockies Events on June 6th to 7th, 2025 for their annual Golden Rush endurance mountain bike event featuring team categories as well as a solo option. Local entertainment, food vendors and a beer garden create a festival atmosphere for spectators and participants to enjoy. For more information visit [www.goldenrush.ca](http://www.goldenrush.ca)



Formerly known as the Snow King's Masque Parade, this festival has evolved into EmberFest – a celebration of creativity, community and connection. Join in to gather around the bonfire to share stories, skits and artistic creations that reflect the spirit of the community. For more information visit [www.kickinghorseculture.ca/emberfest](http://www.kickinghorseculture.ca/emberfest)



Join the Golden Ultra on September 12th to 14th, 2025. This annual event has grown exponentially since 2015 due to the great trails, welcoming community and exceptional volunteers. Hosted over 3 days, the Golden Ultra participants can choose from various distances, such as the Half Pint or Full Pint, and be a part of one big trail running festival. For more information visit [www.goldenultra.com](http://www.goldenultra.com)

For more Golden events visit [www.tourismgolden.com/events](http://www.tourismgolden.com/events)

## EVENTS



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Learn more about Golden events



### Key events include:

#### 2025

##### June

6th - 7th – Golden Rush Mountain Bike Race

7th – The BluMoose Gravel (Gravel bike race)

21st – Golden Golf Club Kootenay Two Person Classic

##### July

1st – Canada Day celebrations

5th – Golden Golf Club Ladies Eclectic Open

July 19th - 20th – Dunbar Summer Series Western Open

July 26th - Aug 3rd – Willi Muller Hang Gliding & Paragliding Championships

##### August

July 26th - Aug 3rd – Willi Muller Hang Gliding & Paragliding Championships

Perseid Meteor Shower, Stargazing Gala at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

##### September

12th - 14th – Golden Ultra 3 day trail running

##### October

Fall community events  
Live Kicks concert

##### November

Christmas Craft Faire  
Live Kicks concert

##### December

Ski with Santa at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

Best of Banff Mountain Film Festival

Christmas Market

31st & Jan 1st – New Year's Celebrations & Fireworks at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

#### 2026

##### January

Live Kicks concert  
Avalanche Awareness Days

Wrangle the Chute and Freeride World Qualifier

##### February

Freeride World Tour  
Jeep Junior Freeski Nationals  
Huckleberry Loppet  
EmberFest  
Live Kicks concert

##### March

Live Kicks concerts  
Marc Andre Memorial Banked Slalom

##### April

Beach Party at Heaven's Door Yurt  
Live Kicks concerts  
Sun Splash Funk Fest (Dummy Downhill)  
Live Music, Slush cup  
Riley Suhan Backcountry Snowmobile Race

##### May

Johnson Memorial Barrel Jackpot  
Golden Golf Club Kootenay Men's Open  
Golden Golf Club Kootenay Senior Open  
Golden Pride Festival



# ENTERTAINMENT



Photo by Dave Best. Location: Spirit Square, EmberFest

## Laugh, cry, sing and dance.

Our small community knows how to entertain, with regular live bands, performances, and art exhibits throughout the year.

The historic Golden Civic Centre and downtown Spirit Square serve as vibrant hubs for concerts and cultural events. Kicking Horse Culture offers a dynamic lineup of performing arts and cultural events, including Live Kicks at the Golden Civic Centre and free Summer Kicks concerts from June to August. For upcoming concerts visit: [www.kickinghorseculture.ca](http://www.kickinghorseculture.ca)

Golden's downtown pubs and bars are lively spots for live music, where you can catch inspiring local talent or even take the mic yourself. Experience the excitement of a film festival or movie night and feel the energy of this tight-knit community. No matter the season, there's always something happening to bring people together and celebrate the arts.



### Golden Cinema

Catch the latest movies at The Golden Cinema. Recently expanded & renovated: new high back rocker seats, Dolby 7.1 sound and two screens.

[www.kickinghorsemovies.com](http://www.kickinghorsemovies.com) 1-250-344-5510

## EVENTS



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Learn more about Golden events



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## KHC Presents the best in Music, Theatre, Dance & Film

Experience world-class music, theatre, dance, and film with Kicking Horse Culture. Enjoy over 30 performances year-round at the beautifully restored Civic Centre and open-air Keith King Park. Visit our website for event details or stop by the Art Gallery of Golden (AGOG).

[www.kickinghorseculture.ca](http://www.kickinghorseculture.ca)  
516 9th Avenue North 1-250-344-6186





# GROUP & EVENT FACILITIES



Photo by Dave Best, Location: Golden Civic Centre

## Gather, meet and create your story.

With its charming downtown, great cafes, historic tales, and unique experiences, Golden is sure to make you feel at home. A wide range of event venues, recreational facilities and supporting

services make Golden a great place to host your next family get-together, club meeting or sporting event.



## Town of Golden Facilities

The Town of Golden offers a wide variety of locations, both indoor and outdoor, for residents and visitors to enjoy all year-round.

Whether you're traveling solo, as a couple, or as a family, experience one of our many parks, play a round at the Golden Disc Golf Course, visit the arena or swimming pool for public programming, check out the River Walk and timber frame Kicking Horse Pedestrian Bridge, or walk, bike or run along our Rotary Trail system!

Town of Golden facilities and venues include:

- Golden Civic Centre – theatre, grand hall and meeting rooms
- Keith King Memorial Park – softball diamonds, soccer fields and concession space
- Mount 7 Rec Plex – community gymnasium and stage
- Golden Swimming pool – 6 lane outdoor pool
- Golden & District Arena – icepad, dry floor, meeting space and lounge
- Over 15 parks and public spaces, including our timber frame pedestrian bridge and Spirit Square

To learn more, visit [golden.ca/recreation](http://golden.ca/recreation), email [rec.booking@golden.ca](mailto:rec.booking@golden.ca) or call 1-250-344-2271





# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Photo by Jeff Bartlett

Tourism Golden is grateful to live, work and play on the traditional unceded territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc peoples which is also home to the Métis Nation Columbia River Society.

## The Ktunaxa People - ᑕᑎᑎᑦᑕᑦᑕ - Golden Area



Before the Ktunaxa, it was the Spirit Animals that occupied the country. The Ktunaxa creation story speaks of the giant, Naᑎᑎᑦᑕᑦᑕ, and a prophecy from the Creator that would ultimately create all the Human Beings in the world.

Read the creation story at [www.ktunaxa.org/who-we-are/creation-story](http://www.ktunaxa.org/who-we-are/creation-story)

The Ktunaxa language is unique to their homelands, not related to any other in the world. Their culture is embedded in the Ktunaxa language and teaches them who they are and where they come from through their stories and songs. In Ktunaxa, the word for the town of Golden is ᑕᑎᑎᑦᑕᑦᑕ - a word that describes the color of the water as it runs down into the Columbia. It says it is muddy or silty making it look white.

When the Ktunaxa lived and moved freely throughout their homelands, many Ktunaxa families lived along the upper Columbia River (Miᑕᑎᑦᑕᑦᑕ) from its headwaters through and including ᑕᑎᑎᑦᑕᑦᑕ working the land and harvesting wild vegetation. Hunting trails extend throughout the area and tie in with several portage trails all the way north to Boat Encampment and connect with the trail over Athabasca Pass to Jasper House.

The Ktunaxa utilized many resources here in ᑕᑎᑎᑦᑕᑦᑕ and it was important as a “mustering point” connecting travelers from all directions, much as it still does today.

## Secwépemc Shuswap Nations



We are the Secwépemc - the spread-out people. We have been caretakers of Secwépemculecw since time immemorial. Our laws and customs were given to us by Skelép (Coyote) as laid out in our ancient oral histories. Secwépemc laws govern the Secwépemc Nation and form the moral and spiritual

foundation of Secwépemc society. This foundation is inherently connected to the land and our history.

Since the “birth” of the nation known as Canada we’ve had to navigate a world of colonization and the enforcement of the Indian Act. The scope of our governance has been reduced to reserves and elected Chiefs and Councils. We are fortunate to have not lost the thread of our laws, our oral histories, or knowledge of our lands, and we continue to work to strengthen these through Rights & Title assertions across the territory.

Shuswap Band (Kenpesq’t) is one of 17 Federal Government Bands of the Secwépemc/Shuswap Nation, established in the 1860s. Though 17 bands are recognized today, the Secwépemc Nation had over 32 ‘campfires’ throughout the territory pre-contact.

## Métis Nation

Metis Nation Columbia River Society is one of 39 chartered communities of Metis Nation British Columbia serving the Indigenous peoples of Golden and area. Their mission is to promote culture, provide education and tend to the well being of their people.



They network with all service providers in their community to better enable them to provide outreach to those in isolation or in need. Their Elders are available to the schools to teach history, language, dance and culture. They offer workshops in basketmaking, beading, capote making, food preservation, making balms and lotions, archery, foraging and many other traditional ways of being and knowing.

Special celebrations are Louis Riel Day/ Metis Week, National Indigenous Peoples Day, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and they support their extended community by participation in their Pride Event, Trade fairs, parades, Snow King Festival and other events. They are very active in all aspects of teaching and living their culture and are proud to say that their community has come to respect, support and partner with them on many projects.

Their offices are currently located at 611 10th Ave N., Golden, B.C. and they can be reached at 250-290-0154.



# THE GOLDEN JOURNEY



## A story of exploration, railways, rivers and forests.

In 1807, David Thompson – renowned fur trader, surveyor and map-maker tasked by the North West Company to open up a trading route to the lucrative trading territories of the Pacific Northwest – first crossed over the Rocky Mountains and traveled along the Blaeberry River to the future site of Golden. In search of the Columbia River and, ultimately, a passage to the Pacific Ocean, Thompson's travels took him through the pass to the junction of the legendary Columbia and Kicking Horse Rivers. At this time, the pass was known to the Indigenous Peoples long before the arrival of Europeans and was part of traditional trading and hunting routes.



The Palliser Expedition explored and surveyed Western Canada between 1857 and 1860. Led by John Palliser, the expedition discovered a high mountain pass across the Continental Divide which later became the route of the main line constructed by

Canadian Pacific Railway between Lake Louise and Field. The pass and river were named Kicking Horse when Sir James Hector, a naturalist, geologist and surgeon was kicked by his horse and was initially believed dead by the expedition members.

In 1881 the CPR hired surveyor A.B. Rogers to find a rail route through the Selkirk and Rocky Mountains, and in 1882 he found the pass now named for him. Rogers established a base camp for his survey crew led by a man named McMillan. Initially known as 'McMillan's Camp', the settlement was the beginning of the town of Golden. By 1884 in response to a nearby lumber camp naming itself 'Silver City' the residents of McMillan's Camp, decided not to be outdone and renamed the settlement 'Golden City'.

CPR completed the railway in 1885, which also paved the way for the Trans-Canada Highway, and Golden soon became a prominent stop on the line. The building of the CPR line, which required huge quantities of timber for railway ties, bridges, trestles, snowsheds, and buildings, was the catalyst for the growth of the forestry industry in Golden. For over a century, the CPR and the forestry industry have provided employment and well-being to the town.

The Sikh community history runs deep in Golden and early settlers employed by the Columbia River Logging Company date back to the 1890s. They were housed in company-built residences and carried out their religious ceremonies in a Gurdwara (temple) built on mill property. Located on what is now 13th Street South, The Gurdwara is reputed to be the first Sikh temple in North America. Although the original Gurdwara and the company houses are gone, the Sikh community made and continues to make significant contributions to the settlement and development of the town of Golden.



# SWISS GUIDES



Photo by Syd Feuz Collection - Golden Museum and Archives

## “Since we can’t export the scenery, we shall import the tourists”

The Canadian Pacific Railway recognized that many travellers through Golden would want to stay, explore and discover the incredible area for themselves. To this end, the CPR hired professional Swiss guides to assist in providing a safe connection to this compelling yet rugged landscape. In 1899, Eduard Feuz Sr. and Christian Haesler came to Canada from Switzerland to serve as mountain guides. Between 1899 and 1954, there were a total of 35 Swiss guides who provided expertise for thousands of climbs and the safe ascents of many peaks surrounding Golden – without a single fatality.

The wives of the Swiss Guides kept home hearths warm, and helped build the community that still stands today. Often, their husbands would be gone for months at a time and the women tended to the children and households, as well as administrative work. It was said that their handicrafts and knits became famous and respected in the community.

Recognising that working in Canada whilst their families remained in Switzerland was not at all ideal, the CPR management constructed permanent homes for the Swiss Guides and their families. In 1912, the Edelweiss Village was complete with six chalets which became the homes of the second generation of guides and their families. The homes still exist today and are open for donations to preserve and promote the Edelweiss Village for present and future generations.



### Donate to Saving Swiss Edelweiss Village

Edelweiss Village, is the historic home of the pioneering Swiss Mountain Guides in the Rocky Mountains. Swiss Edelweiss Village Foundation's mission is to preserve and promote Edelweiss Villages history for present and future generations. Donate today: [swissvillage.ca/donate](http://swissvillage.ca/donate)

### Golden's Swiss Guides; yesterday and today.

Syd Feuz was the first Canadian-Swiss Guide. The son of Walter Feuz, he was born in 1922, raised in the Edelweiss Village and lived many years in Golden. Working not only as a mountain and heli-ski guide, Syd had many other jobs and also ran other businesses with his wife Baeda, making them an integral part of the Golden community. Feuz Bowl at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort is named for Syd and his family and in 2010 he was honoured by the community to carry the Olympic Torch into Golden as it passed on its journey across Canada.

**“IT’S STILL THE BEST PLACE, RIGHT HERE  
IN GOLDEN...YOU CAN’T BEAT IT”**

-SYD FEUZ

Rudi Gertsch is a second generation Swiss Mountain Guide, talented skier and climber. Arriving in Western Canada in his early twenties, he began working as a climbing guide then as a heli-ski guide and occasional movie stunt double. In 1974 he started Purcell Heli-skiing which today is owned and operated by Canadian Mountain Holidays. A founding member of Heli-Cat Canada, Rudi still plays an integral role in the heli-skiing and mountain guiding industry in Western Canada.



### Golden Museum and Archives

Take a walk into the past and explore the stories that Golden and neighbouring communities offer at the Golden Museum.

[www.goldenbcmuseums.com](http://www.goldenbcmuseums.com) 1-250-344-5169

\*Credits: R.W. Sanford High Ideals, 1999; Ilona Spaar Swiss Guides Shaping Mountain Culture in Western Canada, 2010; Lynn Martel The Lucky Life of Syd Feuz, 2013 and Mountain of Dreams, 2011



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and to  
cherish*





# Weddings

## To love and to cherish.

Golden is one of the most beautiful destinations in the world, with spectacular scenery, wildlife, and history. Nestled between three mountain ranges and at the confluence of two historic rivers, the options in Golden are endless to make your wedding day unique.

Whether you choose to have your ceremony or reception at a secluded backcountry lodge, rustic barn or at one of the many venues in the town of Golden, you are guaranteed a stunning backdrop with Golden's incredible mountain vistas and spectacular valley.

Whatever the season, Golden has the perfect venue for you to celebrate. Capture the essence of spring in the lush valleys, enjoy the wildlife and fauna that embody summer, soak in the vibrant colours of fall or the snow-capped peaks in winter. Golden is truly a four-season mountain wedding destination.

Take your vows by an historic river, on a lake or on top of a majestic mountain peak.

We've seen many unique weddings in Golden. Ceremonies in the high alpine, accessible only by helicopter. Brides and grooms, dressed in their finest, celebrating their love with an adventurous twist—mountain biking the trails of Mount 7 or skiing at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort after their ceremony. Even a roaring twenties themed wedding at the historic Civic Centre.

The only limitation is your imagination!

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# WEDDINGS



Photo by El Nina Design

**S**tart your lifetime of wonderful memories together with a dream mountain wedding in Golden.

Golden has so many venue options and locations to suit every budget and theme, from rustic barn, to relaxed riverside or glamorous mountain top. Some can accommodate your guests or arrange a shuttle service to nearby accommodation. All you need to do is choose the one that will make your wedding day special.

Golden has everything you need for your perfect wedding or honeymoon; from wedding planners, photographers, transportation, DJs, beauty and hair salons, catering and party supplies, to a wide range of accommodations.

Whether you are having a grand affair at the top of a mountain or an intimate wedding in a rustic lodge, planning for your big day has never been easier.

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#### Seek and you will find.



#### Golden Visitor Centre

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# WEDDINGS



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**G**olden offers a wide range of locations for your traditional wedding ceremony, with eleven places of worship representing different faiths, and wedding commissioners who can arrange a civil marriage. Civil ceremonies can occur anywhere (subject to agreement by your marriage commissioner and obtaining the appropriate permissions) making the opportunities almost endless.

Visit [www.tourismgolden.com/wedding](http://www.tourismgolden.com/wedding) to view marriage commissioners, and places of worship.



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## Weddings

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winter activities in Golden visit:



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# Winter Adventures

**What you see, is what you get.**

Golden is truly a winter wonderland with its majestic mountain vistas, frozen rivers and lakes, and of course, the legendary champagne powder.

For those looking for vast expanses of ski terrain, Golden has some of the best ski touring, resort skiing, and nordic skiing in North America. Golden is within a two hour drive of five world class ski resorts making it the perfect base for an extended holiday.

Book a heli-skiing or cat skiing trip, or choose from over twenty-eight unique backcountry lodges and huts.

For those looking for a big mountain experience with something for everyone, it doesn't get any better than Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. Families and non-skiers can experience great activities such as snowshoeing, tobogganing, ice skating, wildlife experiences or snowmobiling.

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# WINTER FUN

Photo by Parks Canada Ryan Bray

## Make time for fun.

**G**olden is not just a winter destination for hard core winter sports. Families and non-skiers can also find lots of fun activities that fill the days, and make for an amazing winter vacation.



Rent some snowshoes and step onto the designated trails at Dawn Mountain Nordic Centre, the base of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, or head to the Moonraker trails for an experience more au naturel.



Experience the fun of tubing at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, or bring your own toboggan, and follow the local families to their favourite tobogganing slopes above Reflection Lake and near the Keith King baseball field.



Have a relaxing evening in town. Climb at a local climbing gym or have some friendly competition at our 5-pin bowling alley.



Try something new and experience the fun of curling. Drop in on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the winter. Friends and families are welcome.



Explore the snow covered cross country bike trails on a fat bike. Visit [goldencyclingclub.com/grooming-report](http://goldencyclingclub.com/grooming-report) for conditions. Donate to the Golden Cycling Club to support the trails.



Head to the Golden and District Arena for public ice skating, or bring your skates to one of the Town of Golden's public rinks.



Watch an ice hockey match and cheer on our local team the Golden Rockets.



# NORDIC SKIING



Photo by Maur Mere Media, Location: Golden Golf Course

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## The mountain always leads.

**N**ordic skiing is an easy and fun way to get some great exercise and explore the majestic beauty of the mountains in winter. In Golden, there are two groomed trail networks that offer options for all levels of ability. There are also numerous locations where serene, non-maintained terrain awaits if you prefer to set out and make your own trails. Add to this, the spectacular cross-country skiing options in nearby Yoho National Park and you can see why Golden is the perfect place to clip on those skis and get out there to enjoy a winter wonderland!

### Dawn Mountain Nordic Centre

The Nordic Centre provides 33 km of groomed trails and a 4km snowshoe loop to enjoy. Whether you're a seasoned Nordic skier or it's your first time on the trails, there is a variety of terrain to suit all abilities. These trails are maintained by the Golden Nordic Ski Club in agreement with Recreation Sites and Trails BC. Situated only 1km from the popular Kicking Horse Resort, Nordic skiing is a fun activity to add to your winter holiday bucketlist.

What's on offer: classic & skate ski equipment rentals, snowshoe equipment rentals, exciting events, and private lessons with our experienced instructors.

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## EVENTS



[tourismgolden.com/events](https://tourismgolden.com/events)

February – Huckleberry Loppet

### Golden Golf Course

Looking for a Nordic ski lap closer to town? Hop onto the 5km novice classic ski trail at the Golden golf course. These flowy ski trails are maintained by the Golden Nordic Ski Club. Please be sure to make a trail fee donation at the trailhead.

For more information, visit [www.goldennordicclub.ca](https://www.goldennordicclub.ca) or [tourismgolden.com/xc](https://tourismgolden.com/xc)



Photo by Dave Best



# RESORT SKIING

## GET INSIDER INFO

For blogs and more information featuring skiing in Golden visit:



Photo by Bruno Long. Location: Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

## Keep your tips up.

Just above Golden, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort is known for its breath-taking views, legendary terrain and some of the best snow on the planet.

With one of the highest vertical drops in North America, the raw mountain ruggedness, amazing terrain and the sheer beauty of the pristine scenery sets Kicking Horse apart as one of the most exceptional ski resorts in British Columbia.

Kicking Horse Mountain Resort is a playground with something for everyone. Kicking Horse caters to all levels of ski enthusiasts and offers a phenomenal variety of terrain from treed runs, large alpine bowls, steep and gnarly chutes, and fast and fun glades.

Guests can also enjoy dining at the award-winning Eagle's Eye Restaurant (Canada's highest dining experience), skating, tubing, snowshoeing and direct access to heli-skiing and snowmobile tours.

Get on the snow and learn to ski at Kicking Horse Resort. There is an excellent range of learning opportunities, from the Learning Centre, Kids Zone or Big Mountain Centre.

Your day at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort will be truly exceptional for the whole family. Come and see for yourself.



Photo by Bruno Long

## FOR THE LATEST EVENTS



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January – Wrangle the Chute

February – Freeride World Tour

March – Marc Andre Memorial Banked Slalom

April – Sun Splash Funk Fest



## Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

Only here can you ride a single gondola to the summit, providing awesome views of the Rocky Mountain Trench. The alpine ridges and bowls keep the snow stashed deeper and longer, which is why we're the Champagne Powder Capital of Canada™. From steep chutes to smooth groomers, the experience is memorable for everyone.

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# RESORT SKIING



Photo by Maur-Mere Media, Location: Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

**G**olden is an ideal base for a multi-resort vacation. Home to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, you can access five world class ski resorts, all less than two hours drive from Golden.

## Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

Located in Golden B.C.

Vertical: 1,315 metres (4,314 feet)

Skiable Acreage – 3486 acres

Elevation: Top - 2,505 metres (8,218 feet)

Mid - 1,722 metres (5,646 feet)

Base - 1,190 metres (3,900 feet)

120+ Runs / 85+ Chutes / 5 Bowls

## Revelstoke Mountain Resort

Distance from Golden: 150km/93 miles

Vertical: 1,713 metres (5,620 feet)

75 Runs

## Lake Louise Ski Resort

Distance from Golden: 81km/50 miles

Vertical: 991 metres (3,250 feet)

160 Runs

## Sunshine Village

Distance from Golden: 138km/86 miles

Vertical: 1,070 metres (3,514 feet)

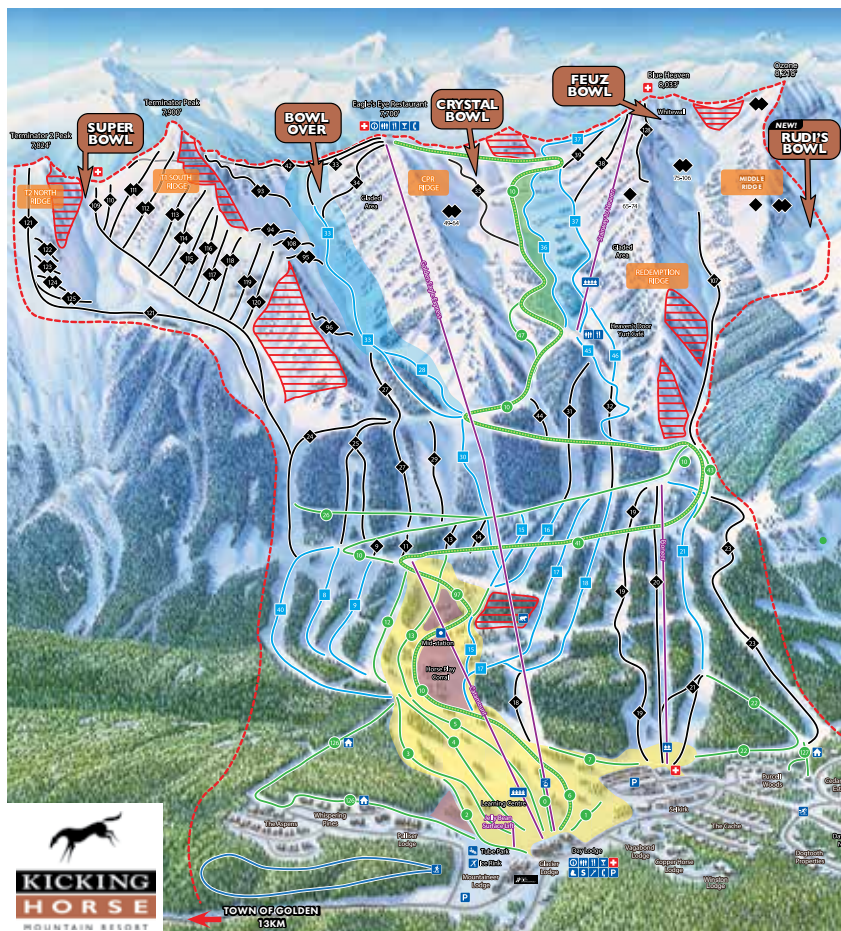
120 Runs

## Panorama Mountain Village

Distance from Golden: 138km/86 miles

Vertical: 1330 metres (4265 feet)

135 Runs





# BACKCOUNTRY SKIING

## GET INSIDER INFO

For blogs featuring backcountry skiing and more information in Golden visit:



## Go big or go home.

Surrounded by vast expanses of ski terrain and untouched snow, Golden is a paradise for the serious skier who is searching for the best mountains in Canada, champagne powder and every conceivable type of terrain and exposure.

Heli-skiing was born in Golden's backyard, and today Golden has heli and cat ski operators offering single or multi-day packages.

There are over twenty backcountry lodges near Golden, making it the highest concentration of backcountry lodges in Canada. These backcountry huts and lodges offer a diverse range of experiences for backcountry skiers & snowboarders. They are scattered between the Rocky and Columbia mountain ranges and vary in accessibility and amenities, providing options for every type of adventurer.

For those seeking a self-reliant experience, some huts offer self-access, guided and catered opportunities. Alternatively, for those desiring a more hassle-free getaway experience other huts offer helicopter access, are fully catered and provide an ACMG guide for the duration of your stay.



Photo by CMH Purcell



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# BACKCOUNTRY SKIING



Photo by Leigh and Spring

**G**olden is a mecca for its backcountry terrain. The Dogtooth Range of the Purcell Mountains is easily accessible from Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and offers beautiful alpine bowls. 78km/49mi from Golden lies Rogers Pass. It can be an epic backcountry experience, but you need to have the experience. With an average of 14 meters of snowfall a year at treeline, Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park is a popular backcountry ski touring destination with extremely complex terrain.

To backcountry ski in Rogers Pass, you must obtain a mandatory winter permit. Learn it, get your permit [www.pc.gc.ca/skirogerspass](http://www.pc.gc.ca/skirogerspass)

**Make sure you have the proper equipment, training, and knowledge before heading out in the backcountry.**

For a list of local ACMG guides go to [www.acmg.ca](http://www.acmg.ca)



**LEARN IT - GET YOUR PERMIT**  
<http://parks.canada.ca/skirogers>



**Backcountry skiing or snowboarding in Rogers Pass?**

**Stay out of the line of fire!**

A Winter Permit System is in place to keep skiers apart from explosive artillery fire used for avalanche control.



## Chatter Creek Mountain Lodges

Chatter Creek offers a true backcountry paradise. Trips include helicopter transfer, guided cat-skiing or cat-assisted ski-touring, gourmet meals, and lodging.

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## Mistaya Lodge

Isolated location, Helicopter access only! Located in the heart of the Canadian Rockies between Banff and Yoho National Parks. Close proximity to extensive glaciated terrain as well as glades and tree skiing; plenty of variety for novice to expert backcountry skier. All trips include helicopter transfers, guiding, accommodation and home cooked meals. Also welcome summer guests for hiking and some relaxation!

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# SNOWMOBILING

## GET INSIDER INFO

For blogs and more information featuring snowmobiling in Golden visit:



Photo by Dave Best. Location: Silent Pass

## What goes up must come down.

**G**olden is your destination for big mountain snowmobiling. With three core alpine areas and over 240km of groomed trails you can be guaranteed a great experience for advanced mountain shredders and beginners or families.

### Quartz Creek

Quartz Creek is Golden's most popular area with a cabin located at the end of the groomed trails and great access to many alpine bowls. Two new areas, Old Man and East Quartz, as well as the West Bench Trail are accessible from the Quartz Creek staging area. The West Bench Trail is an excellent family ride that provides a connection to Gorman Lake and is not exposed to avalanche hazard. Quartz Creek has excellent parking and is located right off the Trans Canada Highway, 40km west of Golden.

Download the  
Quartz Creek  
map in 3D on  
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### Gorman Lake

Gorman Lake is Golden's most advanced sledding zone and gets better as the winter's snow accumulates. With a large parking lot and close proximity to town it's becoming much more popular each year and is a local favourite.

### Silent Pass

Silent Pass, located south of Golden, is one of Golden's most beautiful riding areas. The groomed trails vary in length depending on the forestry industry. The trail towards Silent Pass also accesses many lakes popular for ice fishing. Beginner and intermediate riders need to be prepared for a difficult single-track climb to the alpine, especially in the early season, but once in the alpine, the area is excellent for all abilities.

If you're a first time rider, or inexperienced in mountain riding, check out one of Golden's tour operators or guiding outfits.

Please note that snowmobiling can be a dangerous activity. Take precautions, be aware of avalanche areas and know your limits. [www.avalanche.ca](http://www.avalanche.ca)

There are many areas in Golden that have permanent motorized closures, including the national parks. Riding in closed areas and/or national parks could result in fines of up to \$25,000. It's your responsibility to know where you ride.

The Golden Snowmobile Club maintains all of the groomed trails in Golden. For the latest conditions and downloadable .kml files for use on GPS devices visit: [www.sledgolden.com/zones](http://www.sledgolden.com/zones)

Pick up the Sled Golden map  
at key locations.





# SNOWMOBILING



Photo by Dave Best, Location: Quartz Creek

## Recreate Responsibly

We want all users to enjoy the backcountry safely and sustainably. Obtain the knowledge and skills you need before heading out in the backcountry. For more information visit [www.letsridebc.com/are-you-ready-for-it](http://www.letsridebc.com/are-you-ready-for-it)

Safety is your responsibility. Be prepared and always respect the environment.

Find more hints and tips on travelling safely and responsibly at [www.tourismgolden.com/travel](http://www.tourismgolden.com/travel)



Photo by Dave Best



## Golden Snowmobile Rentals & Tours

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## Rocky Mountain Riders Snowmobile & ATV Tours & Rentals

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# Spring, Summer & Fall Adventures

## Let nature take its course.

Spring, summer and fall in Golden are glorious. With breathtaking scenery, diverse wildlife, historic charm, and a vast range of unique experiences for everyone to enjoy, Golden is the perfect vacation choice.

Surrounded by six of Canada's most stunning national parks and sitting at the confluence of two historic rivers, Golden is a paradise for outdoor adventure.

Raft the wild rapids on the Kicking Horse River, paddle in the Columbia Wetlands or experience the thrill of a tandem paraglide or sky-diving.

No vacation is complete without a visit to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, where you can try your climbing skills on the Via Ferrata, visit the Grizzly Bear Interpretive Centre or just soak up the awe-inspiring mountain views.

Don't forget to check out the Golden Skybridge for a great family day. Home to Canada's highest suspension bridges, the thrilling Railrider Mountain Coaster, and a variety of exciting attractions, it's a must-see destination for all ages.

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# FUN FOR EVERYONE

Photo by Maur-Mere Media, Location: Confluence Park

## Fun for everyone.

**G**olden has plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy, as well as some unique places of interest to explore. Make the time to discover the wonderful attractions that truly make Golden a fun destination for everyone.



No visit to Golden is complete without a visit to our museum to gain a true insight into our heritage of first nations culture, explorers and pioneers. Located just off Highway 95, at 1302 - 11th Ave South.



Whilst exploring downtown, take a stroll down the River Walk and over the Kicking Horse Pedestrian Bridge, the longest covered freestanding timber frame bridge in Canada. Built by over 100 members of the International Timber Framers Guild, the bridge is now over 20 years old.



Challenge the family to a round of mini golf at the Golden Golf Club. This fun course winds through the trees and has lots of trick obstacles to tackle in beautiful natural surroundings.



Go for a paddle in the Columbia Wetlands on a SUP, canoe or kayak. Soak in the serenity and keep an eye out for birds and other wildlife.



Enjoy a swim at the Golden Pool or let the little ones play at Gushers Spray park. Golden has many parks, including the pump track where you can practice your biking skills.



Visit the Northern Lights Wolf Centre or Buffalo Ranch in the beautiful Blaeberry Valley. Pack a picnic and spend the day by the Blaeberry River.



Head to Keith King Memorial Sports Fields or Kicking Horse Mountain Resort for a fun game of disc golf. Discs can be purchased at downtown stores and at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort.



# FUN FOR EVERYONE

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For more information and blogs for family activities in Golden visit:



Photo by Mitch Winton, Location: Golden Skybridge



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SKYBRIDGE**



# HIKING

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Photo by Maur Mere Media

## Not all those who wander are lost.

From friendly trails to challenging overnight hikes, Golden is a hikers' paradise. Nestled between the Canadian Rocky Mountains, and the Purcell and Selkirk Mountain ranges, Golden offers a wide range of beautiful hiking opportunities. Discover for yourself why Golden is a favourite base for hikers of all ages and experience.

Ridge hikes at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort are a breeze with the Golden Eagle Express gondola whisking you into the high alpine to enjoy stunning vistas and a range of trail options. The 16km Rotary Trail system is a great opportunity for an easy walk through town and alongside the Kicking Horse and Columbia Rivers. Meet the locals as they bike, walk and run the trails, and allow some time to

take a seat and enjoy the view from one of the trailside benches.

A sense of adventure and a high clearance 4WD vehicle can take you to the less-travelled spots in the high alpine and backcountry surrounding Golden. Contact one of the many backcountry lodges surrounding Golden for an unforgettable escape into remote, pristine wilderness. With fully guided and catered experiences available, you can relax and enjoy the breathtaking scenery while expert hosts take care of the details.

For tips on responsible hiking practices visit [tourismgolden.com/hikeplan](http://tourismgolden.com/hikeplan). For information on trails and conditions visit [www.goldenhikes.ca](http://www.goldenhikes.ca)



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# HEART OF THE PARKS



Photo by Andrew Chad, Location: Bear Creek Falls



**G**olden is surrounded by six of Canada's most stunning national parks; Yoho, Glacier, Banff, Jasper, Kootenay and Mount Revelstoke. Use Golden as your base from which to experience the spectacular scenery, iconic hiking trails, waterfalls, lakes and heritage sites of the national parks.

## Plan Your Trip

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## Logistics

To make the most of your visit, we recommend planning ahead and visiting during off-peak times. July and August are the busiest months, so consider booking your trip in the spring or fall to avoid large crowds. If you're visiting during peak season, arriving early in the morning can help in avoiding the crowds.

Parking at Emerald Lake can be busy and visiting during off-peak times is advised. Parking in Lake Louise is limited during the summer season, and Moraine Lake Road is closed year-round to personal vehicles. The best way to experience Lake Louise and Moraine Lake in the summer months is by Parks Canada shuttle. Advanced reservations are required. Free parking is available at the Lake Louise Park and Ride for visitors with a Parks Canada shuttle reservation.



Photo by Nora Moll



# YOHO, GLACIER & KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARKS

Photo by Agathe Bernard, Location: Asulkan Valley Trail

## Kootenay National Park

Established in 1920 as part of an agreement to build a new road across the central Canadian Rockies – the Banff-Windermere Highway. Kootenay National Park is a place of unique contrasts, from icy mountain rivers to steamy hot springs and is the only national park to feature both glacier-clad peaks along the Continental Divide and semi-arid grasslands in the Columbia Valley.

Visitors can enjoy guided hikes to the Burgess Shale fossil beds in Kootenay National Park. The world famous Burgess Shale is part of the larger Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks UNESCO World Heritage Site. Easy hikes with fantastic rewards include Olive Lake, Numa Falls, the Paint Pots, Marble Canyon and the Fireweed trail, all right beside the road.

For adventurous hikers, there are trails to sublime destinations above the timberline. The majestic Rockwall trail is an epic hike that traverses three alpine passes, past impressive hanging glaciers. The trail's defining feature is a single, massive limestone cliff, towering in some locations more than 900m (2953 feet) above the trail below. Check the trail report for current conditions.

More than any of the other mountain national parks, Kootenay has a unique look created by fire. Natural wildfires in the 20th century have shaped the park's biology and offer visitors annual snapshots of forests and landscapes in glorious transition.

For more information on Kootenay National Park visit [www.parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay](http://www.parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenay)



## Burgess Shale Guided Hikes

The Burgess Shale fossils are among the oldest and most complex fossils on earth. These fossils are still impacting the way we understand early life on earth.

The Burgess Shale is recognised as part of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Parks Canada protects these internationally significant treasures and offers guided hikes to three unique Burgess Shale locations in the mountains of Yoho and Kootenay national parks.

Learn more and book your next adventure!

Scan the QR code to sign up for a guided hike.

[parks.canada.ca/burgessshale](http://parks.canada.ca/burgessshale)

Yoho National Park 1-888-773-8888



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# YOHO, GLACIER & KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARKS



Photo by A Cooper, Location: Takakkaw Falls

## Glacier National Park

Known for its mountaineering history, deep snow and pristine wilderness, Glacier National Park and Rogers Pass National Historic Site provide incredible experiences and adventures for every type of explorer.

Discover some of Canada's unique mountain history and spectacular natural beauty at day use areas, hiking trails and the Rogers Pass Discovery Centre. Tour self-guided interpretive trails, abandoned railway tracks, stone trestles and snow sheds. The Rogers Pass area is also renowned for its mountaineering opportunities.

Golden continues the time honoured tradition of serving as a base camp for adventure, and is situated less than an hour's drive from Glacier National Park and Rogers Pass National Historic Site.

For more information visit [www.parksCanada.gc.ca/glacier](http://www.parksCanada.gc.ca/glacier)

## Yoho National Park

Known as a hiker's paradise, Yoho National Park and Kicking Horse Pass National Historic Site feature spectacular scenery, geology, paleontology, and railway history.

Yoho is home to glacial lakes, stunning waterfalls, snow topped peaks and towering rock walls. One of Canada's tallest, and most magnificent waterfalls, Takakkaw Falls, is a must see. Powdered rock, from Yoho's numerous glaciers, creates the deep turquoise colour of Emerald Lake and Lake O'Hara. The Iceline, Paget Lookout and Emerald Lake trails provide incredible hiking opportunities to spectacular viewpoints and natural landmarks. The Burgess Shale fossil bed is famous for its soft-bodied fossils dating back over 500 million years. There are two guided Burgess Shale hikes in Yoho National Park.

For more information on Yoho National Park, visit [www.parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho](http://www.parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho)



Photo by Abby Cooper



# FISHING



Photo by Hooke

## Fish tales told here.

Golden is an angler's dream, with spectacular mountain scenery, glacier fed lakes, rivers, and streams with great fishing options.

The fishing opportunities in and around Golden are endless, ranging from early and late rainbow trout, small cut throat trout in alpine lakes to char in the river and giant ling [burbot] and bull trout in the hydro reservoir.

Golden is situated on the Columbia River, which includes a vast selection of rivers and streams as its tributaries. These and the numerous lakes that surround Golden offer fabulous fishing options for spin casting and fly fishing from the shore or boat.

Hire an experienced local fishing guide; they know the best locations and lures to help you get your next big catch.

Make sure to review responsible BC freshwater fishing regulations and purchase your mandatory B.C. Recreational Freshwater Fishing Licence from the Government of BC's website.

Start planning your Golden fishing trip at [www.tourismgolden.com/fish](http://www.tourismgolden.com/fish)

View the Outdoor  
Discovery Map online.

[tourismgolden.com/plan](http://tourismgolden.com/plan)

Includes fishing locations, camping spots,  
and outlines the areas designated for  
motorised and non-motorised use.



### The Golden Gillie

Tight lines and good times! Guiding safe and fun fishing adventures on spectacular lakes, rivers and streams in Golden, B.C.  
[www.goldengillie.com](http://www.goldengillie.com) 1-250-344-1217



### FREE! Golden Destination APP

Find accommodations, places to eat and drink, activities, attractions, and events to match your interests and create your very own custom itinerary and trip plan.  
[tourismgolden.com/localapp](http://tourismgolden.com/localapp)



Photo by Hooke



# LAKES & RIVERS



Photo by El Nina. Location: Columbia Wetlands

## Respect your elders.

**W**ith two heritage rivers, one of the longest protected wetlands in North America, and numerous lakes, creeks and rivers nearby, Golden offers many water recreation activities.

### Responsible Travel for Water Recreation

#### CLEAN DRAIN AND DRY

*Your watercraft, gear and water toys*

1. Clean off all plant parts, animals, and mud from boat and equipment (eg. boots, waders, fishing gear). Use warm water and use a power wash station if available.
2. Drain onto land all items that can hold water (eg. buckets, wells bilge, and ballast).
3. Dry all items completely before launching into another body of water.

**Stopping at watercraft inspections is mandatory.** Golden's inspection station is at 1000 TransCanada Hwy. To prevent the spread of invasive species, all users from swimmers to animals should wash off and be completely dry before using another body of water.

Learn more about the prevention of invasive species at

[www.columbiashuswapinvasives.org/](http://www.columbiashuswapinvasives.org/)

#### BOATING RESTRICTIONS

- Only motorized vessels with 20hp (15kw) or less allowed in the Columbia River main channel.
- No towing or wakeboarding permitted in the reaches of the river.



### Blaeberry River

This glacial-fed river was first used by explorer David Thompson but today offers gentle rafting, fishing and picnic opportunities.

### Columbia River

The Columbia River is designated a B.C. Heritage river. Ideal for canoeing, stand up paddle boarding and viewing wildlife.

### Reflection Lake

A protected wildlife sanctuary, this is an excellent spot for viewing waterfowl and picnicking.

### Kicking Horse River

The first river in B.C. to be recognised as a national heritage river. Famous for its unparalleled whitewater rafting and kayaking.

### Kinbasket Lake

260km long reservoir created by the construction of the Mica Dam. With several boat launches, it is popular with locals for fishing.

### Mitten Lake

Featuring a large dock, boat launch area and campsite with a small beach, you'll find locals here canoeing, fishing and picnicking.



### Columbia Wetlands Adventures

The pristine Columbia River Wetlands are yours to explore. We offer cataraft, canoe, kayak, paddleboard, and disc golf adventures. Book a shuttle or captained expedition, but don't forget your camera.

Whether coming for relaxation or excitement we offer something for everyone. Find us 15 minutes south of Golden near the Outpost Lodge.

[www.columbiawetlandsoutpost.com](http://www.columbiawetlandsoutpost.com) 2581 Highway 95, Parson 1-250-348-2235





# RAFTING & KAYAKING



Photo by Mauri Mere Media, Location: Kicking Horse River

## Go big or go home.

The legend of Sir James Hector and his crazy horse might have been the inspiration for naming the Kicking Horse River, but the river itself hasn't been shy in living up to its untamed reputation. One of the wildest and most intense recreational waterways in Canada, the Kicking Horse River is famous for its unparalleled whitewater rafting and kayaking.

Get in a raft or a kayak, get on the river and ride with the big kids! Witness incredible scenery along the way and perhaps spot some extraordinary wildlife. Dropping from Wapta Lake and joined by the Yoho, Emerald, Amiskwi and Ottertail Rivers, the Kicking Horse flows through spectacular mountain terrain. Rafting season is from late May – early September (subject to water levels).



### Wild Water Adventures

Since 1992, we have provided unforgettable whitewater rafting experiences on the Kicking Horse River. We offer trips to satisfy every level of adventure, from mild to wild whitewater, with half-day and longer trip options. Join us and you'll see why we're rated the #1 Outdoor Activity on TripAdvisor!

**Rates from \$89** [www.wildwater.com](http://www.wildwater.com) 2750 Beaverfoot Rd 1-888-647-6444



### Glacier Raft Company

Golden's only local rafting operation, Glacier Raft Company has been providing whitewater rafting trips on the Kicking Horse River since 1982.

From a gentle scenic float or half day whitewater tour, to a full day heli-rafting trip, we can help you pick the perfect rafting adventure.

There are 6 tours to choose from.

We love the water and the thrill it provides and we want to share it with you!

Come live an adventure.

Glacier Raft Company is the #1 Activity in Golden on Trip Advisor and is home to Whitewater Lodge, our onsite B&B.

**Rates from \$89** [www.GlacierRaft.com](http://www.GlacierRaft.com)  
1509 Lafontaine Road 1-877-344-7238





# RAFTING & KAYAKING



Photo by Maur Mere Media, Location: Kicking Horse River

## GET INSIDER INFO

For blogs and more information featuring rafting in Golden visit:



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### Kootenay River Runners

Come experience the thrill of the Kicking Horse River with the originals!

Start your trip from our private riverside basecamp with our experienced, professional guides. We run the perfect sections of the Kicking Horse River that starts out slowly to get your groove, then picks up until you're getting drenched in continuous class III to IV+ rapids.

Raft the big water the Kicking Horse is famous for with our small groups and top rated gear.

No experience necessary – come join us for the highlight of your holiday!

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

2966 Kicking Horse Road 1-800-599-4399



### Hydra River Guides

Big waves, rushing rapids & wicked whitewater. We are proud to introduce you to the river we call home. No matter what kind of adventure you're looking for, we've got you covered. From a gentle ride that's family friendly, to our ever popular Kicking Horse Classic tour, or those looking for major thrills in half the time, we have something for everyone!

**Rates from \$99** [www.hydrariverguides.com](http://www.hydrariverguides.com)

2936 Kicking Horse Road 1-888-920-3968





# BIKING – CROSS COUNTRY & IN TOWN TRAILS



Photo by Brian Coles

## GET INSIDER INFO

For blogs and more information  
featuring biking in Golden visit:



## Get off the beaten track.

**G**olden is a community that lives and welcomes the biking culture. From riverside gravel biking right out of downtown to secluded singletrack deep in the forests, cross-country mountain biking in Golden is hard to beat.

Thanks to the continuous efforts of the Golden Cycling Club, Golden boasts over 50 trails and more than 125km of cross country riding on the Moonraker, CBT and Mountain Shadows trail systems.

If you need to hone your skills before getting onto the trails, visit the pump track and skatepark in downtown Golden or the skills park at Keith King Sports Fields.

### Golden Rotary Trails

Explore 16km of trails that run alongside rivers and connect to the downtown core. These trails are perfect for laid back family rides.

### Golden Triangle

Dedicated road bikers can try the 316km route from Golden which takes in the scenic beauty of Yoho National Park, Lake Louise, Kootenay National Park and the Columbia Wetlands.

### Moonraker and CBT Trails

The Moonraker and CBT trail systems offer over 97km of classic fast, flowy, single track riding with outstanding views. A superb mix of trails that take you through fir tree forests, past lakes and along the stunning Canyon Creek gorge. These trails are linked directly to downtown Golden by the 9km CBT Mainline trail.

Three adaptive trails have been added to the CBT trail system providing more accessible and inclusive mountain biking opportunities.

### Mountain Shadows Trails

19km of technical single track riding. Mountain Shadows offers up an all-mountain experience with rocks, roots, climbs and descents.

Try the 14km Schacher Trail that climbs 1600m to the main Mount 7 launch site. You can also ride back down the trail to complete a serious cardio workout.

During the winter, a few trails will be open and groomed for fat biking. Check the Golden Cycling Club for trail information.



#### Golden Cycling Club

Membership fees and donations to The Golden Cycling Club are spent on trail signage and development. Please support.  
[www.GoldenCyclingClub.com](http://www.GoldenCyclingClub.com)

## EVENTS



[tourismgolden.com/events](http://tourismgolden.com/events)

June 7th – BluMoose Gravel Bike Race

June 6th to 7th – Golden Rush Mountain Bike Race

View the Biking Trail Map online.

[www.tourismgolden.com/bikemap](http://www.tourismgolden.com/bikemap)

To check the latest trail updates visit

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





# DOWNHILL BIKING



Photo by @jumpinfoframe, Location: Mount 7

## What goes up must come down.

**W**ith the longest bike park in North America and the famous trails of Mount 7, Golden's downhill biking is awe-inspiring.

### Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

Want all the buzz of the downhill run without the lung buster ride to the top? Head over to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and let the chairlift or Golden Eagle Express Gondola take you up to the highest downhill bike park in North America. Boasting the second longest descent in Canada at 1200 metres (4000 ft), 40 km of riding and 31 beginner to expert trails.

### Mount 7

Golden is blessed with Mount 7, one of the finest and most challenging downhill systems in Canada. Enjoy 35km of riding and 15 trails from smooth flowy descents to expert chutes and steepes. Modern downhill was born on Mount 7 with the legendary "Race Line" hosting the famed Psychosis DH. Mount 7 is the real deal for hard core downhill enthusiasts, with a summit elevation is 1942 metres (6,372 ft), accessed via a 14km unpaved forestry service road.

Golden continues to host many biking events throughout the season and is fast becoming a biking event destination. The BlueMoose Gravel, Golden Rush, and Dunbar Summer Series are returning for another year of racing.



### Golden Cycling Club

Run by volunteers, the Golden Cycling Club is responsible for the continued preservation, maintenance, and development of public trails in Golden. Consider donating \$5 for use of the trails using the QR code provided.

## EVENTS



[tourismgolden.com/events](https://tourismgolden.com/events)

July 19th - 20th - Dunbar Summer Series Western Open



### Kicking Horse Bike Park

**Saddle up and get down!** Kicking Horse Bike Park offers lift access to breathtaking alpine single track, smooth, machine made trails and an array of features such as berms, jumps, wood features, and rock slabs. Famous for its vertical drop, Kicking Horse is your ultimate mountain biking destination.

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1500 Kicking Horse Trail 1-866-SKI-KICK





# GOLF



Photo by Dave Best. Location: Golden Golf Club

## What you see, is what you get.

The Golden Golf Club is a definite escape from the reality of everyday life. A friendly atmosphere and a wide variety of holes all serve to complement the spectacular surrounding landscape.

SCOREGolf continues to recognize the course as one of the top golf courses in Canada. The Professional Golfers' Association of British Columbia and its members ranked the Golden Golf Club as one of the top 25 golf courses in the province, twice the 'Hidden Gem' in the province, and awarded it the regional gold medal for the Kootenay Rockies.

The mini-golf course is a fun option for families to spend some time putting together.

## EVENTS

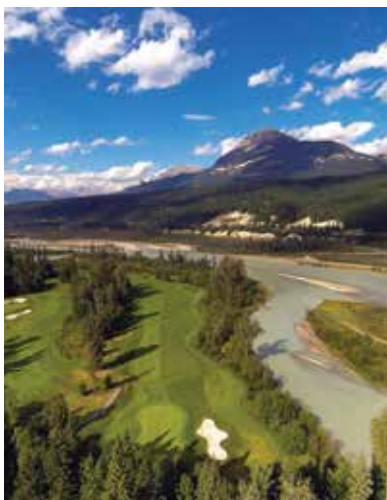


[golfgolden.com/events](http://golfgolden.com/events)

Golf events throughout the season



Photo by Dave Best



## Golden Golf Club

The Golden Golf Club is situated in beautiful Golden, British Columbia. A spectacular hour and half from Banff, it offers one of the most enjoyable golfing experiences you will find in Canada. The natural beauty of the Columbia Valley makes the golf course an instant classic. The stunning Rocky and Purcell mountains are uniquely framed, and each hole tells a great story.

Come and visit us, and let our friendly staff get you on your way to a serene, memorable experience. All players, regardless of age or ability, will enjoy their time at the Golden Golf Club.

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# MOUNTAINEERING & CLIMBING



Photo by Tige Lussier

## Seek and you will find.

Since 1885 when Canadian botanist J. Macoun and his son made the first recorded climbs in Rogers Pass, the mountains around Golden have been climbed by many adventurers.

In 1888, British mountaineers Rev. W. Spotswood Green and Rev. H. Swanzy completed the first recreational technical climbs in the Selkirk Mountains and established Glacier National Park as the birthplace of mountaineering in North America. They were followed by Swiss mountain guides Edward Feuz Sr. and Christian Hasler who made many first ascents as they guided tourists into the mountains.

Today the parks and mountains around Golden, including Yoho and Glacier National Parks and Bugaboo Spires are renowned as some of the best areas for North American alpinism.

Three of the “Classic 50 Climbs in North America” are all within easy reach from Golden. Northwest Ridge of Mt. Sir Donald is located near Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park. The Beckey-Chouinard Route on South Howser Tower and the East Ridge of the Bugaboo Spire are both located in Bugaboo Provincial Park.

Golden has various sport climbing areas all within easy driving distance. South of Golden, Spillimacheen offers over 60 sport climbing routes ranging from 5.6 to 5.12 from spring to late fall.

Rock climbing should only be attempted by experienced mountaineers and climbers. An ACMG guide is recommended.

Despite Golden’s small size, the town has a welcoming, tight-knit climbing community. Visit [tourismgolden.com/climbing](http://tourismgolden.com/climbing) for more information for drop-in climbing and public programs.



Photo by Ian Archbold



### Via Ferrata

Get vertical at the most exhilarating Via Ferrata in Western Canada! Beginner and expert climbers alike will scale Terminator Peak’s north face and choosing from 3 exciting routes, featuring a 90m suspension bridge to start it all off. People don’t visit to tackle the same old thing, they come for new adventures.

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# PARAGLIDING & HANG GLIDING



Photo by Dave Best. Location: Mount 7

## Above it all.

Imagine three mountain ranges, two rivers, a big open valley and one vast expanse of blue sky. Now imagine a bird's eye view. Gliding and skydiving embody the sheer thrill of flying through the sky without an engine.

Golden is the perfect launch for paragliders and hang gliders looking for incredible thermals that enable flying for hours over wide ranges. Mount 7, one of Golden's most spectacular mountains, is considered a world-class gliding destination with eight world records for distance and speed set from the launch.

Golden is the only place in the Canadian Rockies where you can experience the thrill of skydiving between two mountain ranges. The freefall will have you screaming until your parachute is deployed and you can enjoy the breathtaking panoramic views as you gently float back to ground.



### Freebird Tandem Hang Gliding

Come fly like a bird with a certified HPAC hang gliding instructor/tandem pilot. Enjoy the views of the Columbia Valley.

**Rates from \$300**

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## EVENTS



[tourismgolden.com/events](https://tourismgolden.com/events)

July 26th to Aug 3rd - Willi Muller  
Hang Gliding & Paragliding Championships



Photo by Dave Best



### Golden Tandem Paragliding

Experience the Canadian Rockies from the air on a tandem paragliding flight. The flights start on Mt. 7 here in Golden BC, and offer spectacular views of the valley, river and mountains. Our experienced, certified pilots are looking forward to sharing their love of flying with you!

[www.altitudeadventures.ca](http://www.altitudeadventures.ca)

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# WILDLIFE & BIRDWATCHING



Photo by Maur Mere Media

## Let nature take its course.

Golden's backcountry is teeming with wildlife. There are plenty of opportunities to catch a glimpse of Golden's multitude of wildlife species. Just look to the sky for bald eagles, ospreys, herons and over 200 other species of birds.

Bring your binoculars and visit Reflection Lake's bird viewing area and the Columbia River and Wetlands for its diversity of waterfowl and stunning backdrop. Golden is part of the Columbia Valley Bird Trail. For more information on local species and viewing points visit: [www.bcbirdtrail.ca](http://www.bcbirdtrail.ca)

For an up-close and personal look at one of the world's most misunderstood creatures, the wolf, check out the Northern Lights Wolf Centre which offers interpretive talks and the chance to walk with wolves.

Head up to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and visit the Grizzly Bear Refuge, the world's largest enclosed and protected grizzly bear habitat.

Please enjoy and respect Golden's wild creatures in their natural habitat. Never feed or approach wildlife. For guidelines visit Parks Canada's web article for "Top tips to respect wildlife and stay safe".



Photo by Lisa Czach



### Northern Lights Wolf Centre

A place to see and learn about our wolves and wolves in the wild. 25 min interpretive tours. Open daily!

**Rates from \$8-45**

[www.northernlightswildlife.com](http://www.northernlightswildlife.com) 1-250-344-6798



### Grizzly Bear Interpretive Centre

An extraordinary opportunity to see a fully grown orphaned grizzly bear in his natural environment and to learn about this magnificent species. Take a scenic chairlift ride and join a tour conducted by a knowledgeable guide. Watch for Boo as he forages, hunts, plays, takes a dip or disappears into the trees for a snooze.

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# GUIDED TOURS & COURSES



Photo by Dave Best

## Fun for Everyone.

Experience Golden's stunning landscapes with a guided tour led by local experts. Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Columbia Valley and the Canadian Rockies with a scenic flight, or opt for an adrenaline pumping ATV adventure along the rugged logging roads. A horseback tour is a great way to enjoy the natural surroundings of the Golden area, with trail rides available for all levels of experience. Discover Golden's historic waterways with a thrilling whitewater rafting adventure down the Kicking Horse River or a peaceful canoe excursion through the Columbia Wetlands, where you can spot a variety of bird species and other wildlife.

Local guides offer unforgettable hiking, climbing, and ski touring experiences, providing insider knowledge and ensuring a safe and rewarding adventure. Whether you're trekking through alpine meadows, scaling rugged rock faces, or carving fresh tracks in the backcountry, a guided tour allows you to experience Golden's wilderness with confidence.



Photo by Dave Best



### Canadian Off-Road Adventures

We provide guided ATV (Quad-bike) tours based out of Golden, B.C. Beginner to expert riders. Machine orientation, professional guide and safety gear included.

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1-259-439-8156 / 1-877-554-7533 (SLED)



### Kicking Horse Aviation

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**Rates from \$150 per person (based on 4 passengers)**  
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Golden Airport 1-250-939-9082





# GUIDED TOURS & COURSES



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## Discover, Learn, and Grow.

Enhance your time in Golden by joining a local course and learning new skills from expert instructors. Outdoor enthusiasts can take avalanche safety and backcountry training courses to gain essential knowledge for exploring the mountains safely. Yoga and meditation

classes offer a chance to relax and recharge while enjoying the stunning scenery of the Columbia Valley. For a creative experience, sign up for a pottery workshop and craft a unique souvenir or explore other artistic classes inspired by Golden's natural beauty.



## College of the Rockies

### Chill, Challenge and Create

Vacations can be more than relaxation; dare to learn new skills and craft beautiful art in just a day or two.

College of the Rockies' Golden campus offers a number of short duration pottery\* workshops, among many other offerings.

*\*Pottery projects can be shipped domestically or internationally for an additional fee.*

Add variety to your vacation. Visit [cotr.ca/coned](http://cotr.ca/coned)

Scan the QR code to register for our pottery courses.

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**COLLEGE OF  
THE ROCKIES**



# ACCOMMODATIONS

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Use our online reservation system and book your accommodation directly via

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## Make Golden your home away from home.

Enjoying what Golden has to offer is even better after a great night's sleep. From authentic mountain lodges to rustic cabins, there are plenty of great choices for rest and recuperation before your next adventure.

### Lodges

Often surprisingly luxurious, many lodges are located in the rural areas and make for a real mountain experience surrounded by the most incredible scenery you can imagine. Some locations are only accessible by helicopter and offer full packages that include transportation, accommodation, dining and guiding.

### Bed & Breakfasts

B&Bs are typically offered in a private, owner-operated residence. Because this kind of operation is small, the service is personalized and getting to know the owners is often half the charm (a tasty homemade breakfast is the other half!).

### Vacation Rentals

Vacation rentals are a versatile option for every budget, ranging from luxury fully furnished houses and condominiums to cozy cabins or in-home room rentals.

### Campgrounds & Hostels

Golden has plenty of great places to pitch the tent or park your RV. Some offer year-round camping and winterized facilities. For great value stay in a hostel downtown.












### Motels

Primarily designed to offer sleeping accommodation only, motels are generally priced lower than resorts or hotels. Each room or unit is equipped with a private bath, and some units may feature full or partial kitchenettes.

### Hotels

Perfect for people who desire comfort and convenience. Hotels generally provide full food and licensed facilities, elevators, indoor pools and gym facilities.

### Service Icons Legend

 Air Conditioned	 Kitchenette
 Non-Smoking	 Fitness Room
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 Wheelchair Access	 Outdoor BBQ/Grill
 Pets by Arrangement	 Parking For Trailers
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# LODGES, B&B'S, VACATION RENTALS & CABINS



Photo by Dave Best



## Fox Hollow & Eagle's Nest Off-Grids

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1-587-999-9257



## Alpine Meadows Lodge

Kickstart your morning with complimentary breakfast, unwind with iconic mountain views in the serenity of the forest, conveniently access hiking and biking trails. Coffee, tea, hot cocoa offered throughout the day for your enjoyment. Wellness retreats and rentals for events, groups and longer stays are available.

1-250-344-5863 [www.alpinemeadowslodge.com](http://www.alpinemeadowslodge.com)



## Cedar House Restaurant & Chalets

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Step outside to enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the Columbia Wetlands and Purcell Mountains from our scenic viewpoint, or explore the year-round multi-use trails right next to the property for endless adventure.

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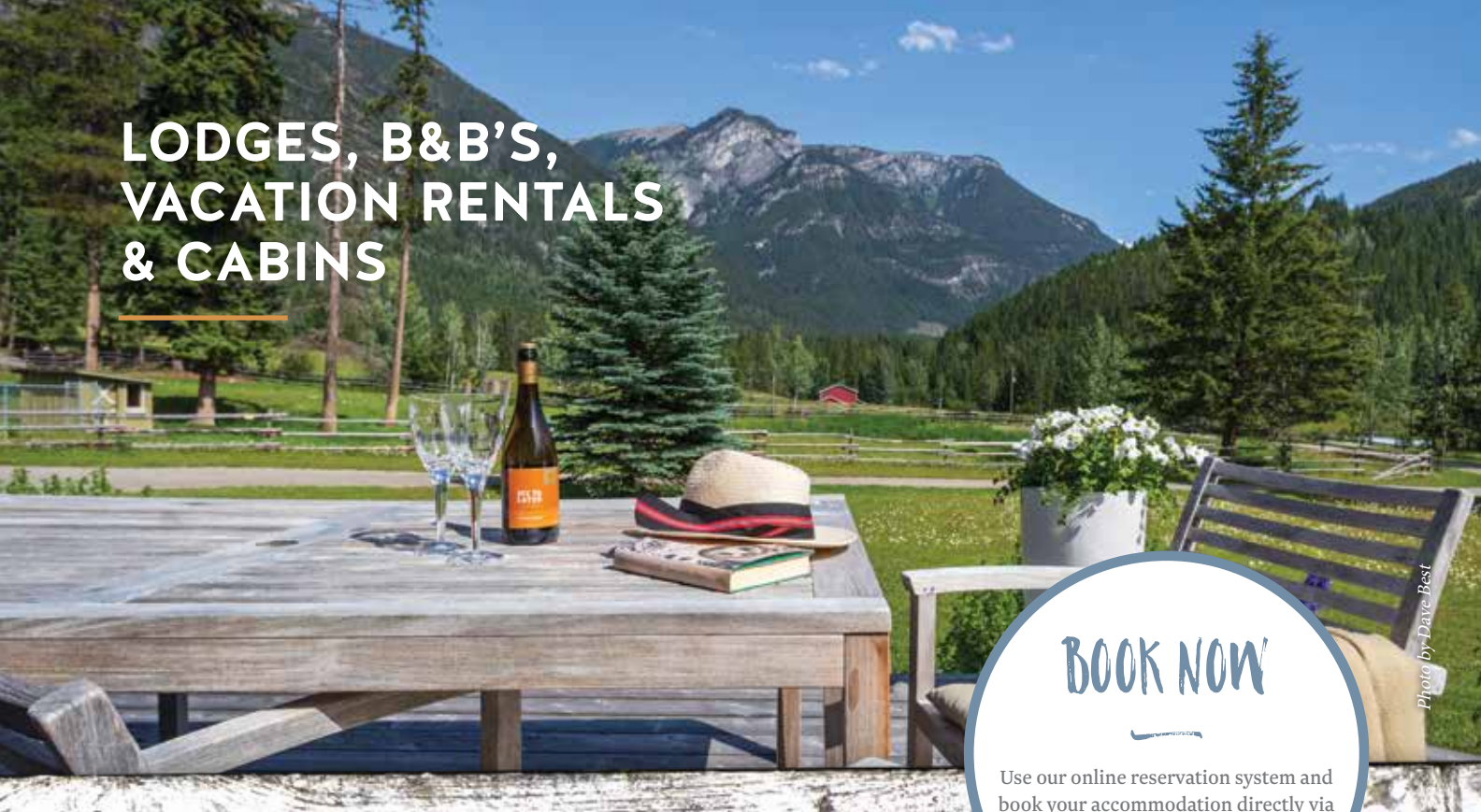


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Start planning: [tourismgolden.com](http://tourismgolden.com)



### Altitude Mountain Accommodation

Altitude Mountain Accommodation offers nightly vacation rentals in our varied inventory of homes sleeping 2 to 15 guests.

From modern downtown condos and rustic rural cabins to ski hill townhomes and condos there is sure to be the perfect accommodation for your family trip, reunion or next mountain adventure.

**Rates from: \$99** [www.altitudemountainaccommodation.com](http://www.altitudemountainaccommodation.com)  
Various locations in Golden 1-250-439-0344



### Basecamp Lodge Golden

Basecamp Lodge offers cozy rooms in a stunning timber-framed building, perched along the Kicking Horse River, a short distance to downtown Golden. With easy access to world-class outdoor attractions and only a short 15 min drive to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Basecamp Lodge is where your mountain adventures begin!

**Rates from: \$149** [www.basecampresorts.com/goldenlodge](http://www.basecampresorts.com/goldenlodge)  
801 9th Street North 1-250-344-9838



### Columbia Wetlands Outpost Lodge

The CWO Lodge sleeps up to 14. Located a short walk away is the Red Barn, Campground, Farmhouse Suite and our off-grid log Cabin. CWO adventure farm blends nature with creativity. Experience the wetlands on a paddling adventure or play our disk golf course. Come for a farm tour!

[www.columbiawetlandsoutpost.com](http://www.columbiawetlandsoutpost.com)  
2581 Highway 95, Parson 1-250-348-2235





# LODGES, B&B'S, VACATION RENTALS & CABINS



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## Copper Horse Lodge

Boundless Adventures Await

Copper Horse Lodge is your gateway to outdoor thrills at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort in Golden, B.C. Just steps from the Gondola, our mountain retreat launches you into world-class adventures in the Canadian Rockies.

**Rates from \$275** [www.copperhorselodge.ca](http://www.copperhorselodge.ca)  
1587 Cache Cl, Golden BC, V0A1H0 1-236-233-1636



## The Lazy Elk

Your very own peaceful and spacious luxury 4-bed log frame mountain lodge set in 16 acres of private woodland with unobstructed views of the mountains. Make lasting memories with friends and family, enjoy all the area has to offer or just relax in the hot tub and enjoy the views.

[www.thelazyelk.com](http://www.thelazyelk.com)  
1825 Golden Donald Upper Road 1-250-272-4716



## LUSH Mountain Accommodations

CLEAN, COMFORTABLE, AND PRIVATE VACATION RENTALS.  
HOT TUB ALWAYS INCLUDED.

Since 2003, LUSH Mountain Accommodations Ltd has been providing private vacation rentals at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and Golden, British Columbia.

Our range of rental properties includes cozy one-bedroom condos to lavish seven-bedroom houses, all equipped with private hot tubs, convenient access to trails, and breathtaking mountain views. We aim to ensure our guests feel at home during their vacation, with a touch of added luxury.

[www.lushmountain.com](http://www.lushmountain.com)  
1-888-344-8681





# LODGES, B&B'S, VACATION RENTALS & CABINS



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## BOOK NOW

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### Moberly Lodge

Your mountain hideaway begins in our spectacular handcrafted log cabins or one of our five luxurious lodge rooms. Wake up to breathtaking views, start your morning with an acclaimed homemade breakfast, soak in the hot tub, and then stay warm around a roaring fire. Find your sense of adventure at Moberly Lodge.

[www.moberlylodge.com](http://www.moberlylodge.com)  
1402 Adolph Johnson Road 1-250-344-6676



Find Your Sense of Adventure



### Kicking Horse Lodging Bellstar Hotels & Resorts

Kicking Horse Lodging is your premier choice for comfortable and convenient accommodation at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. With the most on-mountain accommodations, our luxurious suites and condos offer a cozy, rustic cabin experience with mountain views, modern amenities, and spacious living areas for your ultimate comfort.

**Rates from: \$179**  
[www.kickinghorselodging.com](http://www.kickinghorselodging.com)  
1549 Kicking Horse Trail  
1-877-754-5486





# LODGES, B&B'S, VACATION RENTALS & CABINS



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## Bear Paw Lodge

Fully equipped vacation home which can comfortably sleep 10 people. The perfect get-away retreat in the heart of the mountains. All bookings made via website.

**Rates from \$600** [www.bearpaw-lodge.com](http://www.bearpaw-lodge.com)  
[jimmersh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jimmersh@hotmail.co.uk)



## Glenogle Mountain Lodge and Spa

Our full service Lodge is nestled in a quiet gorgeous mountain setting. Outstanding service, food and accommodation will make sure you have a grand getaway.

[www.glenoglelodge.com](http://www.glenoglelodge.com) 1-250-344-7638



## Home Lodge

Boutique lodge with wonderful breakfasts, luxurious spaces and spectacular country setting. Hot tub, ski and bike storage. Fully catered option for large groups.

**Rates from \$170** [www.homelodgegolden.com](http://www.homelodgegolden.com) 1-250-344-0693



## Kicking Horse Luxury Home Rentals

Specializing in Luxury Vacation Homes at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort.

**Rates from \$300** 1-512-547-9641  
[facebook.com/KickingHorseLuxuryHomeRentals](https://facebook.com/KickingHorseLuxuryHomeRentals)



## Moonraker Mountain Mökki

115-acre custom built getaway for up to ten. Trails at your door, a/c, hot tub, heated porch and fire pit. 7 minutes S. of Golden.

**Rates from \$225** [MoonrakerMountain.ca](http://MoonrakerMountain.ca) 1-587-999-9257



## Tschurtschenthaler Lodge B & B

4 guest rooms and two self catering cabins. Beautiful views, bountiful breakfasts, 7km from downtown Golden.

[www.tschlodge.com](http://www.tschlodge.com) 1-866-344-8184



## Canyon Ridge Lodge

Canyon Ridge Lodge is a beautiful timber-framed mountain-style B&B providing clean, fresh, comfortable and relaxing accommodations.

**Rates from \$140** [www.canyonridgelodge.com](http://www.canyonridgelodge.com) 1-250-344-9876



## Hillside Lodge & Chalets

13 kms west of Golden, Hillside Lodge offers stunning views on 20 acres of riverfront property. Cozy cabins with wood stove. Book Your Unforgettable Stay Now!

**Rates from \$220** [www.hillsidechalets.com](http://www.hillsidechalets.com) 1-250-344-7281



## Kicking Horse Kabins

Beautiful Lodge or Kabin. Both have kitchens, BBQ, wifi, firepits and private hot tubs. Our properties are luxurious throughout with stunning views from decks.

**Rates from \$220** [www.kickinghorsekabins.ca](http://www.kickinghorsekabins.ca) 1-250-439-1117



## Mount 7 Lodges

Luxurious lodges in 68 acres with spectacular mountain views, private hot tubs, kitchens, BBQs, TVs and wifi. 9km from Golden.

**Rates from \$225** [www.mount7lodges.com](http://www.mount7lodges.com) 1-250-344-8973



## Rocky Mountain Cabins & Guest Home

Situated in the Blaeberry Valley our home and cabins are perfect for a quiet romantic holiday, or a reunion.

**Rates from \$175** [www.rockymountaincabinsgolden.com](http://www.rockymountaincabinsgolden.com)  
1-250-344-4746



## Vagabond Lodge

Vagabond Lodge: Your escape at Kicking Horse. Cozy charm, epic breakfasts, stunning views, and unforgettable adventures. Come home to a relaxing fire!

**Rates from \$400** [www.vagabondlodge.ca](http://www.vagabondlodge.ca) 1-250-344-2622



# HOTELS & MOTELS



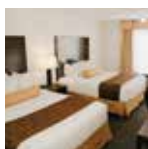
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**BOOK NOW** >>



### Ramada Golden

Conveniently located. Includes free Hot Breakfast, gym, pool, hot tub and jacuzzi suites, free WIFI throughout the hotel.

**Rates from \$99** [www.ramadagolden.com](http://www.ramadagolden.com) 1-250-439-1888

## Seek and you will find.



### Golden Visitor Centre

Find everything you need to know about Golden. Open daily during the summer.

[tourismgolden.com/visitors](http://tourismgolden.com/visitors)  
1000 TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY



## Holiday Inn Express Golden

Golden's newest hotel located only minutes from Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and The Skybridge. Start your day with our Free Hot Breakfast in our great room or patio. Our hotel features 75 units; each unit is equipped with a fridge, microwave, safes, in room coffee and 40" flat screen TVs. The Holiday Inn Express Golden Kicking Horse can meet all your business needs by offering a 24-hour business center, meeting room and boardroom. After a hard day of travel or play come take a dip in our heated indoor pool or hot tub.

[www.tinyurl.com/hiexgolden](http://www.tinyurl.com/hiexgolden)

1120 14th Street North

1-250-344-4664







### Mary's Motel

One of the best locations in Golden. Just a short walk to the downtown and easy access to the Rotary trails. Mary's motel offers clean comfortable rooms at affordable prices. Relax in the indoor or outdoor swimming pools, whirlpool and sauna after your days activities, whilst enjoying the mountain views.

[www.marysmotel.com](http://www.marysmotel.com)  
603 8th Ave North 1-250-344-7111

*Mary's  
Motel*



### Ponderosa Motor Inn

We offer 85 clean, spacious and affordable rooms, plus family units, kitchenette and jacuzzi suites. Free wireless internet. Complimentary light breakfast, hot tub and BBQ area. Take advantage of our great ski packages with Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. Golf packages also available. Special Rates for snowmobilers, motorcycle riders and seniors.

**Rates from \$70** [www.ponderosamotorinn.bc.ca](http://www.ponderosamotorinn.bc.ca)  
1206 Trans Canada Highway 1-800-881-4233

#### SERVICES



### Prestige Inn Golden

Conveniently located, the Prestige Inn Golden offers comfortable accommodations, a pool, hot tub, fitness room, restaurant, lounge, liquor store, and more. Kitchenette rooms and suites available. Ask about special rates for ski getaways, sledders, corporate guests, and other promotions available. Book direct and earn Prestige Rewards! Dog-friendly rooms upon request.

[www.PrestigeHotelsAndResorts.com](http://www.PrestigeHotelsAndResorts.com)  
1049 Trans Canada Highway North 1-250-344-7990

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HOTELS & RESORTS



### Travelodge By Wyndham Golden Sportsman Lodge Golden, B.C.

Enjoy our newly renovated rooms, indoor pool with waterslide, hot tub and sauna. Each guest room features a microwave, mini fridge, 43" flat screen TV and free wireless internet. We are located within easy walking distance to various restaurants, and are only a 15 minute drive to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort.

[travelodgegolden.com](http://travelodgegolden.com) 1200 12th Street North 1-250-344-2915

#### SERVICES



### Best Western Mountainview Inn

Best Western Mountainview Inn is your gateway to world-class adventures. From the casual sightseer to outdoor enthusiast, we are accessible to six National Parks, world renowned Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, and Golden Skybridge.

The hotel offers spacious suites with an array of room types ranging from pet-friendly, to kitchenettes, with amenities including: complimentary hot breakfast, indoor pool, high-speed internet, and free parking.

Whether you are looking to explore Golden, BC or the Canadian Rockies our hotel is the perfect accommodation choice. Book your stay today at [www.bestwesterngolden.com](http://www.bestwesterngolden.com) or call us at directly (250) 344-2333 for our Best Rate Guarantee.

[www.bestwesterngolden.com](http://www.bestwesterngolden.com)  
1024 11th Street North  
1-250-344-2333

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# CAMPGROUNDS & HOSTELS



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## Camping in the Woods

A world's first camping experience.

Featured on CBC's Dragons' Den.

Showcased on Rust Valley Restorations.

Become part of the dream, as we film this year's adventures while Camping in the Woods.

A classic Volkswagen bus glamping experience.

Bring food and water, bug spray and your camera.

The movie starts at dusk.

Adventure awaits.

*Rates from 169* [campinginthewoods.ca](http://campinginthewoods.ca)

1750 Oberg Johnson 250-344-8136



## Discover Parks Canada Campgrounds

Enjoy the family-friendly atmosphere of a Parks Canada campground. With rustic walk-in tent sites, full-service RV sites, or unique roofed accommodations, your basecamp for adventure awaits.

**Yoho National Park | 197 sites | 4 campgrounds**

**Glacier National Park | 80 sites | 2 campgrounds**

**Kootenay National Park | 383 sites | 3 campgrounds**

Sites sell out quickly. Plan ahead to avoid disappointment.

Always have a backup plan when first-come, first-served sites are full.

Book in advance when available.

National park pass and camping permit required.

Keep a clean campsite to protect wildlife.

Services and operating seasons vary.

*Rates from \$17.50* [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca) 1-888-773-8888



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# CAMPGROUNDS & HOSTELS



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## Dreamcatcher Hostel

Cozy, clean dorm and private rooms. Generous communal space and kitchen to cook your own food and relax!

**Rates from \$32** [www.dreamcatcherhostel.com](http://www.dreamcatcherhostel.com) 1-250-439-1090



## Golden Visitor Centre Sani Dump

Sani dump station located off Highway 1. Drinking and rinse water available. Operational during VC hours (May-Sept).

**\$7 User fee** 1000 Trans Canada Highway



## Thousand Peaks Resort Campground

Located 3 minutes off the Trans-Canada Highway next to Golden Skybridge. Pull-through, back-in sites with full hookups (water, sanitary, 30 or 50-amp). Free showers, complimentary Wi-Fi, and laundry. With no train noise, relax in peace exploring nearby nature trails with stunning mountain views.

**Rates \$38-62** [www.thousandpeaksresort.com](http://www.thousandpeaksresort.com)  
475 Golden Donald Upper Rd 250-939-9100

### SERVICES



## Golden Golf Club RV Park

Enjoy a peaceful and quiet setting just minutes from Golden. Our RV Park is adjacent to our restaurant, golf course and practice facilities. Services include 30-amp power to each site, free WiFi, washroom/shower facility, and a potable water station. Be sure to ask us about our extended stay rates.

[www.golfgolden.com/rv-park](http://www.golfgolden.com/rv-park)  
576 Golf Course Drive 1-250-344-2700

### SERVICES



## Golden Municipal Campground & RV Park

Located in Downtown Golden with easy access to biking/hiking trails, rec facilities, dining, and shopping. Enjoy free showers, fire pits, bike wash, pet stays, and Wi-Fi. RV/tent sites include 20-50 amp service. Amenities: sani dump, store, laundry, games, book exchange, free coffee (seasonal). GoodSam members save 10%.

**Rates from \$38** [www.goldenmunicipalcampground.com](http://www.goldenmunicipalcampground.com)  
1411 9th Street South 1-250-344-5412

### SERVICES





# DINING & NIGHTLIFE



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## Eat, drink and be merry.

**G**olden has plenty of restaurants, pubs, bars, cafes and bistros all offering culinary delights to tantalize your taste buds and suit all budgets.



### Kicking Horse Ice Cream

24 flavours of BC's best ice cream from DDutchmen Dairy.

24 flavours of soft ice cream, Milkshakes, Sundaes, Screamer & Twisters too. Outdoor Patio.

[www.kickinghorsemovies.com](http://www.kickinghorsemovies.com) 1-250-344-5510



### Eleven22 Restaurant

Original, modern comfort food, drawn from chef/owner Konan Mar's passion for culinary diversity. Made fresh, to order with his team in satisfying portions. A popular neighborhood restaurant boosting an electric dining room and lively patio, Eleven22 reflects an easy atmosphere where people of all ages come to mingle.

**Prices from \$10 to \$45. Early bird 5pm to 6pm \$36.**

[www.eleven22restaurant.com](http://www.eleven22restaurant.com) 1122 10th Avenue South 1-250-344-2443



### The Island Restaurant

Located in the heart of Golden, the Island will tempt you with Rocky Mountain Cuisine with a taste of Asian and European fusion. Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, guests can stop in for a soup, salad or sandwich, or relax and dine on one of our Asian inspired starters followed by an entrée of local game. Gluten-free and kids menus are also available.

[www.islandrestaurant.ca](http://www.islandrestaurant.ca)

101 Gould's Island, 10th Avenue 1-250-344-2400



### Eagle's Eye Restaurant

The quintessential Kicking Horse experience. Eagle's Eye Restaurant is a culinary delight not to be missed. Take in the incredible 360 degree views from 7,700 feet, dine on exceptional Rocky Mountain cuisine, and choose from a fine selection of BC's best wines.

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

1500 Kicking Horse Trail 1-866-SKI-KICK





# SHOPPING & SERVICES



## Put your money where your heart is.

Forget the crowds and hassles of parking at the mall; Golden is a great place to stroll at a leisurely pace and enjoy browsing the local stores offering a variety of goods from books to locally produced artisan jewellery, artwork, and sporting goods.

As most stores in Golden are locally owned and operated, you will always find a friendly smile and lots of local knowledge as you shop.

From June to September the Golden Farmers' Market is a great place to find jewellery, pottery and other goods handcrafted by local artisans or pick up some fresh, locally grown produce and maybe a delicious homemade cupcake or two!

For more information visit [www.tourismgolden.com/events](http://www.tourismgolden.com/events)



### Humble Tattoo Company

Make your trip to Golden unforgettable with a one-of-a-kind tattoo from Humble Tattoo Co.

Contact us today to book your next tattoo!

**Rates from \$180** [www.humbletattoocompany.com](http://www.humbletattoocompany.com)  
1109 10th Ave S. 1-250-272-5394



### Art Gallery of Golden & Studio Gift Shop

Come downtown and browse our selection of fine art and home-grown gifts that give everyday pleasure and support the community. A true reflection of our western mountain culture from the studios of more than 160 Columbia Basin artists. Come in and see why we are all AGOG!

[www.kickinghorseculture.ca](http://www.kickinghorseculture.ca)  
516 9th Avenue North 1-250-344-6186





# Town of Golden



Free, All Day Parking Guide

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## Free, All Day Parking Guide

Other parking is temporary or requires permits

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- All Day (No Overnight Parking)
- Oversized & RV Parking



## LEGEND

- Airport
- Baseball Diamond
- Boat Launch
- Beach
- Canoeing
- Cross Country Ski
- Cycling
- Digital Info Kiosk
- Disc Golf
- Off Leash Dog Park
- Downhill Skiing
- EV Charging Station
- Golden Visitor Centre
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- Playground
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- Washrooms
- Wifi
- Trans-Canada Hwy
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- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Trail
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- Main Town Road
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- CPKC Rail Yards (No Access)



## Activities

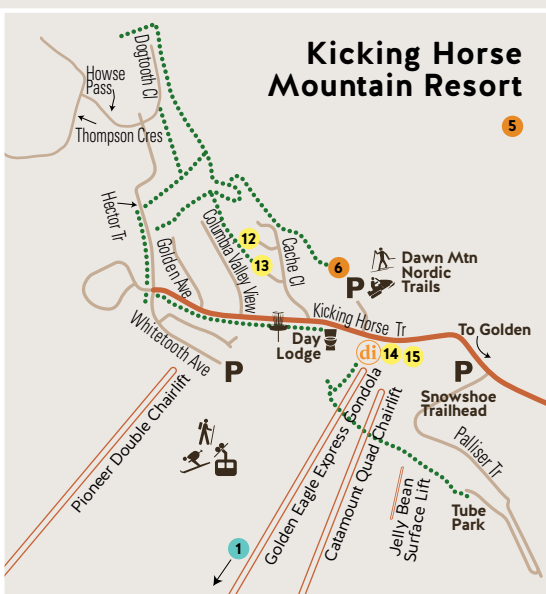
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# Golden Area



# GETTING TO GOLDEN



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## By Air

Calgary International Airport [www.yyc.com](http://www.yyc.com)

Cranbrook Cdn. Rockies [www.flyyxc.com](http://www.flyyxc.com)

Golden Municipal Airport (CYGE) is a single runway within the town boundary. [www.golden.ca](http://www.golden.ca) for details.



## By Car

Access to Golden from east or west is simple, thanks to its location on the Trans-Canada Highway. Hwy #95 begins in Golden and heads south to the US border.



## By Bus

Daily trips provided by Rider Express [www.riderexpress.ca](http://www.riderexpress.ca) or call 1-833-583-3636

The Golden Shuttle is a winter shuttle bus service between Calgary Airport, Golden and Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. Check the schedule at [www.goldenshuttle.ca](http://www.goldenshuttle.ca) or call 250-272-2044

For road conditions in British Columbia visit [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca) or call 1.800.550.4997

For road conditions in Alberta visit [www.amaroadreports.ca](http://www.amaroadreports.ca) or call 1.877.262.4997

## Distances to Golden

Lake Louise AB	1 hour	81 km/ 50 mi
Banff AB	1 hr 45 min	137 km/ 85 mi
Calgary AB	3 hours	258 km/ 166 mi
Radium Hot Springs	1 hr 15 mins	105 km/ 66 mi
Panorama Mountain Village	2 hours	140 km/ 86 mi
Cranbrook	3 hours	250 km/ 155 mi
Us – Border - Hwy 93	4 hours	330 km/ 206 mi
Rogers Pass (Glacier N.P.)	1 hour	80 km/ 50 mi
Revelstoke	1 hr 30 mins	150 km/ 93 mi
Vancouver	8 hrs 30 mins	711 km/ 441 mi

