



As the geographical centre of BC, Vanderhoof is also at the centre of outdoor recreation and the ideal BC lifestyle. You'll find everything from fields and forests, mountains and valleys, forts and dams, to shopping boutiques, new development, industry, and ecosystem preservation. Situated along the banks of the Nechako River, with Sinkut Mountain overlooking the valley, Vanderhoof offers numerous opportunities for both business and pleasure and is a great place to explore or to call home.

### In the Area



# District of VANDERHOOF

Pull-Out Map



Begin your Vanderhoof experience by visiting the Vanderhoof Tourism & Cultural Centre and the Vanderhoof Community Museum – both located at 478 1st Street West. This historic site features beautifully restored buildings, thought provoking displays and a wooded Nature Trail pointing out historical and ecological facts along the 1 km route. There is plenty of space for children to run and play and you may want to enjoy a treat from the locally owned business operating out of the OK Cafe. The heritage Centre, which is open year-round, features a well-sized carving as well as indigenous artifacts. When it's time for a change of scene, head on over to Ferland Park where you will find picnic tables, plenty of shade, washrooms, a playground, and a spray park.

### FAMILY FUN Itinerary #1



### ITINERARIES Itinerary #2



Ready to rip it up? Whether you prefer an uphill pump or a downhill track, the Rip in the North Bike Park has something to challenge and excite you. Featuring a multitude of flow, jump and technical trails, this bike park will entertain both the beginner and advanced rider. Official maps are available on [trailforks.com](http://trailforks.com) or at the Vanderhoof Tourism & Cultural Centre.

After an energetic ride, take a drive (just over 100 km) down the Kenney Dam Forest Service Road to check out the Dam which was built in the 1950's and at that time was the largest in the world. A few more kilometers will take you to the Cheslatta River Recreational site and trailhead for the 1.2 km hike to Cheslatta Falls. The trail winds through forested ridges and arrives at a small viewpoint atop a cliff-like hill. Continue on from there until you reach the base of the waterfall where you can capture some beautiful photos as you enjoy the refreshing mist from the falls. Be sure to save some strength for the steep incline as you make your way back to the campsite.

### ADVENTURER Itinerary #3

Before you set out, stop at the Vanderhoof Public Library to use your BC One Card to borrow a bird watching kit complete with binoculars, a geocaching kit, an iPad or a GoPro, grab a lunch-to-go and take a road less traveled for the opportunity to see local wildlife in their natural habitat. Cruise around the 20 minute Loop Road/Northern highway for a chance to see merlins (small falcons) or catch a glimpse of the Northern harrier (small owl) hunting. Depending on the time of the year, pull over beside a grain field to observe large flocks of Canadian geese and White Trunpeter swans close up. A trip down one of the local logging roads may provide an opportunity to see a grizzly or a black bear, some deer or a moose. Stop by the Visitor Centre to pick up a Nature Guide Book before you go. End your day Vanderhoof admiring waterfalls, sanctuaries provides a resting stop for migrating birds, and serves as a point of interest for birders and wildlife photographers alike. A full-service campground is located on-site if you decide to stay the night where you may encounter chipmunks, grouse or rabbits. The walking path lit and features a number of indigenous wildlife and their traditional uses.

### WILDLIFE ENTHUSIAST Itinerary #3



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Other sites include Greer Creek Falls, Hogsback Lake Recreational Site, Water Lily Lake Trails, Berman Lake (great for kayaking) or you might choose to visit one of the Provincial Parks nearby such as Sowchea Bay or Deannont with its sandy beach on Fraser Lake.

Fort St. James is only a 45-minute drive away and offers a exciting visitor experiences at their Historical Park – one of the oldest settlements in BC. Make Vanderhoof your next home base as you plan your local and regional excursions in and around the geographical centre of BC.

### Side Trips From VANDERHOOF



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**Legend**

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|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Airport                    | Disc Golf         | Ice Fishing         | Post Office           | Soccer Field      |
| Aquatic Centre             | Dog Path          | Ice Skating         | Public Washroom       | Spray Park        |
| Bakery                     | Fishing           | Kayaking            | Recycling Centre      | Stable            |
| Baseball                   | Fitness Equipment | Kenney Dam          | Restaurant            | Swimming          |
| Biking Trail               | Garbage Disposal  | Library             | Running Track         | Tennis Courts     |
| Boating                    | Gas Station       | Lodging             | RV Camping            | Walking Trail     |
| Camping                    | Golfing           | Movie Theatre       | Sani-Dump             | Waterskiing       |
| Cemetery                   | Grocery Store     | Museum              | Sheltered Picnic Area | Wheelchair Access |
| Community Garden           | Hiking Trail      | Personal Watercraft | Shopping              | Wildlife Viewing  |
| Cross-country Skiing Trail | Horse Riding      | Picnic Area         | Skate Park            |                   |
|                            | Hospital          | Playground          | Snowshoeing Trail     |                   |

**ONLINE RESOURCES** SCAN THE QR CODES TO VIEW ONLINE MAPS / LISTINGS



- Businesses Directory**
- Gas Stations**
- Groceries Stores**
- Hardware Stores**
- Where to Eat**
- Where to Stay**

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