



*Spring & Summer Edition*

# Burns Lake

AND THE LAKES DISTRICT

## THINGS TO DO

Find new things to  
experience and fun activities  
to do

## PLACES TO GO

Discover places to  
explore and things to see

## MAPS

Find your way around the  
area, and discover the  
wonders of nature!

Photo Credit: Liana Robinson





## VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE

### PARKS, TRAILS AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

- |                          |                      |                              |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Eveneshen Nature Trail | 2 Rod Reid Nature    | 3 Boer Mountain Trail System |
| 5 Long Lake              | 6 Trail              | 7 Burns Lake South Trail     |
| 4 Kager Lake             | 8 Omineca Ski Trails |                              |

### PLACES TO STAY ■ SOUTHBANK LOCATIONS

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|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Sunshine Inn       | 2 Key-oh Lodge         | 3 Travelers Motel                   |
| 5 Tweedsmuir Hotel   | 6 Municipal Campground | 7 Lakefront Hideaway B&B            |
| 9 Babine Lake Resort | 10 Beaver Point Resort | 15 Noralee Resort                   |
| 11 Moosehorn Lodge   | 12 Takysie Lake Resort | 13 Southside Cougar                 |
| 4 Burns Lake B&B     | 16 Nadina Lake Lodge   | 14 Pondosy Bay<br>Wilderness Resort |
| 8 Wanakena Motel     |                        |                                     |

### SHOPPING AND DINING

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Lakeview Mall          | 2 Evergreen Mall                  | 2 Downtown Central |
| 1 China Moon             | 4 A & W                           | 5 Subway           |
| 6 The Office Pub & Grill | 7 Pan Handle Restaurant           | 5 Tweedsmuir Hotel |
| 10 Tandoori Grill        | 2 Dragon Palace                   | 1 San-Bar Deli     |
| 12 Old 'n' Bold Espresso | 3 Boer Mt Cafe/ Green Zone Grocer |                    |
| 9 Burns Lake Pizza       | 11 Beach Front Grill              | 1 Woodland Bakery  |

### ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

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| 1 Artisan Centre        | 2 Talon Point "Pit House"                    | 3 Beacon Theatre |
| 4 Lakes District Museum | 5 Royal Canadian Legion<br>Burns Lake Branch |                  |

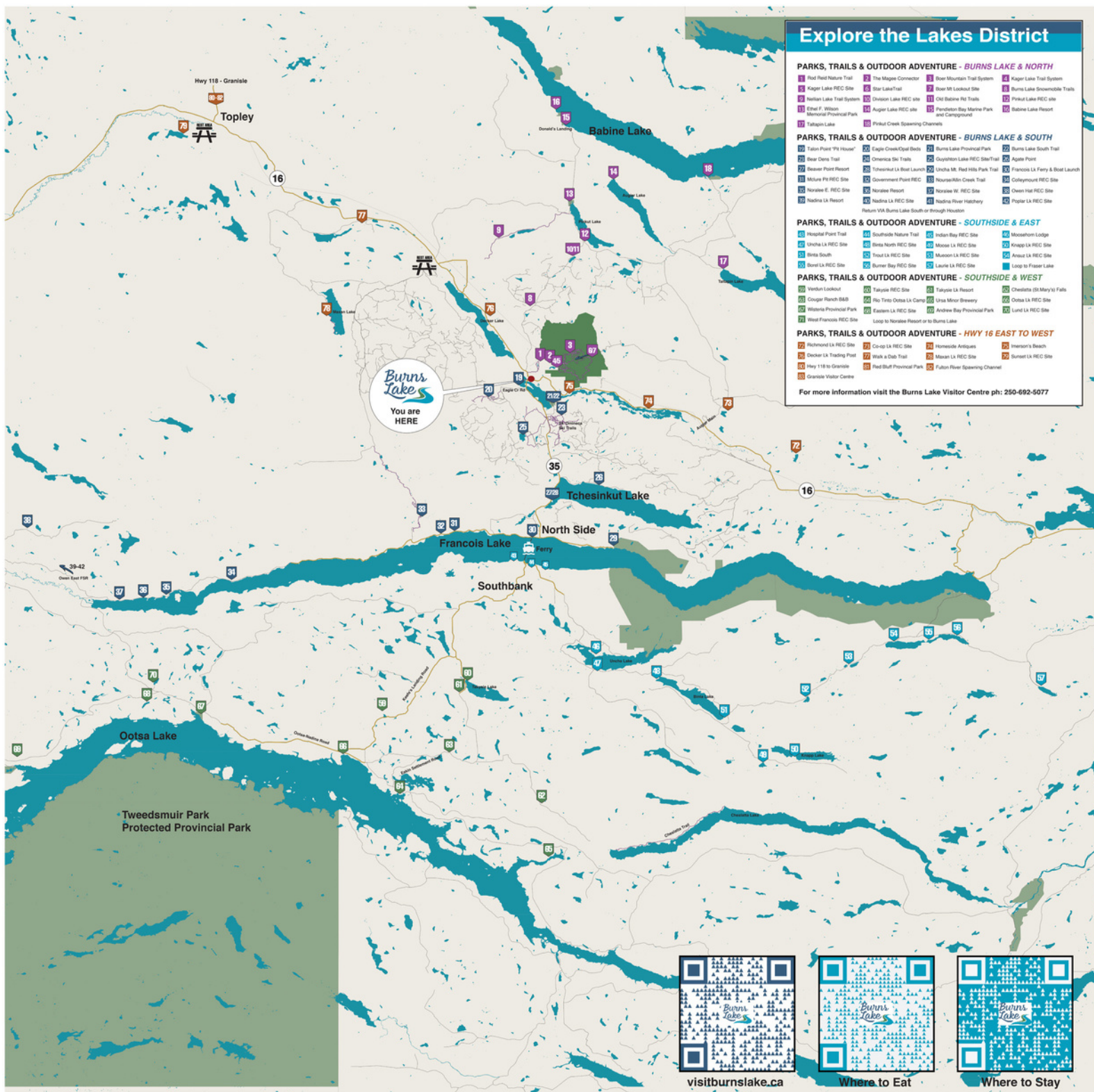
### COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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| 1 Spirit Square                           | 2 Lakeside Multiplex | 3 Village of Burns Lake |
| 5 Sani-Dump                               | 6 MacEwan Dog Park   | 7 Burns Lake Public     |
| 4 Regional District<br>of Bulkley Nechako | 8 Landfill Site      |                         |

### GAS STATIONS/CONVENIENT STORES

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|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 1 FAS Gas                  | 2 Mobil Gas | 3 Chevron Card Lock  |
| 5 On the Run               | 6 Husky     | 7 Co-op Card Lock    |
| 4 Decker Lake Trading Post |             | 8 Takysie Lake Store |





# Explore the Lakes District

You (literally) don't know what you're missing until you stop by the Visitor Information Centre. Our friendly staff can give you the lay of the land, point you in the right direction, and give you the inside scoop on all the local happenings.

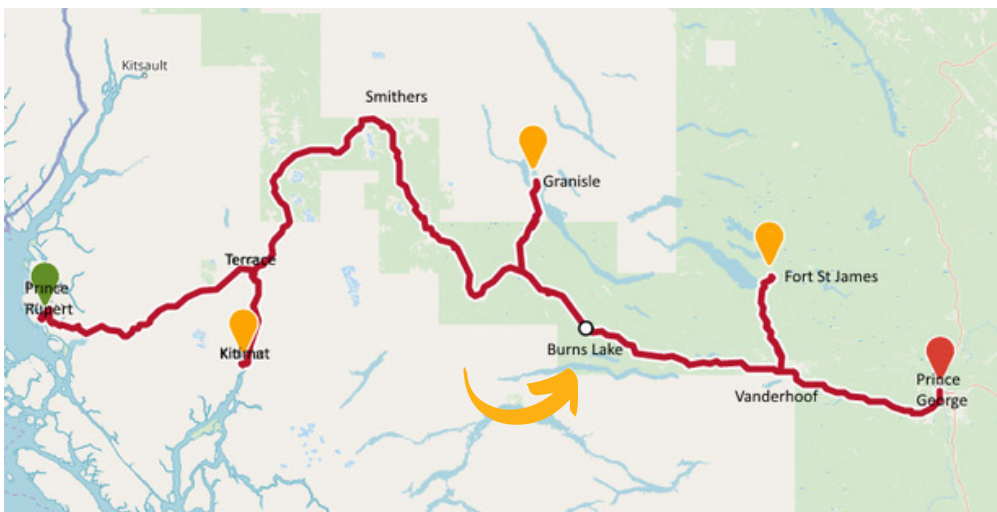
More accurate than Google, and way better conversation.



# Carve your path

The Village of Burns Lake acknowledges that we live, work & play on the traditional territory of the area's six First Nations - Lake Babine Nation, Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation, Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Skin Tyee Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn Nation, and the Wet'suwet'en First Nation.

As the heart of the Lakes District, Burns Lake is a place of spectacular views, warm people and endless opportunity. Surrounded by 5,000 kilometers of pristine shoreline, our community offers stunning scenery, pure tranquility, exciting outdoor recreation and an incredible lifestyle.



**Location:** Burns Lake is located in the heart of Northern British Columbia, 220 km west of Prince George, and 490 km east of Prince Rupert on Highway 16.





**Burns Lake Visitor Centre**  
**250-692-5077**

With ample parking, we're conveniently located on Hwy 16 right across from CNC  
[tourism@burnslake.ca](mailto:tourism@burnslake.ca)



**Radley Beach Visitor Centre (The Beach Hut)**

Take a left onto Hwy 35, cross the tracks, turn left into the skate park and follow the signs. We are located right adjacent to our Lakeside Multiplex facility.

**Local, regional and provincial visitor information, trip planning, free wifi, maps, accommodations, & gift shop. There's something for everyone!!!**

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## EST 1923-2023 BURNS LAKE CENTENNIAL

The Village of Burns Lake is celebrating it's centennial year in 2023.

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The mountain biking in Burns Lake is world-class. Boer Mountain Recreation Site is over 4000 hectares in size - just minutes from downtown.

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We have a second visitor center location on the shores of Burns Lake - Radley Beach.

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Take the free Francois Lake ferry and find yourself on the historic southside.

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## THE BC ALE TRAIL

The BC Ale Trail - the definitive online resource for those interested in exploring the extraordinary world of BC craft beer and beautiful British Columbia. Download the app.

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## FISHING ROD PROGRAM - ANGLERS GUIDE

Want to give fishing a try? Stop in at the Beach Hut we have free fishing rods and tackle boxes & with over 5,000km of shoreline you can't go wrong - pick a lake and head out.





# *Welcome to the Lakes District*

## MOTHER NATURE'S ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

With 3000 miles of lakes, the region offers some of the best fishing and boating in British Columbia. Feel like catching a trophy rainbow? Try Eutsuk or Babine Lake. Like to fly fish? Grab your favourite rod and reel and try Helene or Mackenzie.

These same bodies of water are great for boating too. Francois and Ootsa, with their hidden coves and pine-clad islands, are great for day-long and overnight cruises. Burns Lake and its smaller twin, Decker Lake, are perfect for kayaking and water skiing. Have a sailboard or jet ski? Bring these toys along too, because you'll have plenty of opportunities to use them.

Yet the Lakes District is more than just a boating and fishing paradise. The area has much more to offer outdoor enthusiasts.

This region has always been popular with big game hunters, who come from all over the world to hunt moose, deer and black bear. Game birds are plentiful and some of the high country areas produce good-sized mountain goats.

Hikers and cyclists will also find plenty to keep them busy here. There are more than two dozen trails in the region (many of them only minutes from downtown Burns Lake), and the Boer Mountain Recreation Area has world-class bike trails for riders of all skill levels.

There's no shortage of camping available, either. Individuals who prefer well-established, easily accessible sites will find them along Tchesinkut, Babine, Francois, Uncha, and Takysie lakes.

If it's true wilderness you seek, look no further than Tweedsmuir Park, one of the largest protected areas in British Columbia. Accessible only by boat, helicopter, or float plane, it boasts crystal clear lakes, thundering waterfalls, and snow-capped mountains.

Artists and photographers will also find more than enough subject matter in the Lakes District. Sunsets and sunrises are often stunning here, and the wildlife plentiful. Take the free ferry across Francois Lake to the Southside, where pastoral scenes abound; travel a bit farther south to Ootsa Lake and see the craggy face of Mount Wells.

Set up an easel almost anywhere, and you'll find something worth sketching.

Starting to get the picture?

Come visit Burns Lake; we offer only one warning, you might come for a week, and stay for a lifetime.



# BURNS LAKE NATIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Incorporated in 1974

BLNDC's mandate is to enhance the economic well-being of the Aboriginal People of the Lakes District.



BLNDC's mandate includes a focus on social development and improving economic development and business opportunities for the First Nation entrepreneur.

Over the decades BLNDC has ventured into many businesses and provides small business lending to entrepreneurs for activities such as logging, construction, fish farming, machine shops, silviculture and remanufacturing.

This investment provides significant employment opportunities to the First Nations People of the Lakes District. Over the years BLNDC has provided loans in excess of \$4,000,000 to small businesses and started a logging company. Burns Lake Native Logging Ltd, started in 1975 still operates 40 years later.

Many individuals representing BLNDC's member communities have directed the organization at the Board level. Staff from near and far have worked to fulfill the companies aspirations. Many community members have trained at BLNDC and moved on to bigger and better things, either within their own community or beyond.

## Six First Nations Bands



**Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation  
(Burns Lake Band)**

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[www.burnslakeband.ca](http://www.burnslakeband.ca)  
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**Skin Tyee Band**

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[gm@skintyeesn.ca](mailto:gm@skintyeesn.ca)



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[info@cheslatta.com](mailto:info@cheslatta.com)



**Nee Tahi Buhn Band**

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**Wet'suwet'en First Nation**

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Burns Lake has only been an incorporated municipality for a century, but the community itself is much older.

Oral history and archaeological evidence suggest that Indigenous people have lived along the shores of Tselh K'iz Bin (the Witsuwit'en name for the body of water we now call Burns Lake) for hundreds if not thousands of years. There was a thriving indigenous community here when American travel writer Hamlin Garland passed through in 1898, and at least three Witsuwit'en families were in residence when Trygarn Pelham Lyster "Barney" Mulvany camped nearby in 1906. These 'first citizens' sustained themselves by hunting, fishing, and gathering, and had a vibrant culture that reflected their deep appreciation for the land they inhabited.

The area's wealth of natural resources attracted the attention of colonial interests in the nineteenth century. Although representatives of the North West Company (and, later, the Hudson's Bay Co.) traded with the region's Indigenous people in the early 1800s, it wasn't until surveyors for the Collins Overland Telegraph passed through this area in 1865-66 that Euro-Canadians got their first good look at what is today Burns Lake. The Collins Overland Telegraph—and, thirty-three years later, the Yukon Telegraph—constructed a maintenance cabin on what is now Richmond Loop. The unknown telegraph operator who manned the station was likely Burns Lake's first permanent Euro-Canadian resident.

A few hardy settlers, like George "The Boer" Wallace, Dick Carroll, and the Gerows (Don and Robert), followed, but it wasn't until the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in 1914 that a community of any size existed here. That's when a redheaded adventurer named Trygarn Pelham Lyster "Barney" Mulvany won the contents of an entire railway construction camp in a poker game and decided the place he camped in 1906 would be a good town site.



Find out more about the rich history of the Lakes District - stop in to the Lakes District Museum, conveniently located next to the Visitor Information Centre.



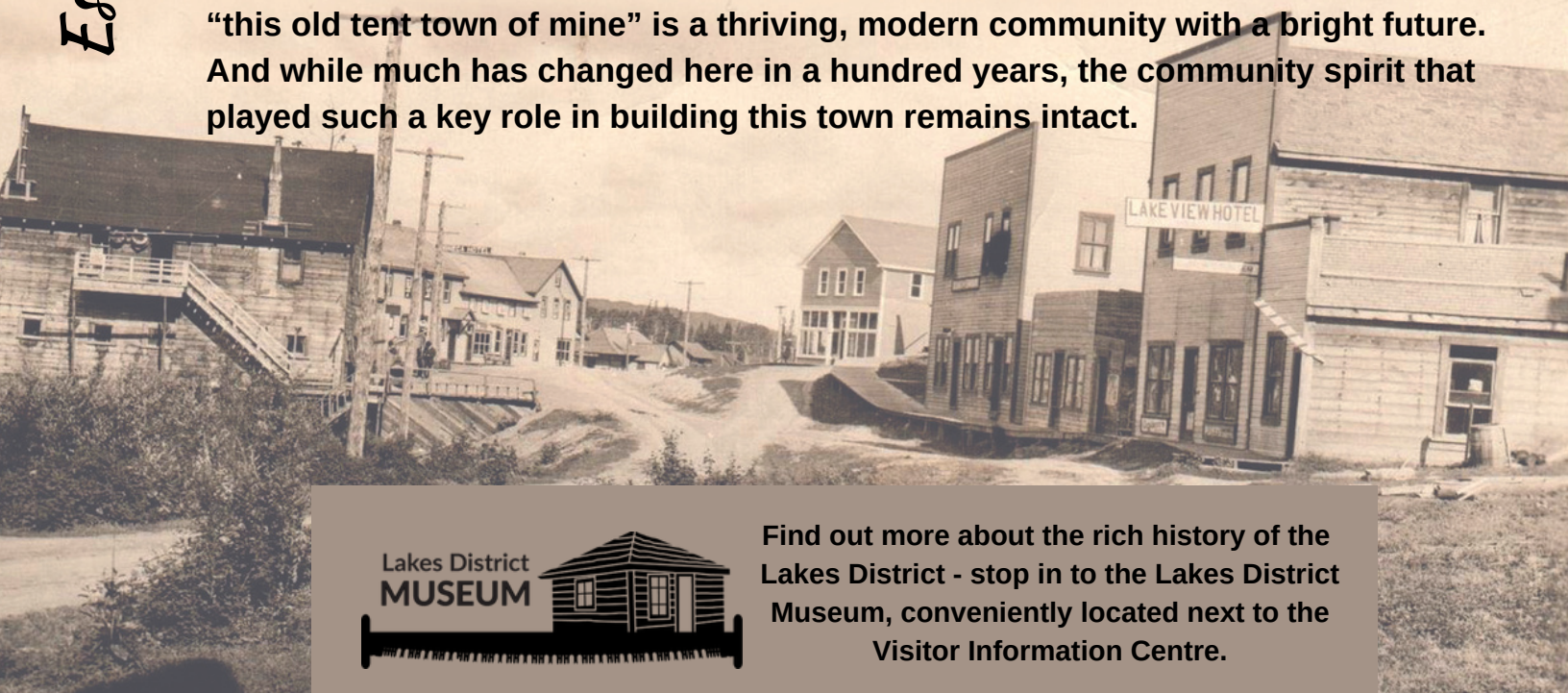
Mulvany pitched two tents a couple hundred yards from the shore of Burns Lake. The first tent, floored and lined with canvas, had twelve rooms and a dining area. The second was a cook tent staffed by a Chinese culinary artist Barney recruited from a passing freight train. Twenty-four transients came for dinner the night that Barney's tent restaurant opened for business.

Barney replaced his tents with a hotel he called the "Cheslatta," and the Gerows moved their hostelry from the island that bears their name to property along what is now Francois Lake Drive. Other false-fronted stores and restaurants sprang up in the commercial area south of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway line. By 1919, the little village beside the lake was home to approximately 240 people, most of whom earned their livings by trapping, hewing ties for the railroad, or farming.

Two years later, community-minded merchants joined forces to form the Burns Lake Citizens Association. The organization's members, which included Mulvany and general merchant C. E. Imeson, began campaigning for incorporation. Their arguments were persuasive. The provincial government formally declared Burns Lake a village on December 6, 1923.

The fledgling community faced a major setback in 1925 when fire destroyed much of what we now call the downtown core. Fire broke out again in July 1926, but this time the damage was limited to Imeson's general store and the Royal Bank of Canada building. The bank, built six years earlier, suffered only moderate damage, but Imeson's store was destroyed.

Burns Lake has survived countless fires, the Great Depression, and a couple of minor recessions since then. Today, the village Mulvany fondly referred to as "this old tent town of mine" is a thriving, modern community with a bright future. And while much has changed here in a hundred years, the community spirit that played such a key role in building this town remains intact.



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# The Pathfinder

## Ask a local

If you spot us driving around, we are here to help.  
We have the answers for any and all travel  
questions you may have on your adventures.





# Mountain Biking on Boer

The mountain biking community in Burns Lake is well organized and highly active, which makes for excellent, accessible, and easy to navigate riding trails. The main mountain biking area is the Boer Mountain Recreation Site – over 4000 hectares of Crown land – just a few minutes drive north of town.

The area features a campground on Kager Lake, the “hub” for over 100km of purpose-built cross-country and downhill trails. Beginner to intermediate riders will enjoy the trails around Kager Lake.

Kager Lake also features 12 picturesque walk-in camping/picnicking sites, over two dozen pull-in car-camping sites, and a beginner-level skills park next to the campground. The park’s well-marked routes twist around a wetland area, several streams, and a number of small lakes.

The Bike Park includes a variety of cross-country and downhill trails, with difficulty levels ranging from beginner to advanced. Various trails include fun and challenging features such as jumps, drops, wall rides, boardwalks, and a Four Cross track.

Photo Credit: Margus Riga



For more information and maps, check us out on Trailforks or our website [www.rideburns.ca](http://www.rideburns.ca) -  
Shuttles: Available on Wednesday work bees and  
by appointment with Burnt Bikes 692-0033



# Carve your path On our local hiking trails

## ROD REID NATURE TRAIL

**Features:** Scenic, wildlife viewing

**Trailhead:** Top of 9th Ave.

**Distance:** 2.4

**Difficulty:** Easy

## KAGER LAKE TRAIL

**Features:** Scenic, wildlife viewing, campsites, boardwalks

**Trailhead:** Boer Mt Rd.

**Distance:** 2.8km

**Difficulty:** Easy

## LONG LAKE

**Features:** Scenic, wildlife viewing, camping

**Trailhead:** Start at Kager Lake

**Distance:** 6.4km

**Difficulty:** Moderate

## STAR LAKE TRAIL

**Features:** Scenic, wildlife viewing, bridges & boardwalks

**Trailhead:** Top of Boer Mt Rd

**Distance:** 1km to Star Lake, 4.5km around lake

**Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

## BURNS LAKE SOUTH TRAIL

**Features:** Scenic, wildlife viewing, campsites, cultural & historic connections

**Trailhead:** On Hwy 35 turn left onto Ridler FSR, 1.8km to trailhead

**Distance:** 8km

**Difficulty:** Moderate

## NOURSE CREEK FALLS

**Features:** Scenic, wildlife viewing, hoodoos, waterfalls

**Trailhead:** Hwy 35, Colleymount Rd

**Distance:** 2km

**Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

## (UNCHA MOUNTAIN)

### RED HILLS PROVINCIAL PARK

**Features:** Scenic, wildlife viewing, parallels Francois Lake

**Trailhead:** Hwy 35 - turn left onto East Francois Lk Rd, drive to the end of Rd

**Distance:** 3km

**Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

## OMINECA SKI TRAILS

**Features:** Scenic, wildlife viewing, cross country skiing, 20+ trails for summer hiking

**Trailhead:** Hwy 35

**Distance:** See website

**Difficulty:** All Levels

## CHESLATTA FALLS

(AKA St Mary's Falls)

**Features:** Scenic, wildlife viewing, waterfalls

**Trailhead:** Southbank - from the ferry landing, travel 16km straight ahead on Keefes Landing Rd to Ootsa Lk Junction, turn left for approx 11km and falls will be on your right.

**Distance:** 2km

**Difficulty:** Easy to moderate

## SOUTHBANK NATURE TRAIL

**Features:** Scenic, wildlife viewing, waterfalls

**Trailhead:** Southbank - exit the ferry and turn left onto Uncha Lk Rd; drive 100m to begin your walk

**Distance:** Short

**Difficulty:** Easy

## HOSPITAL POINT

**Features:** Scenic, views of Francois Lake

**Trailhead:** Southbank - exit the ferry, turn right immediately and travel 0.7km to a Y in the road. Keep right and go another 0.5km to Hospital Point Trail.

**Distance:** 600m

**Difficulty:** Easy

## VERDUN FOREST

### SERVICE LOOKOUT

**Features:** Scenic, viewpoints

**Trailhead:** Southbank - from the ferry landing, travel straight ahead on Keefe's Landing Rd, travel 16km to the Ootsa Lake junction. Turn right at the junction, travel 12km and make a right turn and from this junction, it will be approx 2.5 km further on gravel rd.

**Distance:** 2km

**Difficulty:** Easy to moderate

**Stop in at the Visitor Centre for more trail information.**

**Rod Reid Nature Trail - Michael Halog**



*Visit our secondary location  
on the shore of Burns Lake!*

**BURNS LAKE SPIRIT SQUARE  
NOURSE GATEWAY**

**Kayak & Canoe Rentals**

**Postcards**

**Merchandise**

**Travel guides**

**Ice Cream!**



**Visitor  
Centre**

**Beach Hut Summer Hours**

**July - August**

**Wednesday - Sunday**

**10am - 5:30pm**



# Spirit Square



Visitor Information  
Beach Hut  
Playground  
Beach Volleyball  
Fitness & Walking Path



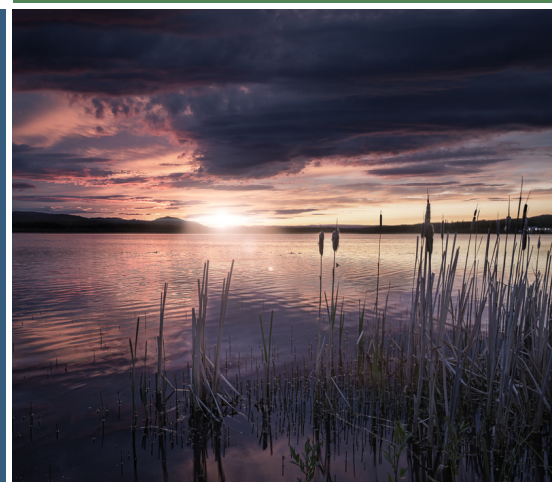
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Public Boat Launch  
Climbing Wall  
Free Camping  
Squash & Tennis  
Courts  
Kayak/Canoe Rentals



Splash Park  
Swimming & Dock  
Lakeside Multiplex  
Ice Cream & Snacks





# LOCAL Grub



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Cafe ~ (250)692-7163



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Bakery ~ (250)692-7033



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Asian, Canadian  
(250)692-7612



**THE OFFICE PUB & GRILL**  
Pub Grub ~ (250)692-4249



**PAN HANDLE RESTURANT**  
Asian, Canadian  
(250)692-3316



**CHINA MOON RESTAURANT**  
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**TAKYSIE LAKE RESORT CAFE**  
Southbank ~ (250)694-3403



**BURNS LAKE PIZZA**  
(250)692-7990



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Pub Grub ~ (250)692-7771



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Fast Food ~ (250)692-0049



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Fast Food ~ (250)692-2480



**URSA MINOR**  
Brewery ~ (250)694-3879



**SAN BAR**  
Deli ~ (250)692-7538





# Resorts & Hotel/Motel



**BABINE LAKE RESORT**  
Babine Lake (250)692-0363



**BEAVER POINT RESORT**  
Tchesinkut Lake  
**Long term ONLY**  
(250)695-6519



**BURNS LAKE B & B**  
Mainstreet (250)692-9565



**LAKEFRONT HIDEAWAY B&B**  
Gerow Island (250)692-0867



**KEY-OH LODGE**  
HWY 16 (250)692-7797



**NADINA LAKE LODGE**  
Nadina Lake (250)695-6788



**PONDOSY BAY WILDERNESS RESORT**  
Southbank (250)694-3334



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Uncha Lake (250)694-3730



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Takysie Lake  
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# Downtown Burns Lake



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**REGIONAL DISTRICT BULKLEY  
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**PROCESS 4 GALLERY**  
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**BULKLEY VALLEY CREDIT UNION**  
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**BURNS LAKE VILLAGE OFFICE**  
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# Downtown Burns Lake



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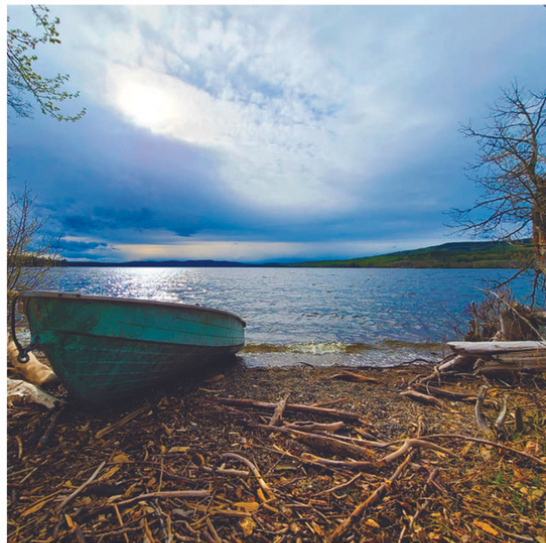
# CARVE YOUR PATH to the *Southside*



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**Free Ferry  
Southbank  
Brewery  
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**Tweedsmuir  
Park**

**3000 Miles  
of fishing**





# Francois Lake Ferry Schedule

Departs Southside	Departs Northside
5:30 A.M.	5:55 A.M.
6:20 A.M.	6:45 A.M.
7:10 A.M.	7:35 A.M.
8:00 A.M.*	8:25 A.M.
8:50 A.M.	9:15 A.M.
9:40 A.M.	10:05 A.M.
10:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	12:01 P.M.
12:30 P.M.	1:00 P.M.
1:30 P.M.	2:00 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:55 P.M.
3:20 P.M.	3:45 P.M.*
4:10 P.M.	4:35 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:25 P.M.
5:50 P.M.	6:15 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	7:05 P.M.
7:30 P.M.	8:00 P.M.
8:30 P.M.	9:00 P.M.
9:30 P.M.	10:00 P.M.
10:30 P.M.	11:00 P.M.

\* School Sailings (not applicable July & August)

From Burns Lake turn south onto Hwy 35 and travel to the community of Francois Lake. Take the free, 20-minute ferry ride across Francois Lake to the community of Southbank.

# Francois Lake Ferry

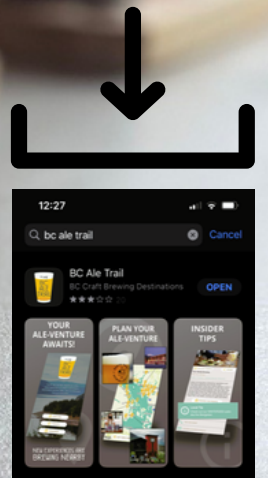
History of the Francois Lake Ferry It might be hard to imagine that from the late 1880s until 1916, residents south of Francois Lake used private boats during the summer and in the winter crossed over the lake on the ice. In 1916, the Ministry of Transportation purchased the 'Kitexchen and barge,' which had a one-team wagon capacity. Regrettably the barge's service was short lived, sinking that same year. Next was the Francois Belle barge, serving residents until 1922. The Francois Lake Ferry was the next vessel to ply the waters. By 1949, service was provided by the Jacob Henkel, which had a capacity of 16 cars and 40 passengers. The ferry did not run year-round, however, and winter crossings via the 'ice highway' occasionally resulted in disaster when a vehicle broke through, plunging into the freezing depths of Francois Lake. There are many buried treasures sitting on the bottom of Francois Lake. Things improved when the Omineca Princess, which had a capacity of four loaded logging trucks, 20 cars and 200 passengers, came on line in the summer of 1976. The Omineca Princess served the area until 2004, when the Francois Forester was launched. The Francois Forester can transport eight logging trucks, 20 vehicles and 145 passengers. She operates 365 days per year providing an easy way for residents and visitors to travel across the clean waters of Francois Lake, not to mention it's free!





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3 locations to collect  
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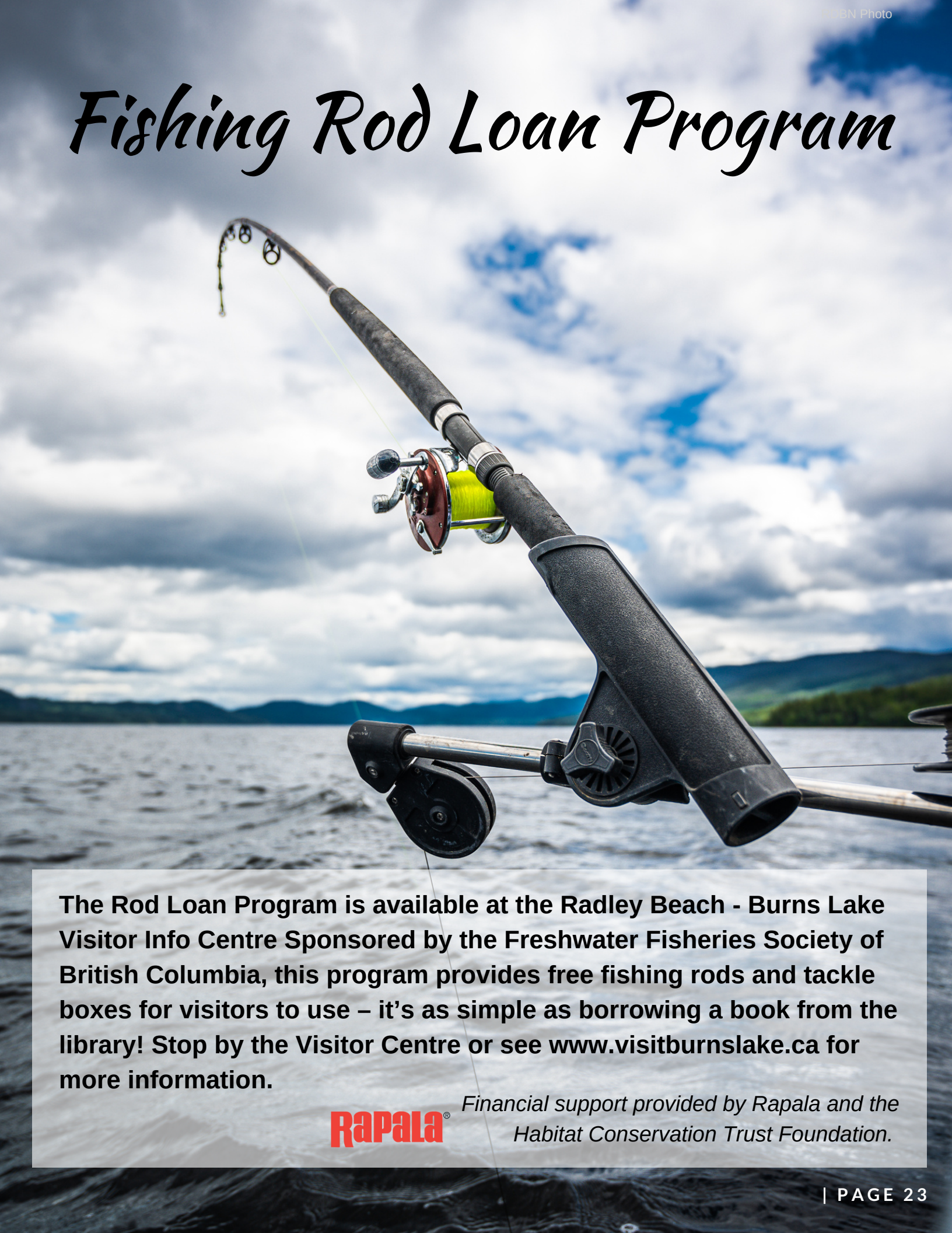


New locations are brewing!





# *Fishing Rod Loan Program*



The Rod Loan Program is available at the Radley Beach - Burns Lake Visitor Info Centre Sponsored by the Freshwater Fisheries Society of British Columbia, this program provides free fishing rods and tackle boxes for visitors to use – it's as simple as borrowing a book from the library! Stop by the Visitor Centre or see [www.visitburnslake.ca](http://www.visitburnslake.ca) for more information.

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# Angler's Quick Guide

With over 5,000 km of pristine shorelines to fish here's a few;

**BURNS LAKE:** trout and northern pikeminnow, some char and ling cod. Boat launch, dock, and swimming area, free RV & tent camping at municipal campground.

**DECKER LAKE:** coarse fish (pikeminnow and suckers), kokanee, trout, and ling cod.

**FRANCOIS LAKE:** 120 km long, trophy class rainbow trout, kokanee, dolly varden, and char, several boat launches, beaches, RV & tent camping (private and recreation sites).

**OOTSA LAKE:** rainbow trout up to 10 pounds, several boat launches, RV & tenting.

**EUTSUK LAKE:** world-class rainbow trout. In Tweedsmuir Park - only access by boat, helicopter, or float plane.

**BABINE LAKE:** 177 km long, rainbow trout, ling cod, dolly varden, lake trout (char), sockeye salmon (fall spawning run), several boat launches, beaches, RV & tent camping (private & recreation sites).

**KAGER LAKE:** small rainbow trout, car top boat launch and dock, RV & tent camping.

**TAKYSIE LAKE:** rainbow trout, boat launch, RV and tent camping.

**TCHESINKUT LAKE:** kokanee & rainbow trout, boat launch.

**UNCHA LAKE:** rainbow trout & char, boat launch, RV & tent camping.

For more information on any of these lakes and their associated facilities, contact the Burns Lake Visitor Centre 250-692-5077 or [visitburnslake.ca](http://visitburnslake.ca)

## Recreation Sites

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	Tenting Only	RV/Tenting	Boat Launch	Boating	Fishing	Swimming	Access
Augier Lake		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Binta Lake North		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Binta Lake South		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Colleymount		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Co-op Lake		●	●	●	●		2WD
Division Lake		●			●		2WD
Alcan/Skins Spillway		●	●	●	●		2WD
Little Andrews Bay		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Indian Bay		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Kager Lake		●			●	●	2WD
Rose Lake		●			●	●	2WD
Agate Point				●	●	●	2WD
Ethel F. Wilson		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Mcclure Pit & Government Point		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Tchesinkut Lake Boat La.			●	●	●	●	2WD
Noralee East		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Noralee West		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Ootsa Landing		●		●	●		2WD
Pendleton Bay		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Pinkut Lake		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
Takysie Lake		●	●	●	●		2WD
Taltapin Lake		●	●	●	●		2WD
Trout Lake		●	●	●	●		2WD
Uncha Lake		●	●	●	●	●	2WD
West Francois	●		●	●	●	●	2WD



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