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Yellowhead Highway Road Log



**Mile by Mile Description of the Yellowhead Highway so
you always know what lies ahead.**

Prince George, BC to Prince Rupert, BC



Yellowhead Highway

This 733 km/455 mile highway takes you from Prince George, BC, to Prince Rupert on BC's Pacific coast, and the terminus for two coastal ferry Systems -The Alaska Marine Highway System, and the British Columbia Ferry System. The entire route is paved, and has the lowest grade of any highway through the Rocky Mountains and the coast Range. It is a river route, paralleling the Nechako, Endako, Bulkley, and Skeena Rivers.

The mileage/kilometre posts along the Yellowhead highway indicate distances between major centers on the Yellowhead Highway 16.
Distances indicated by kilometre posts along the highway are to Prince Rupert which is km 0.

km 721 Prince George. Junction Highway 16 and Highway 97.

km 712.2 Access road 14 km/8.7 miles to West Lake, boat launch.

km 700.7 Chilako River.

km 675.7 Tamarac Lake.

km 671.7 Bednesti Lake Resort camping, motel, store.

km 667.8 Cluculz Lake.

km 658.6 Cluculz rest area; tables and toilets.

km 658 Brookside Resort.

km 627 Parking.

km 625 Vanderhoof. Population 3,865. Elevation 636 m/2,086 ft.

km 625 Vanderhoof. Municipal Campground.

km 617 Junction to Fort St. James. Fort St. James is designated as a National Historic Site because of its importance in BC's history. Established 1806 by Simon Fraser as a fur trading post for the Northwest Co. Visitor's Center with Museum, Theatre and Gift Shop. See the largest collection of original wooden buildings representing the fur trade in Canada. Experience living history with guides dressed in period costume and watch as native artisans build canoes and tan hides. For more information, call 250 996-7191.

km 587.5 Point of Interest sign about the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad, parking.



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km 587 Fort Fraser, with a population of about 1000 people, is located on the Nechako River at the eastern end of Fraser Lake about 1 1/2 hours west of Prince George, BC. Historic points of interest are the Nadleh Whut'em Indian Village, Beaumont Park and the site where the "last spike" was driven on the Grand Trunk Railway on April 7, 1914. Tourist Info Center is at the east end of town.

The Nadleh Whut'em First Nations Carrier people still occupy their original living site. They are a patriarchal society which means the children receive their last names from their fathers. Their four clans are the bear, frog, beaver, and the caribou.

One of the buildings of the original Fort Fraser sits at Beaumont Provincial Park. This fort was built during the fur trade in 1806 by the Northwest Company and named after Simon Fraser.

On April 7, 1914, the "Last Spike" of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad was driven near Fort Fraser. This was Canada's second Trans Continental Railway and linked the Prairies with the West Coast and Prince Rupert. Completion of the railway opened the area up to further settlement.

km 585.6 Nechako River.

km 583.5 Beaumont Provincial Park on Fraser Lake. Campground has 49 campsites, picnic tables, water, rest rooms, playground, dump station. Good swimming beach, boat launching. Fishing for Rainbow and char. Fee area.

km 580.2 Piper's Glenn Resort.

km 577.7 Dry William Lake Rest Area; picnic tables, toilets. Limited turnaround.

km 576.2 Orange Valley Campground, full hook-ups, pull-through sites.

km 567 Fraser Lake. Population 1,350. Elevation 786 m/2,579 ft. There is a Travel Information Center and trailer dump station. Originally built for Endako Mines Ltd. in 1964 to aid the development of what was then Canada's largest molybdenum mine. In 1982, when metal prices fell, the mine was closed. The main industries now are lumbering and tourism.

km 566 Boat launch.

km 563 Stellako River.

km 554 Junction, south to Francois Lake 11 km/7 miles to east end of Francois Lake and Stellako River-excellent fly fishing stream.

km 553 Endako, a small highway community was a main railway turnover point.

km 549 Endako River Bridge.

km 542.2 Rest area with Welcome to the Lakes District sign; tables.

km 524 Parking.

km 508.6 Rest area; tables. Rock Cairn which includes a rock from King Arthur's castle in Tintagel, England.



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km 496 Burns Lake. Population 2,000 Elevation 707 m/2,320 ft. There is a Travel Info Center and Museum on the highway.

Junction of Highway 35 leads south 16 km/10 miles to Tchesinkut Lake, 24km/15 miles to Francois Lake and ferry crossing to Southside area.

km 494.5 Welcome to Burns Lake information sign, parking.

km 487.8 Decker Lake, small highway community. Trout fishing in Decker Lake.

km 478.5 Rest area; toilets.

km 470 Rose Lake, picnic area.

km 456.4 Six Mile Summit, highest point on the highway 850m/2788 ft. View of the Upper Bulkley Valley to the west and China Nose Mountain to the south.

km 456 Parking.

km 453.7 Parking

km 445.7 Topley is located 50 km west of Burns Lake and is at the junction with Highway #118. It is 49 km north to Granisle and scenic Babine Lake, the longest (110 miles) natural lake in BC. Babine Lake Provincial Park has 16 camp sites, water, toilets and boat launch. Fee area. Babine Lake is 45 km north of Burns Lake. Red Bluff Provincial Park has 27 camp sites, day-use area, water, toilets, boat launch, beach and biking trails. The BC Fisheries Fulton River Sockeye Project here is one of the largest in the world. Visitors are welcome. Excellent rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, and ling cod fishing. Fee area. Topley Landing also has resort with campground and marina.

km 445 Rest area; large information map of Granisle and Babine Lake; including the site and information of where Woolly Mammoth remains were found. Tables and toilets.

km 432.4 Parking

km 419 Houston Golf Course.

km 418 Shady Rest RV Park.

km 417 Bulkley River Bridge.

km 416.3 Houston. The population of Houston is approximately ,3,200. Elevation 594m/1,949 ft. Travel Info Center at km 416.3

km 411 Rest area on east side of Bulkley River; tables and toilets.

km 399.7 Hungry Hill Summit. 844 meters/2769 ft.

km 395 Rest area; tables, toilets



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km 372 Bulkley View Rest area; picnic tables, toilets.

km 368 Ft. Telkwa RV Park.

km 367.5 Tyhee Lake Provincial Park, 59 camp sites, day-use area, showers, toilets. Beach, interpretive trail and wildlife viewing platform. Boat launch and sani-dump.

km 367 Telkwa. Population 1350. All visitor facilities are available in this quiet northern town. The museum, located in the schoolhouse in the center of town, the old schoolhouse is packed with Telkwa's history. It is here you will also find the Travel Infocenter. At the west side of town is Eddy Park on the Bulkley River.

km 356 Riverside Recreation Center. RV Park and Par 3 Golf.

km 355.5 Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park., day-use area, toilets, self-guiding interpretive trail and viewing platform.

Driftwood Canyon is recognized as one of the world's most significant fossil beds.

km 355 Bulkley River.

km 352 Smithers. Travel Info Center. Population 5,400. Elevation 496 meters/1627 ft.

km 352 Smithers, Info Center.

km 350 Smithers Golf Club.

km 347 Smithers airport.

km 343 Rest area.

km 337 Toboggon Creek Fish Hatchery. Visitors welcome.

km 329.5 Trout Creek.

km 321 Stop of Interest at Moricetown Canyon. Moricetown is an old Native village with several original totem poles just off highway. Natives can often be seen spearing and netting salmon in the narrow Moricetown Canyon on Bulkley River. Short side road on right (for westbound) crosses wooden bridge spanning canyon. Campground is located across bridge.

km 309 East Boulder Creek.

km 304 Parking.

km 303 Parking.

km 301 Parking, picnic tables overlooking Bulkley River.

km 299.8 Parking.



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km 287.5 Ross Lake Provincial Park, day-use area. Toilets, rustic boat launch, hiking trails. Fishing, swimming and canoeing. 4 km side road, swimming, picnicking, fishing.

km 285.5 Parking with info sign.

km 285 The Hazeltons, Travel Info Center. Population is approximately 1,358. Elevation 306m/1,004 ft.

km 277 South Hazelton.

km 274.5 Seeley Lake Provincial Park. 20 campsites, picnic sites, water, swimming, fishing. Fee area.

km 258 Parking; Historical Plaque on Skeena Crossing. Kitsequecla Indian Village. Many Totems are still scattered throughout the village.

km 245 Parking.

km 241 Kitwanga Junction. Junction of Cassiar Highway 37 (north to Stewart, BC; Hyder, Alaska; and Watson Lake, Yukon).

km 237 Price Creek.

km 235.2 Parking.

km 232.7 Boulder Creek West.

km 232 Large rest area; picnic tables, toilets. Nice picnic spot.

km 227 Whiskey Creek.

km 226 Parking.

km 225.2 Gull Creek.

km 220 Coyote Creek.

km 218 Parking by Skeena River.

km 213.7 Flint Creek.

km 208.5 Viewpoint, parking. Historical plaque on Skeena riverboats.

km 206 Hells Bells Creek.

km 201 Parking.

km 195 Big Oliver Creek.

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km 187 Legate Creek.

km 181.4 Rest area overlooking Skeena River; tables, toilets and water.

km 179.5 St. Croix Creek.

km 174 Chimdemash Creek.

km 170 Usk was virtually wiped out during the Skeena River flood of 1936. The village is served by one of the few reaction ferries in BC, locals from both sides of the Skeena make the crossing by ferry. The tiny roadside chapel built as a replica of one which was destroyed in the flood.

km 166.3 Kleanza Creek Provincial Park. 32 camp sites, group site, picnic tables, pump for drinking water. Access via 1 km/.6 mile paved side road. 24-hour security, gate controlled. Features canyon with cascading waterfalls, hiking trail to top of canyon with view point and intermediate kayaking. Handicap accessible. In the day use area there are horseshoe pits, basketball, and a checker board. Trout fishing. \$12 fee.

km 166 Kleanza Creek.

km 163.6 Small parking area.

km 157 Copper River Bridge.

km 155 Parking, "Welcome to Terrace" tourist info sign.

km 151 Junction with Highway 37 to Kitimat) 59km/36 miles and Airport (5km/3 miles). Lakelse Lake Provincial Park, 19 km/12 miles, has 156 campsites, log house picnic shelters, drinking water, flush toilets, showers, boat ramp, swimming, fishing, dump station.

km 150 Skeena River Bridge.

km 149.8 Ferry Island Campground.

km 147 Terrace, Travel Info Center on Keith Avenue Pop 12,000 elevation 70 m/210 ft.

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km146 Junction of Kalum Lake Road, Nass Valley and Nisga'a Highway.

km 143 Kalum River Bridge, boat launch, parking at both ends of bridge.

km 142 Welcome to Terrace map beside Skeena River, parking.

km 137 Zymacord River.

km 132 Small parking area.

km 123.6 Shames River, parking area beside river.



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km 123 Side road to Shames Mountain Ski Area, 13 km.

km 114 Rest area; picnic tables, toilets.

km 112 Exstew River boat launch.

km 107 Andesite Creek.

km 106 Boat launch.

km 94 Exchamsiks River Provincial Park; 20 camp sites, picnic tables, water, toilets, walking paths, all night security - gate controlled. Salmon and trout fishing. Fee \$12.

km 93.7 Exchamsiks River Bridge, boat launch.

km 93.3 Rest area on the Exchamsiks River; reached by short side road, large turn around area and boat launch.

km 85.5 Kasiks River and boat launch; tables and toilets.

km 77.6 Snowbound Creek, boat launch.

km 74.7 Kwinitsa East Creek, parking.

km 69.5 Kwinitsa River.

km 62 Telegraph Point rest area.

km 59 Igneous Creek.

km 57 Agate Creek.

km 56 Parking beside Skeena River.

km 52.5 Basalt Creek rest area.

km 51 Khyex River, parking.

km 46.2 Inver Creek.

km 41.5 Parking.

km 39.8 Scenic viewpoint; picnic tables beside Skeena River. Historical plaque.

km 37 McNeil River.

km 32 Rainbow Summit, elevation 160 m/582 feet.

km 28.5 Parking beside Rainbow.



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km 27.5 Access road to Rainbow Lake reservoir and boat launch, it is 21.1 km/ 13 miles to the lake.

km 26.5 Parking.

km 24.5 Prudhomme Lake Provincial Park; 24 camp sites, water, toilets and fishing. Nature trail through the rainforest. Fee \$12.

km 24 Parking beside Prudhomme Lake.

km 23.5 Diana Creek.

km 23 Diana Lake Provincial Park Day-use area reached by 2.5 km/1.6 mile gravel side road. toilets, hiking trail, and beach.

km 15.8 Parking.

km 15.3 Junction to Port Edward (10 km/6 miles), North Pacific Cannery Village Museum is now a National Historic Site and is open to the public May 1-September 30, 10am-7pm daily; October 1 - April 30 10am-4pm. Wednesday to Sunday. Admission \$5/adult, \$3 children, under 6 are free.

km 15 Bridge to Kaien Island where Prince Rupert is located.

km 14.9 Rest Area by Gallaway Rapids. Picnic tables, visitor information sign.

km 12.4 Access road to Ridley Island a grain and coal terminal.

km 12 Oliver Lake rest area.

km 9 Hiking trail.

km 8.5 Viewpoint; Butze Rapids with information sign on reversing rapids.

km 8 Industrial Park.

km 6.5 Prince Rupert. Downtown

km 0 Prince Rupert Ferry Terminal