

INFORMATION BOOKLET



Red Cariboo Resort



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WELCOME

Welcome to Red Cariboo Resort, your home away from home. You have travelled all the way to the Chilcotin to spend time with us, and we really appreciate that!

On the following pages you can find some more information about our activities and the area, as well as some recommendations from our local guides.

In case you require medical assistance

The clinic in Anahim Lake is open from 9AM – 5PM Mon – Friday. You can walk in at any time. If you require medical assistance outside these hours, call 250 742 3305. A phone is available in the laundry room, strictly for this purpose only.

How to get to the clinic

Drive back to Anahim Lake. Turn left on Christensen road. Turn left again after about 500m at the general store (where you see a big white sign with groceries, gas and post office on it). Keep following that dirt road. There are a couple side roads, but the main road is pretty clear. Follow this until you see the nursing station on your right-hand side.



ACTIVITIES

We offer a number of activities at the Red Cariboo Resort. Horseback rides are available in winter and summer, or you can go (ice)fishing on the dean river, in winter you can even go snowshoeing on the frozen lake.

Have a look at all the activities listed below to see what we all have to offer.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Up to 10 of our horses can be taken on trail rides. Our horses are free ranging on the property so please make sure you always close the gate when you go through it.

We offer different rides, suitable for both non-experienced and experienced riders. Our rides go to one lake, two lakes, a canyon or into the mountains (no rides are guaranteed and are dependent on the weather conditions).

Summer

1-hour ride	\$65 per person
3-hour ride	\$115 per person
Day trip Canyon*	\$195 per person
* lunch included	

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Winter

1-hour ride	\$65 per person
2,5-hour ride	\$115 per person

FISHING

By taking one of our canoes you can go on Dean River or Anahim Lake for a relaxing day of fishing. Dean River, which flows through Anahim Lake just down along the Red Cariboo Resort on its way to the Pacific, is an ideal destination for serious sport fishermen. The cold waters are home to magnificent rainbow trout, brown trout and white fish. The shallow parts at the mouth of the Anahim Lake are very good for fly fishing. The required fishing license can be purchased online which we can organize for you. We are happy to let you rent the right equipment in case you do not want to bring your own.



SNOWSHOEING

The Indians already knew how they had to conquer big distances without sinking into the deep snow about decades ago. Now, snowshoeing is becoming more popular than ever. Snowshoes are dividing the person's bodyweight over a bigger area. This way feet won't sink into the snow. The area around the Red Cariboo Resort is an ideal place to go snowshoeing. Suitable snowshoes can be rented for one or multiple days. After a short instruction, you will be ready for a completely new winter experience.

CANOEING

For those who like to move gently and quietly on the water, like the natives of British Columbia, while enjoying the silence, should take a canoe trip on Anahim Lake. A canoe trip during summer on Dean River is a great option as well because of the low water level and extreme low flow. Anahim Lake offers an unforgettable canoeing experience thanks to its huge water surface and natural shorelines. Our high-quality canoes (two persons per canoe) can be rented by the day. We arrange transport to and from the lake shore.

QUAD TOURS

We don't offer quad tours ourselves yet, but one of the local resorts does offer quad tours. A two-hour tour is \$150. There is also the possibility to do a 4-to-5-hour tour including lunch. You can book this tour for \$250. If you are interested in booking a quad tour just simply come and see us at the main property and we will make a phone call for you.

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MOUNTAIN BIKING

There are endless trails to enjoy a great bike ride. You will always bike on natural ground, whether this is fine gravel, green meadows or rocky passages instead of some regular forest roads. Everyone will find the right track according to their personal standards and skills. Our high-quality and robust mountain bikes can be rented by the hour or day.

HOW TO BOOK AN ACTIVITY

If you would like to book one of our activities, come and see us at the resort to make an appointment. Please let us know at least one day in advance if you would like to go on a tour. This way we can assure you that you can go on the tour.



HIKING

There are lots of beautiful hikes to do around the area. Have look at the following pages to see which you can do in what area.

HIKING IN THE ANAHIM LAKE AREA

There are four beautiful hikes you can do in and around Anahim Lake.

1) Anahim Peak

Hike: a moderate to strenuous day hike, but absolutely worth the climb. It gives you an amazing view at the top overlooking some flat area and the mountains in the background

How to get there: Go west from Anahim Lake, turn right at the beef trail*, after about 5–10-minute drive from the resort. Drive for about 26 km (until you see the 52 km sign). This is where the trailhead starts on the left side. You start making your way through the bushes until you hit the bottom of the peak. From there the trail is not marked anymore

2) Rainbow Range

Hike: a three-hour moderate hike. Especially the first part goes up pretty steep but once you are past the first part, it turns into an easy to moderate hike. The first 45 minutes you walk through burnt forest. After another 15 minutes you have a stunning view over the Coast Mountains. After an hour and a half, you have the amazing view of seeing the Coast Mountains on one side and the Rainbow Mountains on the other side. This is the end of the trail. You can keep on hiking and make your own way through the mountains but be aware: trails are not marked so make sure you find your way back.

How to get there: Go west from Anahim Lake for about 40 minutes. Right after you get into the Tweedsmuir Provincial park you have a sign that shows a parking area for skiing, hiking and snow mobiling which is called Rainbow Range. This is where you have to turn right. Drive all the way to the end of the parking lot where you go to the left. Around that corner is another parking lot with washroom and an information board. This is where you find the trail head.

3) Precipice Canyon & Falls

Hike: An easy one-and-a-half-hour hike around the canyon. Moderate to strenuous hike if you want to go down to the Hotnarko Lake in the canyon. This comfortable hike runs along the canyons edge. Right at the beginning you will find the Hotnarko falls, which is at its biggest in spring. After following the track alongside the canyon, you will have a great viewpoint where hoodoos arisen.

You have the possibility to hike into the canyon. As soon as you hit the trailhead and see the



canyon, turn left towards the waterfall. Cross the river and after a 2-minute hike is the spot where you can hike down into the canyon. It is not marked but you can see a trail going down. It is super rocky so there are parts you have to climb on hands and feet. Make sure you only go down the canyon when it hasn't rained or when it's dry at that moment. Rocks will get slippery real fast.

How to get there: Go west from Anahim Lake for about 5-10 minutes. Turn left at the beef trail*. Keep going straight until you are at a big gravel pit on the left side. Right after this gravel pit is the road to the canyon on the right side (marked with ribbons). Drive for another 5 – 10 minutes until you see a small parking lot and the sign on the left side (you have gone too far when you go through a gate).

Be aware, a small part of this road is pretty rocky. 4x4 is not necessary but take your time and drive carefully.

4) Kappan Mountain

Hike: 3-to-4-hour moderate hike. The trail is really well marked by square brown hiking signs and blue ribbons all the way to the top.

The first hour you are only ascending which makes the hike moderate. After this hour the hike becomes a little easier with flat parts and less steep parts but will still be considered as moderate.

The first part of the hike is in the forest, which blocks the nice view. But once you are above the tree line the view is absolutely rewarding. Once all the way at the top you have an incredible 270-degree view of the Coast Mountains.

Be aware, as soon as you get to the top it can get really windy. Be prepared to bring a scarf and gloves for the last part of your hike.

How to get there: Driving from the resort to Anahim Lake: turn right on Kappan mountain road, the first road as soon as you are in Anahim Lake (right after the court).

Follow this road for almost 21 km. At some point you cross a bridge, and you get to an Y. Keep following the left road to get to the trailhead. After 20.8 km you find the trailhead sign on the left side of the road. Parking space is available just before the trailhead on the right side of the road.



HIKING IN THE BELLA COOLA AREA

Bella Coola has a numerous of possible hikes. Below are just a couple listed, the ones we think are the most rewarding. If this is not something you are looking for, please come and ask us for more available hikes. We are happy to show them all to you.

5) Hunlen Falls

Hike: This is a strenuous hike. It ascends nonstop which makes it a pretty tough hike. The trailhead is not easy to reach (read more info about this at ‘how to get there’) and the trail itself is 16,4 km long. Count for a full day to get up the to the falls.

The trail is well maintained and easy to follow. The first part of the trail is tough because of mud/rockslides and rock avalanches but as soon as you crossed the bridge the path gets more accessible.

Most of the time you hike in the forest but from time to time there is an open spot that gives you a beautiful view.

You are at the end when you reach the campground. Spend at least one night here to enjoy the **highest freefall waterfall of Canada**. The campground is really well maintained, and the camping is right at Turner Lake. There is a bear safe food rack up in the trees where you have to store your food. Bears are commonly seen in this area so do use this rack. During the summer months a canoe is available for free and laying at the dock.

From the campground there are three viewpoints where you can hike to, to see the falls. One is a side trail of the main trail when making your way up and marked with ribbons. The other two are on the other side of the falls. One trail that takes you to the furthest look out point isn't marked and not maintained. You have to climb over trees and try to find your own way, but the view is absolutely breathtaking from there. Just stay close to the canyons edge and keep an eye on the falls.

After spending one or two nights at the campsite you make your way back the same way as you came up.

Instead of hiking you could also take a float plane that brings you up to the falls within 20 minutes. You often only have time to walk to the first look out which isn't the most beautiful one, but this is a great alternative if you don't want to hike up and you, of course, have the spectacular view of the falls from the air.

How to get there: The road to the hunlen falls starts at the bottom of the Heckman pass. As soon as you come down the hill (coming from Anahim Lake driving towards Bella Coola) you have to turn left on Tote road. Signs will tell you exactly when to turn left. The road becomes a gravel road which is about 12km long. Thus, the road isn't long, it does take you almost an hour to get to the trailhead. The road isn't that well maintained. At the end of the road is the trailhead, starting at a little grass field (trailhead on the right side).

Make sure you check the road conditions before heading down. During springtime, the road gets flooded so you might not be able to drive all the way through. Always let someone know when you go up and what your plan is.



6) Odegaard Falls

Hike: The trail to the Odegaard falls starts off as an easy trail and becomes easy to moderate after you passed the bridge look out. The walk itself takes only about 30-40 minutes to get to the final look out point (15 minutes to the bridge look out) in comparison, the drive up to the trailhead takes about an hour/hour and a half. The trail is well marked and easy to find.

Though the drive is long, compared to the hike, the waterfalls are really impressive and one of the only ones around the area that has a big amount of water coming down year-round.

How to get there: To get to the Odegaard falls you make your way down to Bella Coola coming from Anahim Lake. You turn left at the Nusatsum Forest Service Road, which is right after the Nusatsum river bridge. Be aware, there are two roads that are called Nusatsum Forest Service Road, though the first one you will pass is the Nusatsum Forest Service Road east. You turn left right after the bridge. The hwy itself makes an almost 90 degrees turn to the right. That's where you have to turn left. As soon as you have turned left you cross a cattle guard straight at the beginning. Signs are located on the side of the road that say Odegaard falls. Follow this road for about 24 km. There are a couple of turn offs to the left and right but always stay on the same road and go straight. After about 20km is a small picnic table with view on the falls and washroom. Right at the trailhead is a washroom too. Parking is available right at the trail head. Make sure you check the road conditions first before you head up the Nusatsum Forest Service Road. The road is often flooded.

7) M Gurr Lake & Blue Jay/Grey Jay Lake

Hike: The hike to the lakes is easy and easy to moderate.

First you come across M Gurr Lake. The hike to the lake from the parking lot is easy and takes about 20-30 minutes. You can keep on going to the lookout point, which will be another 45 minutes to get up there. The view from the M Gurr Lake viewing point is the nicest one since you are at the highest point.

The trailhead can be a bit tricky to find. The trail head is about 17km from the start of the Clayton Falls Forest road. Drive all the way until you notice you go down again. This is in a slight turn to the right. You see a hill on the left and right side of the road, and both have a track. Go up the right one and follow the path until you are at the lake. The path is not marked but easy to follow.

To go to the trailhead of the Blue Jay and Grey Jay Lake keep on driving for another 3,6 km downhill until you are at a parking lot at a camp site. This is right next to Blue Jay Lake. Then the trailhead to Grey Jay lake starts between the first to campsites.

Blue Jay Lake is an excellent lake to swim in since it is pretty warm. Don't forget your fishing rod since Blue Jay Lake contains trout. It is about 2 km to get to the lookout point from the parking lot.



How to get there: Drive all the way down to Bella Coola. Go past the harbor where the road turns into a gravel road. After a couple of minutes on the gravel you turn left on the Clayton Falls forest road (if you have to cross a bridge you have gone too far). The first 200m is pretty steep but after that it ascends in a steady pace. Follow this road for about 17 km to get to the trailhead of M Gurr Lake. Drive another almost 4km to get to the trailhead at Blue Jay and Grey Jay Lake.

8) Clayton Falls

Hike: To get to the Clayton Falls you don't really have to hike. It is a 2-minute walk from the parking lot. The trail goes along the BC Hydro building and is marked by a sign at the beginning.

How to get there: Drive all the way down to Bella Coola. Go past the harbor where the road turns into a gravel road. After a couple of minutes on the gravel you find a parking lot, which is right after the turn to the left on Clayton Falls forest road (if you have crossed a bridge you have gone too far). Park your car on the left side and walk from there. Opposite the parking lot is a campsite which is also a nice viewing point.

9) Schoolhouse Falls

Hike: There are two falls you could walk to, the east falls and the west falls. The trail is marked and both trails start at the same trailhead but after about 5-10 minutes the trail splits. The left path takes you to the east falls and the right one to the west falls. To reach the west falls, the trail will split again. This time, stay on the left trail (there is a sign which tells you where to go). At both falls you have a nice view over the lower Bella Coola valley. The east trail is somewhat steeper, but the falls are more impressive. The west trail has steep climbs but also easy sections. The falls at the end of the west trail is a series of small cascades. It takes you about 30-45 minutes to get up one of the falls.

How to get there: There are two trails right behind the school in Hagensborg. Park at the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School parking lot (on the left side of the highway coming from Anahim Lake). Walk between the school buildings, to the south side of the sport fields. The trail starts at the edge of the forest near the center of the field at the boardwalk.



HIKING IN THE TATLA LAKE AREA

Around Tatla Lake and Tatla Yoko lake are numerous hiking trails available. You are hiking right in the mountains and the views are absolutely stunning. The drive towards Tatla Yoko is already very pleasant thanks to the great views.

Hiking up Potato mountain gives you a spectacular view of Tatla Yoko and Chilko Lake from above.

To get to the trailheads, drive from Anahim Lake to the east, towards Williams Lake. You will pass Tatla Lake. As soon as you passed this little town you cross a cattle guard, and the road makes a sharp turn to the left. Right in that turn is a road that turns right as well. This is the road to Tatla Yoko. Follow this road for about 35 km until you are at a campground. This is where some trails start.

Make sure you have got enough fuel. The last stop to fill up before heading towards Tatla Lake is Nimpo Lake (which is about more than an hour away from Tatla Lake). This will also be your first stop to fill up again when coming back. Taking a jerry can with you is recommended.



OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

BEAR WATCHING

During the summer season you will be able to see a lot of bears. Especially during the months August and September when the bears go down to the Bella Coola Valley to eat the salmon that travel through the valley.

There is a bear viewing platform at the bottom of the hill, located between the big kettle pond rock and the fisheries pool (both indicated with signs) on the left side of the highway, driving towards Bella Coola.

This viewing platform is only open in September and park rangers are on site. It is open from 7 in the morning till 7 in the evening from September 1st till September 21st. After that it is open from 8 in the morning till 6 in the evening. The last day the platform is open is September 30th.

No food is allowed on the platform.

HELI SKIING AND HELI HIKING

In Bella Coola you have the option to go heli skiing and heli hiking. There is a company in Bella Coola, voted to worlds best heli operation in 2017, that offers unforgettable hikes and skiing tours. If you would like to do that, just let us know and we will make a phone call for you to see what the possibilities are.

CHARLOTTE LAKE

It is nice to spend some time at Charlotte Lake, the clearest lake in the area. The view from the lake is amazing with the mountains in the background. Together with Kappan Lake, Charlotte Lake is the only lake that has a sandy beach where you can easily spend a full day enjoying nature. Right at the beach is a campsite where you can camp for free. Washrooms are on site.

To get to Charlotte Lake you drive towards Nimpo Lake, east of Anahim Lake. After about a 10-minute drive passed Nimpo Lake you drive over a cattle guard. Right after the cattle guard is a turn to the right which is a gravel road. Follow this road until the T and turn right. You cross another cattle guard. Then the road splits again where you can go straight or left, go to the left. Keep following this road until you are at the third road that turns right (the one after the turn of to Atnarko Lodge which has a sign on the road). Keep following this road until you are at the campground/beach.

From the resort it is about an hour drive.



KAPPAN LAKE

Like Charlotte lake, Kappan Lake is the other lake where you can enjoy a nice day of relaxing.

To get to Kappan Lake go towards Anahim Lake from the resort. As soon as you are in Anahim Lake take the first turn to the right, which is after the court. This road is called Kappan Mountain road. Keep following this road until you see a sign on the right side saying Kappan Lake. You'll see a sign after about 5-minute drive but keep on driving. To get to the lake you have to turn right on the second sign*.

EVENTS

There are a couple events held during the year in this area. The biggest ones are mentioned in the overview below.

Event	Date
Nimpo Lake/Anahim Lake canoe race	second weekend in May
Bella Coola Rodeo	first weekend in July
Anahim Lake Rodeo	second weekend in July
Bella Coola music festival	third weekend in July
Anahim Lake Halloween haunted house	October
Nimpo Lake Halloween party	October



STORES AND GAS STATIONS

Since we are very remote, there are not that many grocery stores, shops and restaurants around. There are a couple of small shops that provide all the basic things, from groceries to clothes:

ANAHIM LAKE

- **Mclean trading store - small grocery store**

Directions: Drive from the resort towards Anahim Lake. Turn left on Christensen road. After 1km Mclean trading store is on the right side, opposite Donna's.

Opening hours: 9AM – 8PM

- **Anahim Lake trading store - small grocery store, post office, gas station**

Directions: Drive from the resort towards Anahim Lake. Turn left on Christensen road. Turn left after 500m, where you see a big white sign with groceries, gas and post office on it.

Opening hours: 8AM – 8PM

- **Donna's - restaurant**

Directions: Drive from the resort towards Anahim Lake. Turn left on Christensen road. After 1km Donna's is on the left side.

Opening hours: It is open from 11AM-7PM 5 days a week (closed on Sundays and Mondays).

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NIMPO LAKE

- **Nimpo Lake store - little grocery store, gas station**

Directions: Drive back towards Williams Lake. Nimpo Lake is the first little town after Anahim Lake. The store is on the left side right after Stewarts Lodge (which is on the right side). The store has a gas station in front.

Opening hours: 10AM – 6PM



- **Dutchman Restaurant**

Directions: Drive back towards Williams Lake. Nimpo Lake is the first little town after Anahim Lake. The restaurant is right after the Nimpo Lake Store, also on the left side.

Opening hours: 10AM – 7PM Monday to Friday, 9AM – 6PM Saturday and Sunday

HAGENSBORG

- **Shop Easy Hagensborg – supermarket**

Directions: This regular size supermarket is located in Hagensborg. Hagensborg is located 15 minutes before Bella Coola, which makes it an hour and half to get there from the resort. It is located on the left side of the highway.

Opening hours: 9AM – 7PM, 7 days a week

