

KOOTENAY ROCKIES



Nestled amid rugged mountain landscapes, charming communities in this region celebrate a diverse array of arts and cultural experiences. The Kootenay Rockies showcase a vibrant arts scene, with numerous galleries, studios, and cultural events that highlight the talents of painters, sculptors, and craftspeople. Traditional indigenous art also plays a significant role in the cultural mosaic, honouring the area's First Nations heritage. Beyond visual arts, the region hosts music festivals, theatre performances, and literary events, fostering a dynamic and inclusive artistic community that thrives amidst the breathtaking backdrop of the Kootenay Rockies.



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NELSON AND KOOTENAY LAKE TOURISM Nelson, BC

Explore the distinct charm of British Columbia's Nelson and Kootenay Lake, a haven for

food enthusiasts, art aficionados, music lovers, history enthusiasts, and adventure seekers alike. This region's culture is an exquisite blend of its natural surroundings, vibrant arts, and rich heritage, complemented by the unique spirit of its inhabitants—the Kootenay Vibe. Boasting over 350 heritage buildings, diverse accommodations, and boutique shopping, the area is renowned for its eclectic arts scene and year-round recreational activities. From Ainsworth Hot Springs to Nelson and beyond, each community contributes to the region's captivating allure.

Discover awesome attractions like the International Mural Festival, the SS Moyie Sternwheeler, and the Columbia Basin Culture Tour. With a heritage that's hip and on display throughout, the journey through Nelson and Kootenay Lake unfolds amidst oldgrowth forests, a glacial-fed lake, and the

majestic Selkirk and Purcell Mountains.

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The Nelson Museum, Archives & Gallery Nelson, BC

The Nelson Museum, Archives & Gallery offers a captivating experience in a beautifully restored 1902 heritage building. This state-of-the-art facility delves into the region's history, and is home to one of two permanent installations of Jaime Black's poignant social justice project: The REDress Project. Visiting the open Cold War bunker offers a unique glimpse into a chapter of history. Two art gallery spaces feature award-winning exhibitions, and a charming Gift Shop highlights creations from over 120 local artists. The museum seamlessly blends history, art, and local talent, ensuring a memorable and enriching visit for all.



THE CRAFT CONNECTION

Nelson, BC

The CRAFT CONNECTION, an artistrun co-op owned and operated by eight local women, promises an exceptional experience for visitors. Boasting a storefront that is a must-see for anyone in the area, the shop has become a favorite among Nelson visitors. The dedicated members and owners curate a collection of the highest quality contemporary work. While most of the artists showcased are local talents, the gallery also features intriguing pieces from across Canada. With 38 years in business and 14 years in its current location, The Craft Connection stands as a dynamic and exciting all-female-run gallery.

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LAURA LEEDER THE GARDEN STUDIO

Creston, BC

"Heartwarming Art for Your Home" Explore Laura's mixed media artwork for soulful inspiration. Delight in joyous pieces perfect for your home or thoughtful gifts. Laura's vibrant collage paintings bring gardens to life with art deco and stained glass techniques, exuding lighthearted celebrations of nature. Exhibited across Canada, the US, and internationally, her work is available for purchase, including paintings, prints, and gift cards on her website. Visit The Garden Studio, open by chance or appointment, and during the first two weekends in August for Studio Tours. Find the perfect piece to add warmth and charm to your space.



christina lake



ARTS ON 3 GALLERY CHRISTINA LAKE ARTS & ARTISANS SOCIETY Christina Lake. BC

Arts on 3 Gallery, housed in the Welcome Centre, is a vibrant showcase of local talent, featuring diverse art and craft mediums such as painting, photography, pottery, woodwork, jewelry, music, and textiles. Sponsored by C.L.A.A.S. the gallery includes a Featured Artist Section and offers seasonal workshops at the Welcome Centre. C.L.A.A.S. supports the performing arts with an annual outdoor Summer Concert Series, featuring both local and international musicians. Explore the rich cultural offerings at Arts on 3 Gallery and participate in the transformative power of art and music.

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Connecting Culture Makers + Culture Seekers

Our Mission is to create a sustaining, multi-platform, widely available and user-friendly resource for culturally curious explorers to connect with culture makers and unique curated community experiences in regions across British Columbia.

Van Dop & Associates has been an industry leader in empowering the artists, producers and keepers of Arts, Culture and Heritage in BC to stay connected with an authentic and engaged audience for over thirty years.

We advocate for economic strength in the cultural sector through strategic, curated, community marketing partnerships with local tourism, arts and cultural organizations, other major stakeholders and the people cultivating, creating and preserving local culture.

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