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Snowmobile Clubs

Perfect for families and beginners, the Dungate Meadows area offers low-angle riding with groomed trails from the staging area to the Houston Snowmobile Club's cabin.

DIRECTIONS: From downtown Houston head east on Hwy 16 and turn off onto Butler Ave. Follow this road to the end, then turn left onto Riverbank Dr. Follow it to the end and turn right at the four-way stop onto Omineca Way. About a km later, turn left up Equity Mine Rd. Go 20 km and watch for the parking lot on the left-hand side.

Dungate Meadows (Easy)

with a permanent lock block ramp for loading and unloading sleds.

DIRECTIONS: Leave Smithers heading east on Hwy 16 and travel 3 km to Babine Lake Rd. Turn left and drive 19.5 km to the huge Dome parking lot, complete trails leading 8 km to the Jason Robert Elliot Memorial shelter.

Dome Mountain (Easy)

Snowmobiling



DIRECTIONS: Head north out of Smithers on Hwy 16 and take a left onto Babine Lake Rd. About 18 km later, take a left at the junction and travel 3.5 km on Old Babine Lake Rd. At the parking lot, there is a plowed connector between The Dome and The Onion, so visitors can easily spend half a day at each.

The Onion is part of Babine Mountains Provincial Park. The ride up to the Onion shelter is about 9.5 km and another 4 km will take you to Berdett's shelter. Families with some experience will enjoy a relaxing, easy ride to the first shelter. Past Berdett's, get ready for some steeper terrain where experience is a must.

Onion Mountain (Novice/Expert)

DIRECTIONS: Head to the Morice River Road and at 28 km turn left onto Carter Forest Service Rd. and stay left at 6 km. At 10 km turn left and follow the trail to the alpine.

Morice Mountain is another ungroomed area that features spectacular scenery, and it's only 28 km from the town of Houston.

Morice Mountain (Novice/Expert)

DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 16 west and turn off onto Morice River Rd to km 4. Hang a right down the Biram Rd. and then take a left onto the Wolcott, across the Morice River Bridge. Follow the Wolcott up to km 8 and the parking lot is 2 km on the left.

Telkwa Range (Novice)

The Telkwa Range offers everything from powder-laden meadows to steep hills. A groomed 11 km trail takes riders right up to a cabin and from there, it's all alpine terrain. Trail fees apply.

DIRECTIONS: If you are coming to Fort St. James on Hwy 27, as you approach the Stuart River Bridge turn left on to Sowchea Rd and proceed 11.2 km. Turn left on to Dickerson Loop Rd, proceed 0.5 km until you see a trail map on your left. The parking area is straight ahead.

Fort St. James Recreational Trails (Easy)

The Fort St. James Recreational Trails is a 300 km trail system maintained and groomed by the Fort St. James Snowmobile Club. Signage includes trail maps, mileage signs and trail markers. This is a facility for all skill levels and is free of charge.

ELEVATION: 1,650m (5,413 ft.)

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 16 turn onto Tatlow Rd. then a right onto Pacific St. From there you turn right onto Dahlie Rd. and then left to stay on Hudson Bay Mt Rd. Road turns into McDowell Lake Rd.

WEBSITE: www.hudsonbaymountain.com

Hudson Bay Mountain

Located in the Bulkley Valley near Smithers, Hudson Bay Mountain features 4 lifts, 36 runs, and 2 lodges. There are exciting events all year round check the website for more information.

Snowmobile Events

Annual Cold Smoke Drags (February) – Burns Lake
Annual Snowmobile Drag Races (February) – Vanderhoof

DIRECTIONS: The staging area is located 100 km from Houston on the Forest Service Rd.

Sibolas/Rhine Ridge (Expert)

DIRECTIONS: Head 14 km east of Smithers to the community of Telkwa. Drive 19 km on the Telkwa River Forest Service Road and watch for the parking lot.

This ungroomed area is about 101 km south of Houston. If you're an intermediate to expert rider who is looking for deep snow and mountains and valleys that seem to go on forever, it's well worth the drive.

The Microwave & Sinclair (Expert)

The Microwave and Sinclair are side by side and not for the faint at heart. Get ready for tight, ungroomed trails through the trees and as much hill climbing as you can handle. The area is marked using the Avalanche Terrain Evaluation System (ATES), so be sure to check out the conditions before heading out— and use the beacon checkers.

Ice Fishing



The Bulkley-Nechako has no end of ice-fishing opportunities, most of which are easily accessible without the need for snowmobiles. Pack a lunch and spend a day on a lake.

WEBSITE: www.murrayridge.com

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 27 turn left onto Tachie Rd. The road takes a slight right then merge onto Chalet Rd.

ELEVATION: 1,980 m (6,500 ft.)

SEASON: December to late March

Located near Fort St. James, Murray Ridge Ski Area features 22 runs, t-bar/rope tow lift, and a lodge.

Murray Ridge Ski Area



The place to find your winter adventure.

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Hiking trails double as snowshoeing and cross-country skiing areas in the winter and ice fishing is enjoyed on our frozen lakes. Most of our eight municipalities have public ice arenas and many have curling facilities as well. So whether you want to snowmobile to a mountain pass or cross country ski through the peaceful woods this brochure will get you started on your way to some winter adventure.

End your day with a hot beverage at a local restaurant....you'll be glad you did!



Visitor Information Centres are open Monday to Friday during winter months. For more information on a particular activity please contact the nearest Visitor Information Centre.

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Bulkley-Nechako Winter Activity GUIDE



WELCOME TO THE Bulkley-Nechako British Columbia | CANADA

Winter, to Canadians, may be the season that's most fun. In the Bulkley-Nechako it sure is and there are so many activities that can be enjoyed during the winter months. We've selected some of the more popular winter activities and highlighted them in this brochure. Activities of varied experience levels can be enjoyed as a family, with a group of friends, or on your own. Adventures that will allow you to take in all the fun and beauty that winter brings to the Bulkley-Nechako region.

Bulkley-Nechako



Cross - Country Skiing



Cross Country Skiing in the Bulkley-Nechako can be done virtually anywhere with many summer hiking trails doubling as ski trails in the winter. There are five designated cross country ski areas operated by non-profit societies that have a groomed network of trails and one designated backcountry ski area.

Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre

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LOCATION: Smithers
TRAIL NETWORK: 45 kms of groomed trails, lit track, dog trail, ski lodge, and 2 back country cabins
SKI CLUB: The Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club
DAY TICKET PRICES: Adults \$10, Youth (9-18) \$5, Under 9 Free, Family \$20. Can be purchased at the lower parking lot, McBike & Sport, and Winterland Ski
MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS: The Wetzin' kwa Marathon (March)
WEBSITE: www.bvnordic.ca
DIRECTIONS: On Highway 16, cross bridge entering Smithers, turn left at lights on to Tatlow Road (at Toyota dealer), turn right onto Pacific Street, turn Left on Dahlie Road, cross over railway overpass. Follow the hard left turn on to Hudson Bay Mountain Road (follow skier signs), continue up Hudson Bay Mountain Road, through switchbacks and BV Nordic Centre is first right after switchbacks.

Morice Mountain Recreation Site

2

LOCATION: Houston
TRAIL NETWORK: 25 km of groomed trails, lit track, dog trail, ski rentals, ski playground adventure trail system, & back country cabin
SKI CLUB: Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Club
DAY TICKET PRICES: Adults \$10, Student (6-18) and Seniors (60+) \$5, Under 5 Free, Family \$20. Can be purchased at the Day Lodge using the self-serve service, Country Wide Sports.
WEBSITE: www.xcskimoricecmtn.com
DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 16 turn onto Buck Flats Rd. Ski Club is approximately 11 km.

Omineca Ski Club

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LOCATION: Burns Lake
TRAIL NETWORK: 25 km of groomed trails, lit track, dog trails, biathlon facilities, and ski lodge
SKI CLUB: Omineca Ski Club
DAY TICKET PRICES: Adults \$10, Youth (3-18) \$5, Under 3 Free, Family \$25. Can be purchased at the wax cabin at the club.
MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS: Lakes Loppet and Family Marathon (March)
WEBSITE: www.ominecaskiclub.ca
DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 16 turn onto Hwy 35. Ski club is approximately 6 km from town.

Murray Ridge Ski Area

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LOCATION: Fort St. James
TRAIL NETWORK: 20 km of groomed trails, lit track, and warm-up building
SKI CLUB: Fort St. James Ski Club
DAY TICKET PRICES: No fee to use cross-country ski facilities
WEBSITE: www.murrayridge.com
DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 27 turn left onto Tachie Rd. The road takes a slight right then merge onto Chalet Rd.

Nechako Valley Sporting Association

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LOCATION: Vanderhoof
TRAIL NETWORK: 7 km of groomed trails, lit track, biathlon facilities
SKI CLUB: Nechako Nordic Ski Club
ANNUAL PASS: \$35. Can be purchased at Omineca Sports
MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS: Tech Northern Cup Series (February)
WEBSITE: www.facebook.com.nechakonordicskiclub
DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 16 turn onto Redmond Pit Rd. Take Redmond Pit Rd. to Quail Rd.

Hankin Evelyn Back Country Ski Area

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LOCATION: Smithers
TRAIL NETWORK: North America's first designated Backcountry ski area. Spanning low elevation snow shoeing, cross-country loops, beginner, intermediate, and expert tree runs or high alpine bowls. Warming hut.
SKI CLUB: Bulkley Backcountry Ski Society
WEBSITE: www.hankinmtn.com
DIRECTIONS: To get to the area from Smithers, head north on Hwy 16 for approx 20 min then turn left onto Kitseguecla Lake Rd. Follow the Kitseguecla Lake Rd. for 8 km and turn left onto the 6008 Rd. Follow this for 6 km (it turns into the 608 Rd) until you arrive at the recreation area parking area.

The following areas are ungroomed but well used during the winter months for skiing and snowshoeing.

Tyhee Lake Provincial Park

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LOCATION: Telkwa
TRAIL NETWORK: A beautiful spot to cross country ski on the frozen lake or through the winter wonderland campground. The Tyhee Lake Provincial Park perimeter trail is well used in the winter and is a beautiful walk or snowshoe or cross country ski.
DIRECTIONS: From Highway 16 turn onto Tyhee Lake Road. Turn left at 4 km.

Mouse Mountain Trails

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LOCATION: Fraser Lake
TRAIL NETWORK: A popular cross-country ski area with well-marked trails.
DIRECTIONS: From Fraser Lake you will see Mouse Mountain from anywhere in town. Locate Mouse Mountain Elementary, on Taluk Dr. The trailhead is just behind the school with a parking space for trail users.

Waterlily Lake Ski Trails

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LOCATION: Vanderhoof
TRAIL NETWORK: This ski area offers a variety of one-way or roundtrip routes for Nordic skiers of all experience levels. Route times vary from short (less than an hour) to full days of skiing (up to seven hours).
DIRECTIONS: From Highway 16 turn down Burrard Ave and continue until you cross the Nechako Bridge. At the junction after the bridge turn onto Sturgeon Rd and head east for 6.5 km. The road turns into Smedley Rd where you are to continue for another 2.4 km to the Waterlily Trailhead sign.

Dog Sledding



Dog sledding in the Bulkley-Nechako is a popular winter sport and can be done on many undesignated trails and frozen lakes in the region. Fort St. James stands out as the home to the most dog mushers per capita in BC. The trail system in the Fort St James area is exceptional and the annual Caledonia Classic Sled Dog Race draws mushers from all over North America. The Caledonia Classic is held annually in late February. For current information fscaledoniaclassic.weebly.com.



* WINTER FESTIVALS *

Houston WinterFest – February
Fraser Lake Winter Chill Triathlon – January
Smithers Spirit of the Mountains Winter Festival – January/February
Fort St. James WinterFest – February/March
(held in conjunction with the Caledonia Classic Dog Sled Races)
Southside Winter Games - February



Outdoor Ice Skating



Dockrill Memorial Ice Rink

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LOCATION: Located in downtown Telkwa beside the Bulkley River the Dockrill Memorial Ice Rink is a flooded outdoor rink maintained by volunteers and lit for winter skating and hockey games. The rink is free to use and open to the public daily closing at 11 pm.
DIRECTIONS: Turn south off Highway 16 onto Hankin Avenue at the pedestrian crossing. You will see the Bulkley River straight ahead. Then turn right onto Fifth Street and pull into the parking lot overlooking the rink and the Bulkley River.

Nak'azdli Ice Rink

2

LOCATION: Located in the community of Nak'azdli which borders Fort St. James, this outdoor rink is open for use by the public. Come on out and shoot a game of hockey.
DIRECTIONS: Located on Highway 27 across from the Petro Canada station.

The Central Park Rink

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LOCATION: Located in the Central Park in Smithers, the rink is free to use, and is lit until 10 pm daily. Please clean the ice after use with the shovels provided.
DIRECTIONS: Located at the intersection of Highway 16 and Main.

Fort St James Outdoor Oval

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LOCATION: This lit facility is operated by the Fort St. James Falcons Speed Skating Club and is open to the public during winter months.
DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 27 turn right onto Stuart Dr. East. It is located next to the Fort Forum Arena.



NOTE: This map is intended to identify the Region's activities and not for navigational purposes.