

East Shore Kootenay Lake

Kootenay Lake is in the Central Kootenay Region of British Columbia



Free Ferry is 35 minutes.
MV Osprey operates year round,
MV Balfour assists in the summer.

Ferry webcam: www.kootenaylake.bc.ca

- Kootenay Lake is 144 km (90 miles) long and up to 152 metres (500') deep with an average width of 4 km. (2.5 miles)
- 530 metres (1736') above sea level
- The Selkirk Mountain range is to the west, the Purcell range to the east.
- Peaks range from 2100 – 2750 metres. (7,000' - 10,000')

The water is pure enough to drink and provides a home for Kokanee salmon and the world's largest species of Gerrard rainbow trout. Kootenay Lake remains ice-free in winter, moderating our climate which allows the world's longest free ferry to operate year round. Its rocky shores encompass hundreds of tiny bays and beaches. Abundant wildlife means encounters with deer and wild turkeys are likely. Wetlands at both ends of the lake and at Crawford Bay provide migratory and permanent habitat for at least 92 bird species.

Time Zone: the time on the east shore literally never changes. We do not use Daylight Saving. The line is down the middle of the lake so in winter we on the East Shore are on Cranbrook/Alberta time and in summer, Nelson/Pacific time. Mountain Standard Time all year.



For boating info: www.klsb.org



Kootenay Lake East Shore
Daily Happenings



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Mid-June to September first week		
	Departs	Departs
Vessel	Balfour	Kootenay Bay
Osprey	6:30 am	7:10 am
Osprey	8:10 am	9:00 am
Osprey	9:50 am	10:40 am
Balfour	10:40 am	11:30 am
Osprey	11:30 am	12:20 pm
Balfour	12:20 pm	1:10 pm
Osprey	1:10 pm	2:00 pm
Balfour	2:00 pm	2:50 pm
Osprey	2:50 pm	3:40 pm
Balfour	3:40 pm	4:30 pm
Osprey	4:30 pm	5:20 pm
Balfour	5:20 pm	6:10 pm
Osprey	6:10 pm	7:00 pm
Osprey	7:50 pm	8:40 pm
Osprey	9:40 pm	10:20 pm

September second week to mid-June		
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Vessel	Balfour	Kootenay Bay
Osprey	6:30 am	7:10 am
Osprey	8:10 am	9:00 am
Osprey	9:50 am	10:40 am
Osprey	11:30 am	12:20 pm
Osprey	1:10 pm	2:00 pm
Osprey	2:50 pm	3:40 pm
Osprey	4:30 pm	5:20 pm
Osprey	6:10 pm	7:00 pm
Osprey	7:50 pm	8:40 pm
Osprey	9:40 pm	10:20 pm

EMERGENCY SERVICES: 911
Highway Information: 1-800-550-4997
Forest Fire Reporting: 1-800-663-5555

www.kootenaylake.bc.ca

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Discover the East Shore

From Riondel, north of the Kootenay Bay ferry terminal, our community follows the lake along Hwy 3A through Crawford Bay, Gray Creek, Boswell and Kuskanook to Wynndel, just south of the main lake. Drive carefully, lots of wildlife.



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Each community has a fascinating history from the original K'tunaxa people, who still live in the Creston Valley to more recent mining and farming activities. The East Shore has many local sites of historical interest. Paddle wheelers connected lake communities for years, one is now a museum in Kaslo, another visible as a home on the way to Nelson. The Pilot Bay Lighthouse that guided them is well maintained and can still be visited.

There are over 400 corners from Creston to the ferry landing so be prepared to stop occasionally and enjoy spectacular views. On the west shore accessed by the free Kootenay Lake ferry is Balfour, then north to Ainsworth Hot Springs with its unique cave and the village of Kaslo. The historic city of Nelson is thirty minutes west of Balfour.



PHOTO: DAN SEGUIN

Gray Creek History Days

Explore 1898 to present in the 1912 log Gray Creek Hall in July. Ask about the free Gray Creek Historical Tour Guide.
www.graycreekhall.com
graycreekhistory@gmail.com

A Few Local Hikes



Pilot Bay Lighthouse Trail

easy 10 – 15 minute walk, picnic table and outhouse

- historic lighthouse built in 1904
- 4.5 km south on Pilot Bay Road from the Kootenay Bay ferry landing.

Pilot Bay Trail

2 hours return or all day

- 3 km south on Pilot Bay Road, watch for the Pilot Bay Park sign to park
- fork to the right about five minutes past the second wooden bridge to reach Pilot Bay Marine Park - campsites, picnic tables, fire pits and outhouses
- continue left for a full day's hike, the Lakeshore Trail that leads to Tipi Camp and beyond.

Pebble Beach Trail

2-3 hours return

- 7 km north of Riondel on the forest service road, wooden trail sign on the lake side
- trail switchbacks down to a lovely pebbled cove, ideal for a swim and picnic.

Lockhart Creek Trail

a short hike or up to 2 days return to Baker Lake

- Lockhart Provincial Park offers forested campsites, picnic tables, a sandy beach and a trail up into the Purcell Range
- about two hours up the north side of the creek is a magnificent grove of old growth trees
- continue for 15 km through forest to the ridge line at 7,000 feet before dropping to Baker Lake.

There are more hikes featured by www.estba.ca or *Where the Locals hike in the West Kootenay*. There are many more trails featured on locally available maps published by the East Shore Trail and Bike Association. Please respect private property when exploring.



PHOTO: ANDREW BIBBY

East Shore Trail and Bike Association

Our growing number of trails are maintained by the East Shore Trail and Bike Association, ESTBA. Pick up free maps and birding pamphlets at local stores or the Tourist information booth in Crawford Bay. Please respect private property when exploring.



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RIONDEL

1 WATER'S EDGE BED & BREAKFAST

Quiet and private lake shore suite, two bedrooms, kitchen, dining and living rooms, large sunroom, 50ft. from easy lake access. Full kitchen, satellite TV, Wireless internet, private entry and deck. Families welcome. We accept some pets. Open May to Oct and off season requests.

250-225-3492 www.watersedgebb.ca

2 SHADOW MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS & CABIN

We have 2 newly constructed cabins nestled in a heritage apple orchard overlooking Kootenay Lake, 2 minutes from the Riondel beach and 5 minutes from Local Golf course.

250-225-3551

www.shadowmountainbedandbreakfast.com

3 RIONDEL COMMUNITY CAMPGROUND

Unique camping experience in a near-wilderness setting on the shores of Kootenay Lake. On-site amenities include flush toilets, hot showers and free WiFi. Open mid-April to mid-October. Please visit our website for photos of our sites and booking information.

250-225-3338

www.riondelcampground.ca

4 THE RIONDEL MARKET

Riondel Market is situated 9 km north of the Kootenay Bay ferry landing. We offer a wide range of groceries, fresh baked bread daily and a full liquor outlet. We also issue fishing and hunting licenses in store. Open all year, May to September 9:00am to 9:00pm October to April 9:00am to 7:00pm.

250-225-3214 www.riondelmarket.com

5 THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ARTISAN SHOPPE AND COFFEE HOUSE

A social enterprise showcasing the works of East Shore artisans. Located in historic Riondel, 235 Fowler Ave – with a glorious view of Kootenay Lake! Open weekends, 10 – 4 mid-May/June/Sept; 7 days a week July & August. Closed mid-September.

250-225-3576 circle@bluebell.ca

www.riondel.ca

KOOTENAY BAY

6 YASODHARA ASHRAM: Yoga Retreat & Study Centre

Visit our gift shop featuring local and fair trade items, spiritual books and jewelry. Tour our organic gardens and magnificent Temple of Light, symbolizing peace and unity. We recommend 'Taste of the Ashram' for a half-day or overnight overview. See website for year-round program schedule.

250-227-9224 (800) 661-8171

www.yasodhara.org

7 TARA SHANTI- SUSTAINABLE RETREAT CENTER, BED & BREAKFAST

Scenic location on 5 treed acres with stunning views of the lake and glacier! Six guest bedrooms (5 with bathrooms), kitchen, dining and living room with large fireplace, beautiful deck and yoga studio facing the Lake and glacier. Perfect place to relax, renew and connect with nature. Open May to Oct with special requests for off season.

250 777-4868 www.tarashanti.com

8 BOCCALINO RESTAURANT, MOTEL & CABINS

Sunny motel rooms with satellite TV, wireless internet, fridge, coffee maker and hair dryer. Swiss-Italian fine dining, wood-fired oven pizza, homemade desserts and ice cream. Fully self-contained cabins.

250-227-6906 www.boccalino.ca

9 KOOTENAY CABIN RESTAURANT

An upscale, casual restaurant conveniently located beside the ferry landing in Kootenay Bay, with a beautiful lakefront patio. Dishes thoughtfully prepared to best enhance locally sourced ingredients, fostering a connection between regional farms and our guest's table.

250-777-2315 www.kootenaycabin.com

10 LADYBUG COFFEE

Yummy coffee and light food to go at the Kootenay Bay Ferry landing. The delicious muffins and ice cream are highly recommended! There is limited seating inside and an outdoor picnic table. Open year round.

250-354-3753

11 SOUL'S PARADISE RESORT

Stay on the lake in a self-contained modern chalet, rustic cabin or serviced waterfront RV site. Amenities: sandy swim beach, separate dog beach, moorage, coin laundry, sani-station, fire pits, flush toilets and free showers. Open April to October.

250-227-9441 www.soulsparadise.ca

CRAWFORD BAY

12 KOKANEE SPRINGS GOLF RESORT

A magnificent golf course designed by Norman Woods will provide a golfing experience that is unparalleled. Wind your way along the base of the Purcell and Selkirk Mountain Ranges and enjoy stunning views as you experience a course voted most scenic in British Columbia. Stay onsite in Lodge, Villa or Cottage accommodations. Rent kayaks, paddle boards or bicycles. Live Entertainment.

250-227-9226

Toll free: 1-800-979-7999

www.kokaneesprings.com

ARTISANS OF CRAWFORD BAY

www.artisansofcrawfordbay.com



13 NORTH WOVEN BROOM

Visit our shop, watch handcrafted brooms being made. Choose from thousands of brooms hanging from the rafters in the old log barn. Open 9 to 5 seven days a week, April to Canadian Thanksgiving. After that call ahead for hours.

250-227-9245 Toll free: 1-866-471-1117

www.northwovenbroom.com

14 BAREFOOT HANDWEAVING STUDIO/GALLERY

Cozy straw bale studio/gallery. Get a serious colour fix. Watch us weave with **bare feet** on wooden looms. Unusual twisted shawls, towels, hats & bags. Ted Wallace Art. Open every day April thru October. Winter hours vary.

250-227-9655 Toll free 1-866-931-8464

www.barefoothandweaving.com

15 KOOTENAY FORGE / FIREWORKS COPPER ENAMEL

Watch the sparks fly as our blacksmiths forge hot iron into timeless creations for your home – lamps, fire tools, hooks, wine racks, and more. Upstairs you will see the FireWorks Copper Enamel studio, creating jewelry, dragonflies, clocks, and birds with their unusual union of molten glass and metal. Open every day mid-April to mid-Oct. Winter hours vary, please call ahead.

250-227-9467 or 9466

www.kootenayforge.com

www.fireworkscopper.ca/art

16 DOG PATCH POTTERY

Visit our historic & funky purple garage filled with vibrant, one-of-a-kind functional and sculptural clay works by various Kootenay potters. Watch a studio potter at work. This is not your average pottery shop! Open every day mid-May to October. Winter hours vary.

250-227-6886

www.facebook.com/dogpatchpottery

17 BLACK SALT CAFE

In the midst of all the artisan activity, this artisanal restaurant offers eclectic dinner and lunch menus, a finely tuned wine and beer list, a luscious and lavish dessert selection (all day), and great espresso drinks. Great patio, Kootenay friendly.

250-227-9596

www.blacksaltcafe.net

18 CRAWFORD BAY RV PARK

Full service 50/30/15 amp power, water & sewer at all RV stalls. On site RV rentals, powered tent sites, with covered picnic tables, fire pits, wash house, free showers to registered guests, laundrymat, playground, horseshoe pits, common area with shelter for gatherings (weddings, reunions) Adding hard tents this year. Bicycle, Motorbike friendly.

250-227-9010

www.crawfordbayrvpark.com

19 CRAWFORD BAY MARKET

A friendly country store with a difference. Open 7 days a week, featuring big store groceries including fresh produce & meat, a variety of deli meats & cheeses and an assortment of natural and organic products. We also have a large liquor outlet! For big rigs, our gasoline pumps are easily accessible.

250-227-9322

20 EASTSHORE COMMUNITY BRANCH NELSON & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION

Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am to 4:30pm, Saturday 9am to 12:30pm. Closed for lunch 1-2. ATM available, Crawford Bay.

250-227-9221

Fax: 250-227-9533 www.nelsoncu.com

21 KOKANEE CHALETs, RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

Cozy 3 bedroom chalets, guest rooms, serviced RV sites & campsites, situated in a majestic cedar forest. Close to sandy beaches, artisans, supermarket, restaurants, pubs and world class golf. Hot tub, barbecues, fire pits, Laundrymat. Golf packages available. Open mid-April to Oct 31st.

250-227-9292 Toll free 1-800-448-9292

www.KokaneeChalets.com

22 WEDGWOOD RETREAT

Wedgwood is a destination for the enjoyment of the soul. With strong historical roots, Wedgwood is a retreat manor that offers accommodations that invite you to delight in the tranquility of nature and the elegance of turn of the century English architecture. Stay where comfort, peacefulness, community and nature come together.

Toll free 1-888-960-6017

www.wedgwoodretreat.ca

GRAY CREEK

www.graycreekhall.com

23 THE HISTORIC GRAY CREEK GENERAL STORE

Two floors of Kootenay Lake's oldest general store (1913) will amaze you. From history books to propane, fishing licenses to lumber, Gray Creek Pass updates to plumbing. Slushie & coffee bar, woodstoves, RV, marine to outdoor gear. Trans Canada Trail and Selkirk Loop register. A must see. Open every day.

250-227-9315 www.graycreekstore.com

24 THE LAKEVIEW - Grocery, Gas Liquor, Campground and Marina

Historic community services: **Grocery** - fully stocked liquor agency, gas, videos, post office. Friendly assistance to help know our area. Lake view picnic tables for customers! **Accommodations** - lakeshore RV/tent camping, 1 bdrm suite Free showers. Motorcycle friendly. Open year round. Campground open seasonally.

250-227-9367 toll free 1-877-227-9311

www.kootenaylakeview.com

25 BAYSHORE RESORT, MARINA & RESTAURANT

Full service resort with great rates on Kootenay Lake. Restaurant with authentic Italian and home made Western food. Marina with fuel service. Full hookup campsites. Deluxe cottages available year round.

250-223-8270 or 250-354-4370
www.bayshoreresort.ca

26 DESTINY BAY RESORT

Exclusively private lakefront property with awe-inspiring panoramic lake/mountain views from all accommodations. Unique sod-roofed cottages. Rates include accommodation, four-course gourmet dinner and breakfast for two. Romantic, couple-oriented - private beach, sauna & many extras.

250-223-8234 Toll free 1-800-818-6633
www.destinybay.com

27 DESTINY BAY GROCERS

Convenience store stocked with essential grocery items and a great selection of snacks, ice, soft drinks, beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, camping and fishing supplies.

250-223-8055

28 THE GLASS HOUSE

"The Showplace of Kootenay Lake" in Sanca. Guided tours May until 2nd. Monday of October. Gift shop, snacks, hiking and fishing. **250-223-8372**
theglasshouse.ca@gmail.com

WYNNDEL/CRESTON

29 WYNNWOOD CELLARS ESTATE WINERY

Winery and Tasting Room. Experience unique BC wines grown in mineral rich soils on the south end of Kootenay Lake. A small boutique winery offering an enjoyable experience. Pinot Noir, Merlot, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris, Viognier Chardonnay and Summer Blush Rose. Free tastings. Open daily May 15 - October 15, 11 am - 6 pm

250-866-5155 or cell: 250-254-3687
www.wynnwoodcellars.com

30 CRESTON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

"Close to 400 species of wildlife call these wetlands home" The Kootenay-Columbia Discovery-Centre Society offers environmental education programs in this 17,000-acre wetland of international importance with over 32 km of trails, viewing towers and boardwalks. Guided canoe and walking tours. Open May/June (Mon-Sat); July/Aug (7 days a week); September (Tues-Sat); 9 am to 4 pm. **250-402-8661 or 250-402-6905** www.crestonwildlife.ca
www.discovery-centre.ca

