

Explore our hiking trails



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Safety tips for hiking

The Terrace area is spectacular for hiking and experiencing the beautiful outdoors. But when you go hiking, you need to make sure you are prepared for anything. Here are some tips to make sure you are prepared for every scenario.

- Make a trip plan. Make sure you tell a friend where you plan to be hiking and when you expect to be back.
- All charged up? Make sure you have a fully charged phone or satellite device such as an InReach or beacon. Many hikes are remote and often do not have cell service.
- Pack for overnight. Bring extra food, water, a lighter and extra clothes just in case you end up having to spend the night.

- Layer up. Make sure you wear or pack extra clothing layers. Keeping warm and dry is important in the backcountry. Temperatures drop dramatically overnight, even in the summer.
- First aid. Bring a small first aid kit with you just in case.
- Pack out what you pack in. Don't leave litter or gear behind.
- Take only photos and leave only footprints. The Terrace area is spectacular for hiking and experiencing the beautiful outdoors. But when you go hiking, you need to make sure you are prepared for anything. Here are some tips to make sure you are prepared for every scenario.

This is bear country

With so many different options for spectacular hikes, you have entered a hiker's paradise! Many of our gorgeous trails are in remote areas, but even in the city, you are in bear country and it's important to respect the wilderness and stay safe. Here are some safety tips.

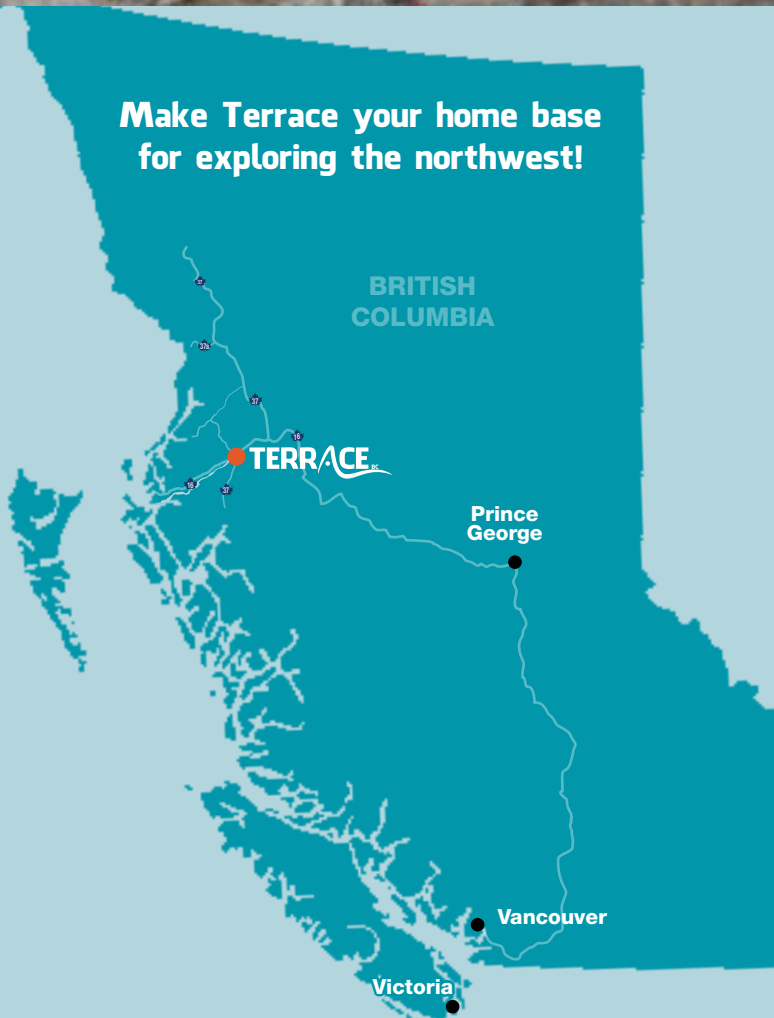
- Make some noise! Whistle, clap, sing or talk loudly. Around here, we like to call out, "Hey Bear!" Every so often, in order to make our presence known and avoid surprising wildlife.
- Watch for fresh bear signs. Keep your eye out for bear droppings, torn-up logs, dug up moss or turned-over rocks. See fresh prints, you may want to leave the area.
- Leash your dogs. Dogs can provoke defensive behaviour in bears.

- Hike in a group. Larger groups are less likely to have serious bear encounters. Remember to keep kids close by and don't let them wander alone.
- Stay on the beaten path. Use officially marked paths and trails and only hike during daylight.

For more information about wildlife safety visit:



bcparks.ca/plan-your-trip/visit-responsibly/wildlife-safety/



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Trail difficulty legend

Easy

Moderate

Advanced

Elevate your adventure

Hiking trails beckon

With so many different options for spectacular hikes in breathtaking locations, the Terrace area is a hiker's paradise! From a leisurely enjoyable stroll to a heart-pumping climb, you will find a trail that will suit both your mood and your ability. Terrace boasts hiking trails

that showcase our region's beauty. Whether you're seeking a leisurely walk or a challenging trek, our trails offer something for everyone.



HIKING TRAILS

A Guide to Respecting Terrace, BC



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Take the pledge!

Support Local

- Eat, drink, and stay locally to reduce your carbon footprint and strengthen the community.
- Choose locally owned businesses, guides, and accommodations to experience the best of Terrace.

Forest and fire safety

- Reduce your impact: pack out all waste, recycle when possible, and leave no trace.
- Respect fire bans and regulations to prevent wildfires.

Respect fish and wildlife

- Check local fishing and wildlife regulations and obtain licenses at local tackle shops.
- Borrow rods and tackle at our Visitor Centre and follow provincial and federal guidelines.
- Observe wildlife from a safe distance —never feed or approach them.



Environmental stewardship

- **Freedom to roam comes with responsibility**—help protect our land, wildlife, and culture by traveling respectfully.
- Leave natural spaces as you found them and use vague location tags on social media to help preserve sensitive areas.
- Respect Indigenous knowledge and traditions and learn from the people who have stewarded this land for generations.

Health, safety, and accessibility

- Be prepared with the right gear, safety equipment, and maps before heading out.
- Keep trails and spaces welcoming for everyone by respecting accessibility features and sharing paths with care.



your adventure begins here



2 Maroon Mountain

Trail Difficulty: Advanced
Beautiful views of the Kalum Valley await at the top of this challenging 7.2 km hike. At the subalpine, choose: the unmarked trail to the right to the peak, or go left, to the remains of old mining claims. Access from Wesach Creek forestry road, 34.5 km up the Nisga'a highway.



9 Xpilaxha Trail

(Formerly the Grand Trunk Pathway)

Trail Difficulty: Easy
Xpilaxha Trail, pronounced "SPEE-la-haa", is an easy, paved linear trail that is perfect for walking, running or biking – it's accessible for wheelchairs, people with mobility aids or strollers. This urban trail extends all the way to the neighbouring community of Kitsumkalum to the west of Terrace adjacent to the CN rail line. This walk is gorgeous in the fall as the leaves turn spectacular colours of yellow, orange and bright red.



10 Ferry Island

Trail Difficulty: Easy
For a leisurely but scenic walk, check out Terrace's municipal campground and recreation area: Ferry Island. Follow the trail along the island perimeter along the banks of the Skeena River. The 4 km trails feature unique carvings of faces, animals and other subjects in the bark of towering cottonwood trees.

There are plenty of parking lots with easy access to the accessible trails. Dogs are permitted off leash on portions of the trail outside the campground on the south side of the power lines. Please clean up after your dog. This is a mixed use trail with walkers, hikers and bikers.



1 Wesach

Trail Difficulty: Advanced
Enjoy a 2 km route to the alpine and takes about two hours. There are excellent views of Kalum Lake, Maroon Mountain and surrounding ranges. Early season access thanks to its southwest facing aspect. Access off Hwy 113, 38.5 km north of Terrace.



3 Pine Lake

Trail Difficulty: Easy
Located 11.3 km up the West Kalum Forest Service Road you'll find a small, special lake that's worth the drive. This 6.1 km loop trail goes around the lake over boardwalks, bridges and a trail. A great way to take in the surrounding mountains, wetlands and lakes.



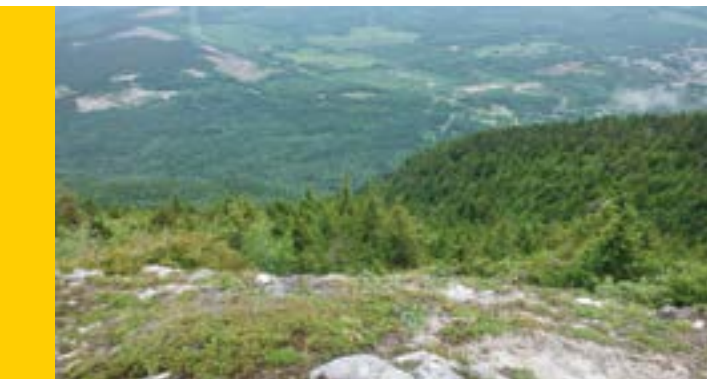
11 Kleanza Creek

Trail Difficulty: Easy
Enjoy a leisurely walk to the top of a beautiful box canyon and overlook the Kleanza Creek waterfalls that drain into this flowing creek. The 1 km hike is a wide, flat route offering great views from the top. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the view from one of the many creekside picnic tables. Pack a tent and camp for the night at the campground.



12 Thornhill Mountain

Trail Difficulty: Moderate
This popular hiking area suffered severe flood damage in 2024. The trailhead bridge was destroyed but is slated for replacement in the summer of 2025. Check for updates before you go.



4 Sleeping Beauty Mountain

Trail Difficulty: Advanced
This 3.8 km hike leads to a rustic provincial park campsite nestled amongst subalpine meadows and lakes. An unmarked route continues to alpine ridges giving spectacular views. Take the West Kalum Forestry Road and turn left at the 8.6 km mark, then follow the brown arrows to the parking area. A vehicle with clearance is recommended.



6 7 Terrace Mountain

Trail Difficulty: Moderate
A local favourite for its easy access, challenging terrain and spectacular views. A 4.5 km trail, with some steep sections with varied terrain and rewarding lookouts. Visit the Terrace Wolfpack sculpture installation at the first viewpoint then explore the rest of the loop. The main trailhead is at the junction of Johnstone St. and Walsh Ave. and features some

steep sections. There is a second trailhead at the end of Munthe Ave. as well, which is a more moderate route up. For a more moderate hike, walk the 7.5 km Flathead loop that goes around the mountain. Terrace Mountain is also home to a network of mountain biking trails that intersect with, and sometimes share the same routes. Be aware of your surroundings and demonstrate good etiquette in sharing the trails. Yield to downhill mountain bike traffic.



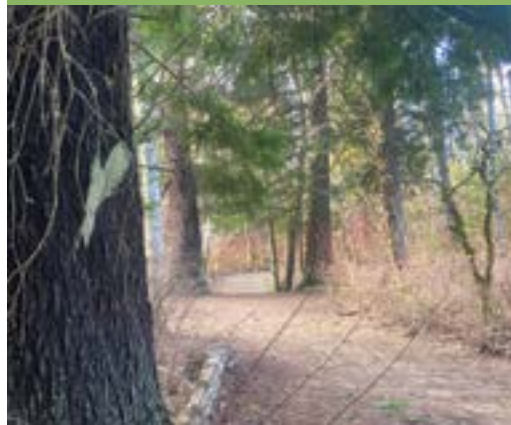
13 Jackpine Wetlands

Trail Difficulty: Easy
The Jackpine Wetland Interpretive Trail is located off Old Lakelse Lake Road, about a 10 minute drive from the City of Terrace. Located in a natural wetland, choose from two out and back trails. This easy walking trail is accessible for strollers and walkers and features wide, crush trails and flat bridges along the perimeter of the wetland. No bikes or motorized traffic allowed.



14 Gruchy's Beach

Trail Difficulty: Easy
This 1 km trail leads to a beautiful sandy beach within Lakelse Lake Park. The forested path follows a series of boardwalks that take you through old growth trees and marshy areas as you walk to the beach. Take the turnoff near the start of the trail to the Williams Lake Viewing Platform during August to view salmon spawning.



5 Spring Creek: LaLa Valley & Hey Bear

Trail Difficulty: Easy
Explore the 5.8-km loop trail near Terrace, offering an easy route that typically takes about an hour and a half to complete. This trail is perfect for hiking, mountain biking, and running, providing a chance for a peaceful exploration with minimal encounters with others. The optimal times to enjoy this trail are from May through September, and dogs are permitted but must be leashed. This is a shared trail with mountain bikers and horses. Hikers yield to horses first, then bikes.



8 Howe Creek Trail

Trail Difficulty: Easy
This easy urban walking trail meanders through the trees along beautiful Howe Creek with connectors on Donald Hill up to Bailey Ave. and one the east end of Howe Creek at Eby St. A hard packed dirt and gravel path with wooden bridges defines the trail. Take a photo when you reach the carved wooden bench and the chainsaw art installation nestled in the trees featuring a life-size eagle, eaglets and nest. Parking and access is from multiple locations: Thomas St. at the bottom or top of Lanfear Hill, North end of Eby St. at Christy Park, north end of Sparks St. in the residential area called the Horseshoe. To access "the bench" the upper residential areas of Terrace, you can use the Gordon Hill trail from the bottom of Lanfear Hill on the west end or use the Eby St. staircase trail behind the fish hatchery or the Sparks St. to get up the hill to North Eby St.



17 Gunsight Lake

Trail Difficulty: Advanced
This 6.5 km trail leads to a breathtaking alpine ridge and spectacular Gunsight Lake. En route you'll pass the remains of the old Dominion Government fish hatchery. The last 3.5 km of the trails are steep. Less avid hikers may wish to turn back to the trailhead at the 3 km mark.



15 Hai Lake

Trail Difficulty: Moderate
This provincial park provides a 1 km hike through an old growth reserve that leads to a small lake with a rustic campsite. A great place for a summertime swim after your hike. Fishing is good in this lake in both summer and winter.



18 Clearwater Lakes

Trail Difficulty: Moderate
This 6 km moderate hike begins at Onion Lake and runs through an old growth forest leading to Onion, Big Clearwater and Little Clearwater Lakes. The trail is fairly level, but can be a bit rough with rocks and roots. Try the wheelchair accessible Raven Song trail



leading to a fishing dock, picnic area, wheelchair accessible pit toilet and picnic shelter on Onion Lake.

16 Twin Spruce Trail

Trail Difficulty: Easy
The trailhead is accessed from the Furlong Bay Campground in Lakelse Lake Park. An easy 2 km walk winds through impressive old growth forest and wetlands while following a salmon bearing creek. The size of the trees is incredible!



19 Exstew

Trail Difficulty: Moderate
This popular hike to a gorgeous waterfall is accessed off Hwy 16 west. Follow the Exstew Forest Service Road about 10 km in to park. The access to the bottom is easy. Prepare for a short steep hike to the upper falls for a spectacular view.

