

102 Things to Do in the Cariboo

1. **Free Fun Information** – Stop in at the Williams Lake Visitor Centre located on 1660 South Broadway. Learn more about the local attractions!
2. **Meet Brenda** – Check out the fictional movie hosted by Brenda. Located in the Lodge at the Tourism Discovery Centre.
3. **Need a Taste of Nature** – Scout Island Nature Centre offers an oasis of family activities such as hiking, swimming, and even learning about the animals.
<http://www.scoutislandnaturecentre.ca/>
4. **Stroll or Bike** – The River Valley trail stretches along 14kms of the Williams Lake River to the Fraser River. This trail is intended for jogging, hiking or biking. It also has an extensive trail network branching off of it. For more details pick up a map at the Visitor Centre.
5. **Step back in Time** – Open-year round the Museum of the Cariboo – Chilcotin is BC's only ranch and rodeo museum and is home to the BC Cowboy Hall of Fame. <http://www.cowboy-museum.com/>
6. **Walk back into History** – Our community offers a self-guided historic walk through the downtown core. This walk takes visitors to various historical sites in our community. For a complete map, ask at the Visitor Centre.
7. **Culture Stop** – The Station House Gallery and Gift Shop offers a bit of local history along with contemporary art and a great gift shop. The Station House is also one of the oldest buildings in town, originally built in 1919.
<http://www.stationhousegallery.com/>
8. **Perfect Park Pastimes in Boitanio** – Close to all levels of shopping, this park offers some great opportunities for recreation such as a skateboard park, picnic tables, mountain biking area and rollerblade trails.
9. **Performances in the Park** – For eight consecutive Thursday evenings during July and August visitors and locals alike can drop by Boitanio Park to hear some true Cariboo talent in the Gwen Ringwood Amphitheatre.
10. **All-in-One** – The Cariboo Memorial Complex welcomes all to take a dip in the pool or stop in for a workout. Also available is a steam room, hot tub, wading pool and showers. There is also family skating, and exciting hockey games happening during the winter months. Even sign up for a drop in work out class such as yoga or Pilates. <http://www.activewilliamslake.com/>
11. **Wet n' Wild Kiwanis Park** – This park offers a great kid friendly playground and in the summer months a refreshing water park.
12. **Tee-Off Time** - Take the opportunity to shape up your game at one of our four local golf courses. WL Golf & Tennis Club, Bell-E-Acres, Coyote Rock and Fireman Fairways.
13. **The Cariboo from the Sky** – Get in the air with one of our local aircraft companies and take a scenic flight tour and see the region from a different point of view.
14. **Got a Racket 'n' Ball** - Williams Lake offers some great community courts at Kiwanis Park as well as those at the local tennis club.
15. **Read up on it at the Library** – The Library is a great place for the whole family. They offer a kids play section, free internet access, a coffee shop, and of course a great mass of literature.
16. **Cheer on the Stampeders** – Check out the local Men's senior hockey team at one of their games.
<http://www.wlstampeters.com/portal/Home/tabid/36/default.aspx>
17. **Strike!** – The bowling alley located on 1st Ave. offers family and cosmic 5 pin bowling.
18. **Squash** – Located at one of our local gyms, get a buddy for a day or night game.
19. **Interested in Rugby** – Williams Lake offers a Ladies & Mens League. Come check out a game at the fields on Ottoman Drive.
20. **Popcorn & Pop time** – Our local theatre is located on 3rd Ave. and has 4 screens. There are nightly shows and matinees on the weekends. <http://paradisecinemas.com/>
21. **Popcorn & Pop at Home** – Rent a movie from one of the movie rental stores in the Williams Lake Area.
22. **Let's Rack em'Up** – Williams Lake has a great pool hall located on 2nd Avenue. This billiard hall offers darts, games, foosball, and of course pool.
23. **Need For Speed** – Thunder Mountain Speedway is a local race track that offers many events such as `The Crash to Pass` during the Stampede Weekend.
<http://www.thundermountainspeedway.ca/>
24. **Community Art Upscale** – Take a stroll through downtown Williams Lake to see our communities beautiful heritage murals.
25. **Churches** – Williams Lake has many multi-faith Churches to attend.
26. **Roll Around Town** – Williams Lake is very rollerblade friendly, whether it's on the cement trails in Boitanio Park, or the side walks of downtown Oliver Street. One can really enjoy our subtle sloping valley.
27. **Head for the Pits** – The community horseshoe pits are located in the stampede grounds.
28. **Ride the Range** – Horseback riding is available all over the Cariboo. If you would like to saddle up, stop by the Visitor Centre for guest ranch information.
29. **Yeehaw Cowboy** – You're in the Heart of the Real Wild West and there are several rodeos that occur annually in our Region. For a complete list, ask an information counsellor.
30. **Table for 2** – Take a break and enjoy our classic Cariboo Charm by visiting one of our local restaurants.
31. **Local Pubs** - Drink, Eat & Be Merry in the Cariboo at one of the fabulous pubs.
32. **Sweep, Sweep, SWEEP** - A classic Canadian sport, curling has become popular in the lake city. To watch a game or maybe even join in, drop by the Williams Lake Curling Rink located at the Stampede Grounds.
33. **Feelin` Lucky** - Our Community Gaming Centre is located on South Broadway Avenue. The centre offers electronic bingo, slots, and a great restaurant with a patio.
<http://www.chances.ca/locations/signal-point/>
34. **Valuable Finds** – Our area is home to a couple of very unique antique stores. There are some in Williams Lake as well as a few in Horsefly, Likely and Lac La Hache.

35. **Need a Rush** – Hit one of our many bike trails in the area. Mountain biking in the Cariboo is first class with detailed maps and amazing trail designs. Trail levels range from beginner to intermediate.
36. **Picture Perfect** – A giant wheelchair sits at the intersection of Hwy 97 & Hwy 20. The wheelchair represents Rick Hansen's dedication to spinal cord research and the Wheels in Motion committee of Williams Lake.
37. **Get into Culture** – For unique Native Arts & Crafts visit one of our local gift shops.
38. **Tour of the Mine** – Gibraltar Mines & the Visitor Centre offer a day tour of the mine once every 2 weeks in the summer months. Call the Visitor Centre for a schedule and to book your space.
39. **Get Your Dancing Shoes On** – Many Different Types of Dancing happens in the Cariboo such as Square Dancing and Ballroom.
40. **Sharpen your Skates** – Outdoor skating is great in the Cariboo during winter months. We recommend skating at Scout Island. The park is both beautiful and centrally located. For those who want to go skating indoors the Cariboo Memorial Complex offers public skating.
41. **Night Lights** – Take a drive to Fox Mountain Road, the Williams Lake Golf Course or walk up the Scout Island lookout hill to see the city lights sparkle over the subtle reflection of our lake.
42. **Feel the Rush** – Rafting in the Williams Lake area can be so exhilarating. Some of the nicest white water is easily accessible on both the Chilcotin and the Fraser River.
43. **Jet Set** – Jet boating is a family friendly activity with all the fun of open white water. These tours take you through some breathtaking scenery as well as historical sites.
44. **Catch 'em if You Can** – Hunting in the Cariboo is a skill beyond all other. Be sure to check all hunting regulations before setting out and make sure you are equipped with the proper licensing and reflective gear.
45. **Practice with the Bullet** – Williams Lake Sportsman Association offers a great shooting range to practice.
46. **Dish with the Fish** – Fishing in the Cariboo is spectacular. With over 4,500 lakes within only an hour's drive of the Central Cariboo, we have become a fisherman's paradise.
47. **Water, Water, and More Water** – Are you into water sports? Come visit one of our 4,500 lakes. Many of these lakes offer something for the whole family, from beaches to swimming, fishing to boating, and even golfing.
48. **Powder Paradise** – Bull Mountain Cross Country Ski Trails are open to the public as soon as the snow falls, with several lighted tracks for night skiing, this cross country ski slope is perfect for the beginner to the most advanced.
<http://www.bullmountain.ca/>
49. **Snow Pack Sensations** – Snowmobiling can be a real winter rush. With the beautiful open fields and spectacular back trails of the Cariboo, this area is a snowmobiling paradise.
50. **Adrenaline Junkie** - Williams Lake is home to many recreational activities. If you're into extreme sports like kayaking or mountain biking, you may want to meet up with a local. Contact one of our local tour operators' or sporting shops. <http://puddlebike.com/>
<http://ridethecariboo.ca/>
51. **Need a Paddle** - There are many different kayaking & canoeing routes available in the Cariboo area, ranging from either lake routes or river routes. This is an excellent opportunity to see some of the local wildlife. Also many chain lakes in the area to make it an over night trip.
52. **Learn the Old Way** - The old 150 Mile House School can be viewed if arrangements are made. Please ask a Visitor Counsellor for assistance.
53. **Exhilarating Tours** – ATV Tours can be arranged with some of the local tourism operators. This gives many a chance to get off the beaten track and explore the back country.
54. **Fraser River Circle Tour** – Take this beautiful tour along the Fraser River. This tour leads you from Williams Lake through ranch country to the west side of Quesnel and then back down the lovely scenery of Hwy 97.
55. **Farwell Canyon, Hanceville Circle Tour** – Visit spectacular Farwell Canyon and view the California Big Horn Sheep. Then pass through the community of Big Creek back to Hwy 20 and the community of Hanceville.
56. **Chimney Lake, Enterprise Road Circle Tour** – This circle tour takes you along three beautiful Cariboo lakes and through some beautiful back country, and maybe take a quick dip in Chimney or Felker Lake.
57. **Sugar Cane Reserve, Mission Road Circle Tour** – This tour takes you through the Williams Lake Indian Band Reservation. Stop in at the band office to see some local art for sale or chat with an elder.
58. **Horsefly, Likely, and Barkerville Circle Tour** – Following the original Gold Rush Trail to the booming metropolis of Barkerville. This spectacular drive winds through the Cariboo Mountains.
59. **Alkali Lake, Gang Ranch Circle Tour** – Go south my friends, through the historical Gang Ranch and Dog Creek area. Visit beautiful Painted Chasm Provincial Park at the end of this tour.
60. **Take in a Little Bit of Culture** - Tour Xats'ull Heritage Village, and experience the First Nations spiritual, cultural, and traditional way of life. <http://xatsullheritagevillage.com/>
61. **Smell the Fresh Air** – Take a camping or even a day trip to one of the many Provincial or forestry campgrounds in the Cariboo.
50. **Historic Homestead of the Gold Rush Era** – The Felker Homestead is now being restored at Lac La Hache. Stop in and peak around. This log house was originally built in 1884 at 118 Mile House.
51. **Up, Up, & Away** - On Lac La Hache there is an opportunity to go parasailing. This is when you have a parachute strapped to you and you get pulled around the lake by a boat. Some of the lake's resorts also offer Sea-do rentals.
52. **Whipping and Zipping** – Snowboarding and skiing is available at Mount Timothy which is located just east of Lac La Hache. Rentals are available at the mountain and there is also a restaurant on site. There is a chair-lift and T-bar available.
53. **Sit Back & Enjoy** – Dog sledding is a fun activity & is available at some of the resorts in the area.
54. **Rev it Up** - Dirt biking in our region is abundant. Take advantage of our back road trails and head for the Cariboo Mountains to see some spectacular views. Be careful of private property though.

55. **Check out the Wild** – For viewing Big Horn Sheep, Follow HWY 20 to Riske Creek (46kms (28Mi) West of Williams Lake). You will turn left at this small community and follow the signs for the Junction Sheep Range Park.
56. **Bird Watching** – Becher's Pond is also located 51 km west of Williams Lake on hwy 20. The pond will be directly off of the highway on the left hand side. This site is a bird watcher's paradise. There is also a Forest Recreation Site.
57. **Take a Look-Out** – Lee's look-out is a great pull off from Hwy 20. At this look-out there is a great photo opportunity of the West Chilcotin Plateau, a location where you can see for miles and miles.
58. **Farmer's Market** – Every Friday at Boitanio Park from 9:00am – 1:00pm with lots of local vendors & hot lunch also available. For more information check out their blog: <http://wlfarmersmarket.blogspot.ca/>
59. **Oliver Street Market** – This market happens every Saturday in Herb Gardner Park by City Hall. Offers Local Food, Live entertainment, crafts & children activities.
60. **Mist Away (Waterfalls)** – Come watch the natural passage ways of the rivers convert to a majestic atmosphere of mist, sound, and beauty in our region.
61. **Good Ol' Country Charm** – Horsefly is a small community located approximately 65 kms east of Williams Lake. There is a strong sense of community pride and history in this small ranching community. Stop by the general store where local crafts can be viewed. There is also a spectacular museum in the community that is open during the summer months.
62. **Don't use a Boat, FLOAT** – There are many opportunities to float down the majestic streams and rivers in the Cariboo, especially near Horsefly & Likely.
63. **Catch the Rush** – Horsefly has a spawning channel that has been operating for quite a number of years. In the fall the river is engulfed by red salmon and the Horsefly River has a beautiful trail to check is out. They also have an annual salmon festival <http://www.horseflyriver.ca/salmonfestival/index.html> for more information.
64. **Strike it Big with the Goldrush** - Likely has a very strong atmosphere of an old gold rush community. Take a short walk around the town and stop by their local Provincial Park to see some of the old industrial equipment. Be sure to check out their visitor centre and museum.
65. **Gold Mining Hydraulic Pit** – The Bullion Pit is located just before you reach the community of Likely. You get a true sense of community development when you see this amazing hydraulic mine; explore the base of the mine for precious metals.
66. **Forks and Knives of the River** – Quesnel Forks is a historical mining community located north of Likely. At one time this community was the largest on the mainland, it was founded in 1859. This is also the location where the Cariboo River and Quesnel River fork together hence why it is called Quesnel Forks. If you want to extend your stay there is a Forestry Recreational Site nearby.
67. **Spectacular Beauty** – Quesnel Lake is a clear fjord lake and it's the 2nd deepest of its kind in the world. Near the end of the east arm of this magnificent lake is our local Niagara Falls, where you are able to walk up a short trail and be facing directly in front of the falls. You'll be drenched, however, for the mist is very heavy.
68. **Seek the Peak** - Yanks Peak is an old Gold Rush Route, the road, however; is no longer travel able. This peak is located North of Likely and you can hike or bike over this route to obtain a beautiful panoramic view of the Cariboo Mountains. In the winter this is a must destination for the snowmobiles.
69. **Pan for Riches** – Try gold panning in our area. Many visitors have found chips of gold at Quesnel Forks, but make sure when you go out not to be jumping on private land. Either ask locals or try the nearest Visitor Centre.
70. **Up Close and Personal** – Wildlife treks are available from different tourism operators in our area. If you want to go out with the wildlife, be with an expert.
71. **Secluded, Isolated, and Ghostly** – Ghost Lake is located North East of Likely. Visit this Forestry Recreation Site and you will go on a bridge that has the Ghost Lake Falls falling under you. There are large, flat rocks that allow you to walk around sections of the lake.
72. **Get Some Wicked Air** – At the very end of Quesnel Lake there is a resort that offers heli-skiing; their pick up location is generally Horsefly, depending on the season. You should call in advance to make all the arrangements necessary.
73. **Sweet Pickings** - Surrounded by pristine wilderness, our area is a popular place for wild raspberries, strawberries, and huckleberries. Wildflowers are beautiful here and can make the perfect picnic table bouquet.
74. **Culture with a Jingle** – There is a strong First Nations heritage in the Cariboo. To experience First Nations culture first hand, visit during one of our annual Pow Wows. Not only will you be awe inspired by the dancers' performance, but their spiritual significance will touch your soul.
75. **Tune In** - While in the Cariboo, don't forget to tune into our local radio stations for the most up-to-date news and weather reports. The radio also will report any major accidents as well as forest fires. Tune into The Goat at 97.5fm & Cariboo Country at 570am.
76. **Hit for the Top** - Take advantage of Esler or Alkali Bluffs to test your rock climbing skills. For maps and directions, ask an Information Counsellor at the Visitor Centre.
77. **Catch the Moment** - The Cariboo area is so diverse; many photo opportunities are available in our region for breathtaking shots.
78. **The Dome** – This 5.5 km trail up volcanic rock leads to spectacular views of the surrounding plateaus and is a great wildlife viewing opportunity. This is also the Chilcotin Military Training Area so depending on the day, access to this trail may not be available.
79. **Meet the Honoured in Williams Lake** - Rick Hansen. The "Man in Motion" was raised in Williams Lake and most of his family still calls the Cariboo their home. Hansen completed the Man in Motion World Tour in 1985 in a wheelchair to raise money for spinal cord research. His efforts raised over 24 million dollars. For more information on Rick stop by the Tourism Discovery Centre & visit the wonderful monument.
80. **Shop till you Drop** – We offer some great local shops along with all the reliable chain stores a major centre would need. Our local mall has over 15 stores to browser around. <http://www.boitaniomall.com/>

81. **Pick up the Paper** – Thinking about relocating? Check the classifieds or grab a Real Estate Buyer's Guide.
82. **Beautiful Gardens** – Williams Lake hosts an Annual Garden tour near the end of July each year. These tours showcase blooms in private gardens as well as public ones.
83. **Christmas Lights** – Every winter Williams Lake hosts an annual Christmas lights contest. The public can do drive by tours of these fabulously decorated homes.
84. **Run for a Cause** – Williams Lake hosts many different runs through out the summer months. In June there is the Dave Jacobs Run, July is the Relay for Life and in September is the Terry Fox run. Come out and join.
85. **Get Your Cheer On** – Check out the local High schools play volleyball, basketball, soccer or rugby. Tournaments happening all year round.
86. **The World Famous Stampede** – Williams Lake is known for its 2nd Largest Canadian Stampede that happens in the last weekend of June. Fun for the whole family & exciting events happen all weekend such as the Barn Dance and Street Party.
87. **O' Canada** – Canada Day (July 1st) Williams Lake celebrates all through town & especially in Boitanio Park.
88. **Light up the Sky** – The Williams Lake Fire Fighters put on an awesome Firework show at the Stampede Grounds on every Halloween. So grab all that candy & watch them fly.
89. **Fall Fair** – The Williams Lake Harvest Fair Happens every year in September. Check it out at the Stampede Ground to see what the Cariboo is growing
90. **Art Walk** – Get out and about in the Community! Fabulous art is happening all around and is on display in local shops. Grab a Friend & a Program to collect stamps to win prizes.
91. **Car Show**- The Laker's Car Club host an amazing event downtown Williams Lake with old fashion vehicles.
92. **Driving to Success** – The Grad Class puts on a good parade for the whole community. There are old & new cars and very interesting floats.
93. **Easter Hunt** - Join the Easter Bunny to search for those yummy treats every Easter at Boitanio Park.
94. **Howdy!** – The Williams Lake & District Chamber of Commerce puts on a Howdy Williams Lake Day every summer. This brings businesses, groups and free entertainment together. Enjoy a hot dog and listen to the band.
95. **Craft Fairs** – November & December are the month of Christmas Craft Fairs. Be sure to check all or them or at least 1 to finish off the last minute Christmas gifts.
96. **Old Fashion Christmas** – Learn a piece of history by attending Barkerville's Old Fashion Christmas. Everything will reopen for this event in the winter.
97. **Seniors Activity Centre** – Stop in at the Senior Activity Centre for a game of shuffle board or some line dance lessons. There's always something going on at the centre and it's located near the Museum and Kiwanis Park.
98. **Pass the time with a Play** – The Williams Lake Studio Theatre produces several productions throughout the year. Cariboo talent at its best. Ask at the Info Centre about any upcoming events.
99. **Spend a Day in Relaxation** – Check out one of the many day spas or salons in the area.
100. **Polar Bear Swim**- Every year on January 1st the Williams Lake Men's Rugby Club hosts a polar swim. Test your toughness by jumping into a hole cut into the ice at Scout Island.
101. **Info on the Go.** Want to know what's going on in our region. Check out the Chamber of Commerce website for up to date events. [Wwww.williamslakechamber.com](http://www.williamslakechamber.com) Or friend us on facebook (Williams Lake Visitor Centre) to get our status updates.
102. **City Hall for a free Pin** – Before you leave the City of Williams Lake be sure to pick up your free souvenir pin from City Hall.