



DISTRICT OF KITIMAT TRAILS AND OUTDOOR POINTS OF INTEREST

The District of Kitimat within the municipal boundaries offers a number of hiking trails and outdoor opportunities. The hiking trails are easy family hikes through old growth forest, however prior to taking young children one should hike the trails to assess the difficulty and time required to complete the outing. Trails are flagged with orange markers on trees by the Snow Valley Nordic Ski Club. Look for markers ±8 feet above ground on larger trees. There are no garbage facilities available along any of the trails. All are user maintained sites.

Thank you for your assistance.

1. SNOWFLAKE PARK FAIRGROUNDS AND HORSE TRAILS

Access: North on Highway 37 about 500m past Cable Car entrance.
Site Description: Fairground facility with riding rings and day horse stalls.
Trail Description: Horse trails leading in and around Fairgrounds, Cable Car, Hirsch Creek Park, across highway to Fire Mountain Rifle Range. Fitness joggers are encouraged to use trail. For more information call Debbie at 250-632-6740.
Funding: Snowflake Fairgrounds Society.

2. FIRE MOUNTAIN RIFLE RANGE

Access: Off Highway 37, 4km from town, watch for signs.
Site Description: Vehicle parking, 500m rifle range with shed and shooting rests - this is a federal government inspected facility and users are required to follow regulations posted.

3. HIRSCH CREEK PARK

Access: Hirsch Creek Park off Highway 37, go to interior parking lot to south (right at fork).
Site Description: A rustic setting with minimum amenities, 10 campsites, access to Hirsch Creek Park. Day picnic sites, large covered area for gatherings and cooking, sports field and pit toilets. Used for community picnics - for booking call Tamitik Jubilee Sports Complex at 250-632-8955.
Trail Description: Short walk through old growth. Watch for cedars with bark stripped on one side by natives - bark used for clothing.

4. HIRSCH CREEK CANYON

Trail to falls starts on south side of Highway 37 Hirsch Creek Bridge. Sign at right hand side. Trail is interrupted by logging road: watch for sign. The trail extends for about 7km (1 hours hiking time). It leads to a few beauty spots along the creek. You will come to a logging access road and should see a tall hemlock with two prominent scars in front of you. Enter bush and see swamp lake through the trees. To Circle the lake take the trail on the left by the bench towards the gully. Trail branches shortly before the viewpoint. (NOTE: The viewpoint is very dangerous for small children). If you are looking for a picnic place, follow the trail downhill for a short distance to creek to the big gully.

5. PINE CREEK TRAIL (UPPER AND LOWER)

Access: From Highway 37 follow Kitimaat Village road. At bottom of first hill turn right onto gravel road. The trail head is 700m from Village road, bridge is out - park at creek, cross creek by foot until you see trail head sign.
Trail Description: A great hike for all ages, big cedars, babbling brook teeming with small fry, spawning salmon, and beaver activity. The hike is 30 minutes one way. Trail built in 1997 provides a wonderful hike and an opportunity to witness the salmon enhancement project of the science class of Gary Moulard from Mount Elizabeth Senior Secondary.
Funding: Courtesy of Alcan Aluminum Smelters (Now Rio Tinto).

6. COGLIN POINT

Access: Haisla Boulevard. At entrance to community watch for signs and parking.
Site Description: View of Douglas Channel in park setting with picnic table. Don't forget your camera.

7. SMITH STREET TRAIL

Access: Off Smith Street.
Trail Description: A short but difficult 250m from the top of Smith Street with the trail connecting with Hirsch Creek Trail, left to Coho Flats or right to Highway 37 at Hirsch Creek bridge.

8. COHO FLATS TRAIL

Access: Located off Baxter Street.
Trail Description: An easy 1.75km through old growth forest leading to the Kitimat River. At the river the trail goes left along Fisherman's Trail to the Rod and Gun Club.

9. FISHERMAN'S TRAIL (ROD AND GUN TRAIL)

Access: Through community, turn right just before the bridge over Kitimat River. Park in lot at bottom of small hill, trail entrance is just before the entrance to the Rod and Gun Club at the pullout. Recommend hike by adult prior to taking children.

10. GIANT SPRUCE

Access: Highway 37 to Haisla Boulevard to 3rd stop light. Turn left on Kuldo Boulevard to Columbia Street. Turn right, end of road turn right, first left, short distance turn left, watch for signs.
Site Description: Old growth sitka spruce. Over 400 years old - considered the oldest and largest living Sitka Spruce in BC. Picnic table and information about tree size and age.

11. RADLEY PARK CAMPGROUND

Access: Follow Highway 37 through community and over Kitimat River bridge to Service Centre. Follow highway to left, watch for signs, take first left turn over dyke.

Site Description: 36 campsites, 16 with electricity, indoor toilets, pay showers, pay phone, day picnic area, drift boat reception area. Setting is old growth forest. Original development by Kitimat Gyro Club. Covered area barbecue pit available for community group picnics and large family gatherings at no fee. Contact the District of Kitimat Recreation Department at 250-632-8955. Annual projects by Kitimat Gyro Club.

12. JOE'S TRAIL

Access: Highway 37 to Haisla Boulevard to 3rd stop light. Turn left on Kuldo Boulevard, right on Columbia Avenue, travel until road ends at dyke. Turn right, take first left, drive about 1km and park near Kitimat River.
Trail Description: 1.5 hour hike on wide wasy circle through old growth forest along Kitimat River. At end turn left, walk along water line to dyke road, turn left and return along dyke and turn left back to vehicle.

13. HIRSCH CREEK NORTH

Access: Trail is located on the north side of Hirsch Creek. Cross over the Hirsch Creek Bridge on Hwy 37 and take the first right hand turn, opposite the entrance to Hirsch Creek Park. Follow the signage.
Trail Description: Trail walk takes approximately 25 - 30 min. one way and leads you to the access to the old Crown Zellerbach logging bridge road.

14. HIRSCH CREEK SOUTH

Access: Trail is located to the right when you reach the bottom of the hill on Smith Street Trail. The Hirsch Creek South Trail travels adjacent to Hirsch Creek on the south bank towards the Hirsch Creek Bridge on HWY 37 and then beyond to the old Crown Zellerbach logging bridge road.
Trail Description: The trail will take approximately 45 - 60 min. one way.

For information regarding community outdoor opportunities in Kitimat contact:
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The Leisure Services Department's intent is to annually produce this trail guide in the spring leisure brochure. To assist in ensuring that the guide meets the community needs and is accurate in content your comments are appreciated.