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NATURE IS ENOUGH

FIELD GUIDE

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THIS IS WHERE EFFORT MEETS REWARD

WELCOME TO HOUSTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the heart of Northern BC, nature and community meet in Houston. Surrounded by forests, lakes, and mountain ridges, this is a place where adventure is shaped by your sense of curiosity.

Explore less-travelled trails, paddle calm waters, or ride bike paths framed by towering trees in spring and summer. When winter arrives, fresh snow transforms the landscape into a playground for skiers, sledders, and trail riders chasing clear, crisp days.

In Houston, your efforts shape the experience. Building a fire, setting up camp, launching a boat, or hitting the trail isn't just part of the journey—it's what makes it unforgettable. While the outdoors may draw you in, Houston's people and community spirit stay with you. Genuine hospitality, practical comforts, and a rare sense of freedom define this place. Whether you're seeking solitude, shared moments, or the thrill of a challenge, Houston is where you give a little and get a lot in return.

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We acknowledge that we are on the unceded territory of the Wet'suwet'en people and honour their ongoing stewardship of this land.

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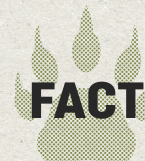
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We live in grizzly bear country. These powerful animals are essential to the local ecosystem, and efforts to protect their habitat help ensure their future here. For a closer look at Houston's wildlife history, visit the Visitor Centre to see the legendary "Phantom Grizzly Bear." Weighing 975 lbs and standing 11' tall, this 20 year old bear became infamous after reports of livestock losses led ranchers and conservation officers to its discovery. Displayed with a salmon in its jaws, it's a striking reminder of the balance between nature and the people who share this land.

VISITOR CENTRE

The Houston & District Chamber of Commerce runs the Houston Visitor Centre, which is open year-round and is conveniently located on Highway 16. Whether planning your trip or already in town, stop by or call for details on local attractions in Houston and the surrounding area. While here, check out our impressive grizzly bear display, snap a photo with Canada's largest fly rod, browse the gift shop, or enjoy lunch in the scenic Steelhead Park.

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HOUSTON IS SHAPED BY ITS LAND AND THE PEOPLE WHO CALL IT HOME.

Practical, welcoming, and deeply connected to the place they live, this community values hard work, time well spent, and the satisfaction of earning your experience in breathtaking surroundings.

When you visit, you'll find a town that's down-to-earth and unpretentious. The people here are open, ready to share a story, point you in the right direction, or offer a warm welcome after a day outdoors.

Houston offers lots of space to explore—whether you're fishing its rivers, hiking its trails, or paddling the iconic Nanika-Kidprice

canoe route. Snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, and snowshoers discover fresh tracks and quiet places in winter. For those who prefer to be inside, local shops, restaurants and recreation facilities tick the boxes. Here, life is honest and direct, and we welcome you to enjoy it.

A REEL BIG STORY

At 60' tall and 800lbs, Canada's largest fly rod isn't just a landmark—it's Houston's story.

It all started as a napkin sketch by local fly fisherman Warner Jarvis, inspired by Houston's title as The Steelhead Capital of the World. From there, the community came together: 470 hours of donated equipment time, 574 hours of volunteer labour, and contributions from 41 local businesses turned the idea into reality.

Built from anodized aluminum to mimic graphite, the rod features a 36" reel, a 21" Skykomish Sunrise fly, and a tapered leader made of weed-eater cord.

On May 5, 1990, volunteers carried the finished rod through town to its spot beside the Visitor Centre, closing the highway to celebrate. Locals even bought \$5 "shares," owning a cm of the rod.

The fly rod stands as a testament to Houston's ingenuity and roll-up-your-sleeves community spirit—a project that proves small towns can pull off big things.

LOCATION MARKER

GETTING HERE

HOUSTON IS IN NORTHWESTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Located midway between Prince George and Prince Rupert along Highway 16. This key route connects British Columbia (BC) to northern Alberta and meets Highway 37, the road to the Yukon and Alaska.

BY ROAD

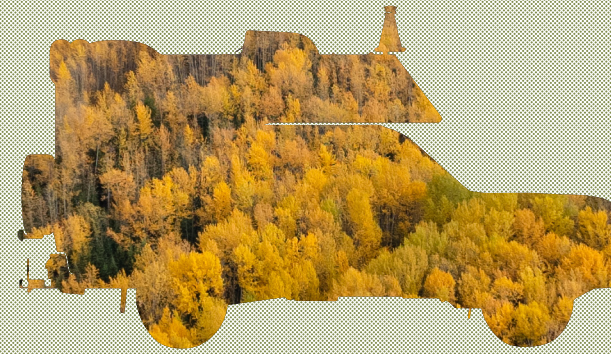
Houston is a straightforward drive on Highway 16 — 4.5 hours from Prince Rupert and 3.5 hours from Prince George. Check Drive BC for the latest road conditions before setting out.

BY AIR

The nearest airport is in Smithers, just 45 minutes away. Vehicle rentals are available but should be booked in advance.

BY RAIL

VIA Rail's Skeena Line offers a scenic ride from Jasper to Prince Rupert, with a stop in Houston. Schedules and rates are available through VIA Rail. Keep in mind, transportation options in Houston are limited, so check ahead for pickup arrangements.



BRITISH COLUMBIA

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| 01 - Victoria | 05 - Prince George | 09 - Hazelton |
| 02 - Vancouver | 06 - Burns Lake | 10 - Terrace |
| 03 - Kamloops | 07 - Houston | 11 - Prince Rupert |
| 04 - Williams Lake | 08 - Smithers | 12 - Haida Gwaii |

WET'SUWET'EN LAND



LONG BEFORE HOUSTON WAS ESTABLISHED,

the Wet'suwet'en people lived, governed, and thrived in this region, where their culture and deep connection to the land continue today. The area around Houston is part of Laksilyu (*Small Frog Clan*) territory within the Wet'suwet'en traditional governance system, organized into five clans and 13 house groups.

The junction of the Bulkley and Morice Rivers, known today as "The Forks" has long been a significant gathering place for the Wet'suwet'en people. During salmon runs, the Wet'suwet'en would host feasts at this important site, which they call Widzin Bin (*river on a slant*). One of these rivers flows from Widzin Bin (*Morice Lake*), another place of cultural and sustenance significance.

The Wet'suwet'en Nation continues to exercise its inherent rights and work to protect its traditional territory and Yintah (*land*) while ensuring their People's way of life endures for future generations. Their efforts to steward the land reflect a relationship that has existed since time immemorial and continues to shape this region today.



WOLF TOTEM POLE
HERITAGE PARK
Carved by:
Wilfred Sampson

LEARN WITSUWIT'EN

HADIH	HELLO
SNEKALYA	THANK YOU
BIN' HOONZOO	GOOD MORNING
SO'ENDZIN	HOW ARE YOU?
NENYUST'EN	I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN
TĒSDLĪ	STEELHEAD
CAS	GRIZZLY BEAR
HIDA	MOOSE
C'IKWAH	RIVER
DZILH	MOUNTAIN
DANOWH'YEH	WELCOME!

SNAPSHOT OF HOUSTON HISTORY

- + **Railway Beginnings:** In the early 1900s, Houston became a tie-cutting centre for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, supporting the construction of this key transportation route.
- + **Incorporation:** Officially incorporated as a village on March 4, 1957, Houston developed into a hub for forestry and mining, industries that continue to shape the community today.
- + **Population:** Approximately 3,100 people live in Houston, with another 1,000 in the surrounding rural areas.
- + **Modern Identity:** Known as the Steelhead Capital of the World, Houston blends its industrial heritage with stunning natural surroundings and a welcoming community spirit.

WE ARE THE LAND AND THE LAND IS US.



SAFETY FIRST, ADVENTURE ALWAYS

Exploring Houston's rugged landscapes is rewarding, but it takes preparation and respect to do it safely. Here's how to stay safe while making the most of your time in the wild:

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS:

- **Plan Ahead:** Share your route, destination, and return time with someone at your campsite or a trusted contact.
- **Pack Smart:** Bring a map, food, extra fuel, and emergency supplies—be ready for an unplanned overnight.
- **Stay Alert:** Weather can shift fast, trails may be steep or rocky, and wildlife may cross your path.
- **Travel Together:** Stick with a buddy or small group whenever possible.



BEAR AWARENESS:

HOUSTON IS HOME TO BOTH BLACK BEARS AND GRIZZLIES, SO TAKE PRECAUTIONS:

- Make noise on trails to avoid surprising a bear.
- Look for signs like tracks or scat.
- Store food securely—use bear-resistant containers or hang food well away from your campsite. Never keep food in tents or coolers.
- Keep your site clean and dispose of garbage properly.
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it.

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS:

HOUSTON'S LANDSCAPES SUPPORT EAGLES, DEER, ELK, MOOSE, COYOTES, WOLVES, AND COUGARS.

- Keep a safe distance and respect their space.
- Watch quietly without disturbing their natural behaviour.

BACKCOUNTRY AND ROAD SAFETY:

- Forest Service Roads (FSRs) are remote and rugged—carry two-way radios and check posted road channels.
- Cell service is spotty at best, so pack extra supplies and plan for emergencies.

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL:

HELP PRESERVE OUR WILDERNESS FOR OTHERS TO ENJOY:

- Pack out all waste and keep campfires small. Leave no trace.
- Respect the land, wildlife, and other visitors.



For detailed safety info or wildlife tips, visit local wildlife agencies or the **Houston Visitor Centre** at 3289 Yellowhead Hwy.



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TEN REASONS TO STAY A WHILE



NANIKA FALLS

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NENIKEKH/NANIKA-KIDPRICE PROVINCIAL PARK

Escape to B.C.'s back-country, where a chain of pristine lakes is connected by portage trails. The journey leads to Nanika Falls—18 metres of crashing water—the crowning jewel of this wilderness escape.

02

MOUNT HARRY DAVIS TRAILS

Looking for action or down-time? Mountain bike the trails or gather with family at the picnic hub—it's your call.

03

MORICE RIVER (WIDZIN KWAH)

Steelhead fishing here isn't just good—it's legendary. Anglers come from far and wide to test their skills. Not a fisher? Not a problem. Paddle, float, or tube the Morice for a laid-back, family-friendly adventure on the water.

04

SILVERTHORNE LAKE TRAILS AND CAMPGROUND

Hike, bike, ski, or snowshoe—Silverthorne Lake has options for any season. Paddle its calm waters during the day, then camp under starlit skies for the whole experience.

05

CHINA KNOWS MOUNTAIN (TSE ZHUL)

Climb the rugged slopes of China Knows Mountain, known as Tse Zhul ("rock neck") in Witsuwit'en. Rumours of gold swirl through the hills, but the views alone are worth the trek.

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TELKWA RANGE

Take on the Telkwa Range with your snowmobile or ATV. These dramatic peaks aren't just scenery—they're the main event for thrill-seekers.

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WILLOWGROVE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

This nine-hole gem along the Bulkley River is easy to find and welcoming for all skill levels. Challenge yourself or just enjoy the views.

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CAMPING ADVENTURES

Houston's campgrounds—like Shady Rest, Silverthorne Lake, and By-Mac—put you in nature's front row. Wake up to views that don't need filters.

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BUCK CREEK CANFOR HATCHERY AND NATURE CENTRE

Hands-on learning meets the outdoors at Buck Creek. Explore salmon conservation, interactive exhibits, and scenic walking trails—a hit with kids and just as fun for adults.

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INDOOR OPTIONS

Need a break from the outdoors? Swim laps, soak in the hot tub, or challenge friends to a round of bowling at the Plaza.



WILLOW GROVE GOLF COURSE



HATCHERY & NATURE CENTRE

PICK YOUR PARK

Parks are the places where Houston comes to life—spaces to play, gather, or simply breathe it all in. From rugged trails to quiet corners, each spot offers its own story.

NENIKEKH / NANIKA-KIDPRICE PARK

Beyond the lakes that make it a paddler's dream, Nenikēkh / Nanika-Kidprice Park offers rugged backcountry hikes for those ready to tackle the hills. Trails around Tableland Mountain and the Sibola Range wind through wildflower-studded meadows, dramatic ridgelines, and glaciated peaks. Whether climbing to panoramic views or spotting wildlife along the way, this is where the effort pays off.

SCAN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:



STEELHEAD PARK

Steelhead Park is the heart of Houston, home to Canada's Largest Fly Rod and plenty of room to roam. With walking trails, a dog run, flower gardens, and picnic spots, it's the perfect place to stretch your legs—or your imagination.

NADINA PLACE PARK

This local park offers a swing set, picnic table, and mountain views worth sitting down for. Find it tucked off Nadina Place on Houston's west side.

BY-MAC PARK

By-Mac Park delivers for riverside camping with a boat launch and a side of peace and quiet. Head 4 km west on Highway 16, turn left onto Morice River Road, then right onto Bymac Forest Service Road—look for the entrance on the left after 1 km.

NORTHWOOD PICNIC SITE

Need a breather? Pull over 5 km west of downtown Houston for river views, picnic tables, and a quick reset at Northwood Picnic Site.

JAMIE BAXTER PARK

An all-in-one spot. Jamie Baxter Park features an amphitheatre, skate park, BMX track, playground, and trails—all packed into one hub near West 14th Street.

FOUR SEASONS PARK

Four Seasons Park is built for action, with ball diamonds, soccer fields, a dog park, and rodeo grounds ready for use. It's at the end of Mountainview Drive and hosts the May Days rodeo every spring.



HIKE THE TRAILS

CHINA KNOWS MOUNTAIN

HOUSTON HIKERS

Houston's trails don't just take you somewhere—they take you into the heart of Northern BC's landscapes. Whether it's a peaceful walk through towering forests, a climb to sweeping viewpoints, or a lakeside path that lets you linger, there's a trail for every pace and skill level.

Explore favourites like Barrett Hat, Owen Lookout, and China Knows, each offering its own perspective on the region's rugged beauty. From the quiet rustle of the trees to the panoramic views at the summit, every step feels like a reward.

FOR MAPS, TIPS + TRAIL UPDATES:
HOUSTONHIKERS.CA



TRAIL	DISTANCE FROM HOUSTON	CELL SERVICE	SKILL LEVEL	TRAIL LENGTH	ROUND TRIP	NOTES
AITKEN FALLS	14.4 km	Yes		1.1 km	1–1.5 hrs	Warning: The last 100 m of the trail traverses down a steep section down to the falls in the canyon
BARRETT HAT	8.5 km	Yes		2.9 km	1–1.5 hrs	Easy set of walking trails.
BUCK FALLS	30 km	No		250 m	15 min	Warning: Rocks along the trail + creek may be slippery. Caution should be used when travelling close to the creek.
BULKLEY RIVER REC SITE	30 km	Yes		10 km	Various	
BYMAN FALLS	28.9 km	Yes		200 m	20 min	Stay on the trail. The area above the falls + stream is slippery and treacherous.
CHINA KNOWS	27.5 km	Partial		2.9 km	3.5–4 hrs	Due to the nature of the cliff edge, these trails may not be suitable for pets or small children.
DINA LOOKOUT	60 km +	No		3.3 km	3–3.5 hrs	
EQUITY ICE FALLS & DUNGATE FALLS	17 km	No		717 km	1 hr	Watch out for falling ice from Equity Ice Falls
FINDLAY FALLS	36.7 km	Yes		214 m	30 min	Rocks along the trail + creek may be slippery when wet. Caution should be used when travelling close to the creek.
HOUSTON PALISADES	15.5 km	Yes		1.9 km	1–1.5 hrs	Due to the nature of the palisade edge, this trail is not suitable for pets or small children.
KLINGER LAKE	14.3 km	Yes		200 m	20 min	
L.D. BYMAN TRAIL	21 km	No		3 km	2–3 hrs	
MCQUARRIE LAKE	35 km	No		2.06 km	2.5–3 hrs	
MORICE MOUNTAIN	28 km	Yes		3.5 km	3–5 hrs	The access road requires 4X4 + good clearance.
MORICE-KLINGER TRAILS	7 km	Yes		3–11 km	1 hr +	Watch out for bears and cattle in the summer months.
NADINA FALLS	92 km	No		485 km	1 hr	Use caution when standing near the edge of the rock edge.
NADINA MOUNTAIN PROVINCIAL PARK	46 km	Partial		5.47 km	All day	Pack lots of water. There are no water sources once you're in the alpine.
NANIKA MOUNTAIN	80.9 km	No		8.54 km	All day	Never venture out into the backcountry without proper gear + emergency provisions.
NEWCOMBE FALLS	121 km	No		1.12 km	1 hr +	Never venture out into the backcountry without proper gear + emergency provisions.
OLD PINES NATURE TRAILS	10 km	Yes		1.9 km	45 min +	
OWEN HAT	60 km	Partial		1.9 km	30–45 min	Due to the nature of the palisade edge, this trail is not suitable for pets or small children.
OWEN LOOKOUT	30 km	Yes		2 km	2 hrs	The Lookout can be a great place to camp over night. Bring your own water.
PEACOCK FALLS	940 m	Yes		940 m	1 hr	
PIMPERNEL MOUNTAIN	66.4 km	Yes		1.7 km	3 hrs	Never venture out into the backcountry without proper gear + emergency provisions.
PROSPECTOR'S BLUFF	32 km	Yes		2.3 km	2.3 hrs	
REDSLIDE MOUNTAIN	91.5 km	No		5.5 km	7–10 hrs	Never venture out into the backcountry without proper gear + emergency provisions.
SIBOLA MOUNTAIN (NORTH SLOPE)	110 km	No		4.2 km	4 hrs	Never venture out into the backcountry without proper gear + emergency provisions.
SIBOLA MOUNTAIN (SOUTH SLOPE)	130 km	No		6.25 km	All day	Never venture out into the backcountry without proper gear + emergency provisions.
STORY LOOKOUT	14.5 km	Yes		4.4 km	5 hrs	
SWEENEY MOUNTAIN	133 km	No		4.27 km	3–4 hrs	Never venture out into the backcountry without proper gear + emergency provisions.

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The China Knows Mountain Trail near Houston features an elevation gain of 160 meters over 2.9 km. This moderate hike offers stunning panoramic views of the Bulkley Valley.

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Aitken Falls is easily accessible via a short 1.1 km trail with a moderate elevation gain of 82 meters. Despite the brief distance, the trail provides a rewarding view of the picturesque waterfall.

AITKEN FALLS TRAIL



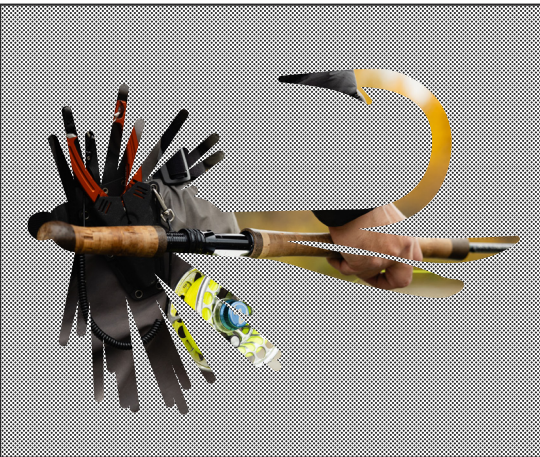
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FISH FOR LEGENDS



Houston's fishing is as legendary as the fish themselves. The Morice River is part of the iconic Skeena River system and a world-class destination for anglers.

It is renowned for its trophy steelhead—some of the largest and most resilient on the planet. These powerful fish migrate to the ocean and back multiple times to spawn, offering seasoned anglers an unforgettable challenge. Add in all five species of Pacific salmon—chinook, coho, sockeye, pink, and chum—and the Morice becomes a river that lives up to its reputation.

Houston has earned accolades from anglers worldwide, with the Morice River named among BC's top fishing destinations. Local expertise, pristine waters, and the chance to land fish worth bragging about keep anglers coming back year after year.

If lake fishing is more your style, Houston can hook you up. Maxan Lake, Hidden Lake, and Helen Lake offer peaceful settings, diverse fish species, and the kind of quiet that pairs perfectly with a line in the water.

BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT, CHECK THE FRESHWATER FISHING REGULATIONS FOR SEASONAL GUIDELINES. FOR MAPS, TIPS + LOCAL FISHING SPOTS:

VISIT ANGLERS ATLAS:



VISIT FISHING IN BC:

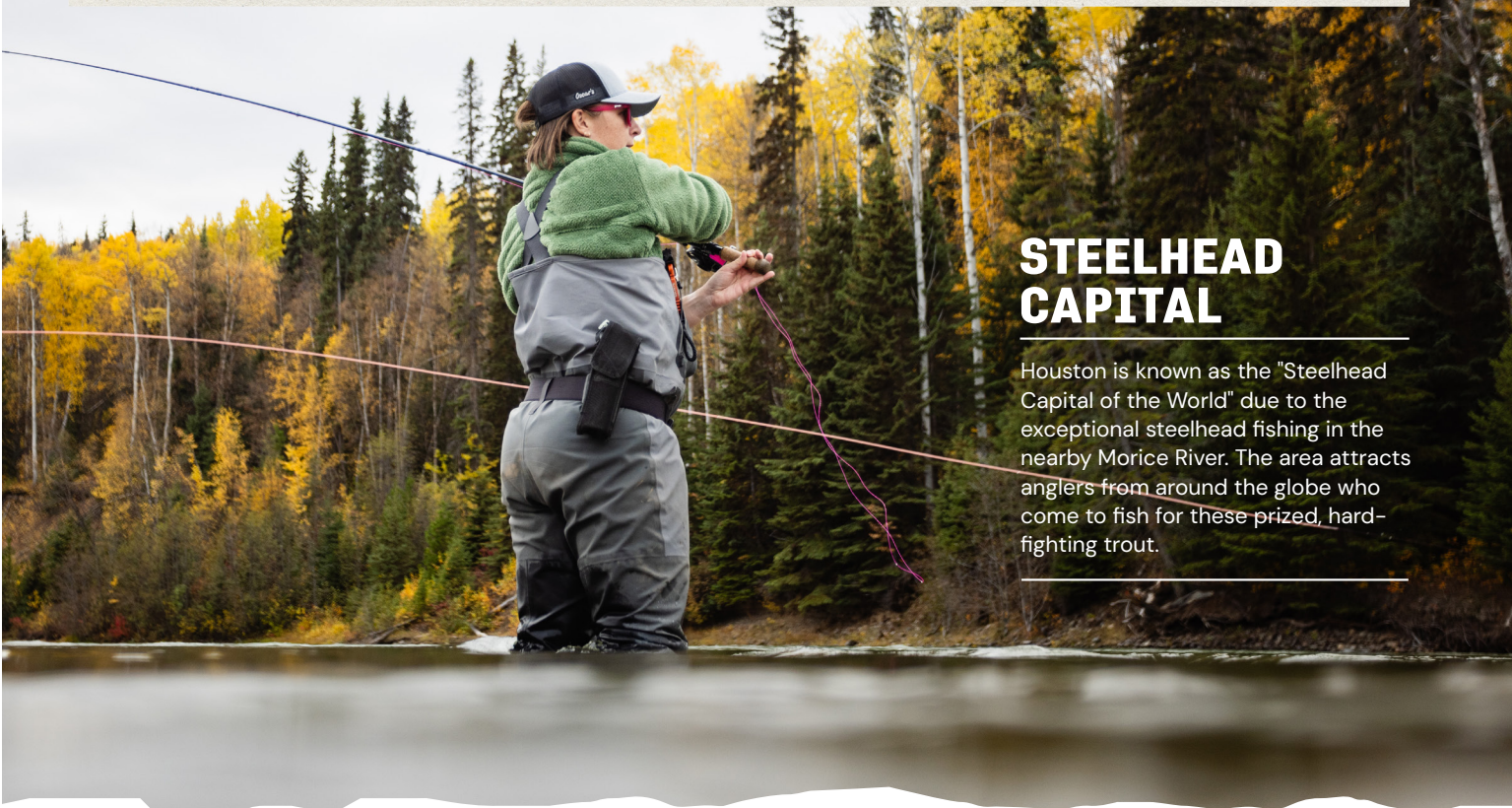


FRESH WATER FISHING:

Available= ● Peak= ●

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
CHINOOK						●	●	●				
COHO							●	●	●	●		
PINK							●	●	●	●		
STEELHEAD						●	●	●	●	●	●	●
TROUT	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
CHAR(Bull Trout)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT, CHECK THE FRESHWATER FISHING REGULATIONS FOR SEASONAL GUIDELINES.



STEELHEAD CAPITAL

Houston is known as the "Steelhead Capital of the World" due to the exceptional steelhead fishing in the nearby Morice River. The area attracts anglers from around the globe who come to fish for these prized, hard-fighting trout.

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SILVERTHORNE LAKE

BOATING, FLOATING+ PADDLING

Houston’s waterways offer calm when you seek it and energy when you don’t. Glide across Silverthorne Lake or Irrigation (Dunalter) Lake – quiet, reflective, and close enough to town for an effortless escape. With more than 20 lakes nearby, there’s no shortage of choices, each offering something unique.



If it’s current you’re after, the Morice River is a must. Starting at the glassy expanse of Morice Lake, the river winds through gentle Class I waters before picking up pace with a few fun Class II sections. Pull out at By-Mac Park in Houston—a peaceful end to your paddle—or follow the flow to meet the Bulkley River, extending your journey to Telkwa or Smithers.

For seasoned paddlers or those ready to explore further, Nenikëkh/ Nanika-Kidprice Park offers a challenge worth the effort. Tucked between the Sibola and Morice mountain ranges, this backcountry destination rewards adventurers with pristine lakes, three portage trails, and views framed by 2,400-metre glaciated peaks. Whether you’re paddling, hiking, or soaking it all in, this is a place where nature meets those who seek it halfway.



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NOW ADVENTURES, THEY MUST BE SHARED.



LAKE GUIDE

*112 km via Morice River Road or 143 km via Hwy 16, 35

Note: Always check current B.C. fishing regulations before fishing a new lake.

LAKE NAME	KM FROM HOUSTON	STOCKED/ UNSTOCKED	FISH SPECIES	BOAT LAUNCH/ ACCESS	CAMPING SPOTS (REC SITES AND BC PARKS)
BABINE LAKE	78km	Rainbow Trout (RT), Char, Cutthroat (CT)	Coho, Kokanee, Sockeye, Rainbow Trout, Steelhead, Cutthroat Trout, Char, Whitefish, Burbot	Boat Launch (BL)	Red Bluff (34 Sites), Pendleton Bay (13 Sites), Pinkut Creek (5 Sites), Smithers Landing (8 Sites), Hook(Deep) Bay (Wilderness Camping), Pierre Creek (Wilderness Camping, Sandpoint (Wilderness Camping)
BARRETT LAKE	15 km	Stocked RT	Rainbow Trout	BL	Road requires 4X4
CHISHOLM LAKE	61 km		Cutthroat Trout		Rough Camping
COLLINS LAKE	60 km		Cutthroat Trout, Sucker Fish		Camping Area
FRANCIOS LAKE	103 km		Rainbow Trout, Lake Trout, Burbot, Kokanee, Dolly Varden, Lake Whitefish, Char	Sawmill Point-BL	Francois West (4 Sites), Noralee East (9 sites), Sawmill Point (Rough Camping), Several Lodges also have boat launches. Check with lodges first.
HELEN LAKE	22 km	Stocked RT	Rainbow Trout, Cutthroat Trout	BL	6 sites (Wheelchair Access), Swimming Dock, Rough Camping
HIDDEN LAKE	24 km		Rainbow Trout	BL	Rough Camping
HORSESHOE LAKE	99 km		Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout	Non-Motorized Electric Motor Only.	Rough Camping
IRRIGATION (DUNALTER) LAKE	17 km	Stocked Kokanee/RT	Kokanee/Rainbow Trout, Cutthroat Trout	Non-Motorized Electric Motors Only	Day-use campground and picnic area
KLINGER LAKE	14 km	Stocked Eastern Brook Trout/ RT	Eastern Brook Trout/ Rainbow Trout	Canoe Access/ Non-Motorized	Room for tenting
LU LAKE	37 km	Stocked RT	Rainbow Trout	BL, Non-Motorized	
MAXAN LAKE	66 km		Burbot, Rainbow Trout, Char	BL	12 Sites
MCBRIDE LAKE	75 km		Lake Char, Cutthroat Trout, Lake Trout <i>*Lake Trout Release</i>	BL	
MORICE LAKE	84 km		Chinook, Coho, Steelhead, Rainbow Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Bull Trout, Lake Trout	BL	18 Sites, BC Provincial Park.
NADINA LAKE	86 km		Rainbow Trout, Kokanee	BL	5 Sites
NEWCOMBE LAKE	93 km		Rainbow Trout, Kokanee		
OOTSA LAKE	112 km / 143 km*		Rainbow Trout, Kokanee, Lake Char, Northern Pikeminnow		Ootsa Landing 3 Sites Little Andrew Bay 8 Sites
OWEN LAKE	40 km		Rainbow Trout, Burbot, Sucker, Dolly Varden, Lake Trout, Char	BL	13 Sites
PAUL LAKE	65 km		Rainbow Trout	BL	6 Sites
ROUND LAKE (LACROIX LAKE)	40 km	CT	Cutthroat Trout	BL, Electric Motors Only	
SILVERTHORNE (ERIKSON) LAKE	14 km		Rainbow Trout	Gravel Boat Launch, Electric Motors Only.	9 Sites
SKINNY LAKE	94 km		Rainbow Trout, Kokanee, Burbot	Electric Motors Only.	
SUNSET LAKE	35 km		Historical Records of fish found in this lake are Burbot, Largescale Sucker, Lake Chub, Longnose Sucker, Lake Whitefish, Mountain Whitefish, Northern Pike Minnow, Peamouth Chub, and Rainbow Trout.	BL	12 Sites
SWEENEY LAKE	122 km		Historical Records of fish found in this lake: Burbot, Largescale Sucker + RT	BL	4 Sites (East) 2 Sites (West)
TAGETOCHLAIN (POPLAR) LAKE	77 km		Rainbow Trout, Lake Char	BL	7 sites
TWINKLE LAKE	101 km		Rainbow Trout	BL	6 Sites
VALLEE LAKE (JOHNSON LAKE)	15 km	Stocked RT	Rainbow Trout, Cutthroat Trout	BL	

HUNTING THE BACKCOUNTRY

Located in the heart of the Bulkley Valley, Houston is your gateway to over a million acres of untamed backcountry. Forest Service Roads stretch from the Coast Mountains in the west to Babine Lake in the east, offering easy access to this vast wilderness.

As part of Hunting Management Unit 6 – Skeena, the region boasts prime opportunities to hunt moose, mule deer, white-tailed deer, black bear, caribou, elk, mountain sheep, and mountain goat. Upland game hunters will also find grouse and migratory birds—all within a short drive.

A 4x4 pickup can get you deep into the backcountry, but ATVs and boats unlock even more remote areas.

Plan your hunt with local maps and regulations in mind. Whether you're striking out on your own or tapping into expert guidance, Houston delivers an authentic hunting experience in some of BC's most pristine wilderness.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING
REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS:



BERRY-PICKING BOUNTY

Houston's forests and meadows are a treasure trove of wild berries, from Saskatoon and huckleberries to blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, and high-bush cranberries. Foraging here isn't just about the taste—it's a chance to slow down and connect with the land.

Before you start, be sure you can confidently identify the berries you're picking—when in doubt, leave it out. Sample small amounts and savour the process as much as the reward. Share the bounty by leaving plenty behind for others (and the wildlife).

Watch for animals, as bears and other creatures enjoy the region's natural abundance. Whether snacking on the trail or gathering enough for a homemade treat, berry picking in Houston is a simple yet rich way to experience nature at its sweetest.



HOUSTON
NATURALLY AMAZING



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- Private Lessons



CONTACT US: bookings@houston.ca
houston.ca/leisure_services (250) 845-7420
facebook.com/houstonleisure 3400 14th Street



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BIKING IN THE BULKLEY VALLEY

MOUNT HARRY DAVIS

If you're looking for trails that fly under the radar but over-deliver, Houston is your kind of ride. Mount Harry Davis, built and maintained by the Houston Mountain Biking Association (HMBA), has quietly become one of the Bulkley Valley's best-kept secrets since its first trails rolled out in 2016.

Flowy, well-designed routes wind through everything from deep spruce forests to sunlit aspen hills. The network has something for every rider—whether you're a beginner getting a feel for the terrain or advanced enough to hunt out the trickier sections and obstacles.

The Family Riding Hub at P2 is perfect for a day out with the crew. This spot has covered picnic tables, a fire pit, and access to trails for all levels, with views that'll make you stop mid-ride (if only to catch your breath).

PLAN YOUR RIDE:

Find maps, updates+ trail conditions at ridehoustonbc.com, or follow the HMBA on Facebook @hmbanorth and Instagram @hmba_bc.



HOUSTON'S BIKING ISN'T JUST ABOUT MOUNT HARRY DAVIS, THOUGH. THE REGION'S LANDSCAPES DELIVER FOUR RIDING OPTIONS:

Downhill: Fast, flowy descents on the HMBA network.

Gravel: Backroads that roll through quiet stretches of the Bulkley-Nechako.

Cross-Country: Ski trails transform into winding singletrack come summer.

Fat Biking: Take on snow-packed trails for winter riding that doesn't hold back.

FACT

The highest elevation for mountain biking trails in Houston, BC, reaches approximately 1,161 meters in the Morice Mountain region. This area offers a variety of trails catering to different skill levels, providing stunning views and diverse terrain for biking enthusiasts.

MOUNT HARRY DAVIS



FORAGING FOR FUN

Foraging in Houston is a hands-on way to connect with nature and uncover other edible treasures. The area is rich with wild offerings, from plants like dandelions, fiddleheads, and conifer tips to prized mushrooms such as morels, shaggy manes, and saffron milk caps.

Safety comes first while foraging. Only handle or consume plants and mushrooms you can confidently identify—many toxic varieties can be dangerous, even fatal. Avoid collecting from polluted areas, and ensure mushrooms are fresh, undamaged, and not overripe.

Respect the land by foraging sustainably: leave enough for wildlife and the land, and tread lightly to preserve the environment for future explorers. Whether seasoned or just starting out, Houston's forests and meadows promise a rewarding, grounded experience.



GOLFING UNDER BIG SKIES

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT GOLFING UNDER VAST NORTHERN SKIES

that clears your head and helps you unwind. Tee up at Willowgrove Golf & Country Club, a relaxed nine-hole course just east of Houston. Fairways wind through quiet, tree-lined paths that dip into the forest, offering a mix of challenge and calm. Clubs and carts are available for rent, so all you need to bring is your swing. Whether you're out for a casual game or a peaceful stroll, Willow Grove offers a tranquil setting to play or just take it all in.



WILLOWGROVE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



TIPS FOR CATCHING THE NORTHERN SKIES

Far from big city lights, Houston's night skies stretch endlessly—a perfect stage for stars, constellations, and the dazzling Aurora Borealis. All year round, cold, clear nights set the scene for nature's ultimate light show, with ribbons of green, pink, and purple often appearing around midnight. The wait? It's part of the magic.

+ The best view is from somewhere dark and open, like Four Seasons Park near the Ball Diamonds—just bundle up, look up, and let the sky do the rest.

+ The spring and fall equinoxes can also surprise you with their own bursts of colour.

+ Even on nights when the Aurora stays quiet, Houston's skies don't disappoint. With more stars than you'll ever count, they offer a view as vast as the land—calm, unspoiled, and breathtaking.



AUORORAS AND NORTHERN SKIES

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HOUSTON'S WINTER TRAILS

Explore Houston's picturesque winter trails for more than just skiing. Bundle up + venture into snowy landscapes to spot woodland creatures, marvel at frozen waterfalls, or enjoy the quiet of snow-draped trees.

Popular trails include Silverthorne Lake, Morice-Klinger Trails, Barrett Hat, Equity Ice Falls, Vallee Lake Recreation Area, and the Houston Mountain Bike Club trails.

FOR TRAIL MAPS
AND DETAILS
PLEASE SCAN:



WINTER DOESN'T STOP US

EQUITY ICE FALLS

ICE FISHING BLISS

Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned pro, Houston's winter lakes deliver both the catch and the calm. Local favourites like Barrett Lake, Irrigation (Dunalter) Lake, and Klinger Lake are stocked with rainbow trout and kokanee, making for an unforgettable day on the ice.

Stay Safe on the Ice

Check ice thickness before venturing out. Dress in warm, layered clothing. Bring a buddy for added safety + peace of mind.

More Than Fishing

Houston's winter landscapes add another layer to the experience. Quiet surroundings make for a peaceful escape.

Respect the Waters

Keep Houston's lakes pristine by following local fishing regulations and practicing sustainable habits. Leave no trace and help protect these waters for future generations.

PLAN YOUR TRIP:

Houston's cozy accommodations make it easy to settle in after a day on the ice. Grab your BC fishing license and sense of adventure—Houston is ready for you.



NORDIC SKIING

ON MORICE MOUNTAIN

The Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Trails in Houston, BC, span more than 40 kilometres of groomed trails for classic and skate skiing, welcoming skiers of all skill levels.

Bring your dog along the pet-friendly trails or enjoy serene routes framed by breathtaking mountain views. From gliding through quiet forests to skiing under a starlit sky, these trails offer a winter experience that's as rewarding as it is accessible.

Affordable Access

Day-use passes and annual memberships keep these trails within reach for everyone. Membership perks include unlimited access, Alpine Cabin and ski library use, and free equipment rentals. Non-members are welcome with a drop-in fee.

More Than Skiing

Managed by a dedicated local community, the network also features snowshoe trails, two scenic lakes, and spots for dogs to tag along. Whether skiing, snowshoeing, or unwinding at the Alpine Cabin, the Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Trails are just minutes from downtown Houston—a true winter gem.

VISIT THE MORICE MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB AT MORICEMOUNTAINNORDIC.CA FOR MAPS, MEMBERSHIPS AND MORE

SCAN TO VISIT THE MORICE MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB:



Souvenirs, Books, Toys,
Puzzles, Games & More!
3487 9th Street, Houston BC
www.countrywidepas.ca

SNOWMOBILING DEEP POWDER

TELKWA RANGE CLUB CABIN

With its mild winter climate, deep powder, and boundless backcountry, Houston is a lesser-known dream destination for sledders who crave quiet trails and wild, wide-open spaces

Named Favourite Sled Town in Western Canada by SnoRiders Magazine in 2016, Houston's winter riding season stretches from November to late spring, offering everything from family-friendly trails to challenging off-grid routes.

Maintained by the Houston Snowmobile Club, the area boasts four premier riding zones—each with its own character and level of adventure. Whether you're carving through deep powder or tackling technical climbs, Houston delivers a winter playground worth the drive.

RIDING AREAS:

DUNGATE MEADOWS

Difficulty: Novice, Intermediate
Distance: 21 km from Houston
Parking: Two plowed staging areas (*main lot recommended for trucks with trailers*)

Dungate Meadows offers low-angle riding and groomed trails leading to a well-stocked cabin with firewood, perfect for families and new riders. Snowmobilers use Dungate Meadows when there is visibility or avalanche risk in the mountains. Dungate is a low risk ride. Follow the trails to Hanna and Poison Lakes for a scenic ice-fishing side trip.



TABLELAND MOUNTAIN

Distance: 80 km from Houston (*1-hour drive*)
Parking: Varies depending on plowed forestry roads
Difficulty: Intermediate, Expert

For the experienced rider, Tableland Mountain offers expansive alpine terrain, sweeping meadows, and challenging routes. Best explored in late winter to spring (mid-January to March), this area requires avalanche awareness and local knowledge. It's wise to ride with someone familiar with the trails—contact the Houston Snowmobile Club for tips.



MORICE MOUNTAIN

Distance: 28 km (*30 min from Houston*)
Parking: Small lot on Buck Flats Rd (*The CarrierFSR may not be plowed out and you can unload there*).
Difficulty: Novice, Intermediate, Expert

Morice Mountain offers a mix of alpine terrain, hills to play on, and open meadows for laying tracks. This ungroomed area is ideal for those seeking a raw mountain riding experience with stunning scenery.

TELKWA RANGE

Distance: 22km from Houston
Parking: Two plowed lots; the main lot accommodates large trailers
Grooming: December-March
Difficulty: Novice, Intermediate, Expert

The Telkwa Range is the crown jewel for sledding in Houston. A groomed 11 km trail leads to the club's cabin, where families can explore the surroundings. Beyond the cabin, advanced riders will find steep climbs, challenging terrain, and unbeatable views. This is a caribou recovery area, so please respect posted signs.

CONTACT THE HOUSTON
SNOWMOBILE CLUB FOR TRAIL
UPDATES, MAPS + SAFETY TIPS

SCAN TO VISIT THE
HOUSTON SNOWMOBILE
CLUB WEBSITE:



SAFETY FIRST. RIDE SAFE:

Before you hit the trails, keep safety in mind:



Know Your Limits: Some ungroomed areas require avalanche awareness and backcountry experience.



Leave No Trace: Pack out what you bring in. Respect the land.



Wildlife Awareness: Leave the area and alert other riders if you encounter wildlife.



Ride Prepared: Check conditions, bring essentials (maps, fuel, emergency gear, satellite phones), and let someone know your plans.

TELKWA RANGE

FOR ALL AGES



CLAUDE PARISH MEMORIAL ARENA

The Claude Parish Memorial Arena is Houston's hub for winter action and friendly faces. Lace up and hit the ice for casual skates or watch local tournaments.

Winter on Ice: Home to minor hockey, figure skating, ringette, men's morning hockey, Christian hockey, and drop-in shinny. Public skate schedules are posted at the arena and on Facebook.

When the Ice Melts: In the summer, the arena transforms into a venue for community events and sports programs.

CALL 1-778-642-3627
FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK FOR
SCHEDULES + UPDATES:



THE BUCK CREEK CANFOR HATCHERY + NATURE CENTRE

Step into a space where nature takes the spotlight. The Buck Creek Canfor Hatchery & Nature Centre invites you to go beyond observation with hands-on activities, guided tours, and interactive exhibits that immerse you in Houston's distinctive environment.

Discover and Learn: Explore salmon conservation, local ecosystems, and sustainable living through displays that illuminate the delicate balance of Houston's natural world.

Guided Experiences: Join a nature tour, participate in workshops, or wander trails that spark curiosity and connection.

Community and Sustainability: As a hub for environmental awareness, the centre fosters conversations and ideas about sustainable living and caring for the land.

Memorable Moments: From learning about local wildlife to hands-on activities, this is a stop where nature feels close and every visit leaves an impression

CALL 778-642-3897
SCAN TO LEARN MORE:



HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Are you looking for a quiet space, a digital recharge, or something to spark the kids' imagination? The Houston Public Library is more than books—it's where curiosity and connection come to life.

Extensive Resources: Explore a collection of books, magazines, and digital media to dive into new topics or revisit old favourites.

Stay Connected: Free Wi-Fi and public computers make it easy to catch up on work, browse, or recharge.

For the Kids: Year-round programs and reading activities spark a love of learning for children of all ages.

Gather and Meet: Host meetings, workshops, or group events in the Canfor Room, which is available for rent.

Borrow Anywhere: Through the BC OneCard Program, borrow a book in Houston and return it to any participating library across the province.

CALL 250-845-2256
SCAN TO LEARN MORE:



THE PLAZA

If it's time to explore the Great Indoors, The Plaza has you covered. With 5-pin bowling, cosmic bowling, and a black-light mini golf course, this spot brings a playful edge to your downtime.

Catch a Movie: Relax in the state-of-the-art theatre and comfortably enjoy the latest blockbusters.

Snacks and Drinks: Grab a treat or a drink from the fully licensed concession—it's all you need to keep the good times rolling.

Group-Ready Fun: Travelling with a crew? The Plaza has you covered with full party services, from decorations to setup, so you can focus on the fun.



CALL 250-845-4282
SCAN TO LEARN MORE:



HOUSTON LEISURE FACILITY

In the heart of town, the Houston Leisure Facility offers the perfect balance of splash, play, and relaxation.

Make a Splash: Drift along the lazy river, unwind in the hydro jets, or let the kids explore water play features like geysers, a vortex, and teacup fountains.

Dive In: The 4-lane, 25-metre competition pool has a rope swing and climbing wall—ideal for lap swims or deep-water fun.

Relax and Recharge: Soak in the hot tub, steam room, or take in the action poolside from the viewing area.

Your On-the-Road Gym: Need a workout? Houston's fitness centre has 1,600 square feet of cardio machines, free weights, and cable equipment. Floor-to-ceiling windows bring in natural light and stunning northern views to elevate your exercise routine.



CALL 250-845-7420
SCAN TO LEARN MORE:

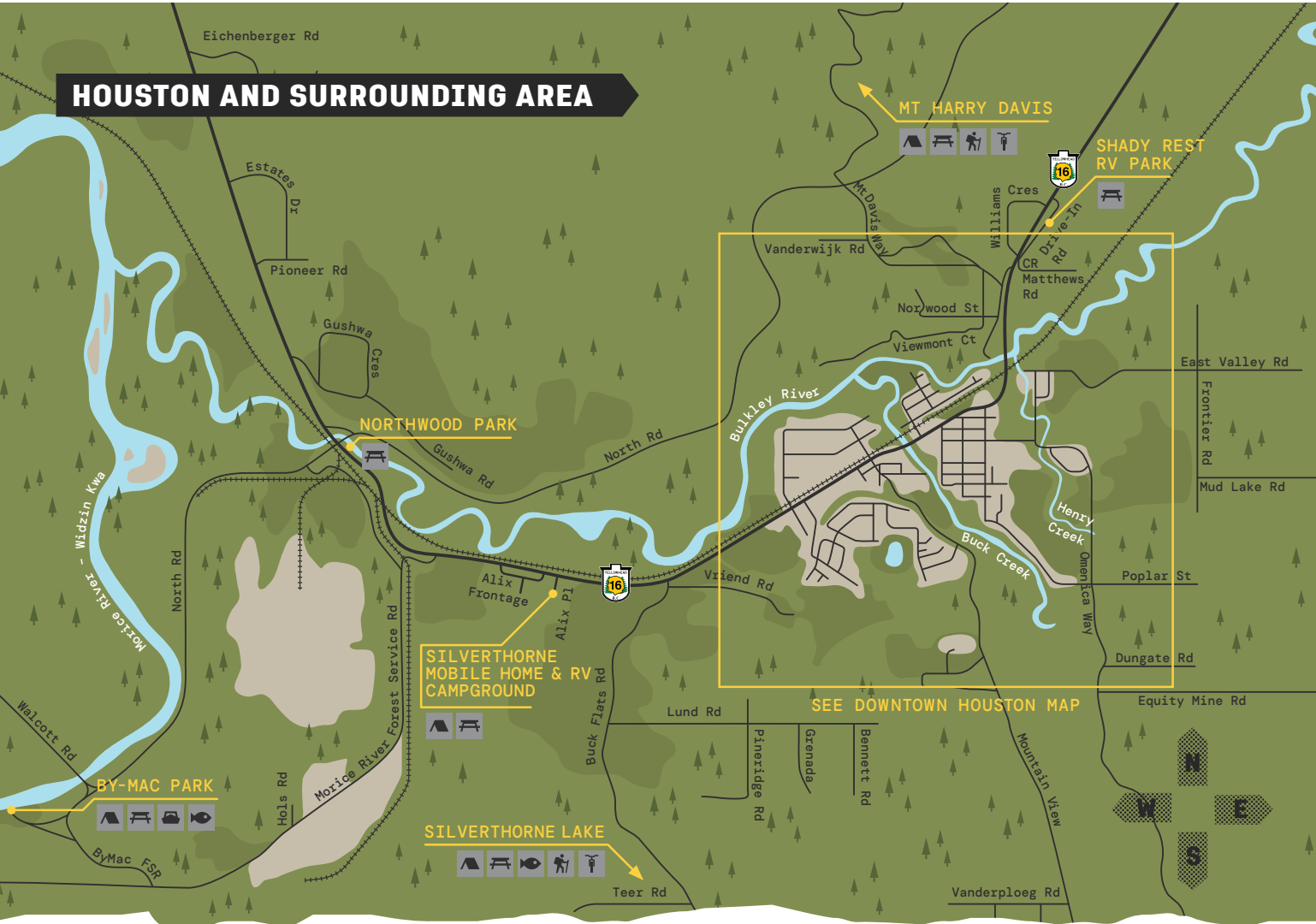


EVENTS ALL YEAR

HOUSTON DRAGS



JANUARY	+ Family Literacy Day Brunch	JULY	+ Canada Day + Farmer's Market
FEBRUARY	+ Community Excellence Awards + Family Day at Dungate Meadows	AUGUST	+ Farmer's Market + Houston Drags
MARCH	+ International Women's Day + Figure Skating Carnival + Annual Poker Ride Houston Snowmobile Club	SEPTEMBER	+ Farmer's Market + Mud Drags
APRIL	+ Pitch In	OCTOBER	+ Fright for Life Night
MAY	+ Pleasant Valley Days	NOVEMBER	+ Serendipity Craft Sale + Holiday Light Up + Plaid Friday
JUNE	+ Farmer's Market + National Indigenous Peoples Day	DECEMBER	+ Holidays in Houston + Community Christmas Luncheon + Light Up Parade + Christmas Skating Gala



FACT

The settlement was originally named "Pleasant Valley" in 1907 before being renamed Houston. The town's name honors John Houston, a prominent and colorful British Columbian politician and newspaperman. Though he never lived in Houston, his name was selected through a contest.

GRUB AND DRINKS



We may be best known for fishing and backcountry adventures, but the food here holds its own. Cozy cafés serve up hearty breakfasts and fresh-baked pies, while pubs and diners dish out burgers, steaks, and local game

RESTAURANTS AND PUBS:

Brewstir's Café
3429 10th Street / 250-845-2022

Idylwild Restaurant
2800 Hamblin Frontage Road /
250-845-2296

Lil Ava's Pizza
2940 Highway 16 / 250-845-8212

Mixers Bar & Lounge
3401 11th Street / 778-642-3888

Pleasant Valley Restaurant
3030 Highway 16 / 250-845-2232

Royal Canadian Legion
3480 11th Street / 250-845-7789

The Elements Restaurant
3488 Highway 16 / 250-845-2910

The Palisades Café
3384 9th Street / 778-642-3887

A&W
3282 Highway 16 / 250-845-7555

Tim Hortons
3322 Highway 16 / 250-845-0703

**Canadian 2 for 1 Pizza / Mr. Sub /
Chester's Chicken**
3428 9th Steet / 250-845-2413

Subway
3358 Highway 16 / 1-778-642-3644



LEGEND	RECREATION	PARKS & TRAILS	SERVICES	SCHOOLS
HIGHWAY	01 Claude Parish Memorial Arena 02 Houston Leisure Facility	08 Heritage Park 09 Steelhead Park 10 Northside Park	18 Municipal Office 19 Health Centre 20 Seniors Centre	28 Houston Secondary School
TOWN ROADS	03 Mount Harry Davis Mountain Biking & Hiking 04 Buck Creek Canfor Hatchery & Nature Centre 05 Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Club	11 Jamie Baxter Park 12 Hagman Park 13 Duck Pond Walking Trails 14 Four Seasons Park 15 Ruitter Heights Park 16 Newgard Park	21 Fire Hall 22 Visitor Centre & Chamber of Commerce 23 Houston Public Library 24 Houston Shopping Centre & Post Office	29 Twain Sullivan Elementary School 30 Houston Christian School
FOOT PATH	06 Willow Grove Golf & Country Club 07 The Plaza	17 Buck Creek Hatchery & Nature Centre Interpretive Trail Network	25 RCMP Office 26 Community Hall 27 Farmers Market	31 Silverthorne Elementary School

LOCAL TIPS

AUTO, RV AND GAS

- 7/11**
3066 Highway 16 / 250-845-7177
- A.R.P. Collision**
2340 Nadina Ave / 250-845-2280
- All-West Glass**
2890 Hamblin Frontage Rd / 250-845-2829
- ATC**
2206 Nadina Ave
250-845-7600 / 1-888-460-7600
- Esso**
3358 Highway 16 / 778-642-3644
- Four Rivers Co-Op (Cardlock)**
2900 Hamblin Frontage Rd / 250-845-2303
- Kal Tire**
2289 Tweedie Ave North / 250-845-7341
- Minute Muffler**
2500 Butler Ave / 250-845-7222
- NAPA**
2805 Kanata Ave / 250-845-2247
- Northwest Fuels Petro-Canada**
2950 5th St / 250-845-2044
- Points North Automotive**
4 – 2350 N Nadina Ave / 250-845-1379
- Sullivan Motor Products**
2760 Yellowhead Hwy / 250-845-2244
- SMP-RV**
2760 Yellowhead Hwy / 250-845-2244
- Traction Tire & Car Wash LTD.**
2216 Nadina Ave North / 250-845-2700
- Xtreme Reflections**
3478 10th Street / 250-845-4695



BEAUTY AND SPA

- Arctic Bliss Spa**
3232 Highway 16 / 250-845-9210
- Hair Trendz**
Unit D 2430 Butler Ave / 250-845-8532
- Maggie's Beauty Bar**
3232 Highway 16 250-845-4374
- Palms in Paradise**
2430 Butler Ave / 250-845-4619
- Razors Edge**
2430 Butler Ave / 250-845-7118
- Shear Delight**
3232 Highway 16 / 250-845-2536
- Vybz Hair & Day Spa**
3461 11th Street / 250-845-2444



PLACES OF WORSHIP

- Guru Nanak Sikh Temple**
2012 Elliot Crescent / 250-845-2705
- Houston Canadian Reformed Church**
3797 Omineca Way / 250-845-2145
(Office) 250-845-3537
- Houston Christian Reformed Church**
1959 Goold Road / 250-845-7655
(Office) 250-845-7578
- Houston Fellowship Baptist Church**
3790 C.R. Matthews Road
250-845-7810
- Houston Pentecostal Church**
2024 Riverbank Dr / 250-845-2678
- Jehovah's Witnesses**
2081 Winter Avenue / 250-845-2363
- St. Anthony's Catholic Church**
2001 Riverbank Dr / 250-845-2841



RECREATIONAL

- Claude Parish Memorial Arena**
3400 14th St / 1-778-642-3627
- Houston Community Hall**
2302 Butler Ave
250-845-2893 / 250-845-7420 (booking)
- Houston Leisure Facility**
3400 14th St / 250-845-7420
- Houston Senior Citizen's Association**
3250 W 14th St / 250-845-3431
- Pleasant Valley Plaza**
2350 Butler Ave / 250-845-4282
- Buck Creek Canfor and Nature Centre**
3125 Highway 16 / 778-642-3897
- Willowgrove Golf Course**
4531 Highway 16 East / 250-845-2100

SHOPPING

- BC Liquor Store**
99-3232 Highway 16 / 250-845-7444
- Bulkley Valley Home Centre**
2920 Hamblin Frontage Rd
250-845-7606
- Buy-Low Foods**
3232 Highway 16 / 250-845-3598
- B.V. Foods**
2201 Tweedie Avenue / 1-866-835-7611
- Chia's Dream Closet**
1-3459 9th St / 778-642-3500
- Countrywide Printing & Stationery**
3487 9th St / 250-845-2944
- Dieleman's Sporting Goods**
2860 A – Hamblin Frontage Rd
250-845-0022
- Fields**
3232 Highway 16 / 250-845-3100
- Houston Artisan Cooperative**
3429 10th St / hmacbc@gmail.com
- Houston Food Market**
3428 9th St / 250-845-2413
- Idylwild Liquor Store**
2800 Hamblin Frontage Road
250-845-2296
- Mike & Chia's Furniture**
6-3459 9th St / 250-845-2707
- Mike's Audio Video**
B-3443 9th St / 250-845-2999
- NorthStar Performance**
2815 5th St / 250-845-3255
- Pawesome Adventure**
2380 Poulton Ave / 250-845-3622
- Pharmasave**
3429 10th St / 250-845-3700
- Reitsma's Home Hardware**
3462 9th St / 250-845-2419
- Riverside Gardens**
3703 East Valley Road / 250-845-7707
- Rural Leaf**
3356 10th St / 778-642-3535
- Sick Fit**
3429 10th St / sickfit@mail.com
- The Vault Thrift Store**
3232 Highway 16 / 250-845-3494
- Valley Vintage U-Vin**
2025 Nadina Ave / 250-845-4993



YOUR HOME BASE

VISITOR CENTRE

- LOCATION** 3289 Highway 16
Houston, BC
V0J 1Z0 Canada
- T** 250-845-7640
- E** info@houstonchamber.ca
- W** houstonchamber.ca
visithoustonbc.com

ROAM, REST, STAY

After a day on the water, the trails, or the road, you'll need a good place to rest. Here, that could mean a cozy hotel, a campsite under the stars, or an RV spot beneath the northern sky in Houston. Affordable, welcoming, and exactly where you need it—Houston isn't just a stop; it's a place to recharge.

PLACES TO STAY

Bearspaw Inn
1977 Goold Road / 250-845-4635

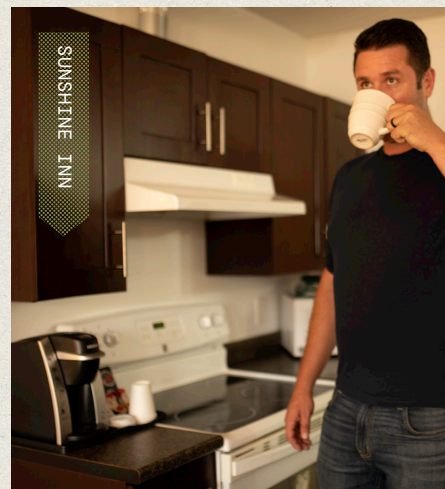
Houston Motor Inn
2940 Highway 16 / 250-845-7112

Pleasant Valley Motel
3030 Highway 16 / 250-845-2246

Shady Rest RV
3960 Drive in Road / 1-800-343-3777

Silverthorne Mobile Home & RV Park
1700 Highway 16 / 250-845-2711

Sunshine Inn
3451 11th Street / 250-845-7867



CAMP RIGHT, SLEEP TIGHT

Camping in Houston puts nature at your doorstep, whether in an RV, tent, or off-grid. Here's what to know:

- + **Plan Ahead:** Check campground availability, know the rules and be ready for changing conditions.
- + **Pack Smart:** Nights get cool, rain is always possible, and bears are part of the landscape. Bring layers, secure your food, and keep a sturdy rain jacket handy.
- + **Respect Wildlife:** Give animals space, store food properly, and leave no trace of your visit.
- + **Stay Fire Safe:** Follow fire bans, use designated fire pits, and douse flames entirely before leaving.
- + **Leave It Better:** Pack out everything you bring and help keep Houston's backcountry wild.



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250.845.2700



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By-Mac Municipal District of Houston 250-845-2238	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	2WD, Motorhome
Babine Lake Resort (Private) Granisle / 250-692-0363	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				2WD, Motorhome
Granisle Lions Beach Municipal Campground Granisle / 250-692-2510	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	2WD, Motorhome
Morice Lake Provincial Park Houston		●	●	●	●	●				●	2WD, Motorhome
Nadina Lake Lodge (Private) Houston / 250-695-6788	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				2WD
Noralee Resort (Private) Burns Lake / 250-695-6399	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	2WD, Motorhome
Red Bluff Provincial Park Granisle 250-697-2248	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	2WD, Motorhome
Round Lake Resort (Private) Telkwa / 250-846-9161	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	2WD, Motorhome
Tyhee Lake Provincial Park 250-638-8490	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	2WD, Motorhome

Please check the Lakes guide on page 19 for additional camping locations.



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Silverthorne Lake, just outside Houston, offers 45 km of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and winter cross-country skiing, providing year-round access to the area's natural beauty.



NEIGHBOURS NEARBY

Houston links you to northern communities with unique character and stunning landscapes. An hour west, Smithers blends alpine charm with arts, outdoor adventure, and shopping. To the east, Burns Lake is a mountain biking and fishing hub, home to the Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation. Nearby, Topley, Granisle, and Telkwa offer small-town hospitality and a gateway to BC's backcountry. Whether stocking up or exploring, our neighbours have you covered.

GRANISLE

Granisle is a draw for anyone who loves the water. Perched on the shores of Babine Lake—BC's longest natural lake—it's the perfect spot to launch your boat from the Granisle Marina. Or moor up at the Power Boat Club, with gated docks and overnight security keeping things safe and easy. Each September, the Fulton River Spawning Channel comes alive as sockeye salmon flood the river, attracting eagles, bears, and osprey for a front-row feast.



TOPLEY

Small in size but full of character, Topley is a blink-and-you'll-miss-it stop along Highway 16. Grab a bite at Grizzly Jim's Country Grill or wander the aisles at the General Store. For a quieter escape, Sunset Lake offers camping, fishing, and well-earned peace.

BURNS LAKE

With more than 5,000 kilometres of shoreline, Burns Lake is a haven for anglers, paddlers, and trail seekers. Known as the "Heart of the Lakes District," this vibrant community offers BC's best hiking and mountain biking alongside unbeatable views and tranquil waters.

QUICK

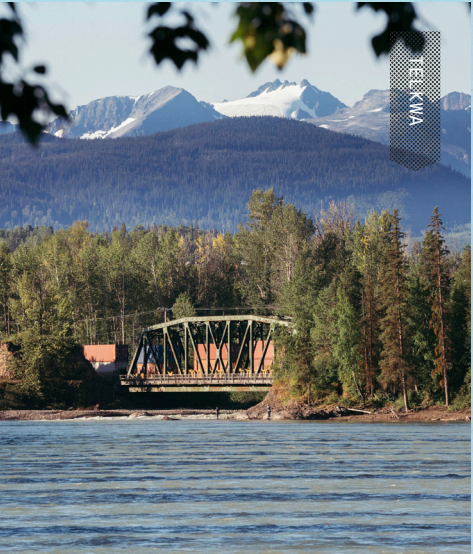
Quick by name, laid-back by nature. Set along the Bulkley River, Quick is best known for its iconic Quick Bridge, a quiet crossing that frames the area's stunning riverside views. It's a peaceful snapshot of rural BC worth stopping for.

TELKWA

At the confluence of the Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers lies the aptly named village of Telkwa. Tyhee Lake Provincial Park is a go-to spot for swimming, fishing, or spending a lazy afternoon by the shore.

SMITHERS

With an alpine-inspired downtown and Hudson Bay Mountain as its backdrop, Smithers is a mountain-town mix of adventure and small-town charm. Conveniently connected via the Regional Airport, Smithers is your launchpad for hiking, skiing, and biking.



CIRCLE TOUR

These Northern BC circle tours and loops reveal a mix of rugged landscapes, local stories, and surprising experience.

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SCENIC BACKROADS HOUSTON TO GRANISLE:

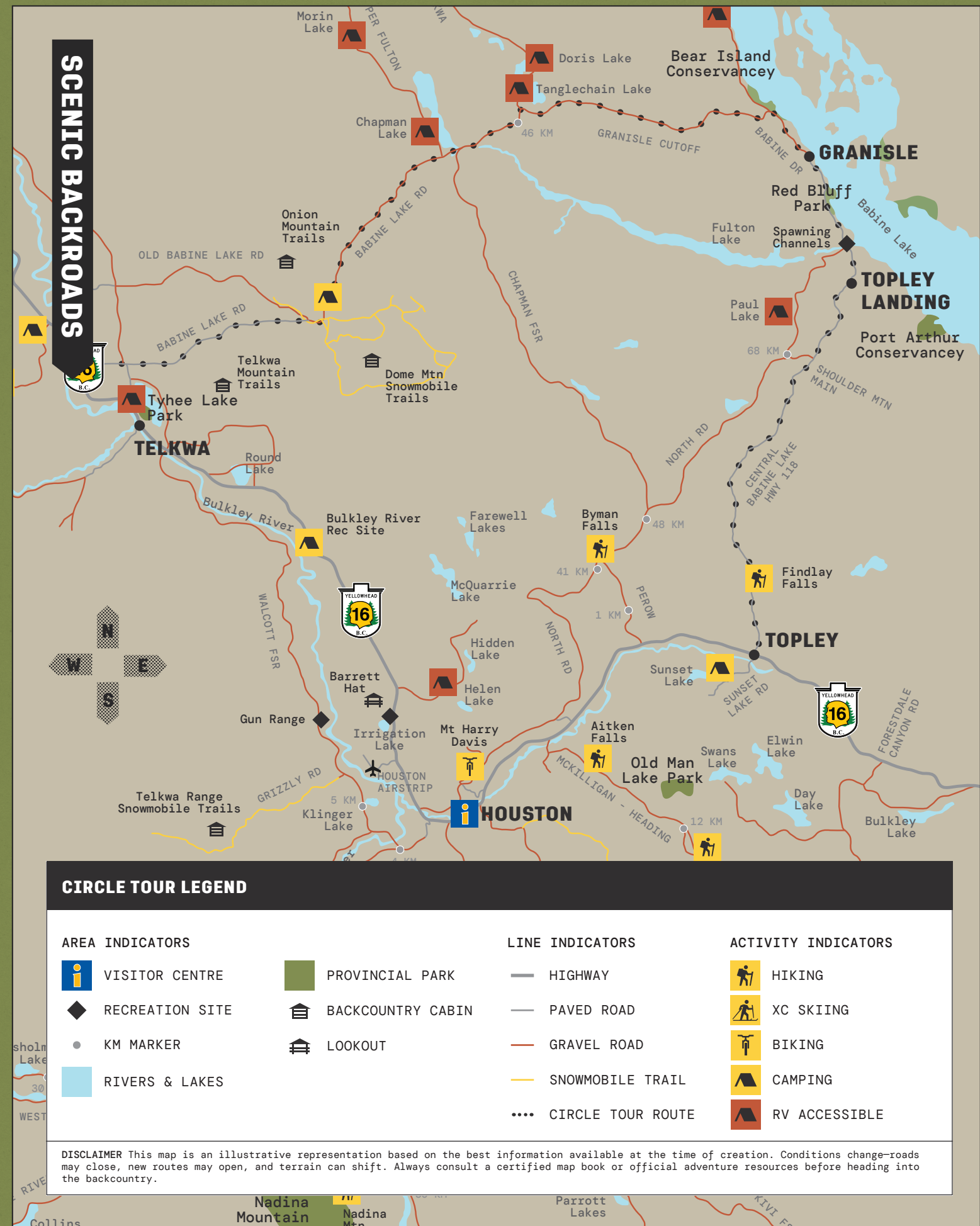
Begin your journey in Houston and travel along scenic backroads that weave through serene lakes and small communities.

Route Highlights: Take Highway 16 west toward Telkwa, framed by the dramatic Telkwa Mountain Range. Stop at the Northwood Picnic Area on the Bulkley River or Irrigation Lake for a refreshing break or a quiet swim.

Tyhee Lake Provincial Park: Turn onto Telkwa High Road to visit this peaceful park nestled against the Telkwa Range. Along the way, spot replanted forests and the Woodmere Nursery, where the next generation of trees takes root.

Granisle Adventures: Continue along Babine Lake Road to Granisle, home to Lions Beach, Red Bluff Provincial Park, and the Fulton River Fisheries. During the salmon run, eagles, bears, and osprey gather at the Fulton River Spawning Channel. Nearby, explore the quiet charm of Topley Landing.

Back to Houston: Complete the loop and return to Houston, a route designed for photographers, picnickers, and anyone seeking peaceful moments in nature.



CIRCLE TOUR

02

LAKESIDE VIEWS FRANÇOIS LAKE LOOP:

Journey through the Nadina Forest District and along François Lake’s peaceful northern shoreline on this scenic route.

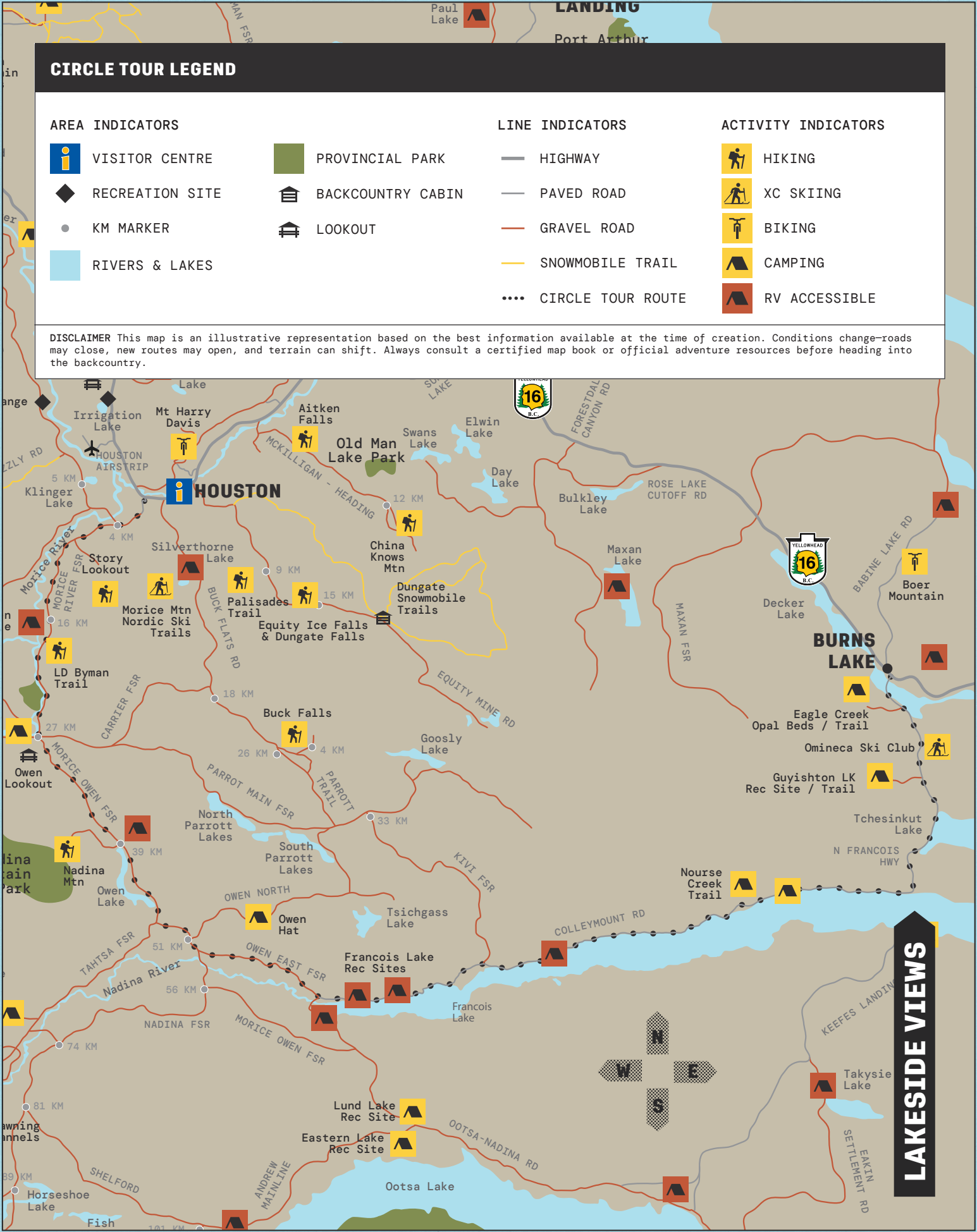
Start Your Adventure: Begin 4 km west of Houston on Highway 16, turning onto the Morice River Forest Service Road. At 27 km, follow the Morice–Owen FSR and keep an eye out for moose. Stop at Owen Lake Recreation Site (39 km) to enjoy the quiet lake views.

Painted Rock Detour: At 48 km, take a quick detour up Tahtsa Road to visit Painted Rock—a natural feature worth the stop.

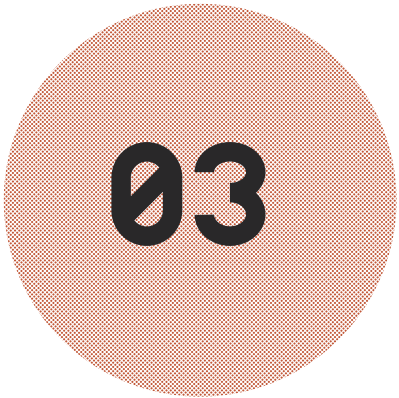
François Lake Comes Into View: Rejoin the mainline and turn left at 53 km onto Owen–East FSR, leading to Colleymount Road, where François Lake’s calm waters first appear.

Explore Noralee and Beyond: Visit fishing resorts in Noralee and stop by Joan’s Chapel, a quaint local landmark. Discover the historic Clemretta Ranch and Colleymount, the oldest settlement in the Bulkley Valley/Lakes District.

Complete the Loop: Reach the François Lake Ferry Landing, then follow Highway 35 to Burns Lake. Finish your trip by returning to Houston on Highway 16.



CIRCLE TOUR



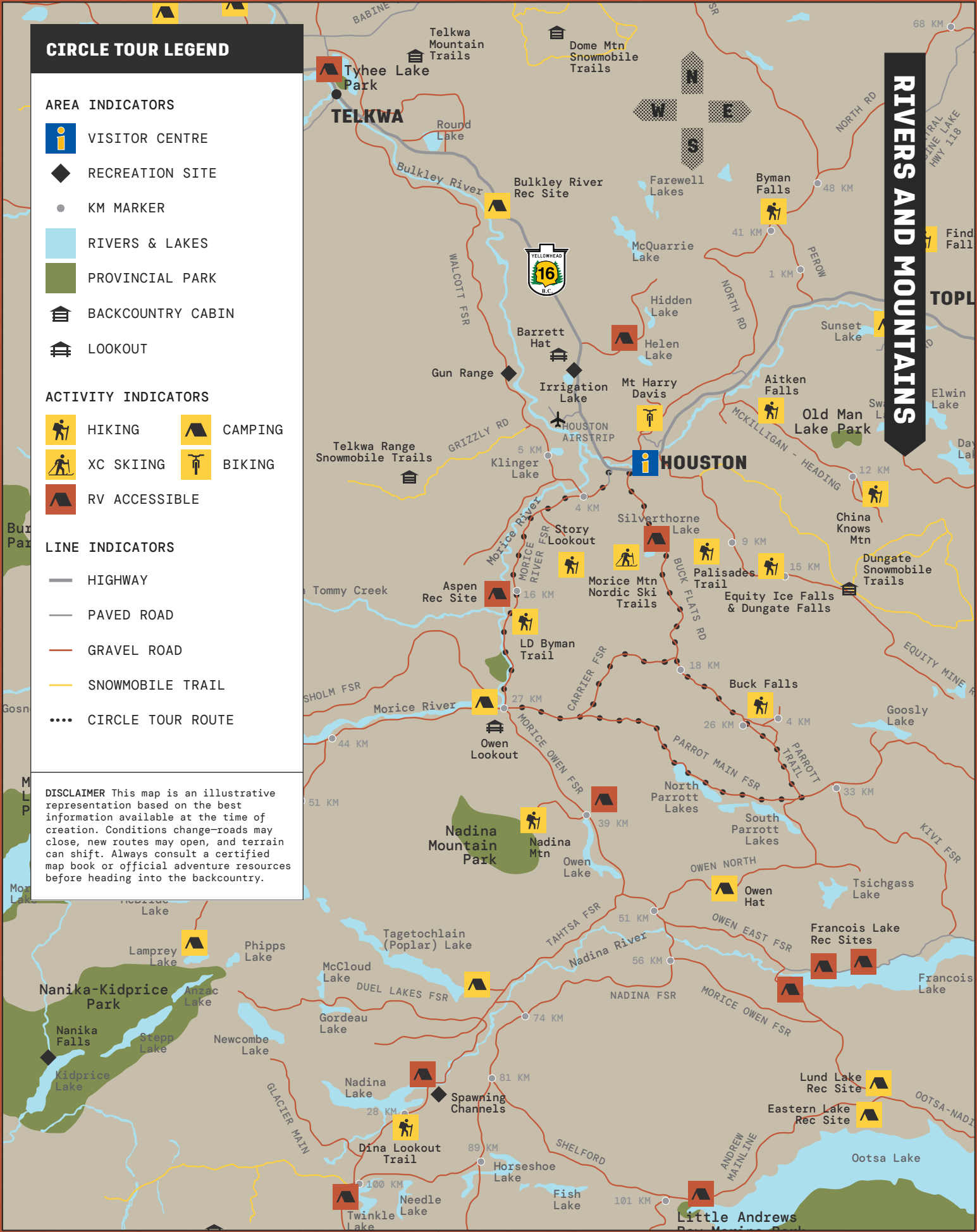
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS MORICE RIVER AND BUCK FLATS LOOP:

Explore the natural beauty of Houston with the Morice River and Buck Flats Loop, a versatile route offering shorter and longer options for those wanting to go a bit further.

Start the Drive: Head west on Highway 16 and turn left onto the Morice River Forest Service Road. At 17 km, stop at the Aspen Recreation Site for a picnic or fishing. Continue to 28 km and turn left onto the Carrier Forest Service Road to enjoy stunning views of Morice Mountain.

Choose Your Route: Shorter Option: Stay on the Carrier Road and connect to Buck Flats Road. Pass the Morice Mountain Ski Trails and follow Buck Flats Road to Highway 16, turning right to return to Houston.

Longer Option: Turn onto Parrott Main Forest Service Road and follow it to Parrott Trail Road. Detour to the Buck Falls hiking trail for breathtaking views along the way. End the route at Buck Flats Road, returning to Highway 16.



HOW TO SPEND THE SEASONS:

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SPRING / C'OLILH

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

Spring in Houston is about fresh starts and finding beauty in the season’s quiet energy

Steelhead Park in Bloom

Spring colours brighten Steelhead Park’s pathways, making it the perfect spot to stretch your legs and take in the fresh air.

Heritage Meets Nature

At Heritage Park, Houston’s history is framed by greening landscapes—a peaceful mix of culture and the outdoors.

Trails Opening Up

As the snow melts, Houston’s trails become paths to discovery. Wander through forests and along waterways alive with the sounds and sights of spring.

Seasonal Contrast

In the Telkwa Range, snow patches linger against budding greenery, creating a striking blend of winter and spring.

Life on the Trails

Explore Silverthorne Lake’s trails as wildlife stirs and the forest bursts back to life. Every step offers a chance to reconnect with nature.

SUMMER / CEN

MAKE THE MOST OF IT

Summer in Houston is about getting outside and making every day count. From peaceful escapes to high-energy pursuits, it’s a place where you set the pace and the outdoors delivers.

On the Water:

Start your morning paddling calm lakes like Silverthorne or Irrigation (Dunalter), or take a drift down the Morice or Bulkley Rivers. Forested shores and mountain views create the perfect setting for kayaking, canoeing, or just soaking in the quiet.

Tee Off Among the Trees:

Willowgrove Golf Course, a relaxed nine-hole spot with tree-lined fairways, combines a welcoming vibe with scenic surroundings. Whether you’re working on your game or enjoying a laid-back round, every swing feels worthwhile.

Hit the Trails:

Houston’s trails offer something for every explorer. Stroll peaceful paths like Barrett Hat or Old Pine Trails, or take on rugged climbs up China Knows or Nadina Mountain for rewarding views from the top.

Ride the Terrain:

Cyclists will find plenty to love in Houston’s mountain biking network. Designed for both beginners and seasoned riders, the trails wind through forests and rolling hills, delivering fresh views and rides you’ll remember.



AUTUMN / T'AK'ËT

CRISP AIR, VIBRANT COLOURS

Fall in Houston brings brisk mornings, fiery foliage, and the perfect mix of quiet exploration and rewarding outdoor moments.

Discover the Salmon Cycle

Visit the Buck Creek Canfor Hatchery and Nature Centre to learn how salmon shape Houston’s ecosystem. It’s an engaging stop that deepens your connection to the season’s natural rhythms.

Hike Through Autumn’s Palette

Take to trails like Palisade or Story Lookout for sweeping views of fall colours. These routes combine striking scenery with the solitude and space Houston is known for.

Ride the Autumn Trails

Houston’s mountain biking trails offer a fresh perspective on fall. Whether cruising gentle paths or testing your skills on challenging terrain, the golden backdrop makes every ride memorable.

Recharge in Town

Stop by a local café for a warm drink and a snack—just the thing to refuel between adventures.

Fall Fishing

The Morice River’s steelhead run is the stuff of legend. Cast your line in a peaceful setting framed by fall’s rich hues, and experience why this season is a favourite for anglers.

WINTER / KHÏT

SNOW, SPACE, AND ADVENTURE

When snow blankets Houston, the town becomes a haven for winter enthusiasts.

Ski and Snowshoe

Glide along the groomed classic and skate-ski trails at Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Trails, or strap on snowshoes for peaceful routes like the Morice-Klinger Trails or the trek to Equity Ice Falls—quiet spaces blanketed in snow.

Snowmobiling Thrills

For high-energy fun, head to the Telkwa and Sibola Ranges for backcountry rides with incredible views. Families can opt for the gentler terrain at Dungate Meadows, where a cozy cabin makes a perfect pit stop.

Fat Biking in Winter

Hit snowy trails at Mount Harry Davis or Silverthorne Lake on a fat bike for a fresh way to experience Houston’s winter landscapes.

Warm Up and Recharge

Wrap up the day at Houston’s leisure facility. Float the lazy river, unwind in the hot tub, or simply enjoy the warmth indoors as you plan tomorrow’s adventure.



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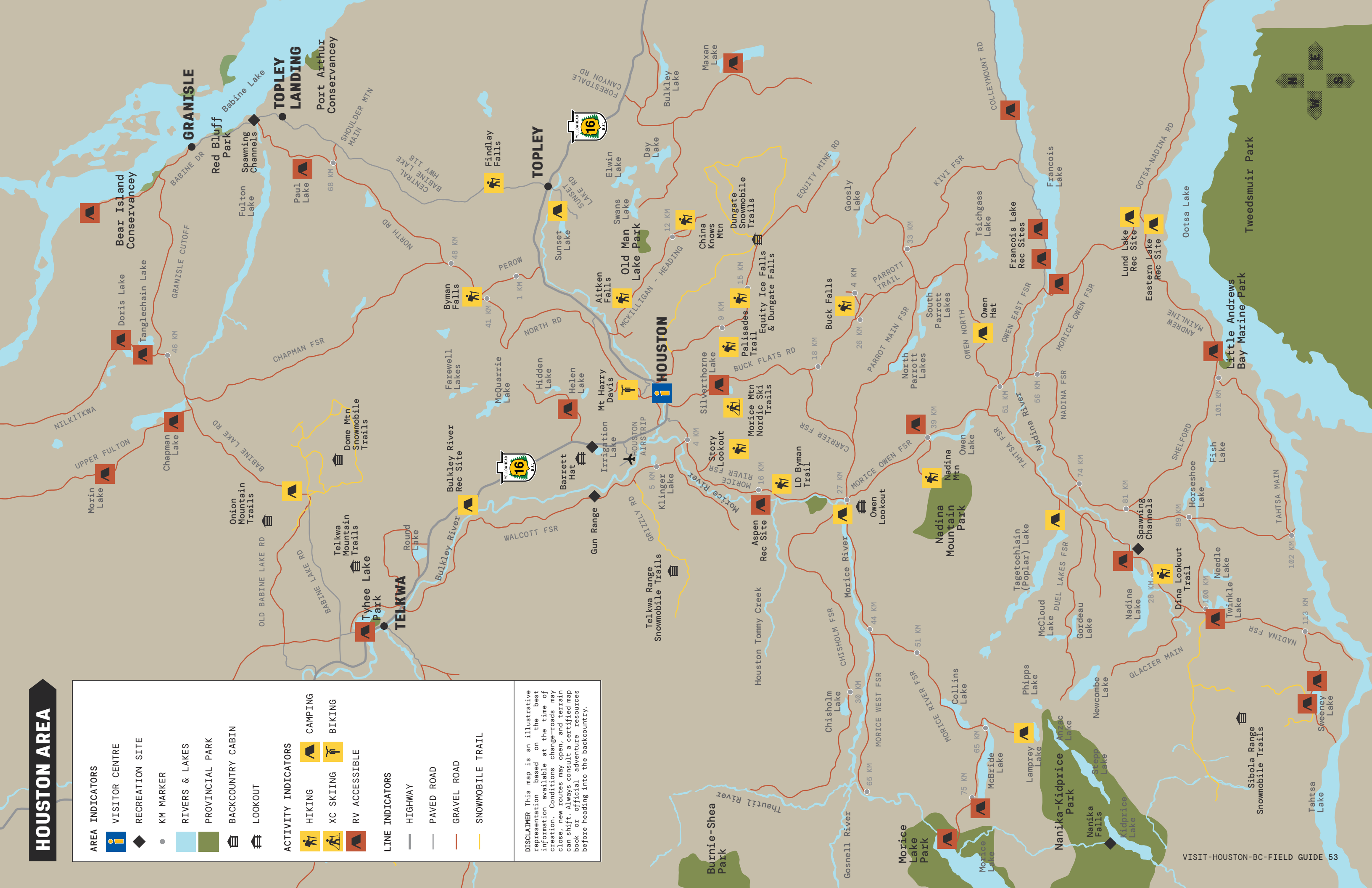
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COULD HOUSTON BE YOUR NEXT MOVE?

In the heart of Northern BC, Houston isn't just a place—it's a way of life. Surrounded by stunning landscapes and strengthened by a close-knit community, it's where you can grow, work, and feel at home.



Affordable property prices and tax incentives for industrial and commercial developments make Houston a smart choice for families, entrepreneurs, and businesses ready to thrive. Whether you're launching a venture or settling into homeownership, Houston offers the space—and the opportunity—to dream big.

With modern connectivity, you don't have to choose between career opportunities and leaving city life behind. Houston lets you stay connected while enjoying the pace and freedom of small-town living, whether working remotely, running a business, or raising a family.

Recreation is part of the rhythm here. Houston offers a pool and gym, an arena, a library, a bowling alley, and a movie theatre—all just minutes from home. Whether staying active or spending quality time with neighbours, there's no shortage of ways to stay engaged.

Families will find strong support with K-12 public schools, StrongStart programs, preschools, daycare services, and a private school offering alternative education through Grade 12. Education here is built for the future.

In Houston, work and play aren't at odds—they're in balance. Spend your summers on the trails, your winters on skis, snowshoes or snowmobiles, and your downtime surrounded by natural beauty and genuine community.

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An aerial photograph of the Granisle village and its marina. The marina is filled with numerous boats docked at wooden piers. The village is nestled along the shoreline, with houses and buildings visible. In the background, there are dense green forests and rolling hills under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

Within Reach... Beyond Expectation

Nestled along BC's longest natural freshwater lake, Granisle is a village shaped by resilience and transformation.

Founded in 1965 to support a booming copper mine, it quickly became home to nearly 2,000 people. But long before that, the Nat'oo or Nat'tooten people (*Lake Babine Nation*) stewarded this land, leaving a lasting legacy of connection to nature.

Today, Granisle is one of Northern BC's best-kept secrets — combining small-town charm with world-class outdoor adventure. With a freshwater marina, vast lakes, and boundless trails, it's a haven for boating, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, and more.

Affordable, welcoming, and surrounded by wilderness, Granisle offers more than recreation — it offers time. Time to breathe, explore, and enjoy life off the beaten path. *Granisle isn't just within reach — it's beyond expectation.*



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