



History

Prior to European settlement, Christina Lake was part of a region inhabited by the Sinixt First Nations Group. Also known as the Arrow Lakes People, the Sinixt were an Interior Salish people whose territory stretched roughly from the Monashees to Kootenay Lake, from Revelstoke to northeast Washington. Christina Lake was an important fishing ground, as was the Kettle River around Cascade. Pictographs located at various points along the lakeshore are the evidence of these first inhabitants and offer a tantalizing glimpse into a past that remains unspoken.



The Lake was named after Christina McDonald, daughter of the fur trader Angus McDonald, who ran the Hudson's Bay Company station at Fort Colville from 1852-71. Fort Colville was established in 1825 and until its closure in 1871 it was a central fixture of the area. In 1865, the extension of the Dewdney Trail from Rock Creek to Wild Horse Creek provided early pioneers with the first route into the Christina Lake region that didn't require travelling through American Territory. Settlement of what is known as the Boundary Region didn't really begin until the early 1890's.



School House



BC Hotel at Cascade 1910



Attractions

Christina Lake Attractions

- Cascade Gorge and Gorge trail
- Cascade Falls
- Cascade Gorge Trestle
- Kettle River Trestle
- Kettle Valley Rail Trail (KVR)
- Trans Canada Trail (TCT)
- Columbia & Western Portion (KVR)
- Christina Lake's Trail System
- Christina Lake Community Hall
- Christina Lake Golf Club
- Christina Lake Nature Park
- Cascade Par 3
- Garth Sandner Bike Park
- Mini Golf
- Owl Mountain Ranch and Trails
- 500 Year Old Cedar Trees
- Kokanee Spawning Grounds
- Gladstone Park
- Baseball Diamond
- Lawn Bowling Green
- Children's Park
- Public Beach
- Internet Computers @ Jimmy Beans
- Kettle River Kayaking & Canoeing



Attractions Close to Christina Lake

- Rock Candy Mountain Mine (Gr. Forks)
- Grist Flour Mill (Grand Forks)
- Aquatic Center (Grand Forks)
- Gem Movie Theatre (Grand Forks)
- BMX Track (Grand Forks)
- Farmers Market (Grand Forks)
- Grand Forks Art Gallery
- Doukhobor Museum (Grand Forks)
- Zuckerberg Island Park (Castlegar)
- Old Railway Museum (Mile '0') Midway
- Old Railway Museum in Castlegar
- Greenwood Museum
- Grand Forks Musuem
- Le Roi Mine, Rossland
- Fossil Beds and Dig, Republic WA USA
- Jerseyland Farms (Grand Forks) Organic CheeseTasting
- Scenic Drive around Grand Forks, Grandby and Kettle Rivers
- Historic Walking Tours: Gr. Forks, Greenwood, Rossland, & Nelson



Events

- JAN - FEB** Winterfest (Last Wk.end Jan.)
Snow Pitch
Community Dinner Italiano
- MAR-APR** Owl Mt. Ranch Easter Egg Hunt
- MAY- JUNE** Quilter's Plant Sale (Sat. Before Mother's Day)
Barn Dance: Owl Mt. Ranch (Victoria Day Wk.end)
Fishing Derby (Victoria Day Wk.end)
- JULY- AUG** Ladies Hospital Auxillary Garage Sale
Quilter's Christmas in July
Sand Castle Contest
Pasta Fiesta Feast
- SEPT- OCT** Vintage Car Rally (Labor Day Wk.end)
Prairie Fowl Supper
- NOV- DEC** Hospital Auxillary Tea & Bazaar (1st Sat. Nov.)
Community Dinner Italiano (3rd Sat. Nov.)
Christmas Dinner Dance (4th Sat Nov.)
Christmas Craft Sale (1st Sat Dec.)
New Year's Eve Dance

For dates & times call 250-447-6161



The Kettle Valley Railway Trans Canada Trail

Christina Lake is a great place to stay as your home base while you access many sections of the KVR trail. From Mile "0" beginning at Midway, to Eholt and on to Grand Forks, there is pleasant scenery. The KVR follows beside the Kettle River from Grand Forks to Christina Lake. At our first decked trestle, you can view the **Cascade Gorge and Falls**, one of our natural wonders. You will travel through Bulldog Tunnel (the longest KVR tunnel, 1km) from Castlegar to Farron and view vistas of Christina Lake from Paulson to Santa Rosa. At the present time we have the longest decked trestle crossing the Kettle River.



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