

#### **BADGER**

HIKING: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 2 km - ONE WAY

BIKING: INTERMEDIATE

TOTAL ASCENT: **56** m TOTAL DESCENT: **150** m

Short multi-loop, single track trail that leads from McRae Creek Rd. to Biner Rd. which is the trail head of the Deer Point Trail. Varied terrain including dry forested rocky hillsides with steep sections & frequent panoramic views of the lake. ACCESS Travel EAST on Hwy 3 for 9 km, past East Lake Dr. turnoff. Turn left onto McRae Creek Rd. following 1.3km until you reach a sharp left turn with a barricade.

Park in front of the barricades, this is the trail head. ALTERNATE ACCESS: Biner Rd. via East Lake Dr. - OR - Texas Creek Campground.

#### 02 BORRIS LOWER

**HIKING: INTERMEDIATE** DISTANCE: 2.1 km - ONE WAY

**BIKING: DIFFICULT** 

TOTAL ASCENT: **13** m TOTAL DESCENT: **416** m

Colourful rock faces at your feet, enjoy the chorus of songbirds & take in the mountain flowers blooming year-round. Mostly single track with a few wider portions & clearings. Trail descends from here down to West Lake Drive.

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* Travel WEST on Hwy 3 for 3.1km passing Hwy 395, turn right onto Stewart Creek Rd. Follow for 7.6km to the trail head on the right, where you will see a sign bearing the trail name. Parking roadside



### 03 BORRIS UPPER

HIKING: INTERMEDIATE DISTANCE: 832 m - ONE WAY

BIKING: INTERMEDIATE TOTAL ASCENT: 1 m TOTAL DESCENT: 122 m

Get your blood flowing on this short but exhilarating trail. Diverse scenery of landscapes including lake views, mountain peaks and ridge lines, with romantic vantage points perfect for a picnic.

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* Travel WEST on Hwy 3 for 3.1km passing Hwy 395, turn right onto Stewart Creek Rd. follow for approx. 8km, then turning left onto Stewart 7500 follow for 1.3km. Look for the trail head sign on the left hand side of road. Parking roadside.



#### 04 BURNT BASIN

**HIKING: INTERMEDIATE** 

**BIKING: EXPERT** 

DISTANCE: **7.2** km - ONE WAY

TOTAL ASCENT: **162** m TOTAL DESCENT: **415** m

All mountain forest trail with a short steep climb at the beginning followed by occasional traverses & long fast descents. Charred by historical forest fires, discover a unique landscape that is home to a myriad of mushroom species year-round.

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* Travel EAST on Hwy 3 for 13.3km. Turn left at Lafferty Gravel Pit. Staying left along the way, follow Josh Creek FSR for approx. 8.7km to fork in road (bike in tree), staying left traveling another 1/2km to a road fork, keep right & look for big boulder (trail head). Parking roadside.



#### 05 CHRISTINA CREEK

**HIKING: EASY** DISTANCE: 2.8 km - MULTI-LOOP

BIKING: EASY HORSEBACK: EASY TOTAL ASCENT: 85 m

TOTAL DESCENT: **71** m

This multi-loop trail follows along the shores of Christina Creek, the only outflow of Christina Lake. Giant ponderosa pines are home to feathered friends & along the shorelines more great photo opportunities of wildlife like beaver, muskrat & deer await. ACCESS Travel WEST on Hwy 3 for approx. 300 metres. Left just before bridge. Unmarked road, parking on right. Follow trail along creek. Trail is not well marked.



#### 06 CHRISTINA CREST

HIKING: EXPERT (2 DAYS)

BIKING: EXPERT (8 HRS)

DISTANCE: 16.5 km - ONE WAY TOTAL ASCENT: 1131 m TOTAL DESCENT: 714 m

A rugged & remote backcountry trail following the ridge line from Santa Rosa Summit to Mt. St. Thomas. Alpine meadows & rock bluffs provide panoramic views in all directions, including views of Christina Lake & Big Sheep Creek valley. Be prepared for wilderness travel with frequent windfall & snow well into July.

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* CROSSING Hwy 3, follow Santa Rosa Rd. for 24km, passing cattle guard. Trail head is on the left. ON TRAIL: Follow 16km to Mt. St. Thomas. EXITING OPTIONS: (A) LEFT, descend via Vertical Smile trail to Fife Rd., (B) RIGHT, descend to Bonanza Creek FSR, continuing to Hwy 3.



#### **O7 COMMUNITY PARK**

**HIKING: EASY** 

**BIKING: EASY** 

DISTANCE: 2.7 km - MULTI-LOOP TOTAL ASCENT: **0** flat

TOTAL DESCENT: 0 flat

Close to city amenities, 8 family-friendly bird-themed trails take you along the south shorelines of the lake, through a small mixed forest & meadows. Swim spots dotted along trail. Observe otters, beavers, whitetail deer & various birds.



#### 08 DAVE SWETLAND MEMORIAL

**HIKING: DIFFICULT** 

**BIKING: DIFFICULT** 

DISTANCE: 5.3 km - ONE WAY TOTAL ASCENT: **23** m TOTAL DESCENT: **677** m

ACCESS ADJACENT to the Welcome Centre. Visit the Christina Lake Stewardship Society inside the Welcome Centre or view the kiosk outside to learn about area wildlife.

Honouring legendary free-rider Dave Swetland of the Kootenay Boundary, this trail is loaded with fun for any biker. From rocky ridges to gullies of aspen & cypress, experience a variety of terrain with well-built stunts & a steep descent.

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* Travel EAST on Hwy 3 for 1.5km. Turn right onto Fife Road following for about 3km then turn left onto Baker Creek FSR & follow for approx. 5km to the trail head (bike frame in the tree) & head on into the trail from here. ON TRAIL: Alternate exit via Trans Canada Trail down to Fife Rd



#### **DEER POINT**

**HIKING: INTERMEDIATE** 

**BIKING: DIFFICULT** 

DISTANCE: 10.5 km - ONE WAY TOTAL ASCENT: **327** m TOTAL DESCENT: **350** m

Steep sections level out to rolling hills while following the north-eastern shoreline of the lake. Giant cedar trees & a sandy beach await. The midway point offers access to a marine campsite. After crossing Sander Creek, connects with the Xenia Lake Trail. ACCESS Travel EAST on Hwy 3 for 6.7km. Take the Texas Point turnoff & follow East Lake Dr. to the end. Access the trail from a rough road access at the far east side of the



#### 10 **DEWDNEY** LOWER

parking lot or through the campground. ALTERNATE ACCESS: Biner Rd. via East Lake Dr. - OR - Boat drop-off to Sandner Creek at north end of Christina Lake.

DISTANCE: 6 km - ONE WAY

**HIKING: INTERMEDIATE BIKING: DIFFICULT** 

TOTAL ASCENT: **51** m TOTAL DESCENT: **633** m

This popular mountain bikers trail has steep & loose sections. Historically a roadway for mining activity, take a stroll through time,

leading through forests to viewpoints of the valley & the lake near the top. Complete this trail at Santa Rosa Rd. parking-lot. ACCESS (ROSSING Hwy 3, follow Santa Rosa Rd. approx. 9km, left on Dupee Rd. Continue till power lines are in view. Trail head sign on left. If you've gone under the power lines you've gone too far. Parking roadside. Alternate access off Maida Creek Forest Service Road.



#### **DEWDNEY** UPPER

located adjacent to Radio Tower. Look for the trail head sign. Parking at Santa Rosa or at Radio Tower.

HIKING: INTERMEDIATE

**BIKING: DIFFICULT** 

TOTAL ASCENT: **18** m TOTAL DESCENT: **634** m

DISTANCE: 5.7 km - ONE WAY

Find all the viewpoints to scenery overlooking the Kettle Valley & south to the USA. This historical trail is over 150 years old, being the original horse pack route through the region. This section of the trail connects with Dewdney Lower at Dupee Rd. ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* CROSSING Hwy 3, follow Santa Rosa Road for 24km. Follow straight ahead. Take first right leading up to Radio Tower. Trail head is



#### 12 GILPIN GRASSLANDS BUNDSCHU

**HIKING: INTERMEDIATE** 

**BIKING & HORSEBACK: INTERMEDIATE** TOTAL ASCENT: **n/a** TOTAL DESCENT: **n/a** 

DISTANCE: 5 km - ONE WAY Dry grassland hills, along with views of the Kettle River make this single to double track trail an interesting stop. Set in the sunniest

part of town watch for bighorn sheep, rattle snake & the colour changing mountain flowers year-round. ACCESS Travel WEST on Hwy 3 for 13km towards Grand Forks, turn Right onto Gilpin Creek Forest Service Road heading up to the parking lot approx. ½ kilometer in.



#### 13 GREEN TUNNEL

HIKING: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 10.8 km - ONE WAY

Hike/Bike up Gilpin Creek FSR to cattle guard and look for Bundschu trail head sign on fence post — trail begins on North side of fencepost.

**BIKING & HORSEBACK: INTERMEDIATE** TOTAL ASCENT: **295** m TOTAL DESCENT: **650** m

Overhanging cedar trees tower above resembling that of a tunnel. Following through a secondary growth forest, find the creek and great viewpoints along the way. Keep your senses alert for wildlife.

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* CROSSING Hwy 3, travel 7km up Santa Rosa Rd. to Maida Creek FSR. Follow Maida Creek FSR for 2km past the Dewdney Trail head. There is a parking area & the beginning of the Green Tunnel. The trail comes out onto Haaglund Road. Take that down to Fife, which then takes you back to Christina Lake.



#### **14 MARY'S LOOKOUT**

**HIKING: INTERMEDIATE** DISTANCE: 2.2 km - MULTI-LOOP

**BIKING: HIKING ONLY** TOTAL ASCENT: **271** m TOTAL DESCENT: **32** m

HIKING ONLY due to extremely steep sections. This hiking trail leads from McRae Creek Rd. to Biner Rd. above Badger Trail. Multiple viewpoints make the initial steep sections worth the ascent. Mixed forests provide the perfect backdrop to hear & see a variety of birds including bald eagles.

ACCESS Travel EAST on Hwy 3 for 9 km, past East Lake Dr. turnoff. Turn left onto McRae Creek Rd. following 1.3km until you reach a sharp left turn with a barricade. Park in front of the barricades, this is the trail head. ALTERNATE ACCESS: Biner Rd. via East Lake Dr. - OR - Texas Creek Campground.



#### 15 **PROMENADE**

**HIKING: EASY** DISTANCE: 3 km - ONE WAY **BIKING: EASY** 

TOTAL ASCENT: **O** flat TOTAL DESCENT: **O** flat

Family friendly trail, taking you along Hwy 3 providing ample opportunity to explore local shops & eateries. Midway through you will find yourself creekside & walking the quaint neighborhoods that line the lake.

ACCESS STAYING on the lakeside of Hwy 3, start at the Christina Creek Bridge & follow posted signs heading EAST. Trail parallels Hwy 3. Continue to follow the established path past Kingsley Rd. until the last portion of trail on Hunter Frontage Rd.



#### **16 SANDNER CREEK**

HIKING: INTERMEDIATE DISTANCE: **9** km - ONE WAY

**BIKING: INTERMEDIATE** TOTAL ASCENT: n/a TOTAL DESCENT: n/a

Experience unique geological formations that extend alongside Sandner Creek past a handful of historical sites including an old homestead. Fall is a great season to come & watch the kokanee salmon and rainbow trout spawn in the creek. Unmaintained trail. ACCESS. NO vehicle access. Boat/bike/hike access ONLY. Boat drop-off to north end of Christina Lake/Sandner Creek kiosk. ALTERNATE ACCESS: Bike/Hike via Deer Point



#### 17 **SPOONER CREEK**

**HIKING: DIFFICULT** DISTANCE: 4.25 km - ONE WAY **BIKING: DIFFICULT** TOTAL ASCENT: **43** m TOTAL DESCENT: **539** m

Classic single-track mountain bike trail providing technical sections; climbing, steep descents & optional stunts down to West Lake Dr. Mixed forest with ferns, many rocky sections including bluffs & viewpoints looking East over Christina Lake.

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* Travel WEST on Hwy 3 for 3.1km passing Hwy 395, turn right onto Stewart Creek Rd. Follow for 9.3 km to the trail head sign on the right side of the road. Parking roadside. Trail exits onto West Lake Drive.



#### 18 TRANS CANADA CASCADE TO GRAND FORKS

**HIKING: EASY** 

DISTANCE: 19 km - ONE WAY

**BIKING: EASY** 

TOTAL ASCENT: **O** flat TOTAL DESCENT: **O** flat

Fantastic views of the roaring falls. If you're lucky find the cave beneath you and be careful around the many bluffs all around. Walk through the ruins of historical spillways & pen stocks that used to house the water from the old electrical dam. ACCESS Travel WEST on Hwy 3 for 3km left onto Highway 395 continuing for 1 4km. Parking-lot on left side off. Hwy 395. Cross Hwy heading West following the

established & well signed trail. Multiple accesses skirting the trail to many viewpoints of Cascade Gorge. Continue across bridge along Kettle River to Grand Forks.



#### 19 TRANS CANADA FIFETO SANTA ROSA

**HIKING: EASY** DISTANCE: **4.6** km - ONE WAY

**BIKING: EASY** TOTAL ASCENT: 1 m

TOTAL DESCENT: 77 m

The 1.7% grade makes this trail family-friendly. Walk the historical rail bed, past mountainsides, curious small caves and other historical relics found dotted along the way. Great birdwatching can be had with trees lining the path on either side. ACCESS Travel EAST on Hwy 3 for 1.5km. Right onto Fife Rd. until 1.5km marker. Parking roadside. On trail: Travel down-grade, to the map kiosk at Santa Rosa Rd.



# 20 TRANS CANADA PAULSON TO FIFE

DISTANCE: 17.5 km - ONE WAY

BIKING: EASY (HALF DAY)

TOTAL ASCENT: 5 m TOTAL DESCENT: **506** m This portion of the former Columbia & Western Railroad descends from the Paulson Bridge down to Christina Lake with a grade of

ACCESS Travel EAST on Hwy 3 for 24.5km. Exit 100m before the Paulson Bridge take the Paulson Detour Rd. down into the valley until the fork. Park in lot. Trail head access point is here. On trail: Travel down-grade toward Christina Lake to reach Fife Rd., completing this section.

2%. It provides a great half-day cycle following through the forest leading through a tunnel & over old trestle bridges.



# 21 TRANS CANADA SANTA ROSA TO CASCADE HIKING: EASY

**HIKING: EASY** 

including the remains of a log cabin and standing fruit trees amongst open glades.

parking lot or through the campground. ALTERNATE ACCESS: Biner Rd. via East Lake Dr.

DISTANCE: **2** km - ONE WAY

**HIKING: BIKING ONLY** 

DISTANCE: 626 m - ONE WAY

(deactivated), turn left following along until the first switchback. Look for the trail head sign on the right hand side of road.

DISTANCE: 10 km - ONE WAY

11 km marker park at the widening & turnout on the Road. Trail head is marked by Conifers on either side with a stream to the left.

**HIKING: DIFFICULT** 

DISTANCE: **4.6** km - ONE WAY

keep all types of mountain bikers entertained. Trails forks 300m in with access to Wheelchair Trail.

**HIKING: BIKING ONLY** 

DISTANCE: **1.4** km - ONE WAY

**HIKING: EXPERT** 

DISTANCE: **6.2** km - ONE WAY

Trail signs & the trail head on right hand side of road. Parking roadside.

25 WESTLAKE TNT

DISTANCE: 4.5 km - ONE WAY

Cross the Kettle River on the old rail bridge, now with deck and railing. Look for roaming cattle in the open valley below & prepare

ACCESS (ROSSING Hwy 3, follow Santa Rosa Rd. 1.5km. Parking-lot on left hand side, before the switchback. Access this trail by crossing Santa Rosa Rd. to the gravel

Previously an old wagon road this trail follows high above the waters of Texas Creek. Try to find the historical homesteader's site

23 THERE'S WILLIS

ACCESS Travel EAST on Hwy 3 for 6.7km. Take the Texas Point turnoff & follow East Lake Dr. to the end. Access the trail from a rough road access at the far east side of the

BIKING ONLY. Steep, loose terrain containing many stunts including teeter totters, bridges, a-frames & a roller coaster. LOOK before

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* Travel WEST on Hwy 3 for 3.1km passing Hwy 395, turn right onto Stewart Creek Rd. Follow for approx. 8km reaching Stewart 7500

24 VERTICLE SMILE

Starting as an alpine single track, then double track leading from the summit of Mt. St. Thomas down to Fife Rd. Layer up for this

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* Travel EAST on Hwy 3 for 31km turning right onto Bonanza FSR. Left at first fork & keep right as you pass Bonanza 300. Continue LEFT passing Volovsek Rd. & Orion Creek Rd., next unmarked fork keep LEFT (ascending at this point). After 7km marker keep RIGHT at the next unmarked fork, Keep LEFT

past Bonanza 7900 & Bonanza 8801 (9 km marker). Stay RIGHT passing the unmarked junction/fork, past Bonanza 9700, keep LEFT passing Bonanza 10700. At approx.

As a hiking trail it is loose & steep in sections but follows along the ridge line providing landscape views east & south including the

stunning Nakade Lookout. Originally a classic single-track mountain bike trail, the steep uphill sections & technical descents will

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* Travel WEST on Hwy 3 for 3.1km passing Hwy 395, turn right onto Stewart Creek Rd. Follow for approx. 6.3km just before switchback.

Trail signs & the trail head on right hand side of road. Parking roadside. Shared access with Wheelchair Trail. Exits onto Nishi (dirt road) across from Strome via Chase.

BIKING ONLY. This mature bike trail features tall stunts, root covered slopes, steep rock slab descents & jumps. Fairly technical track makes for a fun & challenging ride. WATCH for stunts that may be rotten & in need of repair. Trails forks 300m in with access to West

ACCESS \*4WD recommended\* Travel WEST on Hwv 3 for 3.1km passing Hwv 395, turn right onto Stewart Creek Rd. Follow for approx. 6.3km just before switchback.

Starting at the Troy Creek Campground, enjoy rustic style amenities (outhouses, picnic areas, & fire pits) right on the beach! Once

on-trail steep & technical descents/ascents will bring you to stunning views of Christina and Xenia Lakes leaving you breathless.

ACCESS NO vehicle access. Boat/bike/hike access ONLY. Boat drop-off to Troy Creek Campground at the North end of Christina Lake. ALTERNATE ACCESS: Bike/hike via

Deer Point trail (planning for extra day of hiking) - OR - Shuttle to Xenia Lake from Miller Creek Rd. via North Fork Rd. via Grand Forks, bike/hike East to Christina Lake.

ACCESS

All directions begin from the Christina Lake Welcome Centre.

SET YOUR VEHICLE ODOMETER TO '0'

Highly recommended - Especially when exiting HWY 3 to any active Forest Service Roads.

Our directions refer to the distance (km) to get you to the trail head. While some Forest Service Roads have distance markers, we can't guarantee their maintenance throughout the year.

TRANS CANADA TRAIL

The local portions of the Trans Canada Trail utilize the decommissioned Canadian Pacific Railway.

Historically the Columbia & Western Railway, built in the late 1890's, later amalgamated by CPR into the Kettle Valley Railway.

DEWDNEY TRAIL

BC's historic route used by miners and settlers in the mid-1800's as a major thoroughfare from Hope to Fort Steele.

Today, approximately 80 percent of the former Dewdney Trail has been incorporated into Highway 3 (Crowsnest Highway).

The portion running between Christina Lake and Rossland is one of the last sections remaining, operating as a recreation trail.

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26 WHEELCHAIR

27 XENIA LAKE

multi-weather trail taking you from the summit alpine south, passing through meadows until you reach an old logging road.

you ride, stunts are not what they appear to be (eg. drops are actually teeters). Coupled with mixed forests, great views of Christina

HIKING: INTERMEDIATE (FULL DAY)

BIKING: DIFFICULT (HALF DAY)

track to the right and behind the switchback (look for sign), following down grade to Kettle River Bridge. After bridge cross Hwy 395, continue to Cascade Gorge.

yourself to experience the roar of the Cascade Gorge. The 3% trail grade provides enjoyment for the whole family.

**22 TEXAS CREEK** 

**BIKING: EASY** 

TOTAL ASCENT: 36 m

**BIKING: INTERMEDIATE** 

**BIKING: DIFFICULT** 

TOTAL ASCENT: 27 m TOTAL DESCENT: 895 m

TOTAL ASCENT: **107** m TOTAL DESCENT: **529** m

TOTAL ASCENT: **0** m TOTAL DESCENT: **367** m

**BIKING: DIFFICULT** 

**BIKING: EXPERT** 

**BIKING: EXPERT** 

TOTAL ASCENT: **750** m TOTAL DESCENT: **n/a** 

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TOTAL ASCENT: **n/a** 

TOTAL DESCENT: 58 m

TOTAL DESCENT: **n/a** 

TOTAL DESCENT: 110 m





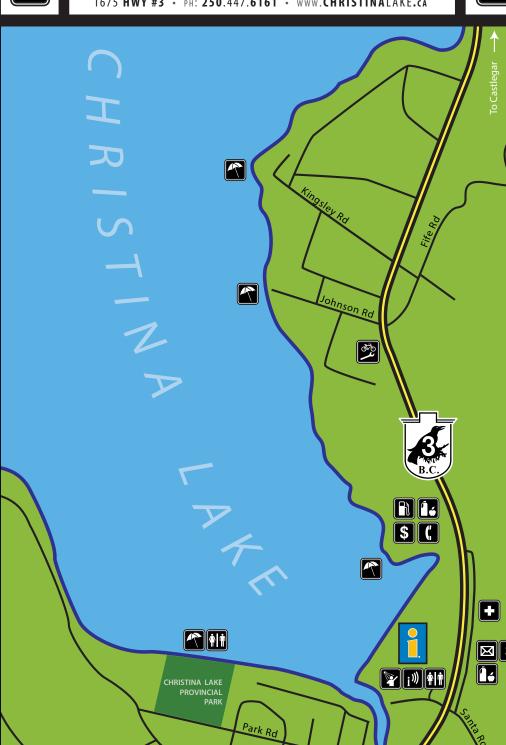


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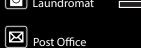






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