DAWSON CREEK

Visitor & Relocation Guide 2025





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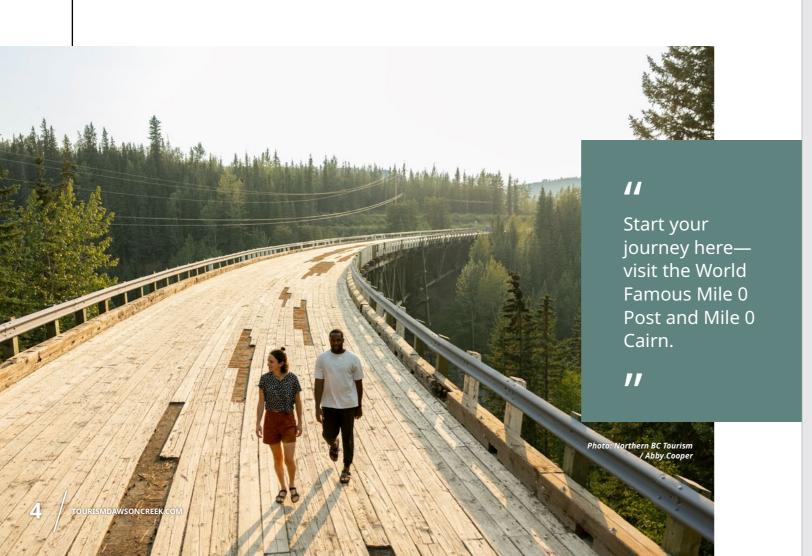
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WELCOME

Nestled in the heart of northeastern British Columbia, Dawson Creek stands as a vibrant community with a rich tapestry of history and culture. Situated on Treaty 8 Territory, the city is a testament to the enduring heritage of the Indigenous peoples who have called this land home for millennia. As the southern gateway to the Alaska Highway, Dawson Creek holds a significant place in Canadian history, symbolizing the spirit of exploration and resilience that characterized the construction of this iconic roadway during World War II.





TREATY 8

Dawson Creek is located in the heart of Treaty 8 territory, the largest land-based treaty in Canada which was signed in 1899. This region spans approximately 840,000 square kilometers, encompassing northeastern British Columbia, northern Alberta, northwestern Saskatchewan, and the southwestern Northwest Territories. Treaty 8 reflects a commitment to fostering peace, friendship, and mutual respect between Indigenous Nations, including the Cree, Dane-Zaa, Saulteau, Slavey, and Métis Peoples, and the Crown. These rich histories and enduring relationships with the land create a vibrant cultural and natural tapestry for visitors to explore.

As you enjoy Dawson Creek's attractions, from its scenic parks to its heritage sites, take a moment to appreciate the legacy of the First Nations who have lived on this land for generations. Their deep connection to nature, along with their cultural traditions, continues to shape and enrich the area. Treaty 8 represents not just a historical agreement, but a living, ongoing relationships that highlights the importance of stewardship and collaboration for future generations.

We invite you to explore this remarkable community, steeped in history and committed to building a sustainable and inclusive future. Whether you're here to experience the area's natural beauty, engage with its dynamic local culture, or learn about its Indigenous heritage, Dawson Creek warmly welcomes you to partake in all it has to offer.





Message from THE MAYOR

Dawson Creek is poised for an exciting future, with plans to celebrate tourism and strengthen our local economy.

Enhancements to key visitor locations in the Northern Alberta Railway (NAR) Park were completed in 2024. Upgrades to the Art Gallery entrance, a historic location in Dawson Creek, were completed to ensure it is welcoming and accessible to all visitors. New lighting has improved the safety and accessibility at the Visitor Centre, creating a more inviting experience for tourists. Annual events hosted by community organizations and large events, like the Hockey Canada partnership that we have through our events centre, will continue to bring energy and economic benefits to the region, showcasing Dawson Creek as a vibrant destination.

We, as a Council, made "Tourism" and "Vibrant Downtown" two of our strategic priorities during this term, focusing on making our downtown a hub of activity and growth. Programs like the Business Façade Improvement Program help local businesses refresh their exteriors, while plans for downtown revitalization will make the area more inviting. These initiatives aim to attract visitors and support local entrepreneurs, fostering a thriving downtown that benefits everyone.

By investing in key projects and supporting local businesses, we are building a future filled with opportunity and prosperity for all. As a local business owner myself, I am grateful to have experienced the supportive nature of our community members and invite you to start something in Dawson Creek – whether it's the start of your Alaska Highway journey, starting to explore the Peace Region, or starting your new life here - welcome to Dawson Creek!

- MAYOR DARCY DOBER

SOUTH PEACE COMMUNITIES

Located in the southern region of the Peace River Regional District

MUNICIPALITIES

- 1. District of Hudson's Hope
- 2. District of Chetwynd
- 4. City of Dawson Creek

Progress

Sunset Prairie

3. District of Tumbler Ridge

5. Village of Pouce Coupe

ELECTORAL AREA 'D'

Arras Farmington Rolla
Bessborough Kelly Lake Tomslake
Cutbank Kilkerran Tower Lake
Doe River One Island Lake Tupper

ELECTORAL AREA 'E'

East Pine Lone Prairie

Groundbirch McLeod Hasler Creek Moberly Lake

Jackfish Pine Valley

BRITISH COLUMBIA

BE INFORMED & PREPARED

NORTH PEACE

Sign up for North East BC (NEBC) Alerts to receive notifications on communityspecific emergencies and other important news in your area. **nebcalerts.com**

Prince Rupert Prince Recorge BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTHWEST TERRITORIES NORTHWEST TERRITORIES Proft Nelson Fort St. John Prince George Grande Prairie Edmonton Grande Cache

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The City of Dawson Creek acknowledges that we are privileged to live and work on Treaty 8 territory and the traditional home of the Cree, Dane-Zaa, Saulteau, Sikanni and Slavey First Nations. We value the Métis Peoples that live and gather here. We commit to upholding the respectful relationships these Nations have built with the land and we acknowledge our responsibility to carry that forward today and into the future.



EXPLORE HERE

Mile 0 Dawson Creek is the perfect destination for those looking to immerse themselves in nature and enjoy the great outdoors. With its vast, wide-open backcountry, visitors can take a walk through scenic trails, experiencing the beauty of pristine forests or expansive landscapes. The area is a haven for birding, offering opportunities to spot a variety of species in their natural habitats. At night, the clear skies make Dawson Creek an ideal spot for stargazing, where you can marvel at the breathtaking northern lights. Visitors will find plenty of peace and adventure in this charming northern city.



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Here residents and travelers can discover the wonders of the Peace Region – big skies, wildlife, northern lights, and adventure.





OUTDOOR THINGS TO DO

Go for a Walk

The Dawson Trail • 4.5km

Part of the Trans Canada Trail, The Dawson Trail stretches from the East end of the city at Kin Park, traverses through Peace Park, Barbaree Park, and Chamberlain Park and ends near Rotary Park. The trail takes about 2.5 hours to complete.

The Dawson Trail can be accessed from many points including via the Dawson Creek Municipal Library, the Dawson Creek Mall, Dawson Trail West Trailhead, and Kin Park South.

Leoppky Park

Leoppky Park offers a network of easy-grade walking trails through a demonstration forest, attracting visitors year-round for activities like hiking, birdwatching, and jogging. The trails are lined with interpretive signs detailing various tree species and eco-systems, while hand-painted animal trail markers add a unique, local touch. The park also features scenic viewpoints from a lookout tower, a pond popular with birdwatchers, and a windmill set in an open field, all while offering the chance to see wildlife like songbirds, moose, and deer.

Chamberlain Nature Park

Chamberlain Park offers an immersion into nature through a network of unmaintained trail networks. Walking, birdwatching, and mountain biking are popular in this boreal forest. Access can be found along 102nd Avenue.

Take a Walking Tour

There are several different walking tours around the City of Dawson Creek that cover everything from history to art and even nature.

Self-Guided Walking Tour

Stop in at the Dawson Creek Visitor Centre to learn about the self-guided Historical Walking Tour and Mural walk. Discover history through an interpretive walk or digital tour!

Dawson Creek Watershed Society Watershed Tour

Across Dawson Creek along the Dawson Trail you will find more than 10 watershed and stormshed description signs. See if you can find them all.

OUTDOOR THINGS TO DO

Disc Golf or Dog Walking in Barbaree Park

Barbaree Park has a great disc golf course that's suitable for all ages and skill levels. This park is home to the Dawson Creek Dog Park – let your dog enjoy some off-leash time in the fenced area.

Frisbees and other activity kits can be rented through the City of Dawson Creek with their Free Activity Kit Rentals.

Workout at the Kin Park Outdoor Gym

The Kin Park Outdoor Gym is located within Kin Park and is an outdoor facility with various exercise equipment and apparatuses. There are a total of 16 user-friendly stations with signage and instructions on how to properly use the equipment.

Other Activities in Kin Park

Kin Park offers a lot of recreational opportunities with everything from walking trails to playgrounds and places to play sports.

Tennis/Pickleball – Creekside Courts in Kin Park are outfitted for a variety of net sports like tennis and pickleball. There is also a multi-use court for sports like volleyball and badminton.

Horseshoes – The horseshoe pit area is located next to the Seniors Outdoor Fitness Park.

Baseball Diamonds – Two diamonds and an open field is the perfect place to practice your swing or throw the ball around.

Picnic Sites & Benches – There are lots of benches and picnic tables throughout the park, making it the perfect spot for a family picnic together.

Tobogganing Hill – grab your sled and hit the hill for a few laughs.

Dawson Creek Skatepark

The Dawson Creek Skatepark is located beside the Dawson Creek Curling Club at 1119 106 Ave. There are several ramps, rails, and ledges to practice all your tricks on. Proper safety equipment is encouraged and be aware of others while skating or riding bikes.

Bear Mountain Wind Park

The Bear Mountain Wind Park was the first commercial wind farm to be brought into operations in B.C. back in 2009. The project was taken on by Peace Energy partnered with Aeolis Wind Power. Today, the wind park is owned by AltaGas Ltd. and features 34





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turbines stretched out along a 7km access road with the Rim Rocks Hiking Trail alongside. The turbines are among some of the largest in the world with the steel towers standing tall at 256ft and weighing 236 tons. Each blade weighs 7.7 tons and is 135ft in length for a full rotor diameter of 270ft.

Scan QR to view multiple lookouts along the ridgeline.

Golf

Dawson Creek Golf & Country Club-2121 Alaska Hwy, **Dawson Creek**

Farmington Fairways Golf & RV Resort - 5764 BC-97, Farmington

Hillside Greens Golf Course- 1194 210 Rd, Dawson Creek Cart and club rentals available

Rotary Recreation Park Misting pad, pump track & playground

Intersection of 20 St and Hwy 97

The Rotary Misting Pad is the perfect place to cool off in the hot summer heat. There are several spray features for water as well as shaded areas and an adjacent playground for kids to play on. The pad is designed for smaller children but everyone is welcome to use it.

Birding, Fishing & Hunting

Dawson Creek and the surrounding area has a lot of great spots for fishing. The type of fish you'll catch varies by location.

Some places for fishing include:

Bearhole Lake, Boot Lake, One Island La, Klukas Lake, Charlie Lake, Swan Lake, Tupper Creek, Tupper River, Albright Creek, Peace River.

Canoeing, Kayaking & Paddle Sports

There are several spots in the area surrounding Dawson Creek where you can go for a swim, paddle, or have a picnic.

Radar Lake– Some areas can be a little swampy but there are areas for swimming.

Swan Lake- Great big beautiful lake for swimming and all water

One Island Lake- The provincial park has a great beach for all water activities.

Kiskatinaw River– The park has water access and can be a great swimming spot when the river is calm and safe to be on.

Sundance Lake- Fish, camp or ice fish at this stocked lake.

Peace River– The Mighty Peace is the namesake of the region. Explore throughout the region!



Go Play at a Playground

There are several outdoor playgrounds that can be found all throughout the City of Dawson Creek including a small indoor playground for toddlers at the Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre.

Other playgrounds in the area include:

Fred Flavelle Memorial Lions Park • 93 Ave - large playground - great for all ages

Crescentview Park • 85 Ave & 18 St - large playground with swing set – great for all ages

Kitchen Park • 1701 108 Ave – small toddler sized playground with swing set

Elwood Park • Elwood Drive – small, quiet playground, large hill for tobogganing

Rotary Recreation Park • 1949 Alaska Ave – two large playgrounds - great for all ages

Centennial Square • 105 Ave & 10 St - small playground site – ideal for young children

Astro Tourism

Dawson Creek offers an ideal setting for astro tourism, with its expansive, clear skies and minimal light pollution perfect for stargazing. Just a short drive from the city, visitors can easily access dark-sky locations to enjoy breathtaking views of the stars and planets. The area's peaceful rural landscape enhances the experience, making it a hidden gem for photographers and astronomy enthusiasts alike. Grab your camera and tripod and head out for some amazing nighttime photography and viewing.

Farmers Markets- May thru September

Dawson Creek Farmers Market & Farm Fresh Markets Visit Facebook pages for more information.

INDOOR THINGS TO DO

Indoor Walking Track

The Wayne and Bev Dahlen Walking Track is located on the 3rd floor of the Ovintiv Events Centre with access through the Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre. The track is free to use, just be sure to use indoor walking shoes and not any outside worn shoes. Scan QR for information for the track along with the schedule.

Gyms

There are a variety of gym facilities available in Dawson Creek that offer everything from standard equipment to CrossFit, dance, and yoga classes. Many of the gyms offer memberships and programs that are designed to keep you active.

Gyms and facilities in Dawson Creek include:

Anytime Fitness • 888-261-8758

Crossfit Dawson Creek • 250-719-5357

Fitness 4 Life • 250-219-0003

Gridiron Fitness • 250-782-2348

Rodeo Fitness Club • 250-219-6052

True North Fitness • 250-719-0777

Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre

#2 300 Hwy 2 • 250-782-7946

Open seven days a week, the Kenn Borek Aguatic Centre is the community hub for water recreation. The centre features a lap pool and leisure pool along with a hot tub, waterslide, sauna, and also a pool for toddlers and babies. Not only are there lots of water activities available but the centre also has an exceptional indoor climbing wall.

Hypertension Escape Bowling Lanes & Corner Pin Lounge

1501 102 Ave • 250-782-8161

For indoor fun no matter the weather, Hypertension Escape Bowling Lanes & Corner Pin Lounge has you covered. With 10 lanes of 5 pin bowling, men's and mixed leagues, youth clubs, and Special Olympics, this bowling alley has it all. You can also book kids birthday parties and special events. The Corner Pin Lounge provides great food and drinks with excellent service.



INDOOR (CONT.)

Magic Lantern Theatres Center Cinema

648 103 Ave • 250-782-1175

The small but quaint Magic Lantern Theatres Center Cinema is the go-to place for all the latest blockbuster hits. The single-screen theatre shows everything from new releases to independent films and sometimes hosts special events. Snacks are readily available and kid's birthday parties can be booked at the theatre as well.

Dawson Creek Public Library

1001 McKellar Ave • 250-782-4661

Pick up a new book or just pop in and see what events are happening at the Dawson Creek Public Library. The library hosts a variety of events throughout the year and offers programs for various age groups including after school programs.

Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre

10401 10 St • 250-782-9325

The centre of community activity is at the Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre. This venue hosts everything from dances to craft fairs, concerts and workshops. There are always events happening at the centre with many of them being family-friendly and geared towards children. A variety of programs are also offered as well as childcare for a range of age groups.

Chances Dawson Creek

400 Dawson Creek-Tupper Hwy • 250-782-7752

Chances Dawson Creek is the perfect place for an adult's night out. The casino floor is packed with slots and electronic tables for endless gaming opportunities. Chances also hosts regular events for guests and the Prospects Lounge is also on site for all your food and drink needs.



OVINTIV Events Centre most exciting entertainment to Dawson Creek since 2008. Scan me to see upcoming events or visit... Scan me to see or visit... LAREVIEWTIX company to the biggest and most exciting entertainment to Dawson Creek since 2008.

Dawson Creek Mall

11000 8th St • 250-782-5531

A myriad of shopping with a pharmacy, liquor and cannabis stores, clothing and more.

Lakota Agriplex

300 Hwy 2 • 250-782-1445

The Lakota Agriplex is a state-of-the-art equestrian facility with a 24,000 square foot riding arena. The venue features 110 indoor stalls, 76 tack lockers, and a complete wash rack and grooming area. The facility is designed to accommodate riding and training and memberships, rentals, and riding passes are available for anyone interested. The Lakota Agriplex hosts a variety of equine and bovine events as well.

Ovintiv Events Centre

#1 300 Hwy 2 • 250-782-7440

The Ovintiv Events Centre is where artists from all over come to perform. The facility has 4,500 permanent seats and can accommodate up to 6,500 seats for concerts. The multipurpose arena regularly hosts large events including concerts, craft fairs, and even bull riding. Smaller rooms and halls are also available and can be booked for a variety of events.





Ovintiv Events Centre





Skiing/Snowboarding

Bear Mountain Ski Hill is 5 minutes from Dawson Creek. There are a total of 10 runs and a single T-bar lift. Night skiing happens every Thursday and Friday from 6pm-10pm with half day rates.

Rates, rentals and schedules can be found here. Any changes are posted to Facebook and on the phone message (250-782-4988).

Cross-Country Skiing

Cross-country skiing is plentiful in the Dawson Creek area. Most parks and hiking trails are accessible for the public to use year-round including for the use of cross-country skiing.

The Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Association also maintains over 23km of groomed ski trails and is available for use to any BMNSA members. Information about becoming a member can be found at nordicski.ca/memberships.

Snowshoeing

Kin Park is the largest park in Dawson Creek with several walking trails and areas to snowshoe around. You can go snowshoeing around any parks or trails that are open to the public. The Dawson Creek Golf Course has also opened up for snowshoeing from Wednesday through Saturday.

Hiking spots that are also great for snowshoeing are:

Dawson Trail • 4.5km

Leoppky Park • 1.8km

Bear Mountain FSR Loop • 10km

Bear Mountain Nordic • 9.2km

Radar Lake • 1.1km

Rim Rocks Trail • 7km

Dawson Creek Golf Course

Snowshoes are available at the Visitor Centre to borrow







Snowmobiling

The Paradise Valley Snowmobile Association is a community club that is dedicated to improving local trails. To become a member, you can contact the club through their Facebook page or on their website.

The main staging area for snowmobilers is via Radar Lake Road.

Some of the main trails in the area is at One Island Lake, Bear Mountain Loop and the River Road Trail.

Ice Skating

Kin Arena, Memorial Arena and Canalta Community Rink offer public skating as well as other drop-in programs.

There are also several outdoor skating rinks around Dawson Creek that are open to the public.

Dawson Creek Speed Skating Club runs from September to March and offers programs and lessons for anyone ages 3 and up.

Drop-in hockey at Kin Arena has slots for up to 26 players and two goalies.

Curling

The Dawson Creek Curling Club hosts a variety of leagues throughout the week including men's, women's, mixed, and an elementary school league. You can register as an individual and join a team or register your entire team. The club also features a plethora of events during the winter months.

Club information as well as how to join can be found at dccurling.ca.

Ice Fishing

There are lots of great spots around Dawson Creek for ice fishing and the type of fish you'll catch varies by location.

Places in the area for ice fishing include:

Bearhole Lake– Northern pike, burbot, rainbow trout, and yellow perch

Boot Lake– Rainbow trout, brook trout, and cutthroat trout

One Island Lake– Rainbow trout, brook trout, brook stickleback, and cutthroat trout

Klukas Lake– Brown trout, bull trout, lake trout, and rainbow trout

Charlie Lake– Rainbow trout, walleye, northern pike, and yellow perch



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Just ten minutes from downtown Dawson Creek, Bear Mountain Ski Hill offers the perfect winter escape, where local slopes and stunning views at every turn.

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HIDDEN GEMS

Pouce Coupe Trestle Bridge

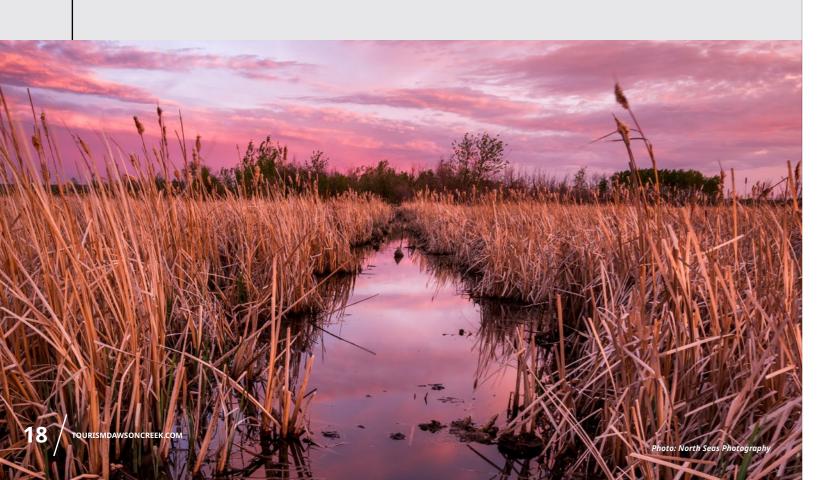
Built by the Northern Alberta Railway in 1930, the Pouce Coupe
Trestle Bridge is made entirely out of wood and spans approximately
150 meters in length. While the portion of the railway in Pouce Coupe is no longer active, the trestle bridge remains a hidden gem for visitors and locals.

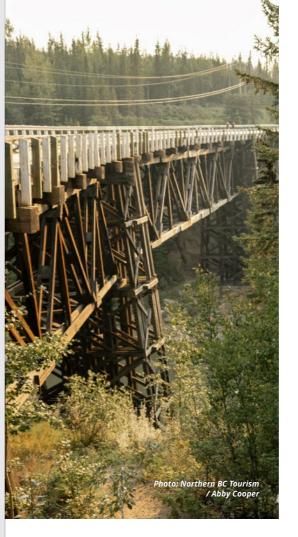
» **How to get there:** Traveling northbound on Highway 2, you can turn Southwest onto either 51 Ave (Railway Ave) or Elevator Road. Take either route to Bissette Drive. From there you can park and walk about 200 meters to the trestle bridge.

McQueen Slough

One of the best places for bird and wildlife watching is at McQueen Slough. This wetland paradise is a haven for a plethora of waterfowl including Canadian geese, mallards, trumpeter swans, gadwall, ruddy ducks, and so much more. Other year-round inhabitants include beavers, mink, foxes, deer, and muskrats. Interpretive signs are located throughout the area to guide you along.

» **How to get there:** McQueen Slough is located about 12km east of Dawson Creek. Head east at the roundabout and continue on Highway 49 for 6km. Turn left onto Rolla Road and continue for another 5.3km. The McQueen Slough is located on the left side of Rolla Road.





Kiskatinaw Bridge

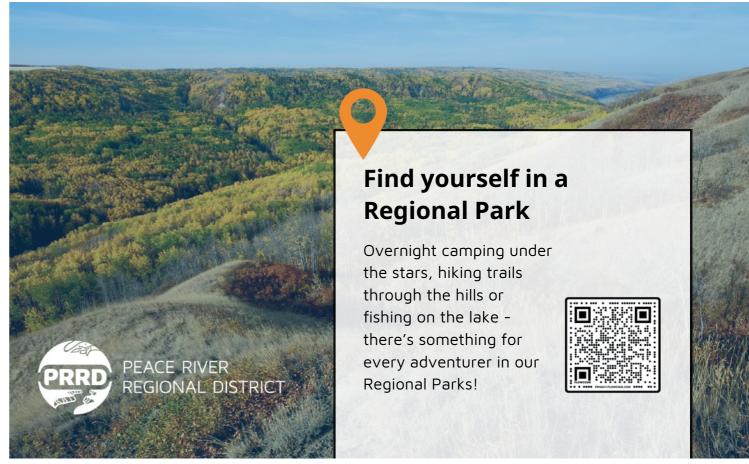
Located at the Kiskatinaw Provincial Park, the historic Kiskatinaw Bridge is an original piece of the Alaska Highway. It was the first curved wooden bridge to be built in Canada in 1942-1943. The bridge was bypassed in 1978 when the Alaska Highway was rerouted but the wooden bridge still stands today. No cars are allowed on the bridge due to structural concerns, but you can still walk across and snap some pictures.

» **How to get there:** Head north from Dawson Creek on Hwy 97 for 27.8kms. Turn right onto 220 Rd. Turn left at the stop sign. Kiskatinaw Provincial Park is located on the right. *For walking only.*

Gundy Caves

Widely unknown and hidden out of the way, Gundy Caves is a unique geological location near the Alberta, B.C border. The trail to get to this historical landmark is unmaintained and very steep as it goes along a vertical slope. Visitors should exercise caution when climbing the trail.

» **How to get there:** Either enter from the west on the B.C side by following the Old Edmonton Highway and looking for a green sign pointing east towards Gundy, or from the east on the Alberta side and take Range Road 135 north off Highway 43. Then turn onto Road 199 west, Road 201 south, and west again onto Gundy Road.





GREAT HIKES AROUND DAWSON CREEK- ALL 10 MINS FROM TOWN

Dawson Trail • 4.5km

The Dawson Trail is a 4.5km long trail that starts at one end of town and stretches to the other. The trail winds through parks, neighbourhoods, and natural areas where you'll find birds, bugs, and maybe even some wildlife. The trail is open year round, but the best time to visit is in the spring and summer months. This trail is great for walking, running, biking, and snowshoeing. The Dawson Trail also passes through the Barbaree Dog Park, so if you have a dog it's the perfect off-leash park to stop at.

Leoppky Park

Leoppky Park offers a network of easy-grade walking trails through a demonstration forest, attracting visitors year-round for activities like hiking, birdwatching, and jogging. The trails are lined with interpretive signs detailing various tree species and eco-systems, while hand-painted animal trail markers add a unique, local touch. The park also features scenic viewpoints from a lookout tower, a pond popular with birdwatchers, and a windmill set in an open field, all while offering the chance to see wildlife like songbirds, moose, and deer. Be sure to check out the Christmas Light Display during the darkest months of the year!

Chamberlain Nature Park

Chamberlain Park offers an immersion into nature through a network of unmaintained trail networks. Walking, birdwatching, and mountain biking are popular in this boreal forest. Access can be found along 102nd Avenue.

Rim Rocks Trail • 7km

Marvel at the windmills and get a photo overlooking the Kiskatinaw River Watershed. The Rim Rocks Trail follows the length of the Bear Mountain Wind Park from turbine 25 north to the communication towers at turbine 0. The trail stretches about 7km with great views on both sides and is relatively flat. You may even be able to spot some cows along the way. In winter, the trail is still in use and can be used for snowshoeing.

Bear Mountain Nordic Trails

The Bear Mountain FSR Loop is at the Bear Mountain Community Forest Recreation Site. This trail is a 10km loop that takes approximately three hours to complete. Due to its more remote location, this trail is perfect for bird and wildlife watching. Dogs are also welcome, but must be kept on leash. This trail is open year-round and enjoyed in all seasons including winter for snowshoeing.

Radar Lake • 1.1km

Yet another trail in the Bear Mountain Community Forest Recreation Site is Radar Lake. The trail is 1.1km there and back and is considered to be an easy route. The trail follows the outer edge of the lake along the trees and is a great place for a leisurely stroll or bike ride. In winter, this trail is perfect for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Dogs are allowed, but must be kept on leash.

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Looking to further explore the Great Wilderness? Visitor the Tumbler Ridge Visitor Centre and find out more about Tumbler Ridge hiking.



CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS OF DAWSON CREEK ——

NAR Park-

Dawson Creek Art Gallery, Dawson Creek Visitor Centre, South Peace Historical Society & Museum

900 Alaska Ave • Visitor Centre 250-782-9595 816 Alaska Ave • Art Gallery 250-782-2601

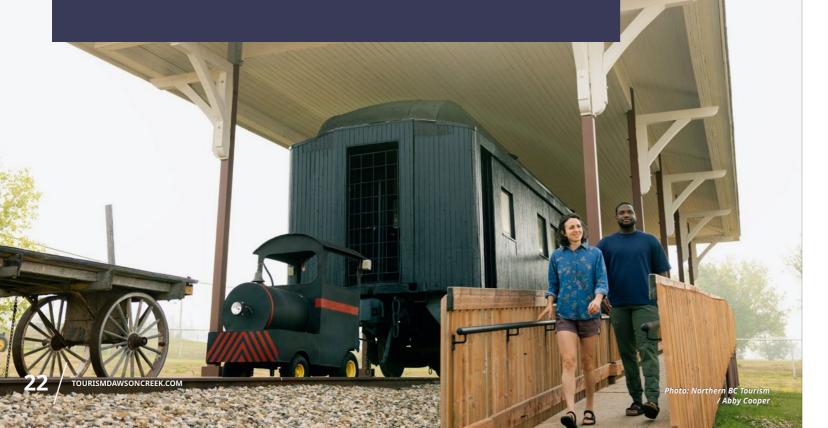
The Northern Alberta Railway Park includes the Dawson Creek Visitor Centre, the South Peace Historical Society Museum, and the Dawson Creek Art Gallery. The park is also home to the Mile 0 Cairn and Sticker Forest, and across the road downtown you'll find the Mile 0 Post.

*The South Peace Historical Society Museum and the Dawson Creek Art Gallery are both entry by donation.

Surveyor Statue

North to Alaska! A tribute to the tens of thousands of soldiers and civilians who arrived in Dawson Creek in the spring of 1942 to build the Alaska Highway, the Surveyor Statue stands as a reminder of the amazing feat and of those who lost their lives in the effort. Standing above the traffic circle that leads to the famous highway, the surveyor points northwest along the path that became first a mud track and finally the current paved Alaska Highway.

Created by local sculptor Karl Mattson, whose family has ranched in the region for generations, the statue is welded from scrap metal from local farms. The clothing and surveyor's transit are true to the style of the 1940s.



Mile 0 Cairn

Your journey starts here at the cairn, the renowned landmark that celebrates the Alaska Highway! Stand on the very spot the military surveyors placed their transit as they plotted the route the highway would take.

PRO TIP: Capture your visit at the cairn with the Dawson Creek Grain Elevator Art Gallery in the background for the most remarkable memory.

Mile 0 Post

This world-famous icon has been photographed by countless visitors and locals over the years. Installed in the 1980s after the first post had fallen victim to countless pranks and kidnappings, the Mile 0 Post in downtown Dawson Creek offers the perfect shot for remarkable memories no matter where your journey is taking you next.

Historical Walking Tour

Stop in at the Dawson Creek Visitor Centre to learn about the self-guided Historical Walking Tour and Mural walk. Discover history through an interpretive walk or digital tour!

Public Art

Downtown Murals: Dawson Creek offers undeniably beautiful art and experiences for residents and tourists to enjoy. Learn more at www.dawsoncreek.ca/publicart.

Nawican Friendship Centre

1320 102 Ave • 250-782-5202

The Nawican Friendship Centre was incorporated in 1971 to bridge the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of the community. The centre operates as a hub of resources for the community. The Nawican Bergeron Youth and Culture Center on 17th St also has a lovely gift shop with a large variety of Indigenous gifts and souvenirs.

Walter Wright Pioneer Village

1901 Alaska Hwy • 250-782-2590

Step back in time to the 1950s where the Walter Wright Pioneer Village will take you on a journey through the past. This pioneer village features more than 24 historical buildings from school houses to a church, general stores, and houses that you can explore inside and out. You'll find equipment, vehicles and other antique items that tell a story of the old days.

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If you like history, if you like people, if you like the land, then this is a great place to be.

— DUNCAN MALKINSON

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THINGS TO DO WITH DOGS IN DAWSON CREEK

Barbaree Dog Park

The dog park located in Barbaree Park is the only off-leash dog park in Dawson Creek. There is a fenced off-leash area for dogs to run around.

Parks for Walking Dogs

Be sure to keep your dogs on a leash as wildlife frequents these areas.

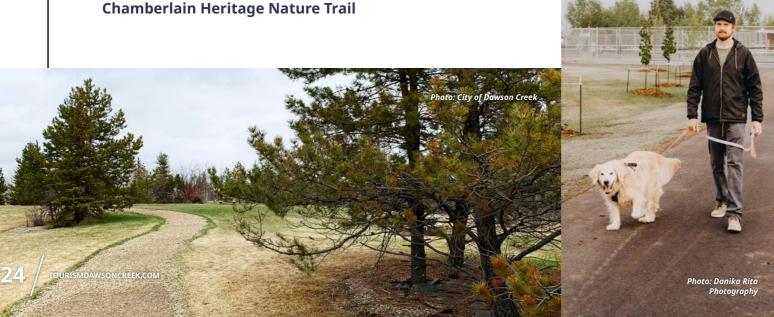
While Barbaree Park is the only off-leash dog park in Dawson Creek, there are still many parks that you can bring your dogs to, just be sure to keep them on a leash.

Barbaree Park • 107 Ave & 15 St Crescent Park • 94 Ave & 17 St Crescentview Park • 85 Ave & 18 St Chamberlain Heritage Nature Park • 1925 102 Ave **Newby Park • 2001 108 Ave Kin Park •** 1101 107A Ave

Trails for Walking Dogs

There are many great hiking trails in the Dawson Creek area. These trails are all dog-friendly, but you must keep your dog on leash.

Dawson Trail • 4.5km **Leoppky Park Bear Mountain FSR Loop • 10km Bear Mountain Nordic** Radar Lake • 1.1km Rim Rocks Trail • 7km





One of the best way to get to know the community is through meeting others on the trails.

- CHELSEA **MOTTISHAW**

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Pet Stores for Supplies

Dawson Creek has three pet stores for all your pet supply needs.

Pet Valu • 11008 8th St | 250-782-2318

Riki's Pets • 1316 Alaska Ave | 250-784-7297

Total Pet • 10301 10 St | 250-782-6677

Pet-Friendly Stores

Along with the pet stores in Dawson Creek, there are a number of pet-friendly stores where you can bring your animal shopping inside with you.

Canadian Tire • 250-782-9552

Co-op Home and Agro • 250-782-3371

George Dawson Liquor Store • 250-782-9250

Home Hardware Building Centre • 250-782-7891

Corlane Sporting Goods • 250-782-4056

*There may be other pet-friendly stores in Dawson Creek, it is always a good idea to call ahead and ask.

Pet-Friendly Restaurants and Patios

There are two pet-friendly restaurants where dogs are allowed at the outdoor tables.

Original Joe's • 11008 8 St | 250-782-8622

Post & Row Eatery & Brewing Co. • 801 102 Ave | 778-843-0356

Pet-Friendly Accommodations

There are several pet-friendly hotels within Dawson Creek that allow pets.

Aurora Park Inn & Suites • 12004 8 St | 250-782-8006

Comfort Inn • 1200 Alaska Ave | 250-782-1222

Pomeroy Inn & Suites • 540 Hwy 2 | 250-782-3700

Ramada by Wyndham • 800 120 Ave | 250-782-9404

Staybridge Suites • 1324 Alaska Ave | 250-795-9989

Stonebridge Hotel • 500 Hwy 2 | 250-782-6226

The George Dawson Inn • 11705 8 St | 250-782-9151

Travelodge by Wyndham • 10600 8 St | 250-782-8136

Services for Pets

Dawson Creek has several services available for pets.

BC SPCA South Peace • 11418 3 St | 250-782-2444

Dawson Creek Veterinary Clinic • 238 116 Ave | 250-782-5616



THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS IN DAWSON CREEK

Playgrounds

There are several outdoor playgrounds that can be found all throughout the City of Dawson Creek including a small indoor playground for toddlers at the Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre.

Other playgrounds in the area include:

Fred Flavelle Memorial Lions Park • 93 Ave – large playground – great for all ages

Crescentview Park • 85 Ave & 18 St – large playground with swing set – great for all ages

Kitchen Park •1701 108 Ave – small toddler sized playground with swing set

Elwood Park • Elwood Drive – small, quiet playground, large hill for tobogganing

Kin Park • 110 Ave & 10 St – large accessible playground

Rotary Recreation Park • 1949 Alaska Ave – two large playgrounds, misting pad, beginner and intermediate pump track

Centennial Square • 105 Ave & 10 St – small playground site – ideal for young children

Skate Park • 1119 106 Ave – 10,000ft² of skateable terrain – it has a plazastyle layout that is occupied by scooters, skateboards and BMXers alike

Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre

#2 300 Hwy 2 • 250-782-7946

Open seven days a week, the Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre is the community hub for water recreation. The centre features a lap pool and leisure pool along with a hot tub, waterslide, sauna, and also a pool for toddlers and babies. Not only are there lots of water activities available but the centre also has an exceptional indoor climbing wall.

Dawson Creek Public Library

1001 McKellar Ave • 250-782-4661

Pick up a new book or just pop in and see what events are happening at the Dawson Creek Public Library. The library hosts a variety of events throughout the year and offers programs for various age groups including after school programs.

The Ark

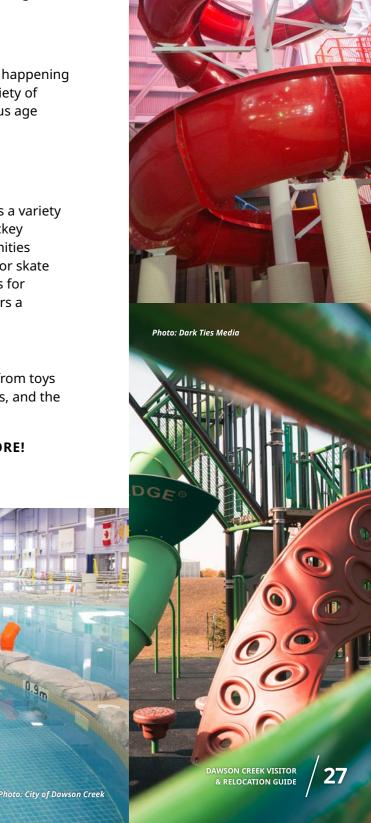
8265-219 Rd • 250-782-4391

The Ark Christian Youth Centre in Dawson Creek, BC, offers a variety of weekly sports and activities for youth, including ball hockey leagues and a Friday Night Drop-In for kids. Outdoor amenities include a basketball court and ice rink, and there's an indoor skate park for added fun. The centre also provides facility rentals for events, with space for 15 to 100 people. The Kids Café offers a relaxing spot for parents while children enjoy the facilities.

Stores for Kids

Dawson Creek has several stores for kids with everything from toys to clothing, such as B&T Dawson Creek, Footloose Fashions, and the Northern Toy Box.

SEE "THINGS TO DO INDOORS" ON PAGE 13 FOR MORE!



RV GUIDE TO DAWSON CREEK -

Campgrounds

Dawson Creek offers RV-friendly camping with stunning natural beauty and numerous amenities. Many provide spacious sites, with full hookups, internet, sani-dump, shower and laundry. For a complete campground list, and more information, visit page 36.

Sani-Dump Services

The City of Dawson Creek has an RV sani-dump available for use free of charge at 212 115 Ave. The station is equipped with a freshwater tap that is turned on from May to October. While the tap gets turned off for winter, the sani-dump is still available to use year-round.

Sani-dumps are also located at the following campgrounds: Alahart Motel & RV Park, Mile 0 Campground, Northern Lights RV Park & Cabins, Tubby's RV Park & Car Wash, and Farmington Fairways Golf & RV Resort.

Laundry & Showers

GCM Wet Cleaner and Laundromat is the only laundromat in Dawson Creek located at 800 106 Ave. They offer self-service laundry with coin operated machines as well as pick up and drop off services, commercial, and executive cleaning. The laundromat also has coin operated showers and drop-in tanning.

Laundry Services: Alahart Motel & RV Park, Mile 0 Campground, Northern Lights RV Park & Cabins, Tubby's RV Park & Car Wash, and Farmington Fairways Golf & RV Resort.

Showers: Alahart Motel & RV Park, Mile 0 Campground, Northern Lights RV Park & Cabins, Tubby's RV Park & Car Wash, and Farmington Fairways Golf & RV Resort.

The Flying J Cardlock at 1725 Alaska Ave has showers, restrooms, food, fuel and parking for trucks and RVs.



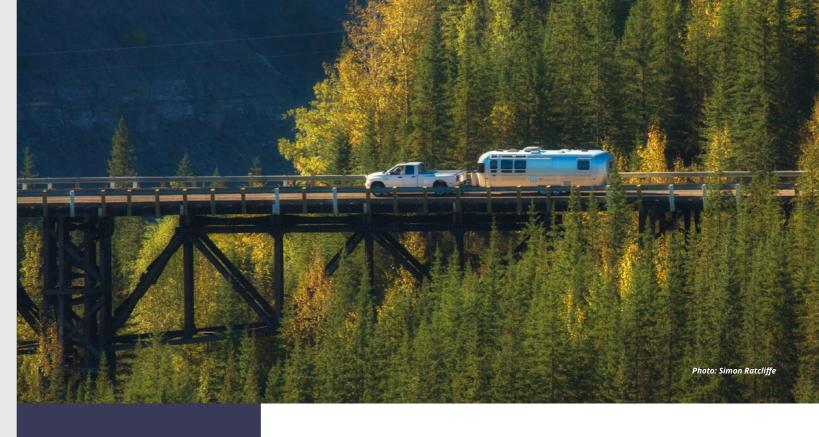




I do think it is the sense of community that would bring someone back to Dawson, and just how truly welcoming it is."

— DR. AYLA ANDRUS

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Supplies

If you need camping supplies there are a number of stores in Dawson Creek that you can shop at including: Canadian Tire, Corlane Sporting Goods, and Griffin Source For Sports.

If you're looking to pick up some fresh meats Lawrence Meat / The Butcher Block has got you covered for all your BBQ needs.

Repairs and Service

Boe's Trailer Sales Ltd • 1809 96 Ave | 250-782-4828 **United Spring & Break Ltd** • 11634 7 St | 250-782-1136

Tire Shops & Service Centres:

Fountain Tire • 1101 Alaska Ave | 250-782-5555

Integra Tire & Auto Centre • 1145 Alaska Ave | 250-782-1777

Kal Tire • 800 107 Ave | 250-782-5544

Canadian Tire • 11628 8 St | 250-782-9552

NAPA Autopro • 12391 215 Rd | 250-782-9166

Great Canadian Oil Change • 1030 Alaska Ave | 778-312-0888

Great Canadian Oil Change & Car Wash •

10420 8 St | 250-782-1015

Local Features

EXPLORE DAWSON CREEK



Rimrock Ridge Sports Lounge

1444 102 Avenue (250) 782-1490 **rimrockridge.com**

Premier sports lounge with golf simulators, excellent homemade food and crafted cocktails & mocktails.



Rock Steady Skate & Vintage

1028 102 Avenue (250) 719-8540 instagram.com/ rocksteadyskateandvintage

Premium skate, lifestyle and workout brands, as well as shoes and vintage apparel.



Northern Lights College

11401 8th Street 1-866-463-6652 **nlc.bc.ca**

To learn more, message info@nlc.bc.ca



Dawson Co-op

100 10100 8th Street (250) 782-4858 dawsonco-op.crs

Food / Home & Agro / Petroleum / Rolla Aa



The Northern Toy Box

10301 10 Street (250) 782-1411 toybox@pris.bc.ca

Something for the kid in everyone. Educational toys, games and hobbies!



Simple Pleasures

10301 10 Street (250) 782-7420 **shopsimplepleasures.ca**

Simple Pleasures Inspiring. Living. Giving.



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Dawson Creek Exhibition & Stampede

201 116 Avenue (250) 782-6252 dawsoncreekex.ca

Action packed week featuring Canadian Pro Tour Rodeo and World Professional Chuckwagons.



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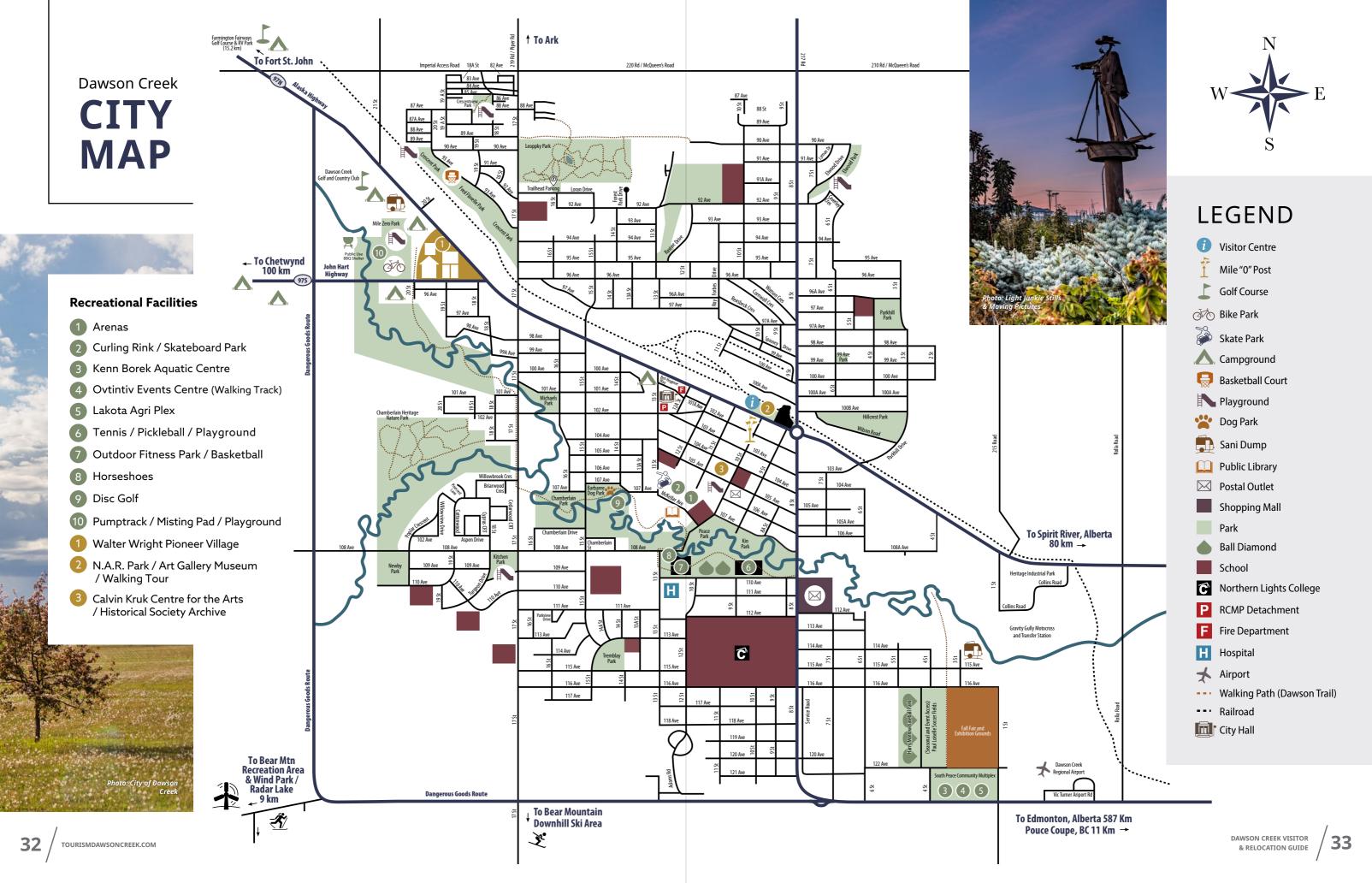
SELF-GUIDED HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Compare the old with the new through a self-guided Historical Walking Tour. Have an hour, or a day? Explore downtown Dawson Creek's history. Each landmark tells a story about our city, our agricultural roots, construction of the Alaska Highway and the adventures that make up our unique history.

>> Stop by the Visitor Centre to grab a brochure or download the tour app and get to know the rich history of Dawson Creek, BC.







FOOD DIRECTORY



Coffee/Sandwiches

Beans & Barley • 250-784-0191 Faking Sanity • 250-782-8811

Hug a Mug's Coffee House & Eatery • 250-782-6659

Starbucks • 250-806-0445

Subway #1 • 250-782-8893

Subway #2 • 250-782-1740

The Chopped Leaf • 250-782-1459

Tim Hortons #1 • 250-782-5696

Tim Hortons #2 • 250-784-0202

Pizza

Boston Pizza • 250-782-8585 Buster's Pizza & Donair • 250-795-0777 Domino's Pizza • 250-719-6700 loe's Pizza Stone • 250-782-8400 **Red Tomato Pies • 250-806-6666** Panago Pizza • 866-310-0001 **Pizza Hut •** 250-784-1992

Fast Food

A&W • 250-782-8775

BarBURRITO • 250-795-2882

Booster Juice • 250-782-7339

Burger King • 250-782-6946

Dairy Queen • 250-782-3753

Edo Japan • 250-782-1298

KFC • 250-782-8569

McDonald's • 250-782-8833

Wendy's • 250-782-0398

Tim Hortons #1 • 250-782-5696

Tim Hortons #2 • 250-784-0202

Subway #1 • 250-782-8893

Subway #2 • 250-782-1740

Wok Box • 250-782-5750



Restaurants

19th Hole • 250-782-7882

Athens Grill & Bar • 250-795-2611

Boston Pizza • 250-782-8585

Browns Socialhouse • 250-782-2400

Chances Restaurant • 250-782-7752

Chef Trio's Kitchen • 780-605-1483

Chilliz Fried Chicken

and Mexican Cantina • 250-264-8520

Don's Diner • 250-784-1948

Fixx Urban Grill • 250-782-3006

Flavours 8 • 250-784-0108

Juice Five O Noodle Bar • 250-782-0521

Le's Family Restaurant • 250-782-1020

Meng Fan • 250-782-9798

Mr. Mikes Steakhouse • 250-782-1577

New Tokyo Sushi • 250-782-4900

Noodle Hut • 250-782-9484

Original Joe's • 250-782-8622

Orion Chinese Restaurant • 250-782-9732

Sam's Friends Restaurant • 250-782-3666

Sola's Bar & Grill • 250-782-8890

Spicy Fusion • 250-782-4992

Stuie's Diner • 250-782-3463

Sun Palace Restaurant • 250-782-8222

The Lodge Café • 250-782-4837

Bars/Pubs/Lounges

Athens Grill & Bar • 250-795-261

Boston Pizza • 250-782-8585

Brown's Socialhouse • 250-782-2400

Chances Restaurant • 250-782-7752

Corner Pin Lounge • 250-782-8161

Mr. Mikes Steakhouse • 250-782-1577

Post & Row Eatery

& Brewing Co. • 778-843-0356

Original Joe's • 250-782-8622

Rockwell's Pub Club • 250-782-2994

Sola's Bar & Grill • 250-782-8890

Spike's Pub • 250-782-1909

The GDI Lounge • 250-784-0108

The Whiskey Pickle Pub • 250-219-0003





801 – 102 Ave Dawson Creek, BC V1G 2B4

778.843.0356

www.postandrow.ca







Grocery Stores

Co-op Food Store • 250-782-4858 Dave's No Frills • 866-987-6453

Dawson Creek

Health Food Centre • 250-782-4656

Jenny's Store

& Meat Products • 250-719-4116

Michelle's Food Store • 250-784-6846

Safeway • 250-782-2253

Save-On-Foods • 250-719-0149

The Butcher Block • 250-782-4045

Walmart Supercentre • 250-719-0128

Convenience Stores

7-Eleven • 250-782-7155

Bill's News & Confectionary • 250-782-2933

Co-op Gas Bar • 250-782-2217

Esso • 250-782-1107

Legacy Village Market • 250-782-1915

On The Run • 250-782-8829

Petro Canada • 250-782-5098

Shell • 250-782-1388

Tempo Gas Bar • 250-782-1414

Waypoint Convenience • 250-782-1332

DAWSON CREEK HEALTH F O O D CENTRE

Essential Oils Supplements & Bulk Herbs Natural Beauty Care Books & Crystals Low Waste Refillry Eco Lifestyle Products **Specialty & Bulk Food** BioCharger® NG (Health optimization device)

(250) 782-4656 (a) www.healthfoodcentre.ca (b) (a) Located on 9th Street Between 102 and 103 Avenue, Suite #103, 833 Dawson Creek, BC

STAY HERE

Staying in Dawson Creek, BC, feels like a refreshing getaway with a mix of outdoor charm and small-town comfort. Whether you're camping under the open sky at one of the local campgrounds or enjoying a stay at a cozy hotel, you'll find a welcoming place to rest. The outdoors are right at your doorstep, perfect for peaceful walks, birding, and sky-gazing. After a day of adventure, you can savour a meal at one of the town's unique restaurants, offering local flavors and friendly service. Dawson Creek offers a true taste of the north, with plenty to explore and enjoy.

CAMPING AROUND DAWSON CREEK

Campgrounds in Dawson Creek

Alahart Motel & RV Park • 1725 Alaska Ave | 250-782-4702

Open year-round, 45 sites, pull-through, full-service

Mile 0 Campground • 1901 Alaska Hwy | 250-782-2590

Open May-October, 80 sites, pull-through, full-service, pet-friendly, playground

Northern Lights RV Park & Cabins • 9636 Friesen Subdivision | 250-782-9433

Open year-round, 92 sites, pull-through, full-service, pet-friendly

Tubby's RV Park & Car Wash • 1913 96 Ave | 250-782-2584

Open year-round, 50 sites, pull-through, full-service, pet-friendly

Campgrounds North of Dawson Creek

Farmington Fairways RV Park
Farmington Store RV Park & Campground
Kiskatinaw Provincial Park
Peace Island Park

Campgrounds South of Dawson Creek

Sudeten Heritage Park
Swan Lake Provincial Campground
Demmitt Provincial Recreation Area

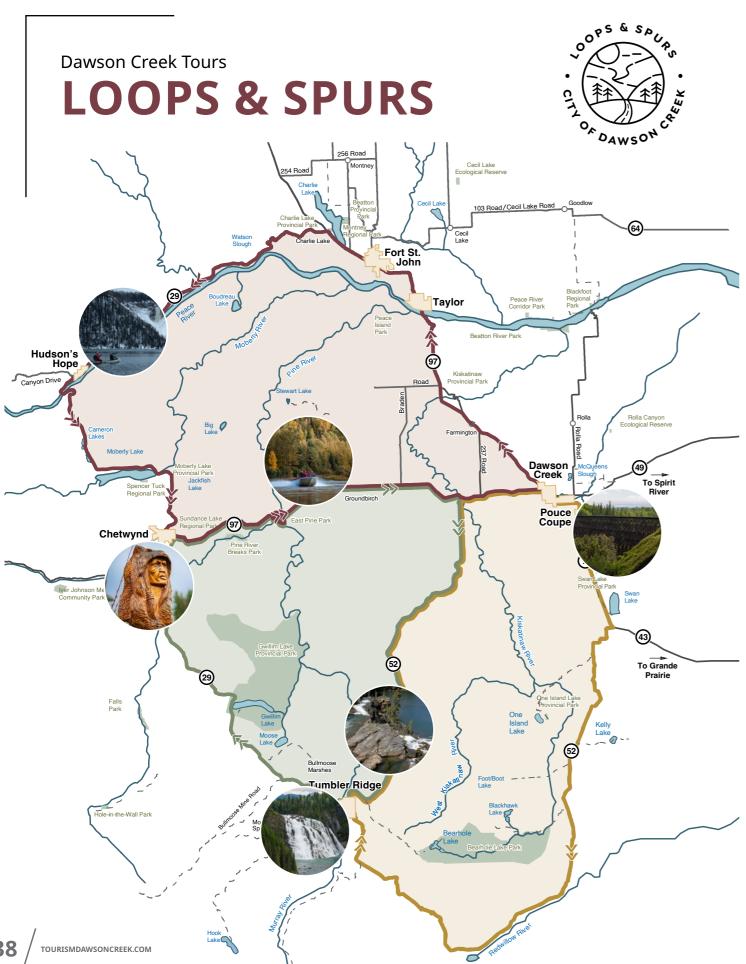
Regional Campgrounds

Blackfoot Regional Park
One Island Lake Provincial Park

HOTEL & MOTELS

Aurora Park Inn & Suites	250-782-8006	12004 8th St	auroraparkinn.com
Comfort Inn	250-782-1222	1200 Alaska Ave	www.choicehotels.com
Days Inn by Wyndham	250-782-8887	640 122 Ave	www.daysinn.ca
DC Lodge	250-782-8595	1748 Alaska Ave	
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	250-782-7700	12217 4 St	www.ihg.com
Midtown Motel	778-964-0330	1301 Alaska Ave	
Peace Villa Motel	250-782-8175	1641 Alaska Ave	
Pomeroy Inn and Suites	250-782-3700	540 Hwy 2	www.pomeroyinnandsuites.com
Ramada By Wyndham	250-782-9404	800 120 Ave	www.wyndhamhotels.com
Staybridge Suites	250-795-9989	1324 Alaska Ave	www.ihg.com
Stonebridge Hotel	250-782-6226	500 Hwy 2	www.reservationcounter.com
Super 8 by Wyndham	250-782-8899	1440 Alaska Ave	www.super8.com
The George Dawson Inn	250-782-9151	11705 8th Street	www.georgedawsoninn.ca
The Lodge Motor Inn	250-782-4837	1317 Alaska Ave	www.thelodgemotorinn.ca
Travellers Inn	250-782-5333	800 112 Ave	www.travellersinndawsoncreek.net
Travelodge By Wyndham	250-782-8136	10600 8th S	www.wyndhamhotels.com
Voyageur Inn	250-782-1020	801 111 Ave	





DOWNTOWN DAWSON CREEK TO EDGE OF THE CITY

Make Dawson Creek your landing place and explore these day trips.

Northern Alberta Railway Park

900 Alaska Ave, Dawson Creek

The Dawson Creek Visitor Centre and the South Peace Historical Society Museum are located within the original train station building.

The museum is by donation and includes the original Northern Alberta Railway Station built in 1931 as well as the living quarters for the stationmaster. The other side of the museum features a collection of animals, artifacts, and history on the Alaska Highway.

The Dawson Creek Visitor Centre has an excellent gift job with souvenirs and tons of resources for local visitors and those passing through.

The Dawson Creek Art Gallery is housed in the Alberta Pool Elevators building and is also by donation. The ramp on the inside goes all the way to the top of the grain elevator and features works of art all the way along the winding ramp. There is also a lovely gift shop that features lots of local art as well as a variety of different gifts and souvenirs.

Walter Wright Pioneer Village

1901 Alaska Hwy, Dawson Creek

The Walter Wright Pioneer Village is by donation and features more than 24 historic buildings including a school house, church, general stores, and houses. Many of the buildings were carefully moved from their original locations and others have been rebuilt and restored. The streets and village were designed to represent the pioneer days from 1912-1945.

Downtown Historic Walking Tour

Explore Dawson Creek through the Historic Walking Tour and experience Dawson Creek's Pioneer and World War II history. Simply pick up a complimentary brochure from the Visitor Centre or Art Gallery, or download the walking tour app, and follow the marked path. Along the way, you'll encounter original photographs and murals of historic city buildings, each with its own story. This self-quided tour provides all the information you need to enrich your journey.







DAWSON CREEK TO FORT ST. JOHN

Historic Kiskatinaw Bridge

Kiskatinaw Rd., Farmington

Located at the Kiskatinaw Provincial Park, the historic Kiskatinaw Bridge is an original piece of the Alaska Highway. It was the first curved wooden bridge to be built in Canada in 1942-1943. The bridge was bypassed in 1978 when the Alaska Highway was re-routed but the wooden bridge still stands today. No cars are allowed on the bridge due to structural concerns but you can still walk across and snap some pictures.

Site C Dam

Site C Viewpoint Rd., Fort St. John

The Site C Dam is a hydroelectric dam currently operating about 14km Southwest of Fort St. John. This massive clean energy project has taken almost 10 years to complete and is expected to generate about 5,100 gigawatt hours of electricity each year. That's enough power to supply approximately 450,000 homes annually.

The viewpoint for Site C Dam and the reservoir can be accessed from 269 Rd. continue past the landfill to the end of Site C Viewpoint Rd.

Tse'K'wa Caves

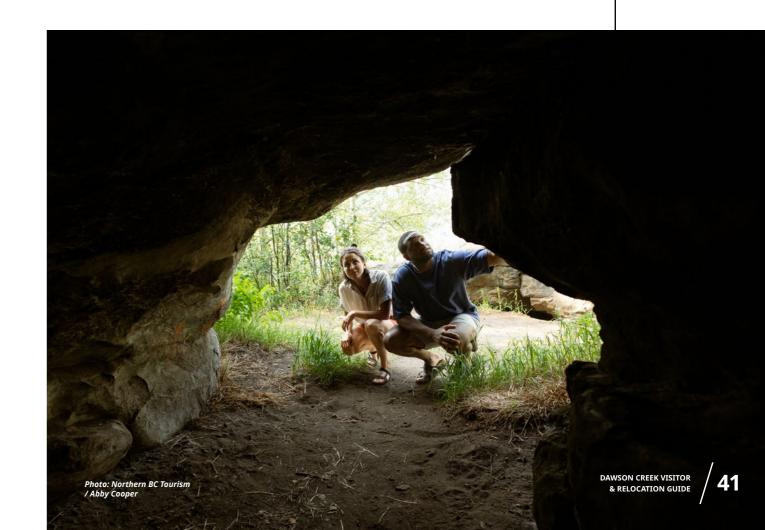
12629 Butte Ln, Charlie Lake, BC

Tse'k'wa, also known as Charlie Lake Cave, is an important archaeological site in northeastern British Columbia, revealing environmental and human history from the end of the last glacial period to 1,000 years ago. The site, located within the traditional territory of the Dane-zaa First Nations, holds undisturbed soil layers containing evidence of early Palaeo-Indian peoples, including stone tools, bison bones, and two nearly-complete raven skeletons. These findings have contributed to understanding human migration, early hunting practices, and belief systems, as well as the environmental changes that occurred post-glacial period. The site continues to be significant to the Dane-zaa people, linking their cultural identity to their long history in the region. Open 7 days a week 9am to 5pm.

Peace River Valley Viewpoint

BC-29, Charlie Lake

This little pullout on the side of Hwy 29 might not seem like much, but when you get out of the car and take a look around the views are quite breathtaking. The vantage point offers a chance to see far across the valley and over the Peace River. It's a great spot for a quick photo op or even a little picnic.



DAWSON CREEK TO CHETWYND TO HUDSON'S HOPE

Chetwynd Chainsaw Carvings

2005 John Hart Hwy, Chetwynd

The Chetwynd Chainsaw Carving project first began in 1990 when the Rendezvous '92 Committee unanimously voted to approve a carving of three bears to be incorporated with the welcome sign. Since then, the committee has held numerous fundraisers to bring more carvings to town. The first annual Chetwynd International Chainsaw Carving Championship was held in 2005 with seven carvers attending from B.C and the United States. Today, the competitions bring carvers and visitors from all over the globe and Chetwynd has become home to more than 120 carvings. These carvings can be seen all over town and a map is available online and at their visitor centre.

Little Prairie Community Forest

Hwy 29, Chetwynd

A cooperative venture between the District of Chetwynd, the Saulteau First Nation, and West Moberly First Nation has resulted in the Little Prairie Community Forest. The area includes several trails that are perfect for hiking, biking, and skiing in the winter time. The forest is home to a variety of wildlife and birds making it a great place for bird watching opportunities.





9510 Beattie Dr., Hudson's Hope

The Hudson's Hope Museum is housed inside an old Hudson's Bay Trading Store along the Peace River. The museum features exhibits about First Nations, local pioneering, fur trade displays, and also some dinosaur and fossil tracks. Pioneer cabins, a heritage garden, and a fossil digging area for the children can also be found on site.

The Hudson's Hope Museum Marine Reptile displays also feature the Hudsonelpidia, a dinosaur that was first discovered in Hudson's Hope back in the 1960s.

W.A.C. Bennett Dam

22098 Canyon Dr., Hudson's Hope

At 186 metres high, the W.A.C. Bennett Dam is one of the highest earth fill dams in the world. It took about 7 years to complete construction on this hydroelectric dam and today it has the capacity to produce more than 13,000 gigawatt hours of electricity each year. At times, the dam has supplied over a third of B.C's power demand.

The W.A.C. Bennett Dam Visitor Centre provides exceptional views of the dam and gives guests the opportunity to learn from various educational exhibits.

Peace Canyon Dam

55°58′55″N 121°59′40″W

This is the smaller dam on the Peace River is visible from the bridge as you enter Hudson's Hope from Chetwynd. It was built in 1980 as a 50m high concrete dam. Visit the brand new viewing deck where you can take photos and learn a lot about the dam and its history.

DAWSON CREEK TO TUMBLER RIDGE



Mount Puggins Fire Lookout Tower

Puggins Mountain Rd., Groundbirch

Halfway between Arras and Tumbler Ridge, the Puggins Mountain Fire Lookout Tower sits high up in the mountain off of Puggins Mountain Rd. The road is fairly easy in the summer but can become challenging in winter due to ice and snow. The area is popular among 4x4s but is also heavily used by commercial vehicles so using a radio with the correct channels is highly recommended. The view from the tower is quite spectacular and visitors can even go inside the tower and sign the guest book as well.

Quality Falls

Quality Falls Hiking Trailhead, Tumbler Ridge

As Quality Creek makes its way down to the Murray River, it cascades over several waterfalls. The Quality Falls trail is a short journey from the parking lot with a round trip of just 2.5km. The trail winds through towering spruce trees and over little boardwalks.

Flatbed Falls

265 Southgate St., Tumbler Ridge

The Flatbed Creek Valley features several hiking trails and an opportunity to discover dinosaur tracks along the way. The hike to Flatbed Falls off the right side of the parking lot is approximately 2km round trip and should take between 1-2 hours. Off the left side of the parking lot a trail to the Flatbed Pools is 4km round trip and takes between 2-3 hours.

Tumbler Ridge Museum

255 Murray Dr., Tumbler Ridge

The Tumbler Ridge Museum is the epicenter of dinosaur and fossil discoveries in the area. The museum is home to a full scale paleontological exhibit of various fossils, specimens, marine life, and Ice Age discoveries. There are endless learning opportunities for guests of all ages with presentations, displays, interactive exhibits, and regular events.

TAKE AN EPIC DAY TRIP

Kinuseo Falls

Kinuseo Falls Access Rd., Peace River E

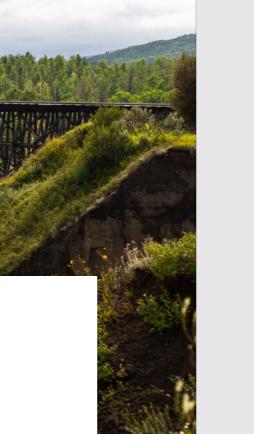
Kinuseo Falls is a true gem in the heart of Tumbler Ridge's UNESCO Global Geopark and an iconic gem for locals and visitors of Northern BC. The falls tower 70 meters high, making them taller than Niagara Falls. The main trail leads to the Lower Viewpoint platform and is accessible for all visitors. Another trail leads to the Upper Viewpoint and is slightly more challenging but offers a different perspective and view of the falls.

The Shipyard and Titanic Rock

S Core Lodge Rd., Tumbler Ridge

The Shipyard and Titanic Rock is a popular spot for rock climbers and is considered to be a moderately difficult hike in and out. The hike is approximately 2.7km round trip where you can hike through forested areas and rocky terrain. The rock tower formations at the bottom of Babcock Mountain are wonders to behold and the famous Titanic Rock resembles the iconic Titanic Ship.





DAWSON CREEK TO POUCE COUPE

Bear Mountain Wind Park

South Dawson

The Bear Mountain Wind Park was the first commercial wind farm to be brought into operations in B.C. back in 2009. The project was taken on by Peace Energy partnered with Aeolis Wind Power. Today, the wind park is owned by AltaGas Ltd. and features 34 turbines stretched out along a 7km access road with the Rim Rocks Hiking Trail alongside. The turbines are among some of the largest in the world with the steel towers standing tall at 256ft and weighing 236 tons. Each blade weighs 7.7 tons and is 135ft in length for a full rotor diameter of 270ft.

Pouce Coupe Trestle Bridge

Peace River, Pouce Coupe

Built by the Northern Alberta Railway in 1930, the Pouce Coupe Trestle Bridge is made entirely out of wood and spans approximately 150 meters in length. While the portion of the railway in Pouce Coupe is no longer active, the trestle bridge remains a hidden gem for visitors and locals. To get there when traveling northbound on Highway 2, you can turn Southwest onto either 51 Ave (Railway Ave) or Elevator Road. Take either route to Bissette Drive. From there you can park and walk about 200 meters to the trestle bridge.

Pouce Coupe Museum

5006 49th Ave, Pouce Coupe

The Pouce Coupe Museum has been a historic staple within the community since it opened its doors to the public in the 1970s. The museum features four buildings including a trapper's cabin, heritage house, caboose, and the original NAR Train Station. The artifacts and displays present cover every aspect of a pioneer's life and includes items that date back to 1889 when the first settler filed a homestead claim in the area.

POUCE COUPE TO TUMBLER RIDGE



Gundy Caves

Gundy Rd., Peace River

Widely unknown and hidden out of the way, Gundy Caves is a unique geological location near the Alberta, B.C border. The trail to get to this historical landmark is unmaintained and very steep as it goes along a vertical slope. Visitors should exercise caution when climbing the trail.

You can either enter from the west on the B.C side by following the Old Edmonton Highway and looking for a green sign pointing east towards Gundy, or you can enter from the east on the Alberta side and take Range Road 135 north off Highway 43. You'll then turn onto Road 199 west, Road 201 south, and west again onto Gundy Road.

Swan Lake Provincial Park

15798 Gundy Rd., Tomslake

Swan Lake Provincial Park sits on the Alberta - B.C border and is one of the larger lakes in the area. The campground features 16 front country reservable sites and 44 vehicle-accessible sites. Outhouses are located throughout the park along with a day use area, a playground, and a boat launch. The lake is perfect for swimming, fishing, and boating.



Stop in at the Nearby

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

Explore the Great Wilderness with a little help from our Tourism Ambassadors. From epic hikes, to dinosaurs or an exploration through history, the Visitor Centres of the South Peace Region are ready to welcome you!







EVENTS

Dawson Creek is home to several signature events that highlight the community's vibrant culture and spirit. Among these, the Mile 0 Cruisers Annual Summer Cruise and Show n' Shine, and the Dawson Creek Exhibition Association's Annual Agricultural Fair, Rodeo and Exhibition stand out as local favorites. These events draw crowds each year, offering a fantastic mix of classic cars, family fun, and community pride, making them must-attend experiences in the region.







DC Sportsman's Club Gun & Sportsman Show

Northern Handmade Market Spring Edition

South Peace Art Society Auction Gala

Kiwanis Trade Show

DC Annual South Peace Oilmen's Lobsterfest

Peace Arts Festival

Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

Multicultural Fusion Celebration



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World Jet Boat Championships

Summer Solstice Park n' Play

DEEP's Summer Solstice Run

Pouce Coupe, BC Canada Day Parade

Extreme Mudfest

Canada Day Parade BBQ

Mile '0' Cruisers Annual Summer Cruise and Show n' Shine

Dawson Creek Triathlon

Dawson Creek Music Festival

Dawson Creek Rib Fest

Garden Tour & Tea

Dawson Creek Exhibition Association's Annual Agricultural Fair, Rodeo and Exhibition

Fall Fair Parade & Kiwanis Kid's Parade



Fall/Winter

POW WOW

Oktoberfest

Lakota Dance in the Dirt

NLC Collegate Rodeo

Halloween Haunted Village

Hockey Canada's International Para Cup

Christmas Tree Light Up

Old-fashioned Christmas

Family Day Events



LIVE HERE



Info & Statistics



INCORPORATED
Village: May 26, 1936

City: January 6, 1958

POPULATION

City: 12,323 Region: 61,532



HOUSEHOLD INCOME (AVG.)

Peace Region: \$93,200 Dawson Creek: \$82,800



MEDIAN AGE

Dawson Creek: 38 British Columbia: 43



Climate & Weather

AVERAGE TEMP Summer High: 22.5°C

Winter Low: -17.2°C

ANNUAL RAIN & SNOW

Snowfall: 176.7cm Rainfall: 288.6mm

July: 15.54
January: 3.87

NUMBER OF DAYS
WITH RAINFALL
38 days per year



Dawson Creek & District Hospital: 590 Million

Roads (paving & drainage): 7 Million

Utilities (sewer & water): 6.1 Million



Building Permits

2023

Residential: 1.9 million Commercial: 486 million*

2024

Residential: 1.8 million Commercial: 10 million

*Start of new Dawson Creek & District Hospital Project

DAWSON CREEK REGIONAL AIRPORT

Dawson Creek Regional Airport is conveniently located just minutes from downtown. The terminal includes amenities like free Wi-Fi, complimentary parking, and no user or improvement fees. Visitors can enjoy a welcoming atmosphere and a homestyle restaurant featuring a delicious menu—don't forget to bring your appetite!

The airport boasts a 5,000-foot runway, competitive fuel rates, and a fully-equipped pilots' lounge, all available without General Aviation Fees. It serves as a hub for various services, including Medevac operations, the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association, freight services, and corporate aviation. Whether you're traveling, refueling, or planning flights, Dawson Creek Regional Airport offers everything you need in a convenient and accessible location.

Total Flights 2024: 3,753 Total MediVac Flights 2024: 380

Travel Stats



FROM DAWSON CREEK TO: Grande Prairie, AB • 1.5 hr

Edmonton, AB • 6.25 hr Calgary, AB • 9.25 hr

Prince George, BC • 4.5 hr

Vancouver, BC • 13.5 hr



HOUSING & REAL ESTATE

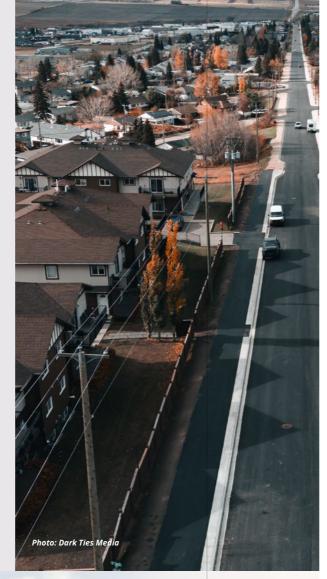
Dawson Creek, BC, offers a blend of affordability and opportunity in its housing market. According to the 2021 Census, the city had 5,405 households, with 58.2% owning their homes. The average home prices and shelter costs in Dawson Creek are significantly lower than in many parts of British Columbia, making it an attractive option for both first-time buyers and those looking to reduce living expenses. With average monthly housing costs well below the provincial average, residents can enjoy financial stability while benefiting from modern amenities and a strong community presence.

Whether you're seeking single-family homes, rental properties, or investment opportunities, Dawson Creek provides diverse housing options suited to a range of budgets. The affordability of housing is complemented by the area's high quality of life, abundant natural beauty, and opportunities for growth.

Real Estate Stats

Average Value of Dwellings: \$302,000

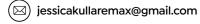
Average Monthly Household Costs for Owners: \$1,334 **Average Monthly Household Costs for Renters: \$1,109**





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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Dawson Creek offers a wide range of health and wellness services designed to meet the needs of its residents and visitors. The building of the new Dawson Creek & District Hospital, supported by a \$590 million provincial investment, will be a cornerstone of healthcare in the region. The new hospital is complemented by short-term residences for visiting physicians at a locum house, as well as other healthcare professionals and patients at the Bultery's House. Organizations like the South Peace Health Services Society, the Dawson Creek Society for Community Living, and the South Peace Division of Family Practice contribute to a robust network of communityfocused health services.

Finding healthcare professionals is simplified with resources such as the Health Connect Registry and the Dawson Creek Business Directory with local dentist listings and more. For those seeking wellness services, the city is home to acupuncture, chiropractic care, massage therapy, naturopathy, and physiotherapy options. This comprehensive range of healthcare and wellness resources ensures that Dawson Creek is well-equipped to support physical and mental health for all.



Facilities, Services, Programs

South Peace Health Organizations Dawson Creek Society for Community Living

South Peace Division of Family Practice South Peace Health Services Society

Short-Term Residences Bultery's House Locum House

Find a Medical Professional

OF DAWSON

Health Connect Registry Dawson Creek Dentist Listings **Dawson Creek Business Directory**

Healthcare & Wellness Services Acupuncture & Massage Therapy Chiropractic Care Naturopathy

Physiotherapy

DAWSON CREEK VISITOR & RELOCATION GUIDE



EDUCATION

Dawson Creek offers a range of education through public schools, two independent schools, and innovative partnerships with industry and the Northern Lights College (NLC) for career and trade programs.

Serving 3,600 students across the region, School District 59 provides comprehensive K-12 education. The Dawson Creek Literacy Society brings further learning opportunities to the community through local programs, as well as the Continuing Education Department at NLC.



3,600 STUDENTS K-12 Peace River SD#59 **2 PRIVATE SCHOOLS** K-7 & K-12 2 POST SECONDARY **SCHOOLS***

*Including the UNBC Peace River-Liard Campus located in Fort St. John

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Dawson Creek is full of young families, with the median age being 37 years old. The primary and secondary education system in place is able to support these families and offer great opportunities for furthering education through the local college.

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Northern Lights College

Northern Lights College (NLC) is your gateway to a brighter future. Serving the Dawson Creek and wider area, NLC offers top-notch post-secondary education to help you further your education, upgrade your skills, or begin your career. With a wide range of programs, NLC is dedicated to setting you on the right path and supporting you every step of the way as you work toward achieving your goals.

NLC provides affordable post-secondary education and workforce training in a welcoming, inclusive environment. Students from Northern BC and beyond benefit from hands-on learning in various fields, such as Business, Education, Health & Human Services, University Arts & Science, Trades & Apprenticeships, and Upgrading. No matter your interest, NLC has the right program to help you level up and reach your goals.

In addition to full-time programs, NLC also offers Continuing Education opportunities, including short-term Workforce Training and Professional Development courses. Whether online or in-person, these courses allow you to gain new skills and certifications to enhance your career. Studying at NLC means experiencing the beauty of Northern BC, with the Rocky Mountains as your backdrop and plenty of employment opportunities in vibrant communities nearby.







CHILDCARE

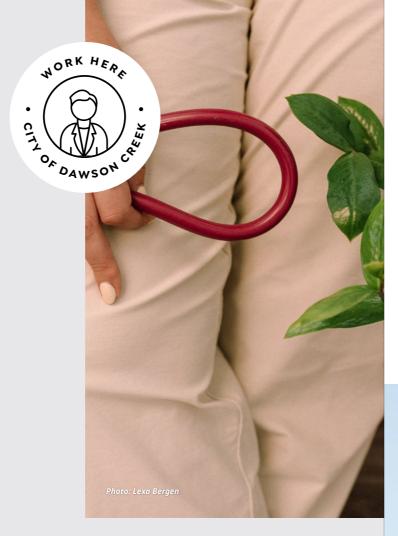
In Dawson Creek, the South Peace Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) program offers free consultation, support, and referral services to families seeking childcare. They also assist childcare providers with information, outreach, and networking opportunities. The program is dedicated to promoting quality, inclusive child care services that meet the needs of local families and support the healthy development of children.

Additionally, the South Peace Child Development Centre provides early intervention services, childhood education, and individualized programs to enrich the lives of children and youth. These organizations play a vital role in supporting families and child care providers in the Dawson Creek area.



WORK HERE

Our community supports growing careers and industry development. Dawson Creek has a diverse economy with many industry sectors, including agriculture, forestry, oil and gas, wood product manufacturing and renewable energy sources including hydroelectricity, solar power and wind power. Education and Health Care are also large contributors to the economy of this area.



Grow your career with us! Competitive wages, healthy benefit packages and professional development allowances – join the team at the Peace River Regional District!

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce plays a vital role in strengthening and promoting the local economy of Dawson Creek and the South Peace region. With a vision of fostering a thriving, inclusive, and innovative economy, the Chamber leads initiatives that encourage business growth and community development. Their values of leadership, integrity, inclusivity, and empowerment guide their work, which includes organizing events, mixers, and networking opportunities that bring local businesses together to achieve shared success.

As the voice of the business community, the Chamber is led by a Board of Directors and supported by staff who work to advocate for local businesses, from agriculture and industry to retail and professional services. They also offer valuable resources to members, including networking events, discounted services, and access to the Chamber Building, which serves as a community hub for local businesses and nonprofits. The Chamber is funded primarily through membership fees, and its volunteers play an essential role in keeping the organization running and focused on its mission. Membership provides businesses with opportunities for advocacy, networking, and exclusive programs designed to help them thrive.

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The level that you can take it to in a small town sometimes just isn't available when you're in a sea of a million people. There really is an opportunity to become somebody and become part of the community. There's a lot of support and love, and that's what I like best.

— AMAN SANDHU

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CAREERS

Northern Health is currently building the new Dawson Creek & District Hospital, a state-of-the-art facility that will greatly enhance healthcare services in the region. This new hospital promises to offer modern, expanded healthcare infrastructure, creating exciting opportunities for healthcare professionals to join a growing and dynamic team. With its cutting-edge design and advanced medical technology, the hospital will serve the community of Dawson Creek and surrounding areas, providing high-quality care in a welcoming environment. For those looking to move to northern BC, this project presents a fantastic opportunity to work in healthcare, experience a unique lifestyle, and contribute to the wellbeing of a vibrant, close-knit community.





SECTORS

Dawson Creek has many opportunities available for expansion and growth throughout local industries, which include, but are not limited to:

Agriculture / Oil & Gas / Forestry / Renewable Energy



Agriculture: Crops, Honey & Livestock



Dawson Creek, BC, is a vibrant agricultural hub with a diverse range of crops and a unique farming landscape. The area is well-known for growing traditional crops like wheat, oats, barley, and canola. In fact, the Peace Region, where Dawson Creek is located, plays a key role in BC's agricultural industry, producing nearly 90% of the province's grain and 95% of its canola. The region also leads the way in producing 90% of BC's dry field peas and 95% of its forage seeds. Thanks to the cooler winter temperatures, insect populations are kept in check, reducing the need for pesticides and supporting healthier crops.

Beekeepers in Dawson Creek benefit from the long summer days, which allow them to harvest up to three times more honey per hive compared to other parts of the province. It's a great opportunity to try some locally produced honey during your visit!

When it comes to livestock, Dawson Creek is home to a wide variety, including both traditional and more exotic breeds. The region also boasts a provincially inspected slaughter facility, along with poultry processing plants at the local Hutterite Colonies, ensuring high-quality standards for all locally produced meats. Whether you're a foodie or simply curious about farming, Dawson Creek's agricultural offerings are sure to impress.



Oil & Gas



Dawson Creek, located in the Montney Formation, is a key hub for Canada's oil and gas industry. The Montney Basin's "Super Liquids Rich" composition attracts investment, ensuring profitability even during low commodity prices. Major infrastructure projects bolster the region's prominence:

- The Coastal GasLink pipeline transports natural gas from Dawson Creek to Kitimat for export.
- The Veresen Midstream Sunrise Sweet Gas Plant is the largest gas plant built in Western Canada in 30 years.

Companies like ARC Resources, Canada's largest Montney producer, highlight Dawson Creek's significance in the energy sector.

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Today we have multiple industries and many opportunities for new businesses. It's much easier to do that in a small town— to be able to keep connections and create connections that run that deep. - AMAN SANDHU

Renewable Energy Sources:



Hydroelectricity, Solar Power & Wind Power

The Peace Region plays a crucial role in powering British Columbia, generating nearly 30% of the province's electricity through hydroelectric stations on the Peace River. The Site C project, completed in late 2024, was developed by BC Hydro to meet the growing demand for energy. The region is also home to the WAC Bennett Dam, one of the largest earth-fill structures in the world, located on the traditional territory of Treaty 8 First Nations.

Dawson Creek is home to the Bear Mountain Wind Park, BC's first fully operational wind park, developed by Peace Energy Cooperative, Aeolis Wind Power Corporation, and AltaGas. Additionally, Peace Energy Cooperative leads in solar power, having completed some of the largest grid-tied solar projects in BC. The cooperative, founded in 2003, is a pioneer in renewable energy, serving homeowners, businesses, and municipalities across northern BC and Alberta. Learn more at peaceenergy.ca

Forestry

The forestry sector in the South Peace Region is diverse and has plenty of room for growth. The Dawson Creek area is home to a variety of tree species, including white spruce, lodgepole pine, trembling aspen, balsam poplar, black spruce, and subalpine fir. This thriving industry supports many local jobs across three key areas: logging, milling, and manufacturing. Whether you're interested in the natural beauty of the forests or the local workforce, the forestry sector in Dawson Creek plays an important role in the region's economy.





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