





It's in our nature

In Quesnel, short stays become lifelong memories. Whether you enjoy fishing, mountain biking, shopping, hiking, golfing, cross country or downhill skiing, you'll find everything is a quick walk or drive away. Quesnel has a lot to offer, come and take a look for yourself!

Quesnel is located in the central interior of British Columbia, where we recognize and honour the long-standing and ongoing connection of the Southern Dakelh and Tsilhqot'in Peoples to this region; the territory of the Lhtako Dene, Nazko, Lhoosk'uz Dené, and Esdilagh Nations.

LAKES & RIVERS

Our rivers and area lakes are plentiful for exploring by boat, canoe, kayak, or paddleboard. When we say we have world class fishing in our backyard, we mean it – Quesnel is an angler's paradise. Access Dragon Lake within city limits or Ten Mile Lake for a day at the beach. On a hot summer day visit Cottonwood River, which has many access points and swimming holes.

An hour's drive east of Quesnel you'll find Bowron Lake Provincial Park. This world-renowned canoe and kayak destination has a naturally-occurring nearly perfect rectangle circuit for adventure seekers to explore and conquer over a multi-day excursion.



TRAILS FOR DAYS

Whether you're looking for a place to stretch your legs right downtown, a challenging hill climb on your mountain bike or cross-country ski and snowshoe trails, we have trails in and around city limits that are well maintained and ready to welcome you. For a full list of trails stop by the Quesnel Visitor Centre or visit us online.



Local favourites



RIVERFRONT TRAIL

The scenic Riverfront Trail is a go-to for residents and visitors alike. Following along the banks of the Fraser and Quesnel Rivers as well as Baker Creek, this fully paved path is perfect for walking, jogging, or cycling. Interpretative signs along the trail offer a story-filled tour with plenty of spots to stop and enjoy stunning, year-round views.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

From black diamond to green and blue trails, you'll find trails for all ages and abilities in Quesnel. Dragon Mountain and Wonderland boast expansive trail networks with great views. The Quesnel Bike Park offers a rubberized pump track, paved pump track, balance park, and progressive dirt jumps. Bike rentals are available at the Quesnel Arts and Recreation Center. Visit tourismquesnel.com/mountain-biking.

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Our parks and playgrounds are located throughout the city boasting new structures and loads of green space to run and play. West Fraser Timber Park is our most diverse with amenities to suit all ages and interests.



PINNACLES PROVINCIAL PARK

Minutes from downtown Quesnel, Pinnacles Provincial Park brings dramatic hoodoo rock formations and a picturesque view of the City and Baker Creek, making it perfect for photos and a quick nature escape. A short, easy trail leads to the viewpoint that's open year-round for unforgettable scenery.

Arts, culture & history

Not only is Quesnel naturally beautiful, it has a deep history that is reflected in the arts, culture, and historic scene of today, with antique shops, art galleries, museum, historic sites and music and art venues to showcase our unique collective cultures. Local art is woven throughout the town for all to enjoy.

MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

Quesnel's history is fascinating! Proclaimed as one of BC's top 10 community museums, you'll find activities, objects, and unique stories that appeal to all ages and interests! Visit quesnelmuseum.ca for current hours and events.

WALKING TOURS

There's plenty to see throughout Quesnel with our engaging self-guided walking tours. The Historic Walking Tour offers a deeper look into Quesnel's past. The art tour showcases art installations and the local artists who brought them to life. Look for the Little People painted fire hydrants throughout the downtown that add charm to every corner. You can follow along online with these tours and more at tourismquesnel.com/selfguidedtours.



INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES

Lhtako Dene Park, a scenic riverside space where history and nature meet at the confluence of the Quesnel and Fraser rivers and Baker Creek, is a significant cultural place and was the main Lhtako Dene settlement site for millennia prior to European settlement. The annual Lhtako Dene Pow Wow takes place in August and is a vibrant celebration of drumming, dancing, and tradition that welcomes all visitors.

ART GALLERY

See the world through another's eyes at the Quesnel Art Gallery where local and BC-wide artists share their creations and inspiration. To view the annual art show schedule visit quesnelartgallery.com.





BARKERVILLE HISTORIC TOWN & PARK

Just an hour from Quesnel, this living-history museum brings the 1860s gold rush to life. Open May–September, explore over 125 preserved buildings, meet costumed interpreters, pan for gold, and ride a horse-drawn stagecoach. Wander wooden boardwalks, stop by the saloon, watch blacksmiths at work, and immerse yourself in the vibrant stories of Cariboo pioneers. The town's historical charm makes incredible memories for history lovers, vacationing families or those looking to escape to the past where prospectors chased the promise of fortune in the Cariboo. See more at barkerville.ca.



WELLS, BC

Vibrant arts scene, rich history and incredible outdoor adventure define the town of Wells in the foothills of the Cariboo Mountains. Throughout the summer, explore forested trails by foot, bike, or ATV/UTV, catch live theatre and music at the Sunset Theatre, and browse a local gallery. Winter snowfall turns the landscape into a Nordic paradise for cross country skiing and snowmobiling. With the Arts Wells Festival each summer drawing crowds and Barkerville just down the road, Wells blends creativity, adventure, and small-town charm all within reach of Quesnel's amenities.



Places to stay

Quesnel has a number of comfortable and affordable places to stay while you are visiting. We have full service hotels with great food options and pools, as well as plenty of bed and breakfasts and affordable motels to fit anyone's budget.

CAMPING & RV

No matter your style of camping, you'll find it here, in Quesnel. Enjoy campsites steps away from Dragon Lake or Ten Mile Lake, or park your RV or trailer within city limits at the Quesnel Downtown RV Park and Campground and explore our downtown on foot.

Visit www.tourismquesnel.com/stay for a full list of the accommodations we have to offer.



More to do



GREENS & COURTS

Hit a bucket of balls or play a round at one, or all, of our three golf courses. Or, trade your clubs for a racket or paddle and head to the tennis and pickleball courts in West Fraser Timber Park.

FISHING

Fishing in Quesnel offers year-round catches, from Dragon Lake's renowned trophy trout to exceptional winter ice-fishing when lakes safely freeze. Whether casting flies in spring, trolling the depths of local lakes or dropping a line through the ice, Quesnel delivers unforgettable freshwater fishing adventures.

GOLD PANNING

Test your gold panning skills on the Fraser River. You might just strike it rich! Gold pans can be borrowed free of charge from the Visitor Centre (refundable deposit required).



Shopping & dining

Quesnel has 3 vibrant shopping districts and a beautifully revitalized downtown! We have many unique, locally-owned shops and national retail chains. There's no shortage of variety when it comes to dining to suit your tastes and needs.



GREAT FOOD

Quesnel offers many diverse restaurants, pubs and cafes to choose from, whether you're looking for dine-in or take-away options for a picnic in the park. From locally roasted coffee and hand crafted beer to baked goods and fresh produce, you'll find our local food culture will satisfy your taste buds. Find your new favourite at tourismquesnel.com/eat.

FARMERS' MARKET

From May to October, the Farmers' Market is the place to go Saturday mornings. Enjoy fresh locally grown produce, artisan crafts, desserts, food trucks and more! The market is open from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm every Saturday on the Helen Dixon grounds. There is often live entertainment and music! Visit quesnelmarket.net for more information.



LOVE QUESNEL

Quesnel is home to hundreds of unique, independently owned businesses full of character, personality and soul. With so many options to play, stay, and eat, local business in Quesnel can supply all your needs.

Visit www.lovequesnel.com.



Events & festivals

There's always something happening in Quesnel! Be sure to check out our event calendar tourismquesnel.com/events.



Getting here

Quesnel is located in British Columbia's central interior along Highway 97 (the north-south corridor for the province of BC) and only 120 km away from Highway 16 (the major east-west corridor from central BC to Alberta). The city is accessible by vehicle, air and rail.




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