

Fishing in Paradise

Fishing in the Lillooet region

If you like fishing, you'll love Lillooet. Whether your favorite quarry is monstrous Fraser River sturgeon, giant chinook salmon, sleek sockeye, wily steelhead, huge dolly varden or plump rainbow trout, the Lillooet region offers a veritable fisherman's smorgasbord.

The Fraser River at Lillooet is a great place to catch one of the largest freshwater fish in the world, white sturgeon. Fishermen measure these prehistoric behemoths in feet, not inches. Battles with monsters ten feet and longer are not unheard of. Salmon fishermen can test their gear on big spring (Chinook) salmon in the Bridge River in summer or tasty sockeye in the fall. Hardier fishermen can try to land an elusive steelhead in winter months. The sturgeon fishery is catch-and-release only and salmon and steelhead fisheries are restricted to specified areas, so check local regulations before dipping a line.

Trout fishermen have a wealth of lakes and streams to practice their favourite pastimes. Scenic Seton Lake offers good fishing for trout and dolly varden off the dock near Lillooet or by boat at the south end at Seton Portage/Shalath. Fountain, Pavilion, Crown



and Turquoise Lakes are all favorites for fly fishing or conventional tackle and there are many great fishing spots in the Gold Bridge area too. Try the local sporting goods store for some sound advice. Lillooet is home to an annual sturgeon fishing derby, hosted by Winners Edge Sporting Goods. This year's derby goes August 9th. Come out and find out how it feels to land a fish that weighs more than you do! ■



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Winter's Playground

Ice Climbing in Lillooet

During the winter months, Lillooet region offers a large array of outdoor recreation opportunities.

While the winters are getting warmer in some locations, veteran ice climber Don Serl, author of "West Coast Ice", likes to climb in the Bridge River Canyon, nearby Marble Canyon and various places along the Duffey Lake Road.

He recommends that interested climbers gain experience rock climbing before trying ice, to gain a good understanding of the basics of climbing.

"It's tougher to anchor and protect oneself than compared with rock," he says.

The Lillooet region offers some amazing and beautiful frozen waterfalls during the winter months for climbers brave enough to come and conquer them.

Interested climbers need to check weather and mountain conditions before setting out. ■



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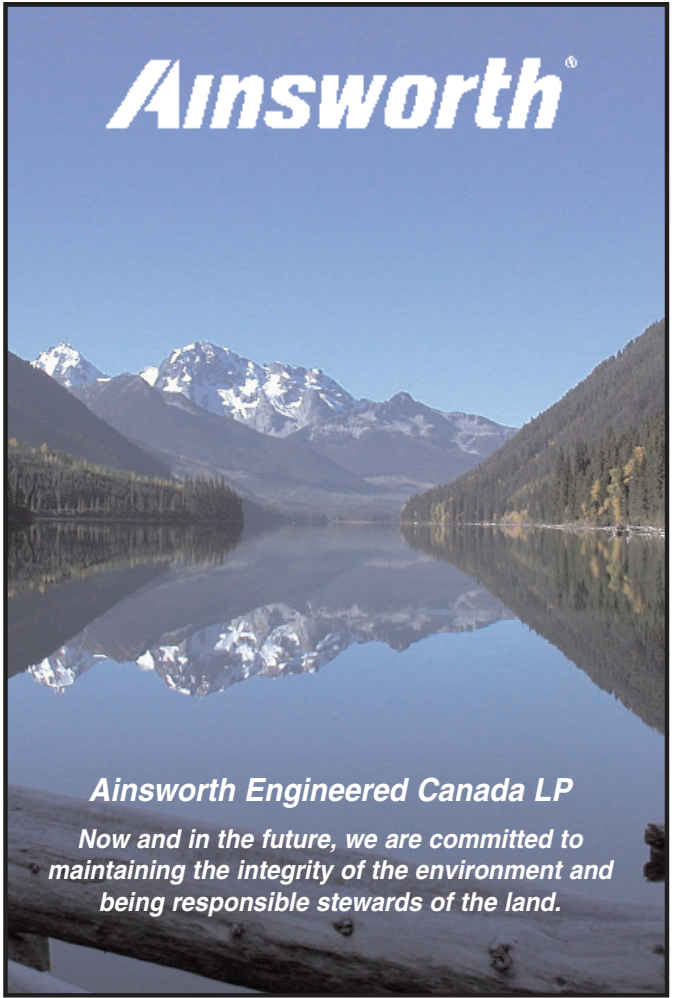
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Calendar of Events

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May 9	Farmer's Market Open	250-256-7797
May 11	Lions Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast	250-256-0622
May 19	Flag Day Parade & May Queen Crowning	250-256-7972
May 24-25	Men's Golf Tournament	250-256-0550
May 25	Gymkhana 10 am	250-256-7639
June 7	Lillooet's 2nd Annual Garden Tour	250-256-4656
June 7	Bo Peep Golf Tournament	250-256-0550
June 8	Wheels in Motion - REC Centre	250-256-7527
June 8	Poker Ride 10 am	250-256-7639
June 15	Lions Father's Day pancake breakfast	250-256-0622
June 21	Horse Show - 10 am	250-256-7639
June 21	National Aboriginal Day - Friendship Centre	250-256-4146
June 22	Gymkhana 10 am	250-256-7639
June 28	Mixed Golf Tournament	250-256-0550
July 9	Music at Miyazaki - Wednesday evenings	250-256-4289
July 12-13	Jim Wright Memorial Golf Tournament	250-256-0550
July 24-27	Apricot Festival	250-256-7241
July 25-26	Quilt Show at REC Centre	
July 26	Texas Scramble Golf Tournament	250-256-0550
July 27	Gymkhana - 10 am	250-256-7639
Aug. 9	Sturgeon Fishing Derby	250-256-4848
Aug. 23	Ironman Golf Tournament	250-256-0550
Aug. 24	Gymkhana - 10 am	250-256-7639
Aug. 27	Last day of Music at Miyazaki House	250-256-4289
Aug. 31	Lions Pavilion Lake Fishing Derby	250-256-0622
Sept. 13-14	Men's Open Golf Tournament	250-256-0550
Sept. 20	Horse Show - 10 am	250-256-7639
Sept. 20-21	Ladies Open Golf Tournament	250-256-0550
Sept. 21	Gymkhana - 10 am	250-256-7639
Sept. 28	Lions "Journey for Sight"	250-256-0622
Oct. 5	Gymkhana - 10 am	250-256-7639
TBA	Salmon Festival - Friendship Centre	250-256-4146



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For children 4-5 years who want to try hockey, the Tykes Program allows parents to have their child in hockey for a year for the cost of insurance with free use of gear for the season.

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