

Wayfinding Project:

Points of Interest in the
Creston Valley, Yahk,
Kootenay Lake, &
Associated Areas



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About the Project

What is Wayfinding?

Wayfinding refers to the process of navigating and orienting oneself within an environment. It involves the use of visual cues, signage, landmarks, and other spatial information to help individuals understand and navigate a space effectively.

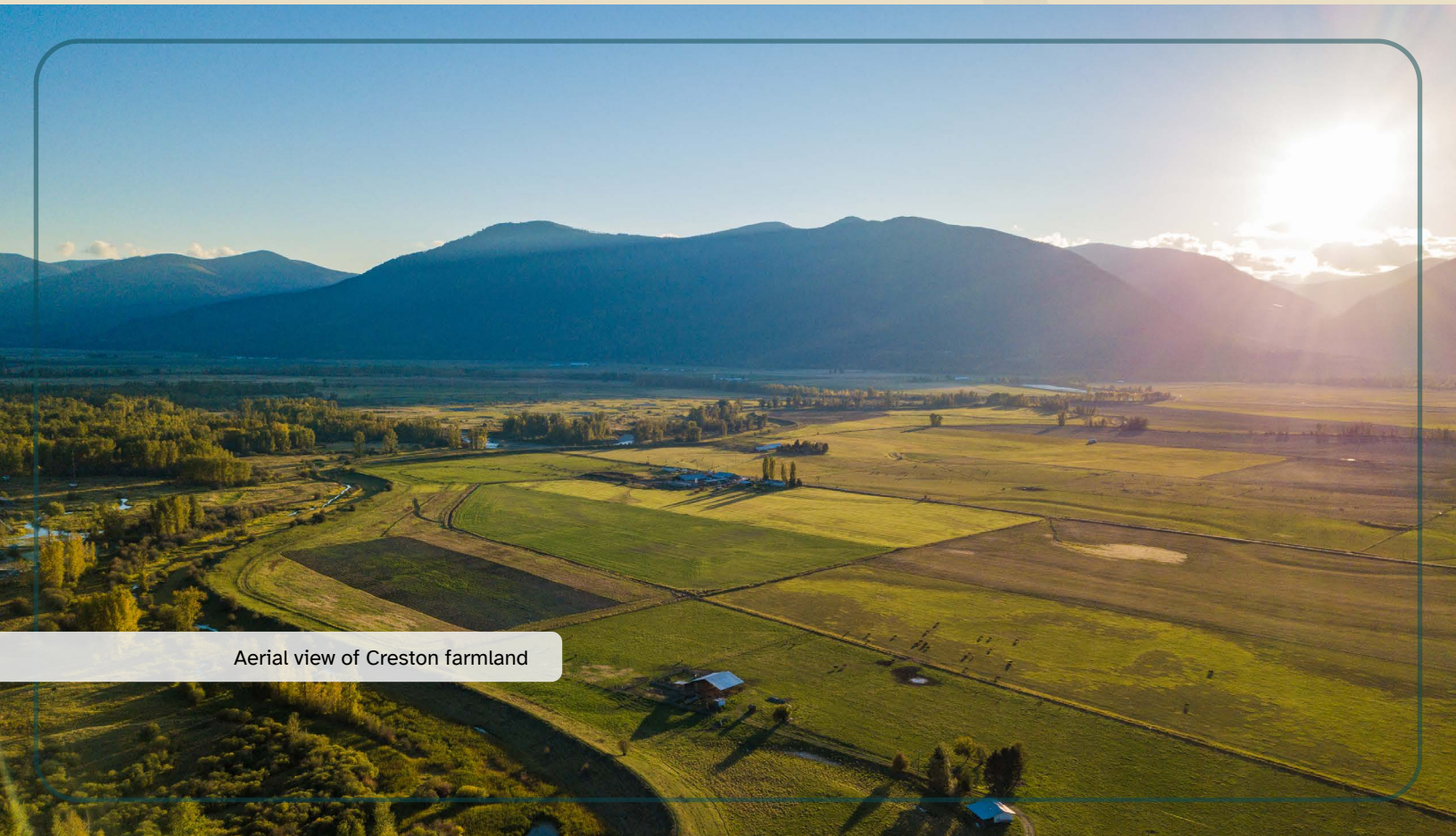
Although signage is a critical component, the importance of wayfinding goes beyond mere signage. Wayfinding also considers the broader context, and helps people navigate, appreciate, and connect with the cultural, historical, and geographical identity of a place.

Why is Wayfinding Important?

Within community economic development, wayfinding plays a crucial role in the placemaking process. When communities engage in placemaking, they actively shape their public spaces to optimize shared value. This process of placemaking encourages inventive patterns of utilization, with a keen focus on the physical, cultural, and social characteristics that make a place unique.

What is this part of the CV-KL Wayfinding Project?

Within the scope of this project, it is our hope to provide outside travellers, tourists, and communities with up-to-date information on Points of Interest (POIs) across the Creston Valley-Kootenay Lake (CV-KL) areas. This includes POIs such as hikes, parks, lakes, artisans, farms, wineries, entertainment, history, and more!



Aerial view of Creston farmland

Creston

Creston & Area

Big Bear Viewpoint

A spectacular viewpoint offering panoramic vistas of the Creston Valley and surrounding mountains.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [Creston Community Forest: Big Bear Viewpoint](#)
- **Location:** 2Head north out of Creston, resetting your trip meter at the Highway 3/3A junction (beside Tim Hortons), continue heading north on Highway 3A for 4km. Turn right onto Lakeview-Arrow Creek Rd. Keep right at the intersection at 5.3km. At 7.4km turn left onto the Big Bear Forest Service Road. Reset your trip meter here. Keep right at the 0.5km junction. At the 5.5km junction turn right. You will arrive at the viewpoint at 5.9km.

Bike Park

A park designed for cycling enthusiasts with various trails and features.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [Creston.ca: Bike Park](#)
- **Location:** 1414 Cedar St, Creston BC

Billy Goat Bluffs

A scenic trail with breathtaking views of the Creston Valley and Kootenay River.

- **Type:** Hike
- **Website:** [AllTrails: Billy Goat Bluffs](#)
- **Location:** 700 Helen St, Creston BC

Burns Park

A small neighbourhood park with a playground and seating areas.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [Creston.ca: Burns Park](#)
- **Location:** 223 25th Ave S, Creston BC

Canyon Street Walkthrough Park

A small, centrally located park offering a pleasant walkthrough experience in town.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [Creston.ca: Canyon Street Walkthrough Park](#)
- **Location:** 1035 Canyon St, Creston BC

Centennial Park

A park with playground areas and a spray park, ideal for family outings.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Centennial Park](#)
- **Location:** 905 Birth St, Creston BC

Columbia Brewery (Kokanee)

Home of the famous Kokanee beer, this brewery offers tours and tastings.

- **Type:** Brewery / Tourism
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Columbia Brewery](#)
- **Location:** 1220 Erickson St, Creston BC

Creston Dog Park

A dedicated area for dogs to play and socialize off-leash.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [Creston.ca: Creston Dog Park](#)
- **Location:** 1414 Cedar St, Creston BC

Creston Mini Golf

A mini golf course offering fun for all ages with creatively designed holes.

- **Type:** Entertainment
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Creston Mini Golf](#)
- **Location:** 1531 Northwest Blvd, Creston BC

Creston Museum

This museum offers a rich collection of exhibits on the local history and culture of Creston and the surrounding valley.

- **Type:** History
- **Website:** [Creston Museum](#)
- **Location:** 219 Devon St, Creston BC

Creston Valley Farmers' Market

A vibrant market featuring local produce, crafts, music, handmade goods, and more from the Creston Valley.

- **Type:** Shopping / Entertainment
- **Website:** [Creston Valley Farmers' Market](#)
- **Location:** 115 NW Blvd (Summer Outdoor) & 312 19th Ave N, Creston BC (Winter Indoor)

Creston Valley Public Library

A community hub offering a wide range of books, resources, and programs.

- **Type:** Education / Entertainment
- **Website:** [Creston Valley Public Library](#)
- **Location:** 531 16th Ave S, Creston BC

Creston Valley Tour Company

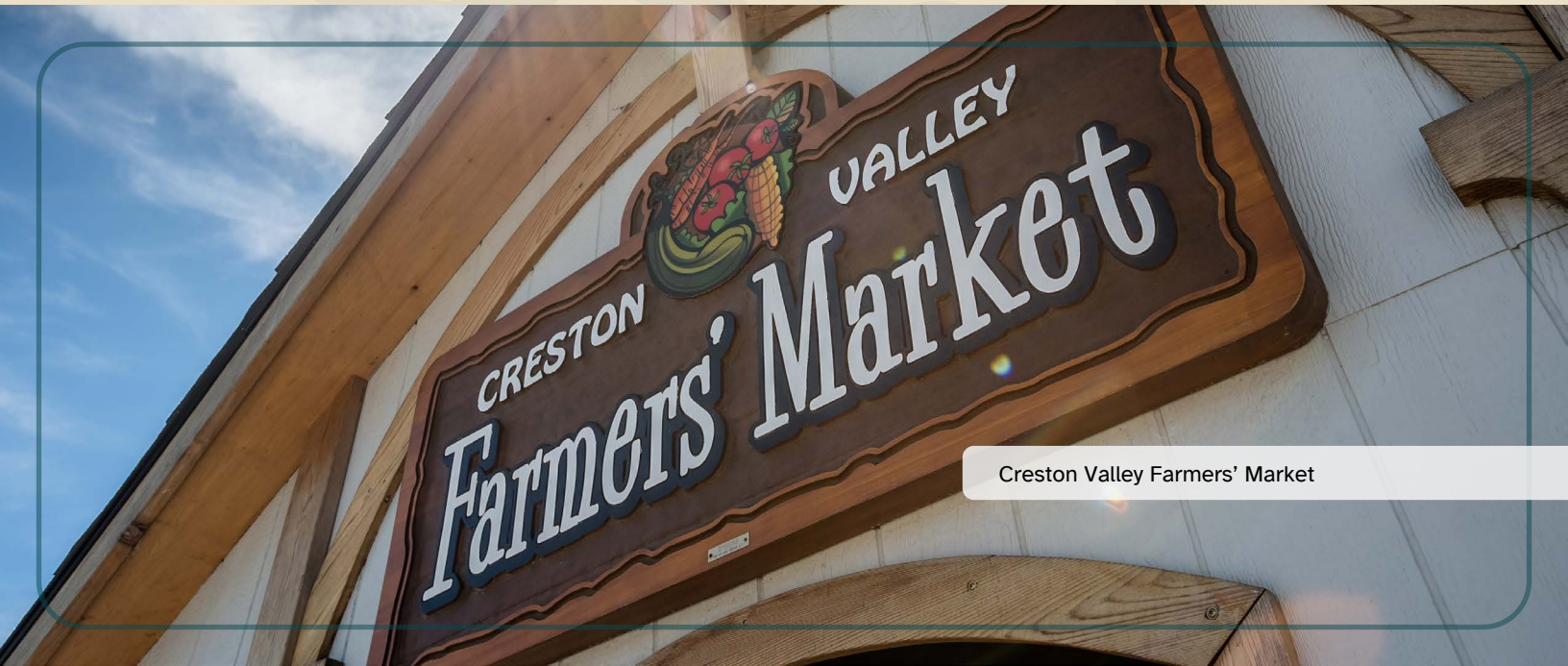
Offers guided tours of the Creston Valley, showcasing local attractions and natural beauty.

- **Type:** Tourism
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Creston Valley Tour Company](#)
- **Location:** 216 Valley View Dr, Creston BC

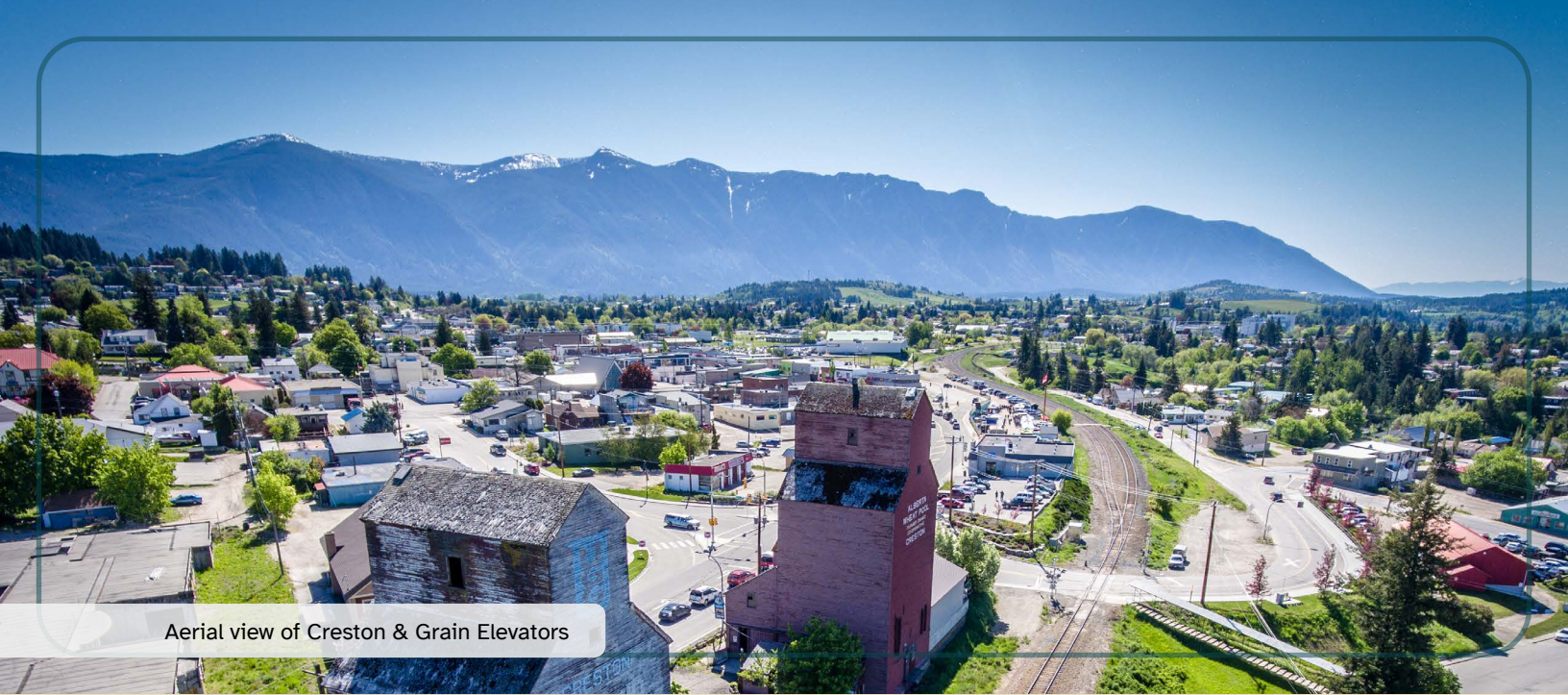
Dodd's Creek Park – Green Gym

An outdoor fitness area with exercise equipment located at Cedar Street.

- **Type:** Tourism
- **Website:** [Creston.ca: Dodd's Creek Park - Green Gym](#)
- **Location:** 1414 Cedar St, Creston BC



Creston Valley Farmers' Market



Aerial view of Creston & Grain Elevators

Footlighters Community Theatre

A local theatre group presenting a variety of performances throughout the year.

- **Type:** Entertainment
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Footlighters Community Theatre](#)
- **Facebook:** [Footlighters Community Theatre](#)
- **Location:** Creston BC

Grain Elevators

A historic site showcasing agricultural heritage, the grain elevators are a must-see landmark in the heart of Creston.

- **Type:** History
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Creston Grain Elevators](#)
- **Location:** 215 NW Blvd, Creston BC

Kunze Gallery

A fine art gallery featuring the works of local and regional artists.

- **Type:** Art / Tourism
- **Website:** [Kunze Gallery](#)
- **Location:** 215 NW Blvd, Creston BC

Millennium Park

A beautiful park featuring walking trails, gardens, ponds, and picnic areas.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Millennium Park](#)
- **Location:** 16th Ave S & Dogwood St, Creston BC

Red Bird Estate Winery

A charming winery offering tastings of locally produced wines in a picturesque setting.

- **Type:** Winery
- **Website:** [Red Bird Estate Winery](#)
- **Location:** 1046 Lamont Rd, Creston BC

Romano's Runaway Lanes Bowling

A family-friendly, 6-lane bowling alley perfect for a fun outing.

- **Type:** Entertainment
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Romano's Runaway Lanes Bowling](#)
- **Facebook:** [Romano's Runaway Lanes Bowling](#)
- **Location:** 1404 Cook St, Creston BC

Rotary Park

A community park at the intersection of Canyon Street with a few benches to take a break on.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [Creston.ca: Rotary Park](https://creston.ca/rotary-park)
- **Location:** 10th Ave N/Canyon St, Creston BC

Schikurski Park

A tranquil park with a short trail and a couple of picnic tables; perfect for a quiet lunch and stroll.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [Creston.ca: Schikurski Park](https://creston.ca/schikurski-park)
- **Location:** Regina Street, Creston BC (at the end of the cul-de-sac)

Tivoli Theatre

A historic theatre providing a classic movie-going experience in downtown Creston.

- **Type:** Entertainment
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Tivoli Theatre](https://explorecrestonvalley.com/tivoli-theatre)
- **Facebook:** [Tivoli Theatre](https://www.facebook.com/tivolitheatre)
- **Location:** 1411 Canyon St, Creston BC

Wild North Brewing Company

A local brewery known for its craft beers, fun events, and welcoming atmosphere.

- **Type:** Brewery
- **Website:** [Wild North Brewing Company](https://wildnorthbrewing.com)
- **Location:** 125 16th Ave N, Creston BC



Scenic view of the Creston Valley

Canyon & Lister

Blueberry Patch Farms

A farm where visitors can pick their own blueberries or purchase fresh berries.

- **Type:** Farming / Tourism
- **Website:** [Blueberry Patch Farms](#)
- **Location:** 2782 20th St, Lister BC

Canyon Community Park & Campground

A park and campground offering recreational activities and camping facilities.

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Kootenay Meadows Farm

A family-owned farm known for its organic dairy products that hosts an annual event for the community.

- **Type:** Farming / Tourism
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Kootenay Meadows Farm](#)
- **Location:** 3071 16th St, Lister BC

Legend Logos & Yaqan Nukiy Heritage Centre

A center dedicated to preserving and showcasing the heritage of the Yaqan Nukiy people.

- **Type:** History / Tourism
- **Website:** [Legend Logos & Yaqan Nukiy Heritage Centre](#)
- **Location:** 3560 Highway 21 South, Lister BC

Lister Park

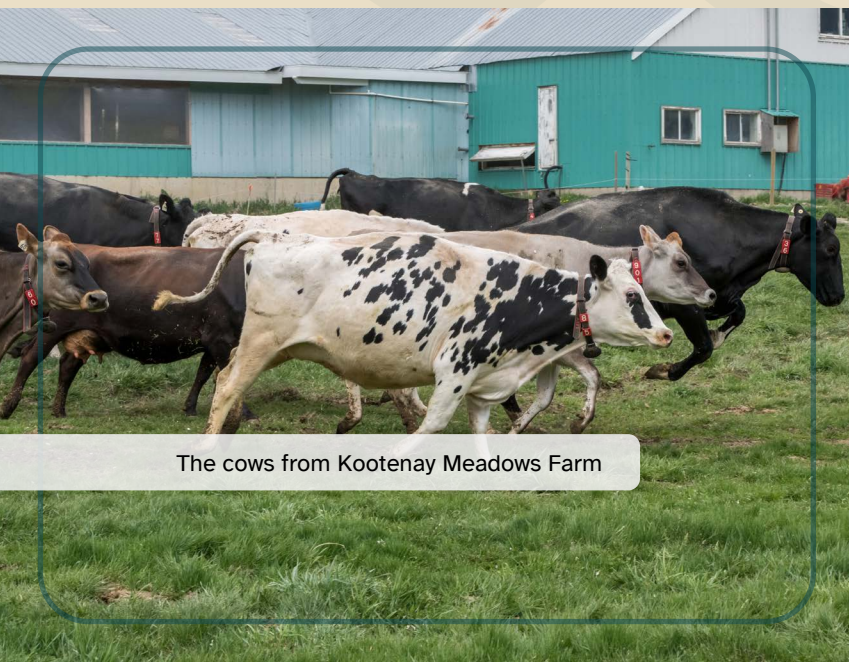
A park featuring a disc golf course and other recreational facilities.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [Lister Park](#)
- **Location:** 3461 16th St, Creston BC

Sullivan Creek Loop

A picturesque hiking trail offering beautiful views and serene hiking experiences.

- **Type:** Hike
- **Website:** [AllTrails: Sullivan Creek Loop](#)
- **Location:** : Thompson Pack Trail, 5420 Vance Rd, Canyon BC



The cows from Kootenay Meadows Farm

Erickson

Art Barn

An art studio and gallery featuring local artists and creative workshops.

- **Type:** Art / Tourism
- **Website:** [Art Barn](#)
- **Location:** 805 25th Ave South, Erickson BC

Baillie-Grohman Estate Winery

A winery producing high-quality wines with a focus on sustainability and local terroir.

- **Type:** Winery
- **Website:** [Baillie-Grohman Estate Winery](#)
- **Location:** 1140-27th Ave S, Erickson BC

Skimmerhorn Winery

A winery offering tastings and tours, known for its beautiful vineyard and excellent wines.

- **Type:** Winery
- **Website:** [Skimmerhorn Winery](#)
- **Location:** 1218-27th Ave S, Erickson BC

West Creston

Balancing Rock Trail

A trail leading to a unique rock formation balanced precariously on a cliffside.

- **Type:** Hike
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Balancing Rock Trail](#)

• **Location:** To get here from Creston take Highway 3 west toward Kootenay Pass, turning left onto West Creston road towards the wildlife centre. About 50 meters after turning, the trailhead and parking lot can be easily found on the right side of the road.

Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre

A center focused on the conservation and education of local wildlife in the Creston Valley.

- **Type:** Education / Tourism
- **Website:** [Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre](#)
- **Location:** 1760 West Creston Rd, Creston BC



An orchard in Erickson

Duck Lake & Area

Duck Lake

Duck Lake

Duck Lake is a haven for bird watchers and nature enthusiasts, offering picturesque views and abundant wildlife; the lake is perfect for kayaking, fishing, and enjoying peaceful walks along its shores.

- **Type:** Lake
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Duck Lake](#)
- **Location:** Duck Lake, Central Kootenay, BC

Duck Lake Saskatoon Berry Farm

A farm where visitors can pick their own Saskatoon berries or purchase fresh produce.

- **Type:** Farming / Tourism
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Duck Lake Saskatoon Berry Farm](#)
- **Facebook:** [Duck Lake Saskatoon Berry Farm](#)
- **Location:** Duck Lake, Central Kootenay, BC

Wynndel

Sternwheeler Craft Distilleries

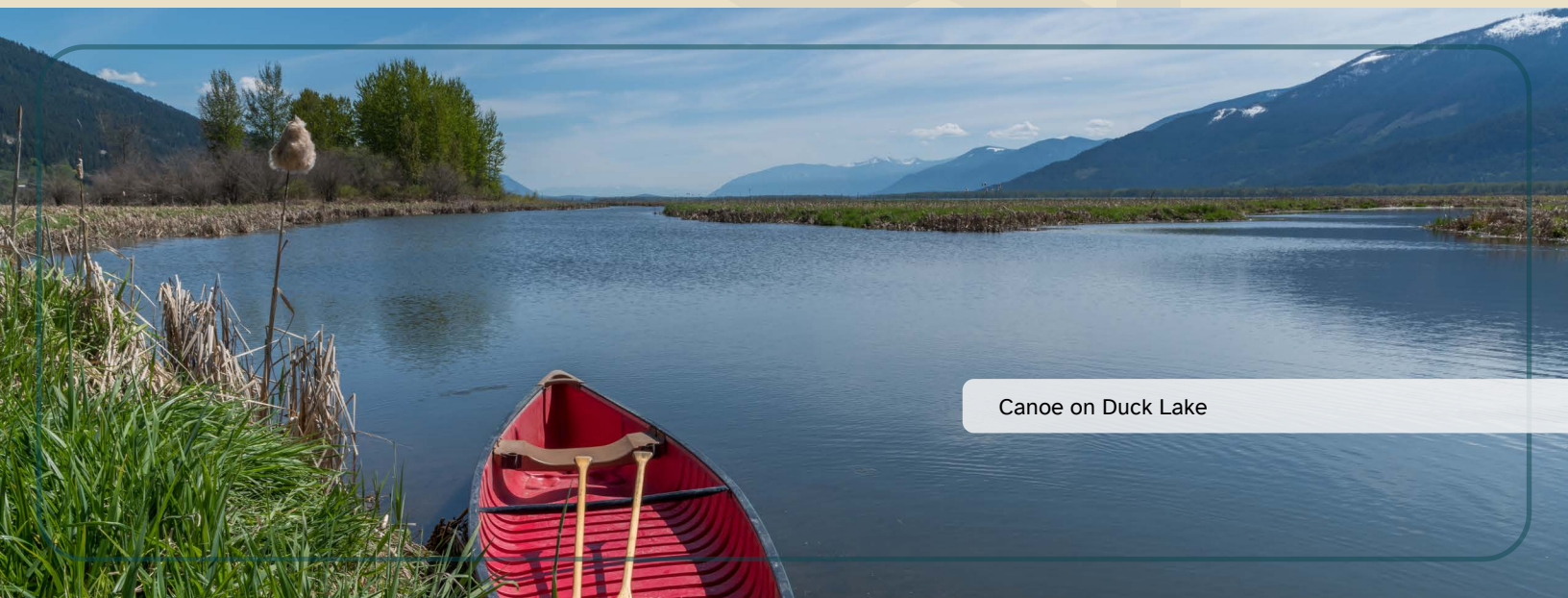
A craft distillery producing a range of spirits with locally sourced ingredients.

- **Type:** Distillery
- **Website:** [Sternwheeler Craft Distilleries](#)
- **Location:** 1331 Channel Rd, Wynndel BC

Wynnwood Estate Cellars Winery

A boutique winery known for its handcrafted wines and stunning vineyard views.

- **Type:** Winery
- **Website:** [Wynnwood Estate Cellars Winery](#)
- **Location:** 5566 Highway 3A, Wynndel BC



Canoe on Duck Lake

Kootenay Lake & Area

Kootenay Lake

Kootenay Bay / Kootenay Lake Ferry

The Kootenay Bay Ferry is the world's longest free ferry ride, offering scenic views of Kootenay Lake as it travels between Kootenay Bay and Balfour.

- **Type:** Ferry / Tourism
- **Website:** [Kootenay Bay / Kootenay Lake Ferry](#)
- **Location:** Ferry Landing Road, Balfour, BC

Kootenay Lake

Kootenay Lake is a stunning alpine lake offering activities such as boating, fishing, and swimming, surrounded by breathtaking mountain scenery.

- **Type:** Lake
- **Website:** [Explore Creston Valley: Kootenay Lake](#)
- **Location:** Kootenay Lake, Central Kootenay, BC

Kootenay Lake Regional Park

This regional park features various recreational opportunities including swimming, picnicking, camping (it has approximately 21 campsites), and hiking.

- **Type:** Park / Camping
- **Website:** [BC Parks: Kootenay Lake Regional Park](#)
- **Location:** Kootenay Lake, Central Kootenay, BC

Lockhart Beach Provincial Park

This provincial park features a beautiful sandy beach, camping facilities, and hiking trails, making it a perfect spot for a family getaway.

- **Type:** Park / Camping
- **Website:** [BC Parks: Lockhart Beach Provincial Park](#)
- **Location:** On Highway 3A, 40km north of Creston BC, and 19km south of Crawford Bay BC

The Glass House

This unique house is made entirely of discarded embalming fluid bottles and is a fascinating architectural curiosity in the region.

- **Type:** History / Tourism
- **Website:** [BC Parks: Lockhart Beach Provincial Park](#)
- **Location:** 11341 BC-3A, Sanca, BC

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Crawford Bay

Crawford Bay Artisans: Barefoot Handweaving

A unique studio offering handwoven textiles, where visitors can see the weaving process and buy beautiful, handmade products.

- **Type:** Art / Tourism
- **Website:** [Barefoot Handweaving](#)
- **Location:** 16201 Crawford Creek Rd, Crawford Bay, BC

Crawford Bay Artisans: Dog Patch Pottery

A pottery studio and gallery featuring unique and functional ceramic art pieces, all handmade on site.

- **Type:** Art / Tourism
- **Website:** [Dog Patch Pottery](#)
- **Location:** 16145 Crawford Creek Rd, Crawford Bay, BC

Crawford Bay Artisans: Kootenay Forge

A blacksmith shop creating handcrafted ironwork, including home decor and custom pieces, with live demonstrations for visitors.

- **Type:** Art / Tourism
- **Website:** [Kootenay Forge](#)
- **Location:** 16072 Crawford Creek Rd, Crawford Bay, BC

Crawford Bay Artisans: North Woven Broom

A charming shop where you can watch traditional broom-making demonstrations and purchase handcrafted brooms.

- **Type:** Art / Tourism
- **Website:** [North Woven Broom](#)
- **Location:** 16135 Crawford Creek Rd, Crawford Bay, BC

Crawford Bay Beach

A serene beach perfect for swimming, picnicking, and relaxing, located on the eastern shore of Kootenay Lake.

- **Type:** Lake / Camping
- **Website:** [TripAdvisor: Crawford Bay Beach](#)
- **Location:** Crawford Bay, BC



Crawford Bay Beach, along Kootenay Lake

Riondel

Bluebell Mine Trail

A historical hiking trail that takes you through the remnants of the Bluebell Mine, offering insights into the area's mining history and stunning views of Kootenay Lake.

- **Type:** History / Hike
- **Website:** [HeritageBC: Bluebell Mine](#)
- **Location:** Riondel, BC

Pilot Bay Lighthouse

This historic lighthouse offers picturesque views of the surrounding area, accessible via a short hike through Pilot Bay Provincial Park.

- **Type:** History / Hike
- **Website:** [Canada's Historic Places: Pilot Bay Lighthouse](#)
- **Location:** Pilot Bay, Kootenay Lake, BC

Pilot Bay Provincial Park

Pilot Bay Provincial Park offers stunning waterfront views, serene hiking trails, and a historic lighthouse, making it a perfect destination for nature lovers and history enthusiasts. This park is an ideal spot for picnicking, boating, and wildlife viewing.

- **Type:** Park
- **Website:** [BC Parks: Pilot Bay Provincial Park](#)
- **Location:** Pilot Bay Road, near Kootenay Bay, BC



Pilot Bay Lighthouse

Boswell

Arrowsmith Gallery

A sweet gallery that features original watercolours depicting scenes around the Kootenays with landscapes and wildlife of the area from the artist Karen Arrowsmith.

- **Type:** Art / Tourism
- **Website:** [Arrowsmith Gallery](#)
- **Location:** 12698 Highway 3A, Boswell, BC

Boswell Lockhart Trail

This trail offers a moderately challenging hike with panoramic views of the surrounding Kootenay landscape. The trail passes through forested areas and open ridges.

- **Type:** Hike
- **Website:** [BC Parks: Drewry Point Provincial Park](#)
- **Location:** Trailhead near Lockhart Creek, BC

Drewry Point Park

A beautiful inland marine park near Boswell that is only accessible by boat, and boasts beautiful, secluded sand beaches and a picnic area. It's a scenic place that is perfect for a relaxing visit with 3 campsites and 2 sheltered coves for boat moorage.

- **Type:** Park / Camping
- **Website:** [BC Parks: Drewry Point Provincial Park](#)
- **Location:** The park is located 32 km south of Balfour, across Kootenay Lake from Boswell, and approximately 45 km northwest of Creston.

Gray Creek

Gray Creek Falls

A picturesque waterfall located near Gray Creek, offering scenic views and a tranquil setting for nature lovers.

- **Type:** Hike / Waterfalls
- **Location:** Gray Creek Rd, Gray Creek, BC

Gray Creek Pass Trail

A trail leading to Gray Creek Pass, providing stunning vistas of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

- **Type:** Hike
- **Website:** [Creston Valley Trails: Gray Creek Pass Trail](#)
- **Location:** Trailhead near Gray Creek, BC

Gray Creek Store

A charming store providing local goods, groceries, and snacks. It's a great place to stop and experience local flavor and community atmosphere.

- **Type:** Tourism
- **Website:** [Gray Creek Store](#)
- **Location:** 1050 Gray Creek Rd, Gray Creek, BC

Gray Creek Trail

This trail offers a beautiful hike with views of the surrounding forest and creek. It's a moderate trail suitable for hikers looking to explore the natural beauty of Gray Creek.

- **Type:** Hike
- **Website:** [AllTrails: Gray Creek Trail](#)
- **Location:** Trailhead on Gray Creek Rd, Gray Creek, BC

Yahk

Yahk & Area

Two Scoop Steve

A popular ice cream shop offering a variety of flavors and treats with a well-cared-for trail down to the riverside.

- **Type:** Tourism / Walking Trail
- **Facebook:** [Two Scoop Steve](#)
- **Location:** Along Highway 3/95; 8707 Johnson Road, Yahk, BC

Yahk Rope Swing Trail

A scenic trail that follows the Moyie River, leading to a rope swing. It's a moderately difficult hike with a total hiking time of 1-hour.

- **Type:** Hike
- **Facebook:** [Wikiloc: Yahk Rope Swing Trail](#)
- **Location:** Along Highway 3/95, Yahk, BC

Yahk Provincial Park

A provincial park that was established in 1956, equipped with 26 campsites, hiking trails, and access to the Moyie River.

- **Type:** Park / Camping
- **Website:** [BC Parks: Yahk Provincial Park](#)
- **Location:** Along Highway 3/95, Yahk, BC

Yahk Soap & Candle Company

A local business producing handmade soaps and candles with natural ingredients; you can also visit the goats as they climb on the roof.

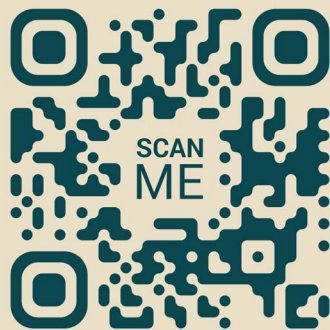
- **Type:** Tourism
- **Website:** [Yahk Soap & Candle Company](#)
- **Location:** Along Highway 3/95; 8707 Johnson Road, Yahk, BC



Rooftop goats in Yahk

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