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Similkameen Valley

Travel Experiences Guide



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*Play in our mountains and
rivers and discover an unbridled
wilderness with adventures as
wide as our western skies*

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Main image: Paddling
Lightning Lake in Manning
Park near Princeton

Inset right: Exploring the
mountain biking trails at
China Ridge



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*Discover the allure of the Similkameen Valley
where the opportunities for adventure are
larger than you could imagine*



Main image: The Red Bridge
outside Keremeos is an
unmistakeable landmark

Inset left: During the hot
days of summer floating the
Similkameen River is a cool
place to be





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Brown Bridge, Princeton



Taste the Similkameen



Family fun in the sun



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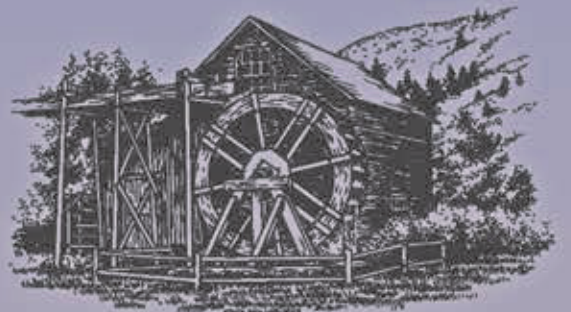


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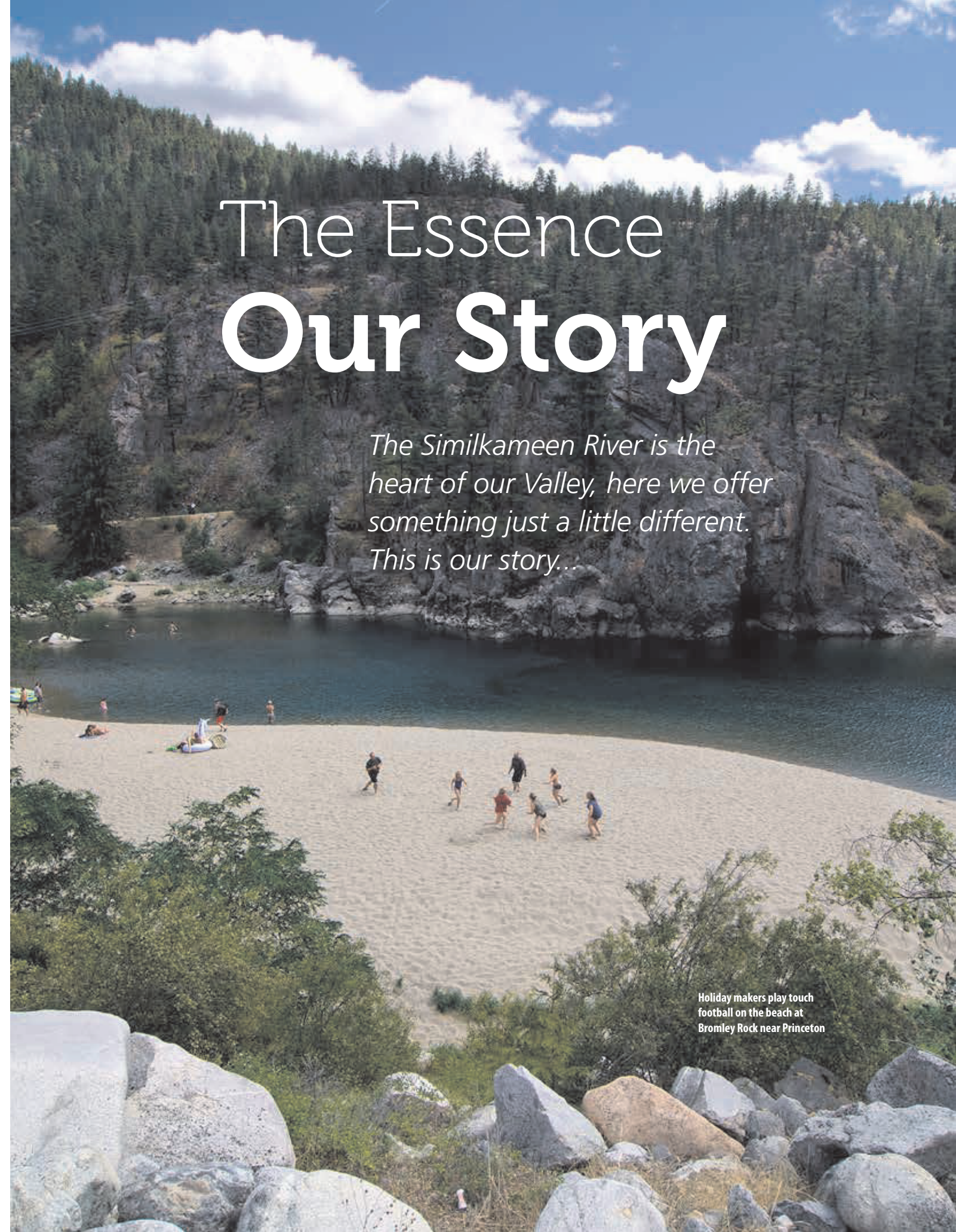
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The Similkameen River is the heart of our Valley, here we offer something just a little different. This is our story...

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Carved by the River

Imagine the tales you'll tell after a visit to the Similkameen to experience the history, the places, and the people. Come explore the stunning scenery of this rugged and rustic land and the welcoming spirit of the people. Spread your wings in the Similkameen and uncover local lore told by the very pioneers who continue to shape our story.

The Heart of Our Valley

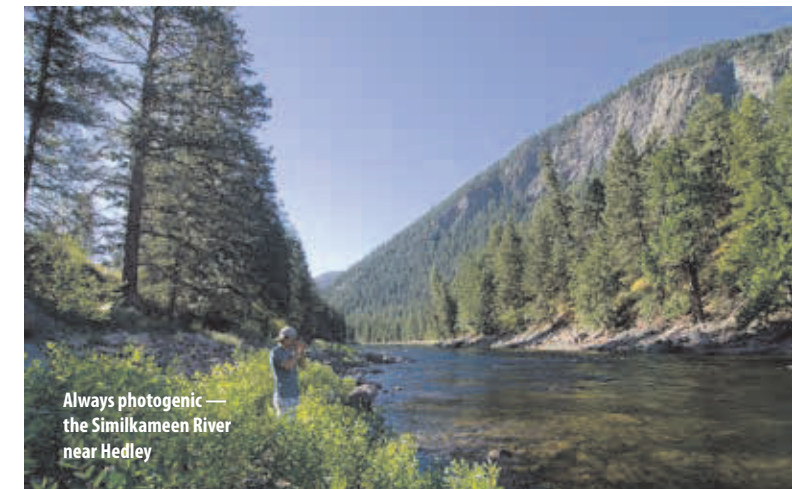
The Similkameen's raw, natural beauty is a reminder of how powerful water can be. Marvel at this valley carved by the Similkameen River over 200 million years ago as it made its way down the Cascade Mountains. All around you will see open ranchlands and meadows of alfalfa waving in the breeze, with craggy cliffs, lush orchards, and vineyards

that morph into semi-arid grasslands. Take your time, breathe it in, feel the sun, and taste the bounty of our valley.

The best way to explore is to follow the river that runs through the heart of our valley. It's where you'll find us, floating by Bromley Rock, fishing, picnicking and relishing the beauty of where we live. We've been happy to share it with generations of travellers. We'd love to share it with you.

History, Legends and Lore

Legends abound of the Similkameen First Nation, the Granite Creek Gold Rush in Coalmont, and the days of the Hudson Bay Brigade. Listen to our stories unfold at the Hedley Heritage Museum, the Snaza'ist



Always photogenic — the Similkameen River near Hedley

Discovery Centre, and Princeton's unique Museum. Marvel as our curators bring the past to life. At the Grist Mill and Gardens our stories are set to music at their summer concert series. The South Similkameen Museum in Keremeos has recently been moved. Ask at the Visitor Centre for location and hours.

See, taste and learn about the Lower Similkameen

from our local experts. Gaze in awe as you stand under a 100-year-old apple tree. Savour the flavours of multi-generational organic farms, orchards and vineyards. Discover sustainable farming with a tour and lunch at Harker's Organics in Cawston, or shop at Parsons Farm Market in Keremeos.

Our history is steeped in exploration and discovery. ➤



A hiker rests while overlooking the Tulameen River just outside Princeton.

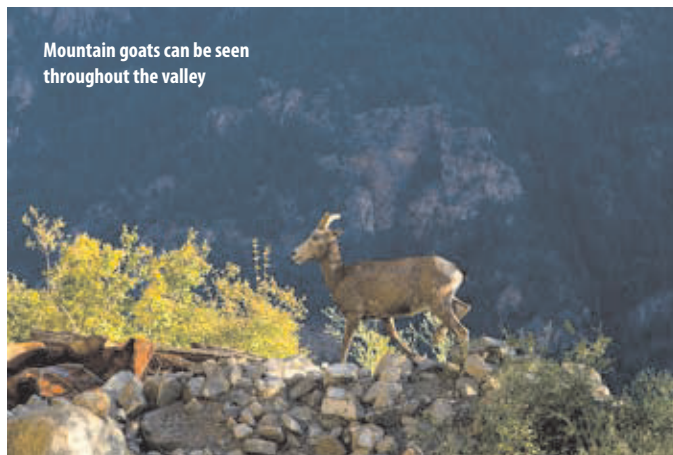


Study up on the Similkameen Nation at the Snaza'ist Discovery Centre in Hedley

Walk in the footsteps of our pioneers, fur traders and prospectors. In Princeton, hike the gentle railway grades of the historic Kettle Valley Rail Trail, a part of the Great Trail. Create your own legends filled with grit and adventure along the wilderness trails of China Ridge, Manning Park, Cathedral Lake Park, and the Hudson Bay Company Brigade Trail.

Slow Down – You're in the Similkameen

Time moves a little slower in the Similkameen. Feel free to wave as you explore the valley, we love to wave back. Ask for directions, we enjoy helping people get to their next adventure. We may even tell you a bit about ourselves, our ancestors, and how we came to live in this exquisite valley. Our unforgettable experiences may surprise you, but our hospitality won't.



Mountain goats can be seen throughout the valley

Come and visit any time. plenty of wildlife live here, including eagles, deer, elk, moose, bear, mountain goats and big horn sheep. In winter visit Manning Park for alpine and cross-country skiing, snowshoe and cross-country ski the China Ridge Trails or try ice fishing in one of our many lakes. In spring our valley blooms with colour and our rodeos thrill. Take in countless summer events from wine festivals to endurance races, from a First Nations Pow

Wow to the Princeton Show 'N Shine. In the fall taste your way across the lower part of the valley at our harvest events, sample our award-winning wines, and sink your teeth into just-baked pies made of fruit picked that morning.

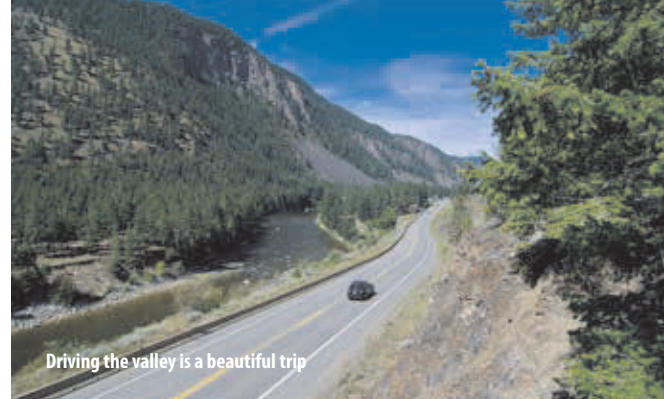
Connect to Our Arts and Culture

Explore a cultural arts scene as varied as the landscapes of the Similkameen Valley, bursting with music and

food, rodeos and aboriginal dancers, fiddle players and celebrated Canadian names and rising acts.

Springtime is rodeo season, when the dusty air is alive with the scent of BBQ sauce and bulls at the Chopaka Rodeo, the Elk's Rodeo, and Princeton's Stan Thompson Memorial Rodeo. Come see our cowboys in action.

Be serenaded at the Grist Mill and Gardens summer concert series featuring Canadian name and rising acts. Watch as Princeton's Veterans Square Gazebo comes alive in summer with an art and music experience every Saturday. Purchase some local art at the Sunflower Gallery or the Red Post Art Gallery in Princeton. Celebrate the Traditional Music Festival when it hits the streets of Princeton in August, or explore the richness of our rural life at Princeton's Agricultural Fall Fair.



Driving the valley is a beautiful trip

Getting Here

The Crowsnest Highway (BC Hwy 3) runs straight through the Similkameen Valley. It travels from Manning Park to Osoyoos in the Thompson-Okanagan Region of BC's Interior. The valley is 180 km (112 mi) end to end.

You can access BC Highway 3 from Vancouver, BC via the Trans-Canada Highway 1 in Hope. From Jasper, AB, drive west on Hwy 16 to Hwy 5. Then drive south to Merritt, and

connect to Hwy 5A, which takes you south to the Similkameen. Travellers from Calgary, AB can get here from BC Hwy 3A which links the Crowsnest to Penticton. From the US, enter the valley at the junction of Highways 97 and 3 near Osoyoos.

Hours to Drive

Calgary to Princeton	9 hrs
Kamloops to Princeton	2 hrs
Kelowna to Princeton	2 hrs
Vancouver to Princeton	3.5 hrs

Electric Car Charging

Recharge your own batteries as your car is being charged. Take your time at a wine tasting or explore the shops and businesses of downtown. There are charging stations throughout the Similkameen Valley. Most are free, some charge by the hour, others are by donation.

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Similkameen Valley Must Do List

When you want to get out into the great outdoors, this is the place to do it. The mountains, rivers and valleys beckon you to come camp, fish, paddle, float, hike, and bike along the scenic Similkameen River.

No matter what outdoor activity you are planning, be prepared. Follow the three Ts – trip planning, training, and taking the essentials. AdventureSmart is a great resource to help you get informed before heading outdoors. (adventuresmart.ca).

Float fishing in Manning Park

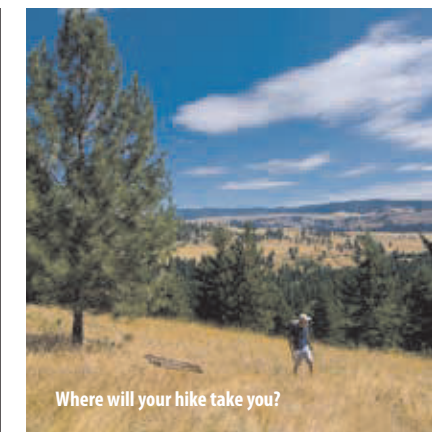
Immerse yourself in the Similkameen River



Swimming spots on the river are numerous

The Similkameen River is the heart of our valley. It's what connects our communities, from its western headwaters in Manning Park to Cawston, just above the US border. Listen carefully and you can hear the echoes of our past and the promise of our future.

Paddle, swim or just pick a spot on the river to fish for trout. Relax and enjoy a lazy day on the Similkameen River. Think adventure, think relaxation . . . think Similkameen River.



Where will your hike take you?

China Ridge

Hike it, bike it, ride it, ski it, or snowshoe it. Enjoy 55 km (34 mi) of uncrowded trails by foot, on your mountain bike, your horse, your cross-country skis or your snowshoes. The great outdoors beckons you to come out to China Ridge Trails and play in the woods in Princeton's backyard. These trails are great for day use; however, there is no water up at China Ridge, so you'll need to bring your own with you. chinaridgetrails.com

Bird's eye views at Cathedral Lakes



your camp beside a jewel-toned lake. Watch in wonder as rainbow trout jump and shimmer in the sun. Drift off to sleep to the haunting call of the loons. You can spend the night under the stars by a campfire or retire in comfort at Cathedral Lakes Lodge.

Hike, bike, or ride your way up to some of the world's most stunning panoramic views. Make your way up 16 kilometres (10 mi) of trails to Cathedral Lakes with a change in elevation of 540 m (1800 ft). Remember to breathe as you scan the skyline and take in the sparkling sapphire lakes and jagged mountain peaks. This bird's eye view is well worth the journey to get here.

Your adventures begin at 2,073 metres (6,800 ft.) near

Quiniscoe Lake, the Shangri-La of the Similkameen. Hike the cool ridge, made smooth by the last Ice Age. Take your time on well-marked trails filled with awe-inspiring scenes of blossoming alpine meadows, tumbling waterfalls, and striking rock faces.


This old growth forest is home to mountain goats, California Bighorn sheep, mule deer and the rare Arctic Ptarmigan. Stay awhile and make

TOP THINGS TO DO

1. Join us in celebrations and events throughout the valley
2. Chat with owners & winemakers about our terroir along our wine route
3. Spend the day floating down the Similkameen River
4. Take in an event, workshop, tour or concert at the Grist Mill and Gardens
5. Hike or bike the Kettle Valley Rail/Trans Canada Trails in Princeton
6. Taste your way across the Similkameen at our harvest celebrations
7. Hike, ski or snowshoe in Manning Park, Cathedral Lakes and China Ridge
8. Fish our lakes and rivers in all four seasons for Rainbow and Brook trout
9. Buy organic in Cawston, the Organic Capital of Canada and visit Keremeos, Canada's Fruit Stand Capital
10. Play a round of golf at Princeton's challenging 18-hole course.
11. Discover our storied past at Princeton, Hedley and Keremeos museums
12. Relax and enjoy the beauty while photographing Swan Lake Bird Sanctuary in Princeton

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Bike the Rail Trail at China Ridge

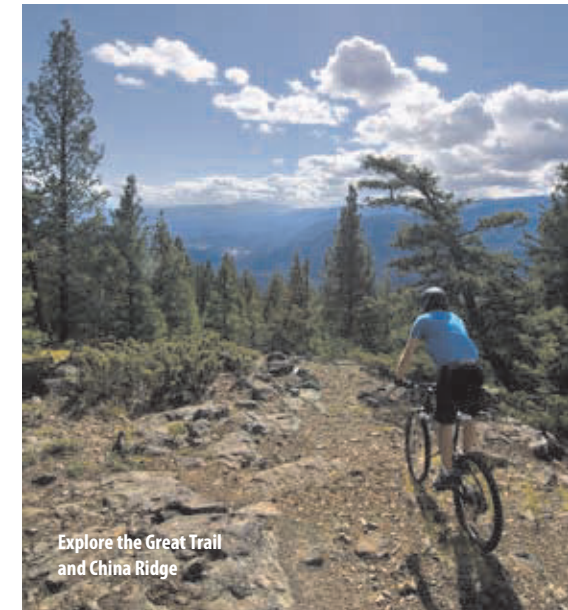
This scenic ride is a 30 km (18 mi) loop that follows the Tulameen River, through two tunnels and over three bridges and brings you right back into Princeton. The Rail Trail begins on the China Ridge Trail network and connects with the historic Kettle Valley Rail Trail (part of the Great Trail).

The trail meanders down a gorgeous south facing slope of deciduous and evergreen trees. Make your way through deadfalls

and dips, and around trees and rocks as you ride. Your reward is the picturesque White Sands Beach along the Tulameen River. Make sure you pack a picnic lunch, or a snack, and bring your bathing suit. There's an incredible swimming hole complete with a sandy beach before you head back on the 18 km (11 mi) ride to Princeton along the Kettle Valley Rail Trail.

This intermediate (blue) trail was created for regular and hard core

riders alike who want to spend time exploring nature on their bikes. Grab your friends and family and have an adventure in the great outdoors. Please make sure your bike has mountain bike tires to get the most out of our trails. There is a shuttle service but arrangement must be made in advance. For more info, visit the Princeton Visitor Centre right in the heart of Princeton. Email visitorinfo@princeton.ca or go online to chinaridgetrails.com



River Fun – Float and swim the day away



Locals do it, kids do it, adults do it, even dogs do it! What are you waiting for? Just do it! Take the plunge and beat the summer heat. Experience a long-standing summer tradition—floating and swimming in the Similkameen and Tulameen rivers.

Adventure along the shoreline, paddle the surface, or jump into the

waters of the Similkameen River. Take your kayak or canoe and spend a day or two exploring the Similkameen from Princeton's Bridge of Dreams to Keremeos' Red Bridge and beyond to the Chopaka Wooden Bridge

It's easy to let go of your cares as you drift between Princeton's old Brown Bridge and the Bridge of Dreams. You can go further

to PY Point, then on to Bromley Rock. Make a day of it and float near Keremeos' Red Bridge, or at Kobau Park in Cawston. There is a shuttle service here; however, arrangements must be made in advance. Contact the Visitor Centre for information.

Between Princeton and Hedley is Bromley Rock Provincial Park. It is renowned for its swimming, sandy riverside and a 50-foot boulder that rises from the river. Plan a picnic and then float your day away. This peaceful rest stop was once a traditional fishing ground for the Similkameen First Nation. Today, it's a place to cool off and make a summer memory.

Relax in our rivers. It's part of what makes your Similkameen experience rugged, rustic and real.

Guided Tours – by land or air

Let our guides show you the way. Hop in an air-conditioned van and meander your way from winery to winery as the experts show you a good time! For something different, take a helicopter tour and see the valley from above. Several of our wineries have helipads so you can get a bird's eye view of the valley and stunning views of the vineyards below. See our directory online or contact the Visitor Centre nearest you for more information.



Play in the Wilderness of Manning Park

There are plenty of activities year-round to keep you busy in Manning Park's vast wilderness of 83,671 hectares.

Throughout the spring, summer and fall, come enjoy the wildflowers, the wildlife, the fishing, and the hiking and mountain biking trails. There are trails here for beginner to experienced hikers. Go for an hour or take the entire day. In the winter, spend your days snowshoeing and skiing (both Nordic and Alpine) or go tubing at the Polar Coaster Park.

Take a drive up the paved and winding road to the Cascade Lookout. Soak up

the sights of the hills and jagged peaks as they roll towards the horizon. At night, it's a great spot for star gazing.

Take in an event like Spring Fest in March and the Lantern Festival in August.

There are plenty of places here to rest your head and get a good night's sleep. Manning Park Lodge has queen rooms, new premium cabins, chalets and a large 50+ group facility called the Last Resort.

Manning Park is three hours from Vancouver or the Okanagan Valley and a mere 45 minutes from Princeton. manningpark.com



Hike Manning Park's pristine trails

Take a walk to Princeton's Swan Lake Bird Sanctuary

Take a Walk

Hike, walk or ramble your way along the scenic trails of the Similkameen. With hikes both on and off the grid, there's a path for travellers of all abilities. Princeton's Swan Lake Bird Sanctuary offers visitors marked trails, bird blinds, a kettle lake surrounded by a riparian zone, and an abundance of wildflowers and wildlife. Cameras are a must here!

Marked trails wind through Manning Park and Cathedral Lakes Park leading to storybook landscapes and awe-inspiring views. Princeton's China Ridge Trails offer a welcome escape in nature close to town.

Walk in the footsteps of our earliest explorers on 160 km (99 mi) of heritage trails in Princeton and surrounding communities. Link to our past on the Kettle Valley Rail Trail. Learn the secrets of the 74 km (46 mi) Hudson Bay Company 1849 Trail which runs from Tulameen to Hope.

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It's a kaleidoscope of colour from spring until fall. Our landmark fruit stands are where you'll find just-picked produce and locally-made preserves. Bite into

a piece of fresh-baked pie made from just about every tree fruit you can imagine. Try one made with our sweet Ambrosia apple, a chance seedling that was

first cultivated right here in Cawston in the 1990s. If you're not travelling as far as Keremeos and Cawston, shop our smaller weekly farmers' markets in Princeton and Hedley.



Keremeos fruit stands - where fresh means picked that morning

Four Season Fishing

Fish during all four seasons and you are sure to have some great fish stories to take home. The Similkameen is one of the best spots to angle for trout, mountain whitefish and the elusive west slope cutthroat. Anglers have been lured to our rivers and lakes since time immemorial. Fresh water fishing is easily accessible from many sites along BC Highways 3 and 5A; there's plenty to catch in Similkameen waters no matter what the season.

Imagine a relaxing day with a handtied fly, dry hip waders and the sweet dream of landing the "big one." Allison Lake near Princeton is teeming with rainbow trout. Drop your line in the secluded Chain, Osprey or Link lakes along

the Princeton–Summerland backroad and drink in the glories of the great outdoors while you're waiting for something to bite. Otter Lake in Tulameen is the largest lake in the Similkameen and a favourite spot for locals. The only competition you'll find here are the raptors fishing alongside you.

Cast your rod in the Ashnola, Tulameen or Similkameen Rivers and angle for rainbows and mountain whitefish. With fast running currents and deep watery pools, the only thing to distract you from landing the big one is the breathtaking scenery.

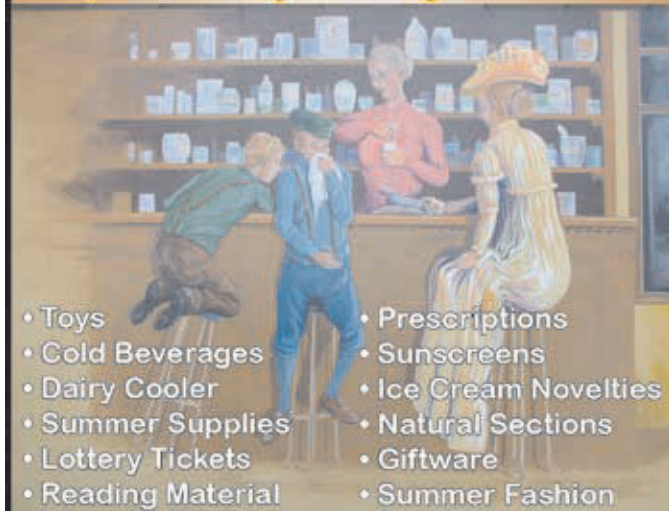
Head out to cattle country around Princeton where the fish are always biting in Allison, Otter, McKenzie,

McCaffrey, and Dry lakes. Ice fishing on most of our Princeton lakes starts in mid-December and runs through to March. This is mountain country so be prepared with the right gear and you'll have a whopper of a story to take home. There are literally hundreds of

places to start your next fish story. Grab your tackle box and BC Fishing Licence; cast about in our waters and you'll soon be hooked on the Similkameen. Visit the Princeton Outdoor Supply store for directions to where the fish are biting!



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We consider our wildlife one of the true treasures of our valley. Explore the richness of our diverse ecosystem and abundant wildlife at the Meadowlark Festival and Manning Park's Bird Blitz each spring.



Panning for gold in the Similkameen River near Princeton

Similkameen Spring

In the spring our rivers swell with runoff and our rapids course more quickly. This is the most adventurous season for paddling. Our wildlife emerges and lower elevation trails once blanketed in snow reveal themselves to hikers and mountain bikers anxious to get outside and play.

Make sure you have mountain bike tires on your bike to avoid disappointment. Princeton is a great place to start

your bicycle tour along the Kettle Valley Rail Trail.

Bird lovers can drive 6 km (4 mi) from Princeton and settle into one of two bird blinds and watch for migratory birds at the Swan Lake Bird Sanctuary.

As the days get longer, the valley comes alive with rodeos. Get your cowboy on at the Chopaka, Princeton and Keremeos rodeos as the pros show you how it's done.



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- Swimming
- Tubing
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- Wildlife Viewing
- Wineries

Similkameen Valley & Area

Map: Roger Handberg

Inset Map: Keremeos

- Red Bridge
- Memorial Park
- Museum
- Skate Park
- Riparian Nature Park & Trail
- Pine Park
- Rodeo Grounds

Inset Map: Princeton

- Airport
- Splash Park
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- Visitor Centre
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- Town hall

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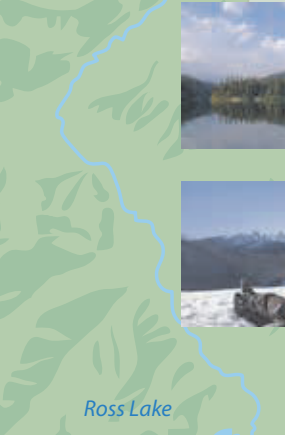
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Distance chart (Approximate drive times)

Princeton to Manning Park	45 minutes
Princeton to Coalmont	20 minutes
Princeton to Tulameen	30 minutes
Princeton to Hedley	30 minutes
Princeton to Keremeos	45 minutes
Keremeos to Cawston	10 minutes
Keremeos to Pentiction	30 minutes
Keremeos to Osoyoos	30 minutes
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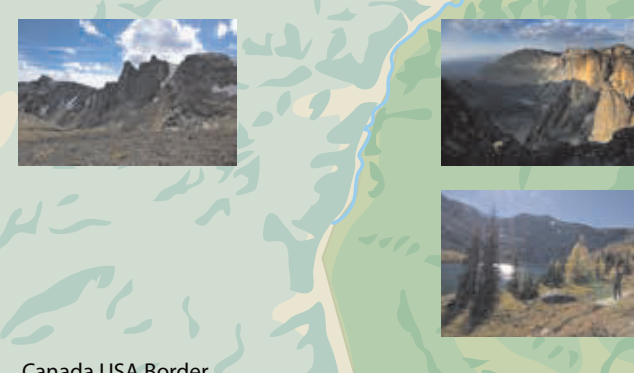
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Princeton Museum

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Camp beneath a blanket of stars. Compete in the Fat Dog 120 trail or Ultra520K Canada endurance triathlon races. Float our rivers

from Princeton to Bromley Rock, or paddle them by kayak or canoe. Drop your line in the water to see what's biting.

Hear about our storied past at the Princeton Museum as you learn how our ancestors lived in a pioneer cabin, rode in the Welby stagecoach or the native canoe, and how they put out fires with the antique fire truck. Learn about our history at our museums in Hedley, Keremeos, and Princeton.

At the Grist Mill and Gardens, you can take a culinary and craft workshop, do some plein air painting in the gardens, take in a cultural history presentation, or enjoy a tea party. For a tasty treat, explore our award-winning wineries. As you sip and sample you'll discover for yourself why the Lower Similkameen has become known as one of BC's finest wine growing regions.

Invite yourself to our parties... Tulameen Family Days, Kars Under the K, the Princeton Traditional Music Festival and the Similkameen Sizzle, Canada's only hot pepper festival, are just a few of our seasonal celebrations to help make the most of your time in the valley! For more events visit our website at similkameenvalley.com/play/events



Manning Park

Sleep Beneath the Stars

Get away from it all and have a peaceful slumber beneath the stars. Unplug from your hectic life and reconnect to nature by camping in the Similkameen. Get a good night's rest at RV parks and provincial campgrounds, or in a guest suite at a peaceful orchard. For something completely different, bed down in a real log cabin.

Make sure you take in the 35th annual Mt. Kobau Star Party, southwest of Cawston, which begins at dusk August 4, and ends at dawn August 12, 2018. (mksp.ca)

Stop in to the local Visitor Centre and find out where the best log cabins and RV and camping spots are located.

Get close to nature, camping in Manning Park.



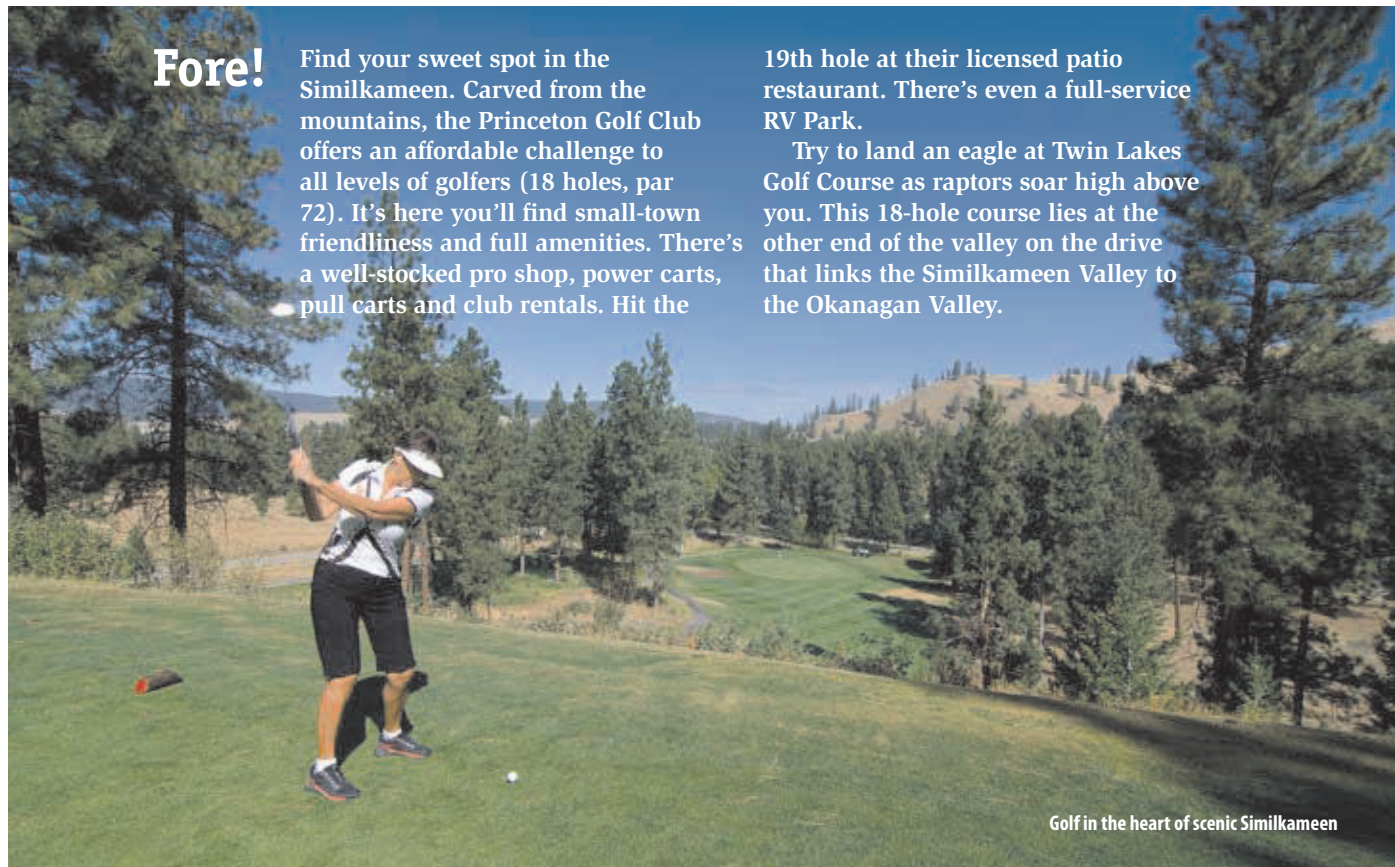
Main background photo: Wild flowers grow on the fringes of an orchard in Cawston

Fore!

Find your sweet spot in the Similkameen. Carved from the mountains, the Princeton Golf Club offers an affordable challenge to all levels of golfers (18 holes, par 72). It's here you'll find small-town friendliness and full amenities. There's a well-stocked pro shop, power carts, pull carts and club rentals. Hit the

19th hole at their licensed patio restaurant. There's even a full-service RV Park.

Try to land an eagle at Twin Lakes Golf Course as raptors soar high above you. This 18-hole course lies at the other end of the valley on the drive that links the Similkameen Valley to the Okanagan Valley.



Golf in the heart of scenic Similkameen

Autumn Abundance

We grow good eats in the Lower Similkameen and autumn is one of the best times to visit when our

fruit stands and farmers markets are bursting at the seams. You can't miss them; dozens of fruit stands, brimming with seasonal displays create a rainbow

of colour along the highway between Keremeos and Cawston.

We love to celebrate the harvest and we have plenty of events to go along with the shorter days and cooler nights. The Similkameen Sizzle celebrates hot peppers while the Grist Mill celebrates the harvest.

Let's not forget that autumn also means it's time to experience your first crush. Winemakers are busy harvesting, crushing and pressing their grapes as part of the process of making delicious wine.

In the Upper Similkameen autumn is also a time where the valley glows in shades of gold, green and amber. It's the kind of light photographers dream of. Head out to Coalmont and Tulameen, up Hwy 5A and Hwy 3, or take a trip to Cathedral Lakes and Manning Park for some great scenery and wildlife photography.

The Princeton and District Agriculture Fall Fair is always a hit with families. At Halloween, there's the Princeton Halloween Festival and the Zombie Walk!



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Snow Fun!

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Grab your toboggan and enjoy the day on our hills. Explore by snowshoe or skis, snowboard or snowmobile. Try your hand at ice fishing, or a pick-up game of hockey on an outdoor rink in Tulameen, just like the locals do.

Go backcountry sledding through mountain trails and alpine bowls from Princeton and Tulameen to Olalla. Experience China Ridge, Apex Mountain or Manning Park beneath the glow of a full moon as you snowshoe or cross-country ski across the powder snow. Ride Manning Park's Blue Chair and ski fresh dry powder all the way down. Nordic ski or snowshoe China Ridge for some spectacular winter scenery. The flat Airport X-Country Ski Track in Princeton is a 4-km (2.5 mi) oval training track. Access it from the weather station.

Warm up at our wineries' holiday open houses and stick around to light up the night as you enjoy some of our warmest holiday traditions.



Lots of snow fun to be had in Manning Park

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Meet the Locals

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Veterans Square lies in the heart of Princeton

The Similkameen Valley is known for its eclectic small towns, rolling orchards, sprawling ranches, vineyards, lakes and rivers. We live life at a relaxed pace here. It's here you'll find quintessential Canadian charm. Come and explore,

meet the locals, and sit for a bit. We'll be happy to share our secrets of the Similkameen with you.

Manning Park

Manning Provincial Park is a great place for an affordable ski get-away in winter and is

a short drive from Princeton. Get outside and discover our wilderness wildflowers in the spring, summer and fall. When the endless trails and crystal clear lakes beckon you, go to them. Hike and camp in the wilderness or kick back at a full-service family resort.

Accommodations: RV and tent campsites, hostel, and Manning Park Resort.

Princeton

Get away from it all in Princeton and its bedroom communities of Coalmont, Tulameen, and Osprey Lake. Stop and breathe in the fresh air and sunshine while you discover our mountains, valleys, lakes, rivers and miles of back country roads. This is where the locals

go to explore wide-open spaces by trekking along the Kettle Valley Rail Trail, HBC Trail, China Ridge Trails, and the historic Dewdney Trail. Take the time to do some photography and bird watching at the Swan Lake Bird Sanctuary – just relax and unwind.

Join us at events like the Stan Thompson Memorial Rodeo or Tulameen Family Days. Explore Princeton's rich history at the Princeton Museum. Enjoy the small-town hospitality at many family-operated restaurants and stores in Princeton. Accommodations: motels, RV camping, and vacation rental homes.

Hedley

Come to the eclectic hamlet

of Hedley. People still pan for gold in the Similkameen River and the mouth of Hedley/20-mile Creek. Stop in at the Mountain Mist on Scott Avenue in Hedley for panning equipment or to connect with a guide to take you to the good panning spots.

The mine may be closed, but you can still take a tour of the Snaza'ist Discovery Centre and learn about our First Nations and mining history. Visit the Hedley Museum to explore insightful exhibits and the evolution of our town. Stop in for a coffee at the Hitching post or the Nickle Plate and chat with the locals. Accommodations: RV and tent camping, and a hostel.

Keremeos and Cathedral Lakes

Keremeos is surrounded by jagged mountains and framed by the Similkameen River. This is where many of our Similkameen winemakers call home.

Once you experience the lush lands with orchards, vineyards and farms, you'll understand why Keremeos is the Fruit Stand Capital of Canada. It's here where you buy the freshest Similkameen-grown produce at seasonal fruit stands and markets.

Stop at the Keremeos Visitors Centre on 7th Avenue in Memorial Park and relax in the park. Let the kids play in the water park and enjoy the playground. Come inside the Visitor Centre for a tour and view the murals that depict the history of the South Similkameen. Historic landmarks, the building of the Great Northern Railway, pictures of First Nations residents, homesteads, and

ranch life are all depicted here. Enjoy the stories of the past and present as you converse with our volunteers and staff.

You can start, or add to, your Similkameen Bead Trail experience with the purchase of the Information Centre Pepper Bead. Pick up the map that will guide you on to your next bead.

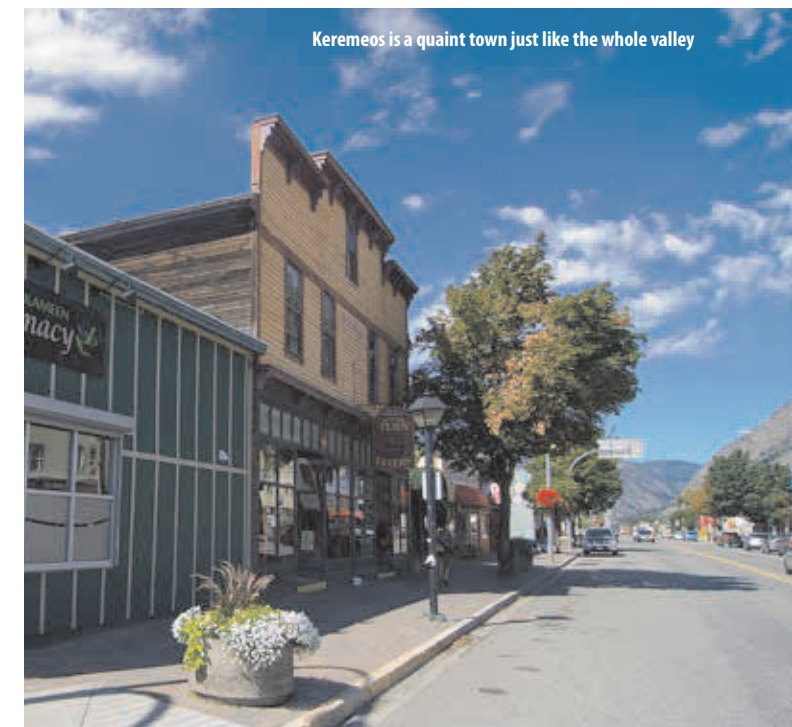
Learn more about our past with a visit to the historic Grist Mill and Gardens. Take in an event or concert or walk the grounds of Western Canada's only working water wheel powered flour mill.

Keremeos is a great starting point for outdoor adventures at the Ashnola recreation area and Cathedral Provincial Park. Accommodations include modest family-run motels, RV and tent camping, B&Bs, Cathedral Lakes Lodge.

Cawston

Cawston is just east of Keremeos in what's known

Keremeos is a quaint town just like the whole valley



as The Organic Farming Capital of Canada. Aside from great organic produce and wineries there is an abundance of hiking trails on almost every terrain imaginable. Dress for trails

that range from cactus and sagebrush desert to sub-alpine meadows. Accommodations include orchard and vineyard guest suite stays and B&Bs.

Coalmont

It was once a junction on the Kettle Valley Railway, and today it's known for great outdoor recreation and fishing. Find your way to White Sands Beach, south of Coalmont, on the banks of the Tulameen River, for the perfect spot to spend a summer's day.

Tulameen

You'll find Tulameen on the south end of Otter Lake. In the summer, relax, swim, boat, waterski and fish for lake trout. In the winter, there's a great covered outdoor ice rink, fun dances and swap meets! Celebrations throughout the year include a snowmobile poker run, a winter carnival, a fishing derby and Family Days.



Coalmont, home of outdoor recreation

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*You'll find these fresh, delightful
taste treats at our fruit stands, farmers'
markets, eateries, and wineries*

Fresh from the Farm

There's nothing like farm fresh produce. The Similkameen is well known for growing mouth-watering sun-kissed fruits and vegetables, which you'll find proudly displayed at fruit stands throughout the valley from spring to late fall. We have succulent cherries, peaches, apricots, crisp apples, fresh vegetables, and more than 200 varieties of peppers here. You'll also find a tasty assortment of Similkameen honey, jams, preserves, chutney, pies, juices and wine vinegars. Our growers toil side-by-side to produce a bounty of seasonal crops in a place where agriculture is a way of life. Many of our farmers have worked the family farm for generations. Others are new to the area, brimming with great ideas.

Winemakers craft grapes

and fruit into award-winning vintages that pair beautifully with meals, appies or cheese platters. Take time to savour them while relaxing in the sun on one of our patios.

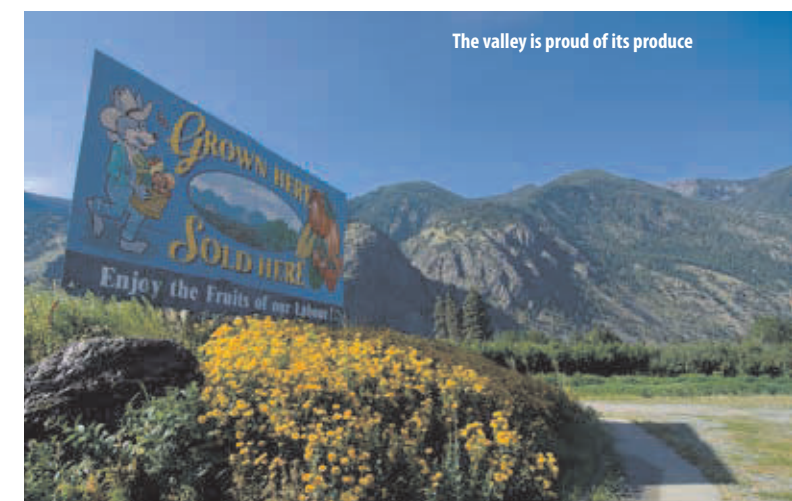
In the summer, beat the heat with one of our delicious apple or pear ciders. These traditional, hard ciders come in a range of styles from dry to semi-sweet, and some are even blended with other fruits to create delightful summer sippers.

You can taste the freshness at our local eateries, as many take pride in creating their dishes from locally sourced ingredients.

Want to stay at a working farm? Stop in at the Keremeos Visitor Center to learn which farms and orchards have accommodation to suit your needs.



Fruit right off the tree makes for a lasting memory



The valley is proud of its produce

The Fruit Stand Capital of Canada

Living up to its reputation as the Fruit Stand Capital of Canada, the highway between Keremeos and Cawston is where you'll find a rainbow of colourful stands dotting the landscape. You can meet some of the friendliest people here over a bushel basket of fresh greens or a pile of pumpkins. You'll find growers who've just delivered their crops, professional chefs and home cooks shopping for produce in bulk, and folks just stopping to gather picnic supplies for a hike.

Many of the fruit stands have been here for over 100 years, offering an array of just-harvested fruits and vegetables. Things have changed somewhat over the years. You can now find exotic Indian dishes, East Asian fashions, and the handiwork of local artisans as well. It's a little something different that reflects the diversity of the Similkameen Valley.

Canada's Organic Farming Capital

This area earned the title of the Organic Capital of Canada because it has the

highest concentration of organic farms in Canada. There are almost 100 certified organic farms in the Lower Similkameen Valley. Growing healthy food sustainably is the hallmark of the Organic Farming Institute of BC, headquartered in the Similkameen. The near-desert climate here provides fantastic growing conditions for grapes, fruits and vegetables, honey, turkey and more.

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Seasonal Farmers' Markets

You can get great seasonal fruit and produce at our farmers' markets across the valley. You'll also find farm-fresh produce and a huge selection of locally crafted works of art at weekly open-air markets in Hedley. Look around wineries and coffee shops and you might find other examples of preserves and local art on display. ➤

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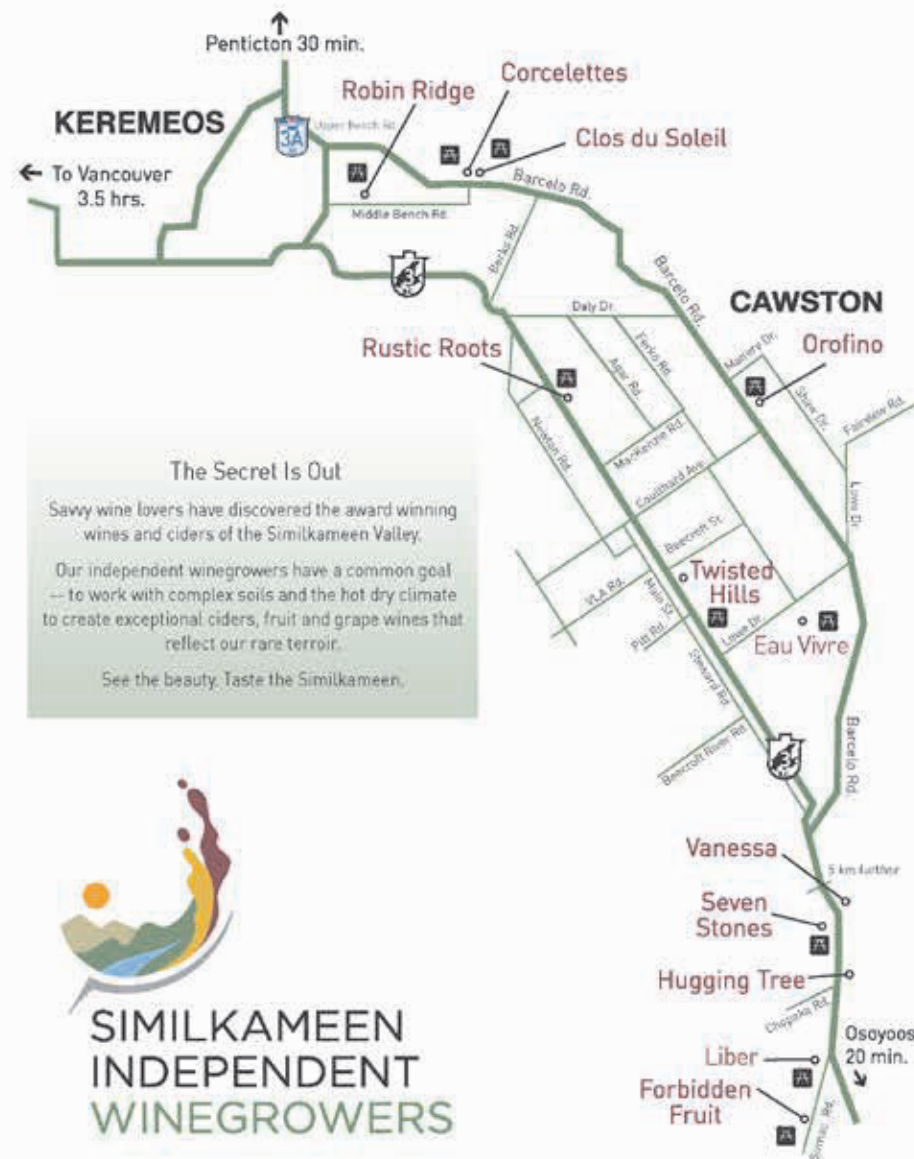
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Our Wineries

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are about the wine they produce.

Swirl, Sniff, Sip

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Photo Kim Laverton

A small sampling of the wines available here



Celebrating the vintage at the Forbidden Fruit Winery, Cawston

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We have 18 wineries, including a cidery in the Similkameen. Winemakers here grow a variety of grapes that are suited to their specific vineyards. Varieties include: Chasselas, Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. Our award-winning wineries

consistently turn out grape and fruit wines and ciders that are recognized as some of the best in the world.

The cidery and fruit wineries use organically grown fruit because of the favourable conditions here and a commitment to respecting our land.

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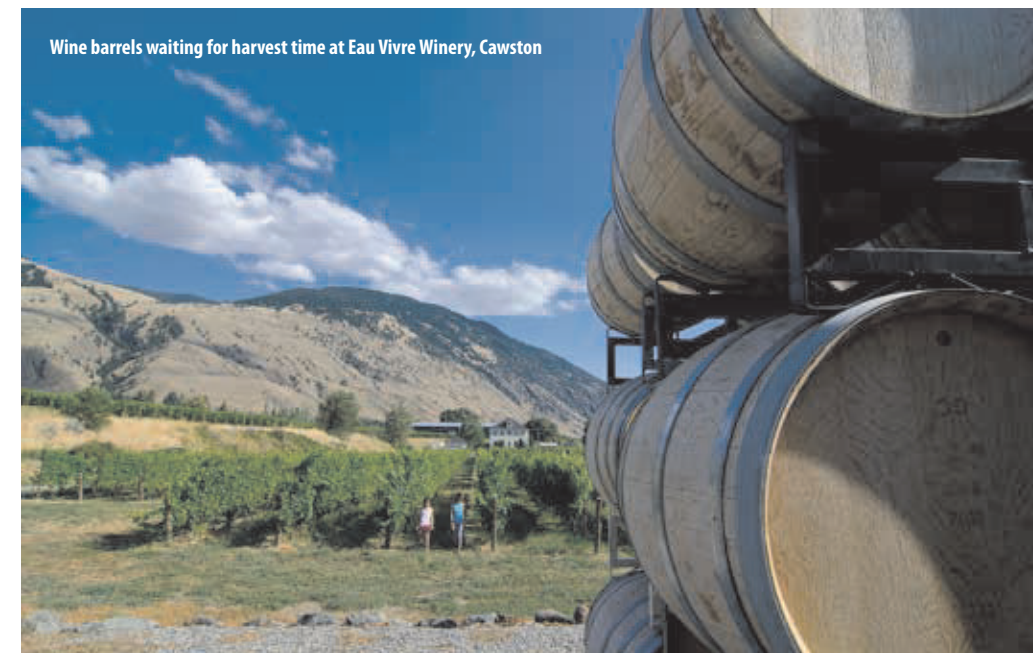
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Where to Sip

Down-home hospitality makes the tasting experience in the Similkameen Valley one you'll never forget. Our wine and cider makers are happy to talk to you and share stories about their wines. Meet them in their tasting rooms or on sun-drenched patios overlooking beautiful vineyards. At some, you may even see cowboys wrangle horses in paddocks below. Sip beneath the shade of a 100-year old apple tree. Overlook the shores of the Similkameen River or venture deep into a cave built for wine storage and special events and tastings. Many restaurants and pubs in the Similkameen serve our wines and craft beers.

Open Seasonally
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May and October (and for one special weekend every December) our tasting rooms and special events provide an intimate winery experience with winemakers. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a taste of wine with your meal on a vineyard patio. Come on your own or with an organized tour. Make a weekend of it for the full Similkameen experience.

Winery Events

We have lots to be thankful for here, and we love celebrating it! Winery events like Seven Stones' Vertical Tastings held in their underground cave and our wineries' Christmas Open Houses are always fun. Come celebrate Similkameen wines with us. similkameenvalley.com/events



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You won't go hungry at the Vermilion Fork, Princeton

The Eateries

The mouth-watering flavours of the Similkameen are really good, really fresh, and really easily accessible. From eclectic dining scenes to down-home cooking in Princeton, Keremeos, Hedley and Cawston, there are plenty of ways to satisfy your craving for authentic

Similkameen flavour.

Travel to Keremeos and you may be surprised at the diverse eateries tucked away here. Benja Thai is known throughout the region as "Thai worth the drive". There's also the Branding Iron Bar and the Ranch Restaurant. Up the road at the Crowsnest Winery, come enjoy the patio and Sasha's

home-made pizza baked in a wood fire oven during the summer! They also have a full tapas bar.

For something exotic, check out Sanderson Farms Fruit stand and Samosa Garden Restaurant, known for homemade pakoras, samosas and a wide range of curries. Harker's Organics Barn Door Bistro is a small quaint organic bistro with seasonally inspired dishes, daily baking, take-away, organic slushies, coffee and ice cream.

Tree to Me is the place to go for a walk through a lavender patch, have a bite in the café, or for some scrumptious pie, tarts or chocolate cake in the bakery. For gluten-free alternatives check out Valu-Plus Foods for a line of gluten-free treats baked on site.

The Grist Mill and Gardens has a delicious Sunday brunch made with fresh heritage ingredients grown onsite. They also offer a series of affordable outdoor long-table dinners every two weeks through the summer. Each dinner will showcase what's peak of season in our part of the Similkameen Valley. They also have a great takeout menu that includes picnic baskets to take and enjoy either in the gardens or to take with you as you explore the Similkameen Valley. This working agricultural site with Victorian-style ornamental gardens grow heritage varieties of apples, wheat, tomatoes, carrots, and some odd crops like Zucca melons from Africa where gourds can weigh up to 120 lbs.

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in Hedley. Stop by for a cup of coffee or a bite to eat at the Hitching Post. This rugged and rustic restaurant is known for its hospitality and its locally grown fare. There's also the Nickleplate Restaurant where you'll find generous portions and delicious house made soups! Down the highway, at Doug's Homestead Gourmet Meats, (6 km/3.4 mi west of Hedley) you'll

find handcrafted jerky, pepperoni, sausages, smoked bacon, artisan cheese, and more. Guess the cost of your pepperoni and get it for free! In Princeton, breathe in the fresh air on the outdoor patio at Thomasina's or the Vermillion Fork as you enjoy the ambiance and great made-from-scratch tasty treats. Check out the Mediterranean fare at the



Little Creek Grill, where the desserts are delicious and they also have gluten free options. Family friendly fare and great breakfasts can be found at Billy's Family Restaurant, named for gentleman train robber, Billy Miner. Locals love to tell visitors about the burgers and sandwiches at the Brown Bridge Pub. When you taste one you'll

know how yummy they are! Enjoy a fantastic view and thin crust pizza on the patio at Livin' It Fitness. There are also several quaint and quirky coffee shops in Princeton that offer fantastic coffee and great lunch choices. You're sure to enjoy your culinary adventure in the flavourful Similkameen Valley.

Events

Celebrate the best of the Similkameen, at rodeos and trail races, and at music, food and wine, and other festivals throughout the year. These dates are for 2018 events. For more information on these and future events, visit SimilkameenValley.com/events, or stop by our Visitor Centres. We'll tell you what's on the calendar when you visit.

JANUARY

- > Minor Hockey & Curling bonspiels – Princeton
- > Candlelight Ski and Snowmobile Poker Run – Princeton
- > Snowmobile Poker Run – Tulameen
- > Monthly Pancake Breakfast – Hedley – 2nd Sunday of the month 8 - 10 am

FEBRUARY

- > Princeton Rotary Wine Festival
- > Minor Hockey & Curling bonspiels – Princeton



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MARCH

- > Bear Trap Telemark Festival – Manning Park
- > Spring Fest at Manning Park
- > Figure Skating Show – Princeton
- > St. Patrick's Day Festivities – Princeton

APRIL

- 1 Chopaka Rodeo – Cawston
- 1 Don and Anna's Easter Fun Day – Keremeos
- 1 Moonlight Ski Down – Manning Park
- 28 Similkameen Garden Club Plant Sale – Princeton
- > Theatre: Crimson Tine Players – Princeton
- > Earth Day Activities - Princeton



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MAY

- 12 Memorial Team Roping, Exhibition Grounds – Princeton
- 13 Highland Dancers Spring Fling & Tea – Princeton
- 18-20 Polo Retreat 7 – Bike Polo – Hedley
- 19 Motocross Championships – Princeton
- 19 Table de Famille dinner series – Corcelles Winery and Tree to Me – Keremeos
- 20-21 Elk's Rodeo – Keremeos
- 17-21 Meadowlark Festival – throughout the valley
- 26 Vertical Tasting of Chardonnay – Caves at Seven Stones – Cawston
- 26 Princeton Health Fair
- 26 Emergency Services Demo Day
- 30 Mining Day – Princeton
- 31 Princeton Jet Flyers – Model Jet Plane Rally
- > Similkameen Heritage Festival – Grist Mill Keremeos



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JUNE

- 2 Rotary Charity Golf Tournament
- 6 Sr. Men's Open Golf Tournament
- 9-10 Stan Thompson Memorial Rodeo – Princeton
- 9-10 Princeton Drag Racing
- 15-17 Keremeos Bluegrass Country Jamboree
- 15-17 Manning Park Bird Blitz – Manning Park
- 15-17 Devour Food and Film Fest featuring Similkameen Wines – Osoyoos
- 16 Winemakers Dinner – Caves at Seven Stones – Cawston
- 23 Table de Famille dinner series – Corcelettes Winery and Tree to Me – Keremeos
- 29-1 Princeton Days, Mixed Open Golf Tournament, parade, pancake breakfast, duck race, dance – Princeton

JULY

- 1 Canada's Birthday Celebrations – throughout the valley
- 1 Princeton Days
- 7 Princeton Show & Shine Car Show
- 7-8 Princeton Drag Racing
- 13-15 Ball Buster Slo-Pitch Tournament – Princeton
- 14 Legion 9-hole Golf Tournament – Princeton
- 21 Winemakers Dinner – Caves at Seven Stones – Cawston
- 21 Parks Day Celebrations – Manning Park
- 21 Table de Famille dinner series – Corcelettes Winery and Tree to Me – Keremeos
- 22 Vertical tasting Meritage – Caves at Seven Stones – Cawston
- > Concert & Workshop series at Grist Mill and Gardens

AUGUST

- 4 Tulameen Family Days
- 4 Lights on Lightning Lake Lantern Festival – Manning Park
- 4-6 Ultra520 Canada Triathlon – Similkameen Valley
- 4-12 Mt. Kobau Star Party – Mt. Kobau
- 5 Kars Under the K – Keremeos
- 10-12 Fat Dog 120 endurance trail race – Cathedral to Manning Park
- 11-12 RCMP Musical Ride – Princeton
- 17-19 Princeton Traditional Music Festival – Princeton
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- 18 Winemakers Dinner – Caves at Seven Stones – Cawston
- 18-19 Men's Open Golf Tournament – Princeton
- 25 Two Day – Two Lady Golf Tournament – Princeton
- 25 Table de Famille dinner series – Corcelettes Winery and Tree to Me – Keremeos

Background photo: The Grist Mill and Gardens, a working 1877 water wheel powered flour mill, hosts many events

Events

- 31 Similkameen Pow Wow – Keremeos
- > Concert & Workshop series at Grist Mill and Gardens

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Wings on the Wind Kite Festival – Manning Park
- 1-2 Princeton Drag Racing
- 1-2 Similkameen Pow Wow – Keremeos
- 8 2018 HBC Brigade Trail UltraRace
- 8 Harker's Organics Apple Tree Dinner – Cawston
- 8-9 Princeton Agricultural Fall Fair
- 14-15 Family Dance & Similkameen Sizzle – Keremeos
- 15 Winemakers Dinner – Caves at Seven Stones – Cawston
- 15 Ladies in Pink Golf Tournament – Princeton
- 20-23 Princeton Jet Flyers – Model Jet Plane Rally – Princeton
- 22-23 Princeton Motocross Championships
- 23 Superintendents Cross Country Golf Tournament – Princeton
- > Heritage Fall Fair at the Grist Mill & Gardens

OCTOBER

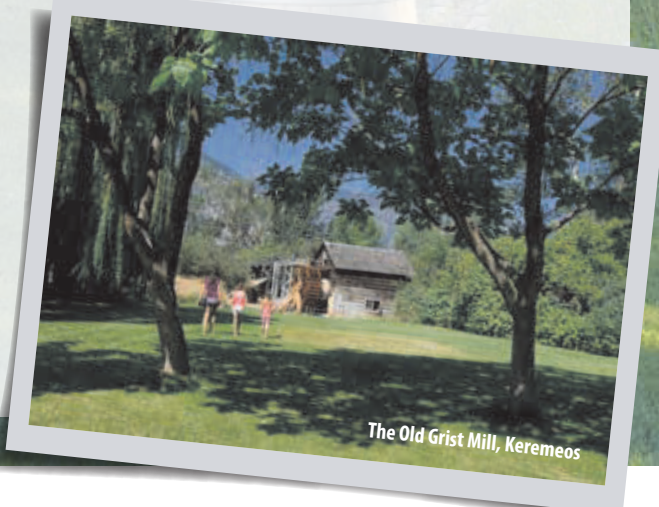
- 13-14 Astronomy Weekend – Manning Park
- 27 Zombie Walk and Family Halloween Festival – Princeton
- > Apple Day at the Grist Mill & Gardens – Keremeos

NOVEMBER

- 11 Remembrance Day throughout the Similkameen Valley
- 24 Christmas Light up – Princeton
- 30-1 Crimson Tine Players Winter Theatre Production – Princeton

DECEMBER

- 1 Crimson Tine Players Winter Theatre Production – Princeton
- 7-8 Christmas Light up – Keremeos
- > Similkameen Country Christmas Wineries Open House Tours



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