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Fun Outdoor Activities to Do in British Columbia

British Columbia is a land of active vacations, with options to suit everyone from reluctant weekend warriors to hard-core athletes.

1. Camping

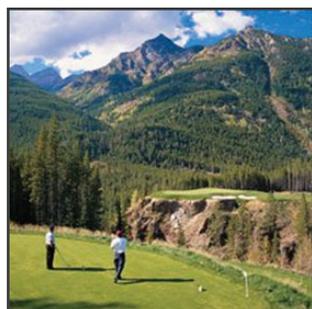
BC boasts a huge variety of camping facilities: 7 national parks, almost 900 provincial parks and protected areas, more than 1,200 recreation sites, and hundreds of private campgrounds and RV parks. Many campsites are accessible by car or RV; others provide a rustic wilderness experience.

Relax around a crackling campfire, surrounded by stars and the Canadian Rockies. Embark on an RV adventure along the famous Alaska Highway. Or, climb into your tent and fall asleep to the sounds of the Pacific Ocean.

Combine camping with activities such as hiking, fishing, biking, hot springs or historic sites. Head out with a single location in mind or sample multiple campsites on a driving tour.



2. Golf



British Columbia has long enjoyed a reputation as one of the best places in North America to go golfing.

In 2007, the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) named BC the Best Golf Destination in North America; in 2008, a British Columbia golf course was chosen by Golf Digest as the best new course in Canada. In 2010, SCOREGolf selected its top five golf new courses in the country... three are in BC!

The Province's popularity is due in large part to world-class courses designed by leading-edge golf architects. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Les Furber are among the many who have worked their magic here.

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3. Ziplining & Bungee Jumping

Ziplining gives the sensation of flying high above the forest floor. Strap into a secure and comfortable harness and traverse from tree to tree, propelled by gravity and zooming up to 100km/60mi per hour.

Ziplining companies in BC have lines that range in length, height, and speed, with many zipline courses suitable for the entire family. The number of ziplines in each course varies, but there can be as many as eight lines on a single tour.

For a huge adrenaline rush, go bungee jumping. British Columbia has two bungee jumping companies: WildPlay Nanaimo on Vancouver Island and Whistler Bungee in Whistler.



4. Guest Ranches & Horseback Riding



Guest/dude ranches in BC offer a wide range of vacation experiences: stay at a deluxe lodge with a luxurious spa, or “rough it” by sleeping outdoors or in a covered wagon. Opt for a working ranch and help herd and wrangle cattle with real cowboys. Ranches don’t just offer horseback riding; there are multiple activities to entertain non-riders and families. Indulge in a spa treatment or get fit with heart-pumping exercise classes. Head into the wilderness to hike, fish, canoe, swim and bike.

Practical Points

- Reservations are strongly recommended and in some cases required.
- The best time to visit ranches is from April to October, although some are open year-round.
- Most ranches offer packages starting at a minimum of three nights, and are usually

all-inclusive.

The choices are endless: wilderness or car-accessible camping in spectacular natural settings; single or multi-day hiking treks through backcountry; cycling along city paths or mountain biking down steep vertical terrain.

Source: HelloBC.com

Summer brings out aggressive knocks at the door

While you’re outside gardening or enjoying the weather on your front porch, others are also taking advantage of the situation: door-to-door salespeople.

“For a number of years now aggressive door-to-door salespeople promoting water heater rentals and replacements have been a top complaint of Ontario homeowners,” says John Macdonald, president and CEO of EnerCare Inc., a leading provider of energy efficient products, including water heater rentals. “We want to make sure that consumers know what to look out for if a salesperson comes to their home, so that they can make an informed decision.”

“We’re from your current water heater provider, utility or local municipality.” – Direct Energy, government agencies and utilities do not promote the exchange of water heaters door-to-door, so if someone says this, they are likely misrepresenting themselves.



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“Government regulations say your plastic venting materials need to be replaced due to safety reasons.”

– First, your water heater provider or utility would never send someone to your house for a service call unannounced. Second, regulations only require venting updates when a water heater is replaced and not before.

“We can replace your water heater free of charge.”

– You may be signing a long-term rental contract with a new company. Review the contract and take the time to do some research about this new company and their service.

“Our water heater is more efficient than the one you have in your home.” – There is no way of guaranteeing that the salesperson knows the age and type of water heater you currently have or the energy efficiency and savings from upgrading. We suggest you contact your service provider to ask them about any upgrade options.

“We need to see your current bills.” – Never share your personal information with a door-to-door salesperson because there is no reason they would ever need to see your bill.

“We need to look at your current water heater.” – Never permit a salesperson to invite themselves into your house. If you are interested in an upgrade, or in having your unit serviced, we suggest you contact your current provider and schedule an appointment.

You can learn more about how to better protect yourself against aggressive door-to-door sales people at www.FactsBeforeYouAct.ca.

Source: newscanada.com

British Columbia Day How did B.C. Day come to be a holiday?

The British Columbia Day Act, R.S.B.C. 1996 c.34 was first introduced in 1974 as Bill 61 by the Hon. Ernie Hall, the Provincial Secretary under Premier Dave Barrett.

The explanatory notes prefacing the bill states: “The purposes of this Bill is to recognize the pioneers of British Columbia by declaring the first Monday of August in each year to be a public holiday known as British Columbia Day.”



From the B.C. Debates, 4th Session, 30th Parliament, May 1, 1974, the Hon. Hall states, “August 1, or the closest working day to it, is a statutory holiday in every other province in Canada. By coincidence, an Act to provide to the Government of British Columbia, which changed us from the Colony of British Columbia, was passed by Parliament in the United Kingdom on August 2, 1858....”

“We feel that British Columbia, like every other province could benefit and should have a holiday around August 1. We feel that the holiday should be dedicated to the pioneers who built the colony of British Columbia into the great province it is today...”

Source: Government of British Columbia protocol.gov.bc.ca

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