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# SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY

TRAVEL EXPERIENCES GUIDE



Similkameen Valley

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EXPLORE THE SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY,  
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA



PRINCETON

Visit the **Princeton Visitor Centre** (open daily) and step into our exciting virtual reality room! While you're here, find out why Princeton is proudly known as the **Bronze Sculpture Capital of Canada**. Take a **self-guided walking tour** and uncover the stunning life-sized bronze statues that bring our community to life. 169 Bridge Street, Princeton, BC | 250.295.0235 | visitorinfo@princeton.ca

KEREMEOS

Centrally located at **Memorial Park**, an ideal place to stop along the highway. 417 7th Avenue, Keremeos, BC  
250.499.5225 | visitorcentre@similkameencountry.org

HEDLEY (SEASONAL)

Visit the **Hedley Heritage Museum** and **Hedley Visitor Centre** to uncover life in a gold-mining community in its heyday. Tour the main gallery, the replica mine portal, the Media Gallery, or take a self-guided walking tour to explore Hedley of yesteryear. Enjoy coffee & pastries in our Tea & Gift Shop. 712 Daly Avenue, Hedley, BC | 250.292.8787  
info@hedleymuseum.ca

MANNING PARK RESORT (SEASONAL)

Located 1 km East of Manning Park Resort on Hwy #3. Friendly staff, grassy area with picnic tables, interactive and informative displays of the park and history.

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For trip planning, events or things to do visit our website and access our local business directory. Contact our **Visitor Centres** for the latest information. Sign-up for our **Newsletter** and follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram**.

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Why not come in and see for yourself what a wonderful and unique destination Benja Thai Restaurant has become? We are sure you will agree, it's an experience worth coming back for.

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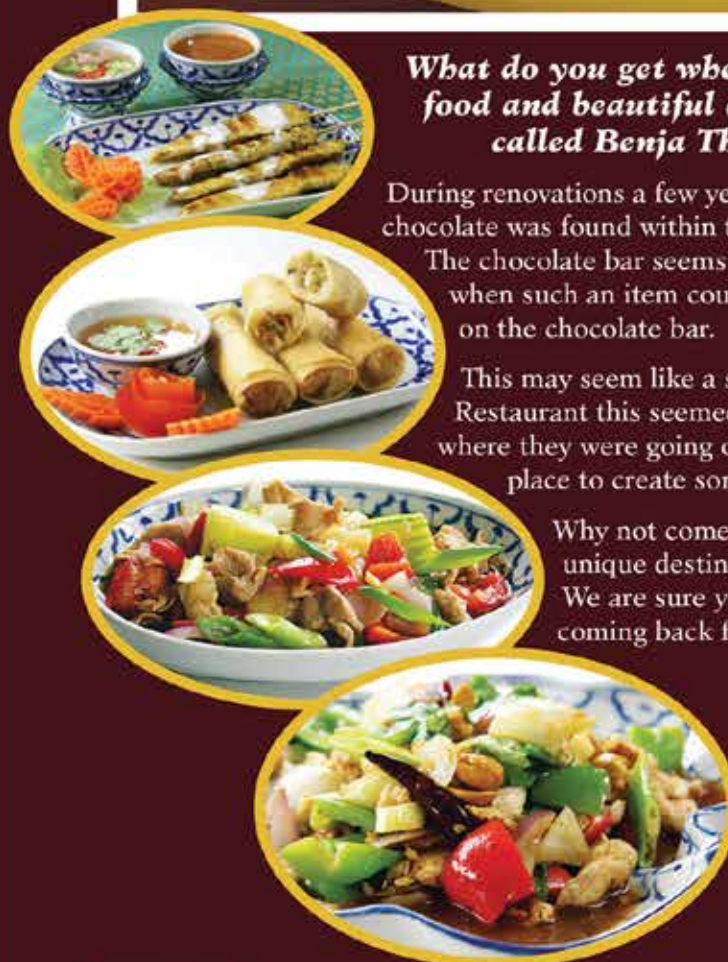
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**CLOSED:**

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**250.499.2561**

**516-7th Avenue, Keremeos**



# RUGGED RUSTIC REAL

The Similkameen Valley is the ancestral, traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx Nation, and is home to the Upper Similkameen Indian Band—the Similamix People—and the Lower Similkameen Indian Band—the Smelqmix People.

## THE SIMILKAMEEN RIVER IS THE HEART OF THE VALLEY

Here, life moves at a different pace—slow down, take your time, and linger a little longer as you travel the 140 km (87 mi) stretch of BC’s Crowsnest Highway 3, from Manning Park to Cawston. Along the way, take in rugged landscapes, winding roads, and the quiet charm of small-town hospitality.

Discover eclectic communities, working ranches, and family farms rooted in a rich past. Meet the locals in Princeton, Tulameen, Coalmont, Hedley, Keremeos, and Cawston, where stories of the land and a welcoming spirit are part of everyday life.

Carved over millions of years, the Similkameen River flows from the Cascade Mountains, shaping a diverse landscape of cliffs, meadows, forests, orchards, and vineyards. Long home to Indigenous peoples, this valley continues to reflect a deep connection to place—inviting both relaxation and exploration.

Find your inspiration in the places, people, and stories that shape the Similkameen Valley.

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## FIND YOUR RYTHM IN THE SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY

Where wide-open landscapes invite you to slow down and settle into the moment.

- Unwind in peaceful, expansive surroundings, no matter the season
- Reconnect with yourself in quiet, wide-open spaces
- Spend a slow day by the Similkameen or Tulameen Rivers—swimming, paddling, floating, or simply relaxing by the water
- Camp or RV at riverfront sites, farms, golf courses, and provincial parks
- Stay at an orchard, vineyard or private resort



China Ridge Recreation Area, near Princeton



## SIP & SAVOUR THE SIMILKAMEEN

Where every stop tells a story of the land. Savour flavours rooted in sun, soil, and the people who grow them.

- Sip and savour the valley’s terroir in Keremeos and Cawston—award winning wines, cider, craft spirits, and farm-fresh flavours, follow our Sip the Similkameen Trail Route
- Shop roadside farm stands and markets in Keremeos and Cawston—meet the growers and taste what’s in season – find out why we are known as Organic Farming Capital of Canada and Fruit Stand Capital of Canada
- Enjoy local cuisine—from casual farm to table bistros and bakeries to authentic Greek, Indian, Thai and European cuisine



Twisted Hills Craft Cider, Cawston



Princeton Visitor Centre



Vanessa Vineyard, Cawston



Vineyards Robin Ridge Winery, Keremeos



# EVENTS & GATHERINGS



Manning Park Resort



## EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

Step into diverse landscapes that invite you to wander. From mountains to rivers, trails to scenic drives, the outdoors is yours to discover.

- Walk, hike, or bike the trails at Manning Park Resort, China Ridge, and throughout Coalmont, Tulameen, Princeton, and Keremeos
- Explore provincial parks including Manning, Allison Lake, Otter Lake, Bromley Rock, Stemwinder, Nickel Plate, Keremeos Columns, and Cathedral Park (check access conditions in advance)
- Discover local ecosystems and wildlife at Swan Lake Nature Reserve
- Cruise the scenic two-lane highway, a favourite for motorcycle touring
- In winter, explore trails at Manning Park, China Ridge, and Nickel Plate—snowshoeing, Nordic skiing, downhill, and tubing
- Fish year-round in lakes and rivers, known for rainbow and brook trout
- Tee off at scenic courses in Princeton, Twin Lakes, or St. Andrews by the Lake
- Book a guided experience by vehicle, helicopter, or ATV



Mural in Keremeos – Follow the Mural Trail

## CULTURE & HERITAGE

Stories shaped by place and time. Discover the history, creativity, and character woven throughout the valley.

- Step into the past through self-guided cultural tours—murals, museums, heritage sites, gardens, and even a ghost town
- Visit galleries and studios showcasing local artists
- Walk Princeton’s Bronze Sculpture Trail, known as the Bronze Statue Capital of Canada
- Experience a virtual reality “kayak” journey along the Similkameen River at the Princeton Visitor Centre
- Visit the Grist Mill and Gardens, a provincial heritage site and the oldest operating flour mill in BC
- Learn of Indigenous History & Culture at the Hedley Heritage Museum

## CHECK OUT THE ANNUAL SIMILKAMEEN SIZZLE – Canada’s Only Hot Pepper Festival held in Keremeos in September

65+ vendors with spices, sauces, produce, arts, food trucks, kids entertainment, live music, beverage garden, Sip & Sizzle Tasting event & the infamous “Sear Factor” Hot Pepper Contest  
www.similkameencountry.org/events



## EXPERIENCE THE VALLEY IN MOTION

From local favourites to multi-community celebrations, check out what’s happening in the Similkameen Valley.

- Spring brings rodeo season, a true local tradition
- Sip, savour, and gather—wine crawls, cider tastings, artisan sprints, fruit soda, outdoor dining, live music, and farm-to-table experiences
- Celebrate community at signature events like the Meadowlark Festival and the Fat Dog 150
- Enjoy classic car shows that bring the community together
- Feel the heat at the Similkameen Sizzle—Canada’s only hot pepper festival
- Mountain fun events in all seasons at Manning Park Resort
- Explore artisan markets filled with local makers and handcrafted goods

Join us and discover what’s happening during your visit. Visit our events page online for the latest listings and seasonal highlights.

## Hedley Heritage Museum

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- Tea Room & Gift Shop • Tourist Information
- Guided Tours • Museum Gallery, Outstanding black & white photo collection, 1904 buildings and picnic park
- Telescope Viewing of Mascot Mine

## 2026 SEASON

Open six days a week 10 am to 4 pm  
May - September  
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## FOOD & DRINK

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W: www.forbiddenfruitwine.com

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W: www.robinridgewinery.com

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W: www.similkavista.com

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W: www.similkameenwine.com

## PLACES TO STAY

### MANNING PARK RESORT

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E: info@manningpark.com  
W: www.manningpark.com

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E: campgroundhost@princeton.ca  
W: www.discoverprinceton.ca/e/princeton-rv-campground

## THINGS TO DO

### HEDLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM SOCIETY

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W: www.hedleymuseum.ca

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W: www.princetongolfclub.com

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W: www.thewinkingpedlar.ca

# KEY PROVINCIAL PARKS

Lightning Lake, Manning Park

Provincial Parks



## Manning Park Resort

Year-round adventure and events await at E.C. Manning Provincial Park, a vast 83,671-hectare wilderness in the Cascade Mountains—don't miss the Cascade Lookout viewpoint and unforgettable stargazing under dark skies. In summer, paddle Lightning Lake with kayak, canoe, and paddleboard rentals, or explore scenic hiking and biking trails through wildflower-filled meadows. In winter, hit the slopes for downhill skiing, explore groomed cross-country trails, snowshoe through backcountry terrain, go tubing, or try winter camping surrounded by snow-covered peaks. Stay at Manning Park Resort with options ranging from forest camping and RV sites to cabins, chalets, lodge rooms, and the Skyview RV Campground. There is even a place for your horses. Start or end your day at the Loon Lagoon indoor pool, sauna, and hot tub. Refuel with a meal and a pint at the Pinewoods Restaurant or Bears Den Pub.

## Cathedral Park

Journey into Cathedral Park for a rugged backcountry experience with sweeping alpine views (check with BC Parks and Cathedral Lakes Lodge for current access). Hike through alpine meadows, past waterfalls, striking rock faces, and sparkling lakes. Watch for rainbow trout and wildlife such as mountain goats, mule deer, and bighorn sheep. In fall, the larch forest is especially striking. Stay in the lodge, an off-grid cabin, or camp beside a jewel-toned lake.

## Bromley Rock

Bromley Rock is a perfect summer picnic and swimming spot along the Similkameen River, for wading and cooling off. Always use caution, as river conditions change with weather and seasons. For the adventurous, swim across the river for a closer look at the 50-foot rock formation or explore the forest beyond.

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## A Rich History That Continues to Evolve

Our history is steeped in discovery and exploration. Learn of the legends of the Similkameen Indigenous peoples, walk in the footsteps of our pioneers, fur traders and prospectors and hear tales of the Granite Creek Gold Rush in Coalmont, the Nickle Plate mine in Hedley, and the days of the Hudson Bay Brigade. Learn more at our local museums throughout the valley where local historians share their knowledge. Visit the Hedley Heritage Museum and discover our roots at the Princeton Museum and the South Similkameen Museum in Keremeos.

Create your own legends filled with grit and adventure along the wilderness trails of China Ridge, Manning Park Resort, Cathedral Park, and the Hudson Bay Company Brigade Trail. Step back in time at the Grist Mill & Gardens, a BC Heritage site. Discover more on the cultural and historical self-guided mural walks in Keremeos and Princeton and check out the mural in Hedley too!



Grist Mill & Gardens, BC Heritage Site

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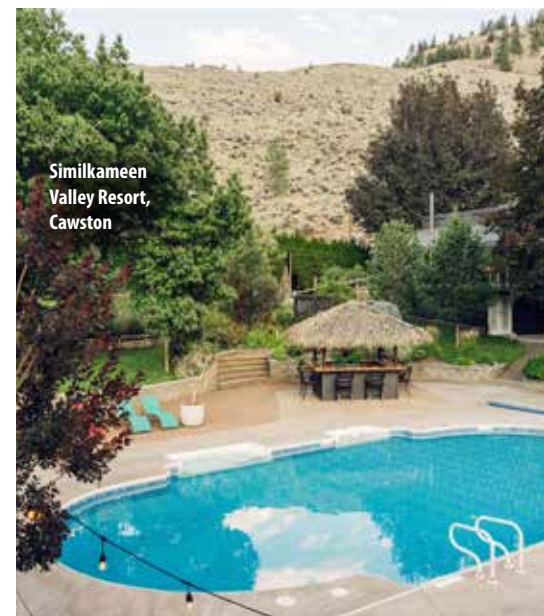


Skyview RV Campground, Manning Park Resort

## Stay With Us Year Round

Choose from a quaint inn, guest house, B&B, suite, motel in town, heritage site, orchard, vineyard, private riverside acreage (with a pool and hot tub). Manning Park Resort provides lodge, cabins and boarding for horses. For camping, RVing, options range from remote tenting spots to fully serviced sites. Many locations are river view, riverfront, on acreage, on a golf course, near towns and trails or choose from 7 Provincial Parks with campgrounds many with RV options.

STAY WITH US



Similkameen Valley Resort, Cawston

# Experience the Magic of Manning



## CABINS, CHALETS & LODGE ROOMS

With a variety of accommodation options, we have something for everyone including Cabins (Standard Cabins, Premium and Premium+ Cabins), Chalets and Lodge Rooms to fit every budget and need. Manning Park Resort also offers a Loon Lagoon (indoor pool, hot tubs, sauna and steam), the Pinewoods Restaurant and the Bears Den Pub.

## SUMMER TIME FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN

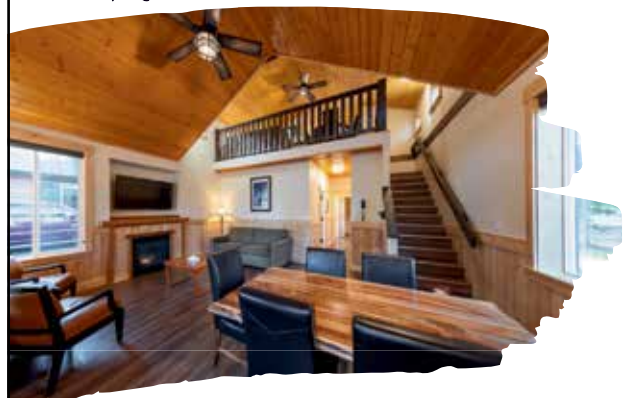
Looking for a fun-filled way to spend the day? Why not float your boat on Lightning Lake! The Boathouse at Lightning Lake offers Kayak, Canoe, and Paddle Board Rentals. If water isn't your thing, then explore our variety of stunning hiking trails, head out mountain biking, or enjoy a leisurely walk amongst the wildflowers.

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# OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

## FROM MOUNTAIN TO RIVER

Manning Park

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AWAITS IN OUR VALLEY

Bring along your friends and family for adventures in the great outdoors and explore nature in every season. Whether you're on two wheels or four, on horseback or on foot, in hip-waders or a kayak, bring your hiking boots, your mountain bikes, your water wings, your fishing rods, your sunglasses...Choose from hiking and biking our trails, floating the river, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, motorcycle touring, golf, and fishing the valley.

Outdoor Activities



## Walk, Hike, Bike, Ride

Discover 55 km (34 mi) of uncrowded trails accessible by foot, mountain bike, horse, cross-country ski, or snowshoe. Many are pet friendly. Bike rentals available by reservation near Kobau Park in Cawston. Check out our half-day and full day riding routes through wine country.

Floating the Similkameen River, Keremeos

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## Horseback Riding

In and around the Similkameen Valley your horseback riding adventure can include ranch stays, or lodges and cabins. Bring your horse - there are places for them at Manning Park Resort.



China Ridge near Princeton

## Float the River or Dip Your Feet

In summer, when river levels are low in many areas, relax along the shoreline and dip your feet into the cool water from a chair or riverside spot, or float in slower, shallow sections. River conditions change with weather and season, so always check conditions before entering the water.



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## Birdwatching & Wildlife Viewing

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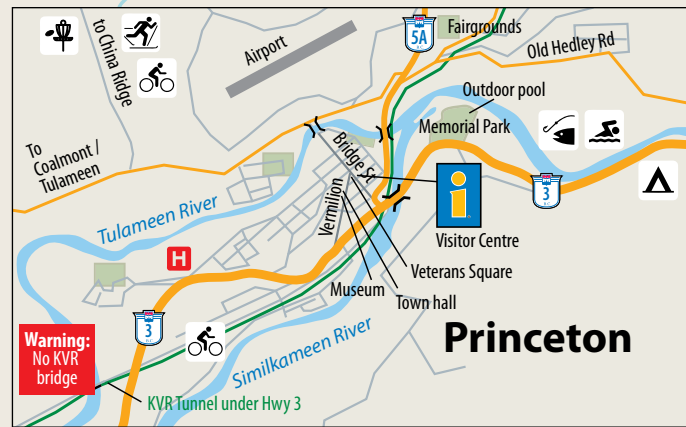


- LEGEND**
- Boat Launch
  - Biking
  - Camping
  - Canoeing/Kayaking
  - Climbing
  - Disk Golf
  - Fishing
  - Fruit Stands
  - Golf
  - Hiking
  - Horseback Riding
  - Picnic Area
  - RV Site
  - Skiing, Alpine
  - Skiing, XC
  - Snowmobiling
  - Swimming
  - Tubing
  - Water Skiing
  - Wildlife Viewing
  - Wineries, Cideries & Distilleries

# SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY & AREA

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Getting Here

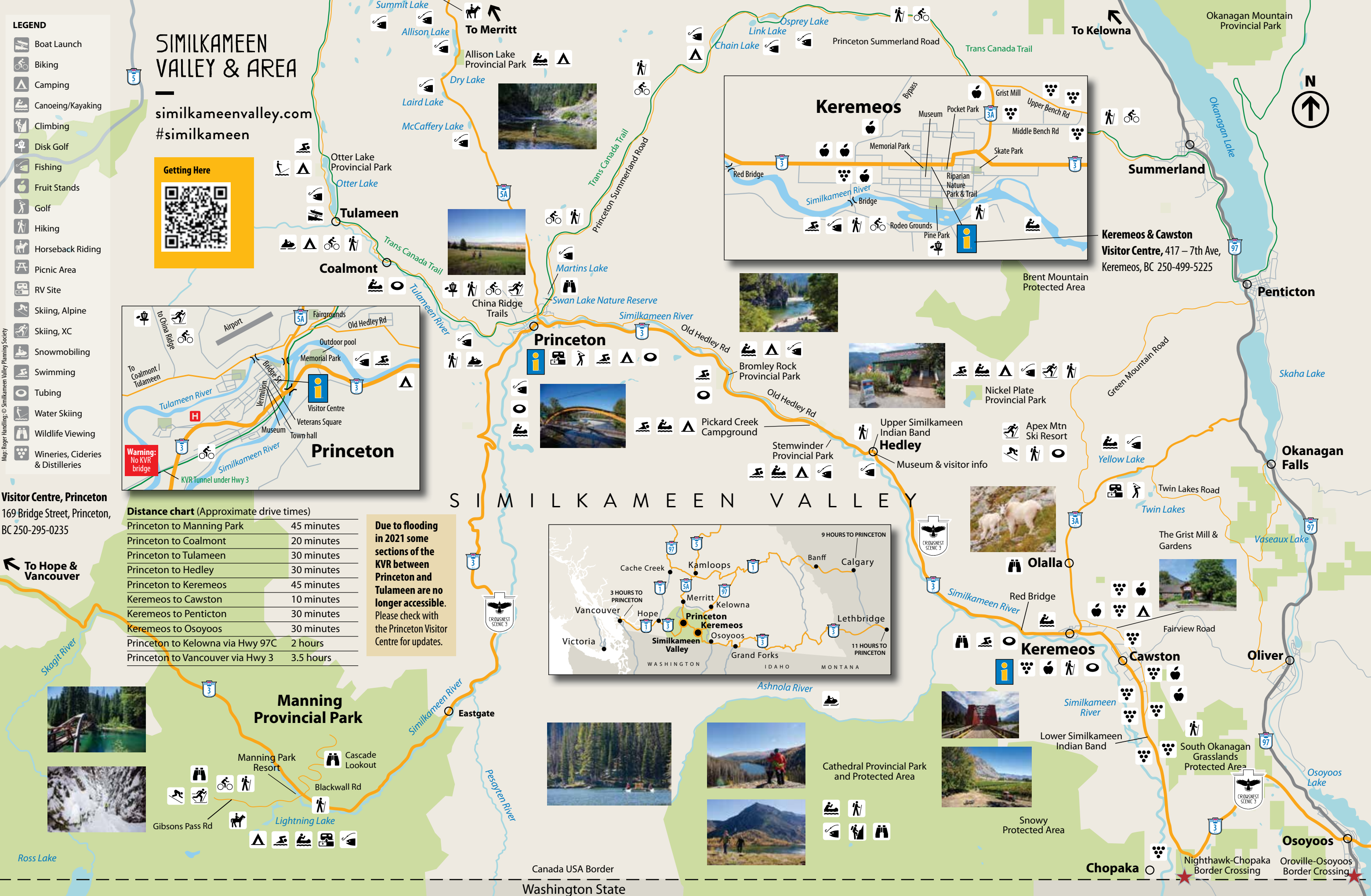


**Visitor Centre, Princeton**  
169 Bridge Street, Princeton,  
BC 250-295-0235

**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
Princeton to Kelowna via Hwy 97C	2 hours
Princeton to Vancouver via Hwy 3	3.5 hours

**Due to flooding in 2021 some sections of the KVR between Princeton and Tulameen are no longer accessible.** Please check with the Princeton Visitor Centre for updates.



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## Golf

Choose from three 18-hole courses designed for all skill levels. Just east of town, the scenic Princeton Golf Club is set against a mountain backdrop. Head to Twin Lakes Golf Course north of Keremeos on Hwy 3A, or St. Andrews by the Lake (9-hole) for another memorable round. Each course offers well-stocked pro shops, power and pull carts, and club rentals. After your game, relax at the licensed patio and restaurant—your 19th hole. Stay and play with full-service RV parks at Princeton and Twin Lakes or choose from accommodations at St. Andrews.



## Motorcycle Touring

Cruise our scenic two-lane highways along the Crowsnest Highway (Hwy. 3) or Highway 5A, taking in sweeping valley views, winding river corridors, and charming townships along the way. Pause for scenic stops, local farm stands, and small communities worth exploring. On warm days, stop at Bromley Rock for a refreshing dip or riverside break, and check out our blog for more route inspiration.




  
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# SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY PRINCETON TO HEDLEY

## GETTING HERE

From west to east, travel through ever-changing landscapes—from the rugged mountains, forests, and rivers of E.C. Manning Park to Princeton and Hedley, then into the sweeping valley of Keremeos and Cawston, where orchards, vineyards, and ranch lands give way to cacti and sagebrush near Osoyoos and Highway 97.

Whether you're seeking adventure or relaxation, you set the pace. The Similkameen River flows through the heart of the valley along Crowsnest Highway 3, connecting our communities with convenient access and charging stations along the way.

Located about four hours from Vancouver International Airport, the valley is easily reached via Highway 1 through Hope, Highway 5 and 5A from Merritt, or Highway 3 and 3A from Alberta and Penticton, as well as from the U.S. via Osoyoos Highway 97 or Nighthawk. Check out our website for road trip travel routes from any direction.



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Explore our 140 km (87 mi) stretch of the Crowsnest Scenic Highway 3 when road touring by vehicle, RV or motorcycle, be sure to stop by each unique area in the Similkameen Valley, from West to East here are the highlights.



PLACES TO GO



## Princeton

Princeton, the largest community in the valley with a population of approximately 3,325, sits at the confluence of the Similkameen and Tulameen Rivers. Known as the Bronze Statue Capital of Canada, explore more than 25 life-sized statues on a self-guided walking tour, including "The Mountain Man," which honours the region's Indigenous and trapping history.

Discover local culture and heritage at the Princeton Museum, along with murals and historic sites of interest throughout town. Visit Bridge Street Plaza, a hub for community gatherings, and enjoy nearby recreation such as disc golf, tennis, and pickleball. Walk or ride along the Bridge of Dreams on the Kettle Valley Rail Trail near Two Rivers Park where you can pan for gold. View BC's largest Jet Wind Vane at the Princeton Airport and take in annual events such as rodeo, car shows and live music.

Stay at the Princeton Municipal Campground, offering 73 year-round sites with accessible parking and a shower house that highlights local history. Outdoor activities abound, including birdwatching at Swan Lake Nature Reserve, fishing in nearby lakes, and playing a round at the historic 18-hole golf course.



## China Ridge

China Ridge recreational area is 8.5 km (5 mi) northwest of Princeton and has an extensive trail system comprises a north-south upland ridge running through forested regions, grassy slopes, and reforested areas. Explore a total of 45 kilometres (28 mi) of well-maintained hiking, biking, horseback riding and cross-country and snowshoe trails winding through the Ridge and 19 ungroomed trails, some are pet friendly. Family friendly disc-golf is available at the entrance to the site.



Similkameen River near Hedley

PLACES TO GO



Similkameen River near Keremeos

# THE VALLEY & WINE COUNTRY

## HISTORIAL HAMLETS

### COALMONT – NORTHWEST OF PRINCETON

Coalmont was established in the early 1900s as a mining town and railway junction on the Kettle Valley Railway. Today, it has an estimated population of 100 and is located 18 km (11 mi) northwest of Princeton. Known for outdoor recreation and fishing, visitors can discover White Sands Beach along the Tulameen River and still view the historic Coalmont Hotel, a lasting landmark of the past. Nearby, Granite Creek offers a glimpse into 1885 gold rush history, including a preserved cemetery.

### TULAMEEN – NORTHWEST OF PRINCETON

Tulameen, originally known as Otter Flat, has roots in the 1880s gold rush, the Hudson's Bay Brigade Trail, and the later Kettle Valley Railway. This historic community, with an estimated population of 250, is located on the south end of Otter Lake, about 26 km (16 mi) northwest of Princeton. In summer, enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, and relaxing by the water, while winter offers skating on the covered outdoor ice rink and access to snowmobile trails. Otter Lake Provincial Park (51 hectares) features a forested lakeside campground with 45 non-serviced sites, a beach, and a boat launch for boating, swimming, and fishing. Wildlife sightings are common, with beavers, otters, and a variety of bird species frequently seen.

### HEDLEY – SOUTHEAST OF PRINCETON

Visit the eclectic hamlet of Hedley, a historic mining town with a population of about 400 (including the surrounding area). A lasting reminder of the gold rush era, the community features preserved historic buildings and a rustic, scenic atmosphere. Home to the Upper Similkameen Indian Band office, Hedley offers cultural insight at the Hedley Heritage Museum with exhibits on our local gold prospecting and First Nations history and be sure to take time for coffee and pastries at the onsite Tea & Gift Shop. Try your luck panning for gold in the Similkameen River at the mouth of Hedley/20-Mile Creek, explore the local arts scene, or relax at a local café/coffee house/bakery. Unwind at Stemwinder Park, a peaceful, pine-lined riverside setting where you can camp, fish, and take in the tranquil flow of the river. Riverside camping and RV services are also available nearby.



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## Follow the Similkameen Valley Farm Trail: A Taste of the Land, Fresh from the Source

Spring, Summer and fall in the Similkameen Valley are shaped by what's growing, ripening, and ready at the roadside. Orchards bloom, farm stands and gates open, and along Highway 3, the bypass and quiet backroads, hand-painted signs lead to fruit stands, heritage sites, and community growing spaces. It's a season defined by freshness—and by the people who grow it.

The Similkameen Valley Farm Trail is a self-guided route through Keremeos and Cawston, where agriculture isn't staged for visitors—it's part of everyday life. Along the way, stops range from historic landmarks to working farms and community food hubs, each reflecting a different layer of the valley's agricultural story.

A highlight is the historic Grist Mill and Gardens at Keremeos, where heritage orchards, gardens, and seasonal events bring the valley's farming history to life. In Cawston, the Ntamtqen Community Garden and Food Hub offer a living example of regenerative growing, food education, and community connection, with shared harvests and produce available throughout the growing season. Seasonal celebrations add another layer to the trail. The annual Similkameen Sizzle Pepper Festival heats up the valley each September with local peppers, food tastings, and lively contests, while the Grist Mill's Heritage Fall Fair brings growers, makers, and visitors together to mark the close of the harvest season in true Similkameen style.

More than a collection of stops, the Farm Trail reflects a living food system—rooted in land, community, and seasonality. Take your time, follow your curiosity, and experience the valley one stop, one story, and one harvest at a time, there are over 20 stops to choose from.



Parsons Farm Market, Keremeos Hwy 3  
– Follow the Similkameen Farm Trail



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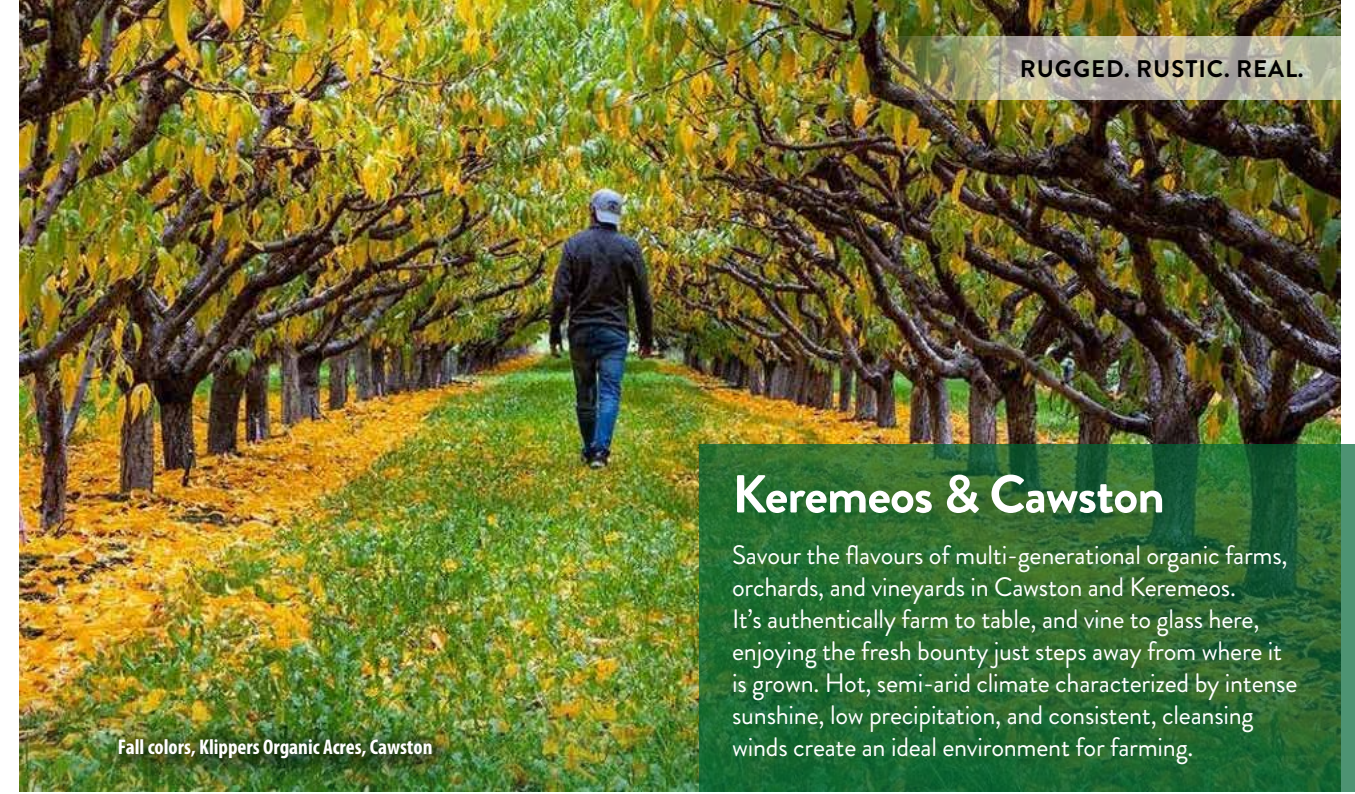
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**Orchard & Vineyard Stays**



Vineyard Stay, Orofino Vineyards, Cawston

Most accommodations are equipped for cooking up those local ingredients or they are close to restaurants. Crowsnest Vineyards Guest House and restaurant feature freshly made sourdough breads and local cuisine. Be sure to take in wood fired pizza night on the patio and hear some live music.



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You will know why we are known as the Fruit Stand Capital of Canada in Keremeos, and the Organic Farming Capital of Canada in Cawston. With so many farm stands and farm markets it's easy to find in-season produce as well as other local treats like preserves, fresh bread, samosas and more, to take home or enjoy on the spot with a coffee. Stock up for picnics or for your stay at a local inn or suite. Choose from a kaleidoscope of colours and flavours that include over 30 varieties of tomatoes, peppers and apples including the Ambrosia, found and cultivated right here in the 1990s. Delight in the fall with stands decorated with hundreds of pumpkins and gourds. Shop for fresh produce and great selections of locally crafted works.

**Fruit Stands & Orchards**



# SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY WINE REGION - TASTE OUR TERROIR



The Similkameen Independent Winegrowers have a common goal – to express the gift of our rare terroir by creating award-winning wines and ciders that reflect this unique place.

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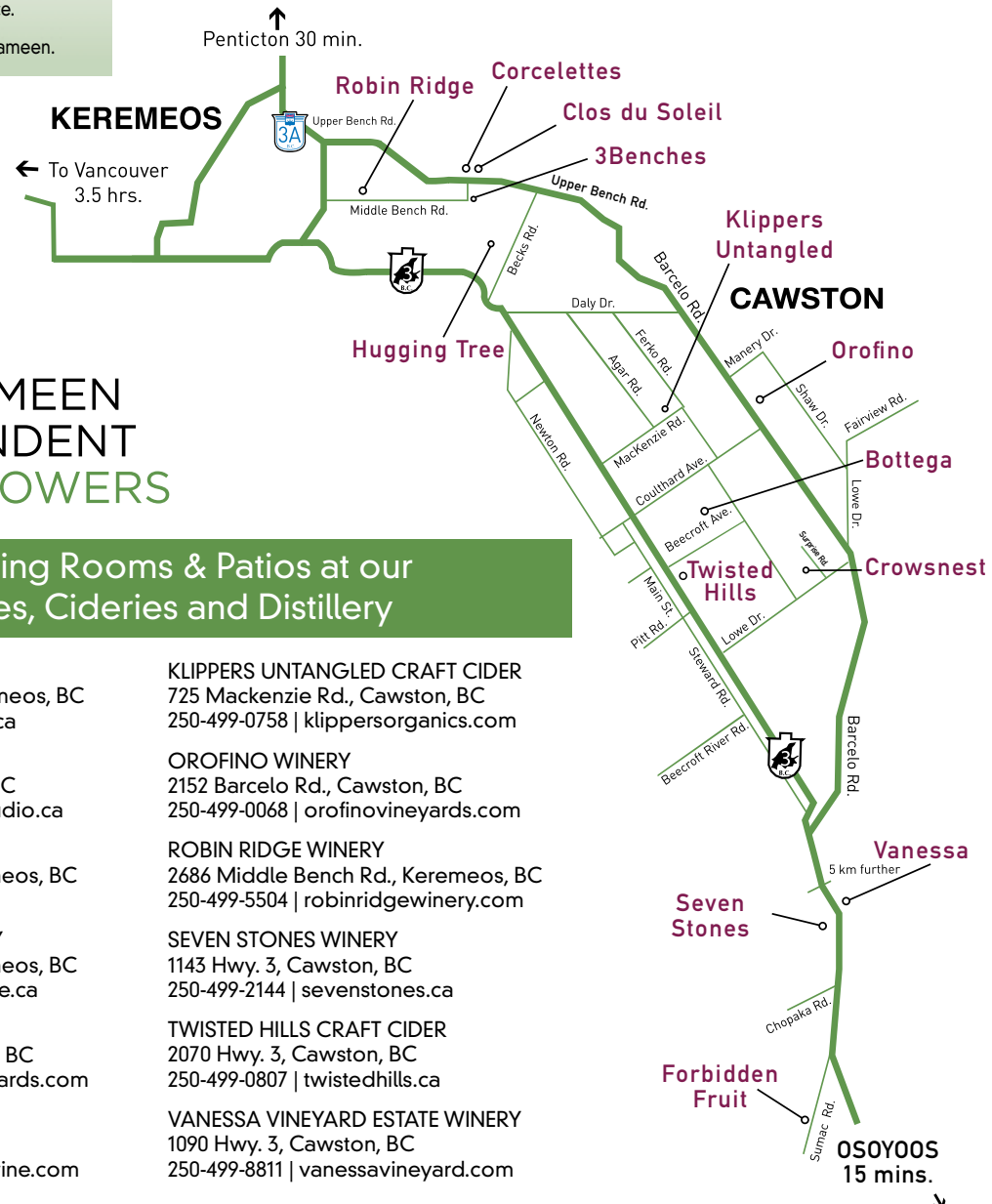
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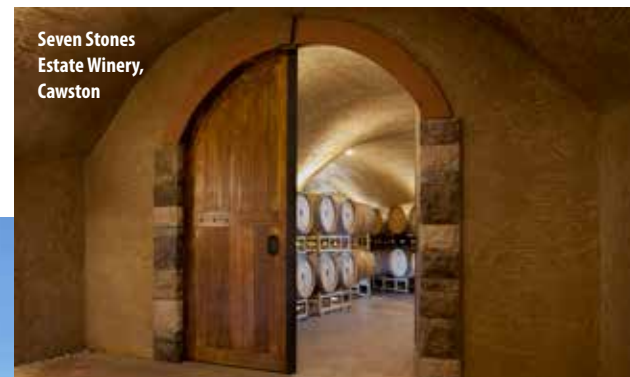
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## Sip the Similkameen - Wine, Cider, Fruit Soda & Distillery Route

Sample a range of local flavours, surrounded by the breathtaking beauty where rolling farm fields meet rugged mountains. Visit award-winning boutique wineries, cideries, fruit soda and a distillery in this distinct wine region where you can truly taste the terroir. Over 15 patios and tasting rooms welcome you just east of Keremeos and throughout the Cawston area. Swirl, sniff, and sip while enjoying the breathtaking scenery and learn about the signature characteristics of Similkameen wines, ciders and spirits – the local growers and winemakers are always excited to share their stories! Go off the beaten path and cycle along vineyards (regular & e-bike rentals available), take a guided tour or board a helicopter for a bird's eye view of the spectacular valley. You can also savour farm to table wine pairing experiences at one of the local restaurants. Tasting Rooms are open from April/May through October either by reservation or walk-in, and for winter by appointment.

Wines are as diverse as the winegrowers themselves, but our winemakers have a shared passion to sustainably craft products that reflect the unique qualities of the valley. Taste our rare terroir in every bottle! Enjoy crisp white wines, bubblys, and rosés. Savour bold reds grown in hot vineyards soaking in the heat from surrounding rocks. Taste your way through popular varieties in the valley including Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Viognier, Pinot Gris, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah. Be adventurous and try a new varietal or a new style. Visit Sharpe Distillery in Cawston where the passionate makers behind the Similkameen Valley's only distillery, pour their expertise into crafting exceptional spirits. Choose from 3 cideries, to sample a variety of dry to semi-sweet cider styles made from a range of apples, fruit blends and fusions, all organically grown, including fruit sodas. Check out the Sip the Similkameen self-guided tour route on the website and discover your favourite.

Winery/ Cider/ Distillery



Panoramic view from Seven Stones patio, Cawston



## Keremeos

Keremeos has an estimated population of 1,800 and is known as Fruit Stand Capital of Canada with nearly 20 farms stands to explore. Located below a steep peak known locally as K Mountain, along the banks of the Similkameen River, it is surrounded by orchards and vineyards. Sip and savour at the boutique wineries, orchards and restaurants in and around the Village of Keremeos. Visit the historic Grist Mill and Gardens a captivating Provincial Heritage Site, with the distinction of being the last operational waterwheel flour mill in British Columbia, dating back to 1877. Meander the Keremeos River walk and consider the 2-level exercise challenge along the way (or just the beauty!). Take in a local event, rodeo, car show and Canada's only Pepper Festival. Keremeos is a starting point for Ashnola recreation area and Cathedral Provincial Park adventures.



Panoramic view of K Mountain and Vineyards, Keremeos



## Cawston

The area of Cawston just east of Keremeos, has an estimated population of 1,080, and is known as the Organic Farming Capital of Canada with nearly 100 certified organic farms (40% of all farms). Enjoy fresh fruit and vegetables, and wines, cider and spirits produced locally in almost ideal conditions—a short and hot growing season, dry climate, valley winds, and rich soils. Our farmers proudly supply many markets and fine restaurants in the Lower Mainland, throughout BC and beyond. Enjoy the selection of in-season produce and more from local markets including Klippers Farm Market and the Honest food farm store. Weekly farm gate stands at Food of The Sun Organics and Organics Only offer another way to access farm fresh produce. Visit Canada's first strawbale winery, Orofino Vineyards. Savour tastings at several local wineries, cideries and a craft distillery. Travel south to see the terrain change to cacti and sagebrush desert, where you can experience farming firsthand at the Ntamtqen Community Garden & Food Hub near the Lower Similkameen Indian Band office as you travel toward Osoyoos.



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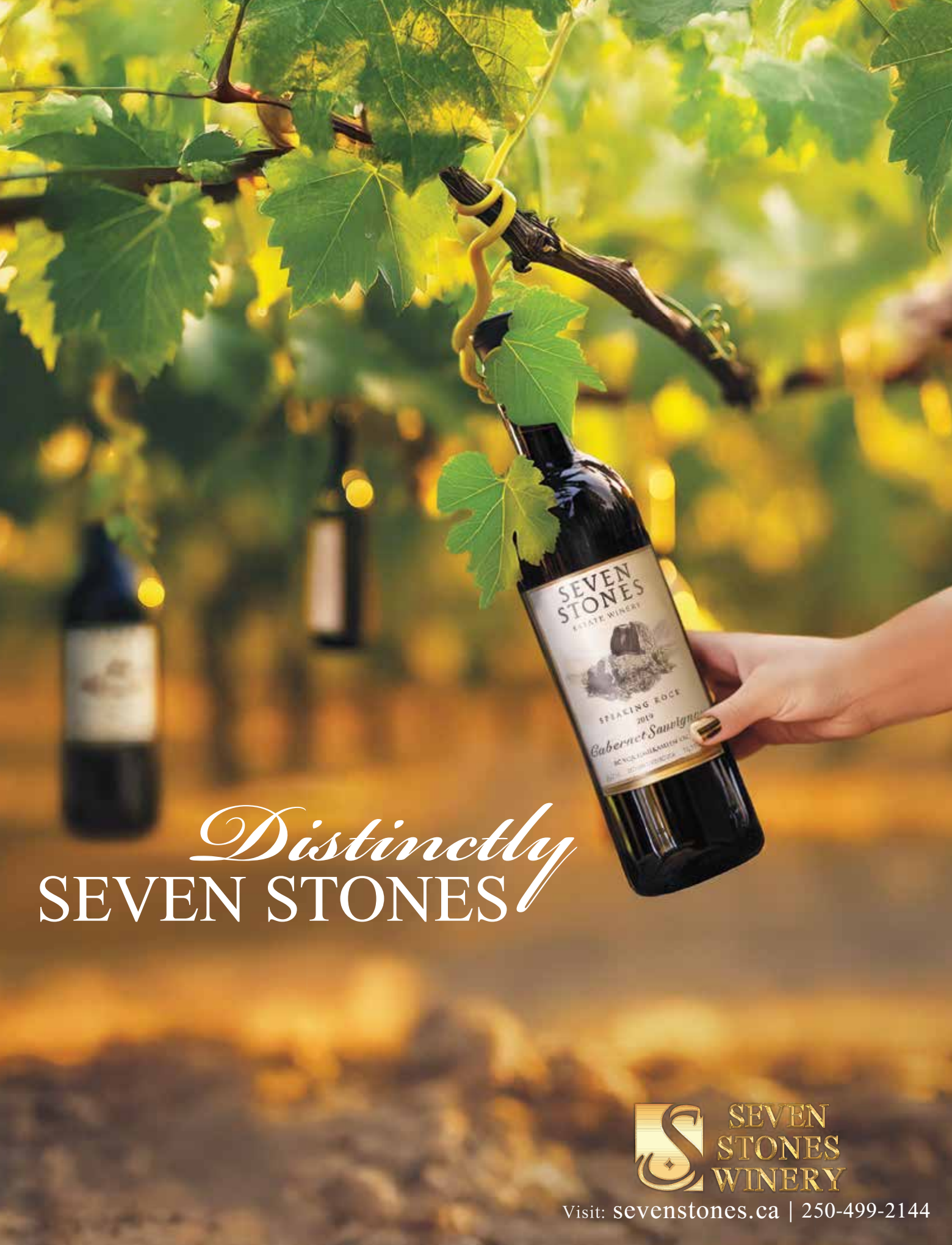


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