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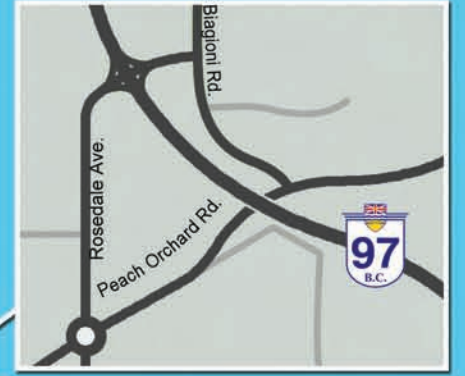


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1 BRIGADE TRAIL

Access: Turn west off Hwy 97 at Jones Flat Road. In 1.3 km turn right and head north on Garnet Valley Road for 10 km. The road changes from asphalt to gravel. Drive 1 km past the dam, park at the Priest Camp parking area (on your left), cycle or walk 3 km of gravel road. The road will fork twice; take the right-hand road each time. From the fenced FortisBC gas valve and the historical map follow the trail for 300m and then access the lookout up the hill to your right.

Distance: 5 km (May to October) • Unpaved
Hike & Bike (Mountain biking single track)

The trail is a section of the historic Okanagan Brigade Trail of which the fifty acre Priest Camp Historic Park, at the start of the trail at Garnet Lake, was a major encampment. When walking or driving from the lake (see directions above), the route winds through meadows, aspen, and rock bluffs to the rise of the hill. Interpretive signs guide the way along the trail for 1 km to the L'Arbre Seul lookout point for an incredible sweeping view of Okanagan Lake.

2 TEST OF HUMANITY (LOOP)

Access: West off Hwy. 97 onto Prairie Valley Road for 3.7 km. Turn right onto Morrow Ave. and park near the pumphouse on the hill where the single track trail starts on the right.

Distance: 10 km • Unpaved • Hike & Bike (Mountain biking single track)

These trails were created to implement an annual endurance mountain bike race to raise funds for the Canadian Humanitarian's projects in Ethiopia. The trail is marked by round orange discs with a white arrow pointing in the direction of the trail. The route starts gradually but has some steep, short climbs and banked switchback downhill. The trail has great views along the way, particularly from Panorama Ridge.

3 ROTARY TRAIL LAKESHORE LOOP

Access: East off Hwy 97 at the Rosedale Ave. traffic light, right onto Biagioni Ave., and left at Peach Orchard Road. Continue downhill to Lakeshore Drive to the trailhead at Peach Orchard Beach Park.

Distance: 6 km • Unpaved and paved sections
Hike & Bike (Mountain bike single track on trail sections)

Follow Lakeshore Drive, as it skirts Okanagan Lake, to Crescent Beach. Then, follow a marked trail up the hillside until you reach Slater Road. Walk along quiet roads through orchards and vineyards to the aptly named Switchback Road, then meander on until Peach Orchard Road where you descend back to the beginning of the trail. On the way down you might want to take in the views from Peach Orchard Cemetery or take an interesting diversion to Adams Bird Sanctuary.

4 CENTENNIAL TRAIL (LOOP)

Access: East off Hwy 97 at the Rosedale Ave. traffic light, right onto Biagioni Ave., and left onto Peach Orchard Road. Trail starts after overpass.

Distance: 4.5 km • Unpaved and paved sections
Hike & Bike (Mountain bike single track on trail sections)

The Centennial Trail follows Aeneas Creek, a deciduous wooded area. Before the trail exits the woods it leads you up a hill to provide an unforgettable view of Okanagan Lake and Summerland's original townsite. Follow Prairie Gulch through silt bluffs beside Prairie Creek until you reach Butler Street then take a left onto Shaughnessy Street back to the lake. Follow Lakeshore Drive and park pathways along the shore, taking in the beauty and character of Rotary and Peach Orchard Beach Park then follow Peach Orchard Road uphill to the trailhead.

5 GIANT'S HEAD MOUNTAIN PARK

Access: Turn west off Hwy 97 at Prairie Valley Road. In half a kilometre turn left onto Giant's Head Road and then right onto Milne Road to the iron gates that mark the entrance. You can park there and begin to hike, or drive up to another parking area closer to the summit.

Distances: 2 km paved to parking area followed by 500 m unpaved to the summit. **Hike (Biking on road only)**

Giant's Head Mountain, so named because of its profile of a man's face, is a core remnant of a volcano. The summit, which is 2,771 feet (845 meters) above sea level, has spectacular 360 degree views of the lake and valley. For those that want a more invigorating trek to the top, ride or hike up the road from Milne Road. Or, drive the winding road to the parking lot where two paths lead to the top.

6 LAKESHORE PATHWAY

Access: You access the trail from Landry Crescent in Trout Creek and from Lakeshore Drive in Lower Summerland.

Distance: 1 km • Paved • Walk & Bike

The pathway runs between Trout Creek and Lower Summerland following Okanagan Lake. This mostly flat trail provides safer access for walkers and cyclists between these two areas, and links up to the other trails in Lower Summerland.

7 TRANS CANADA TRAIL

Access: From the town centre the main trailhead is at Conkle Mountain Park by the Summerland Rodeo Grounds. Turn West off Highway 97 onto Prairie Valley Road and continue until Doherty Avenue. Turn right on Doherty then left at Bathville Road. Or access the trail at Fenwick and Fyffe off Victoria Road.

Distance: 9 km • Unpaved and paved sections • Hike & Bike

This section of the Trans Canada Trail features stunning views of Prairie Valley. From the main trailhead you walk up the gently sloping trail alongside a working water flume. At a parking lot on Fenwick Road take the road for 5 km, crossing the railway line and passing by orchards until you reach the historic train trestle over the canyon. At 73m/240ft Trout Creek Bridge was the highest bridge span constructed on the Kettle Valley Railway.

8 MOUNT CONKLE TRAILS

Access: Enter the Trans Canada Trail on Mt. Conkle from the parking area adjacent to the KVR station and Summerland Rodeo Grounds on Bathville Road. Then head SE on the KVR for 3 km until you reach the trailhead.

Distance: 13 km • Unpaved • Hike & Bike (Mountain biking single track)

Once on the Trans Canada Trail look for the orange and silver circle markers to mark the start of the single track trails. The trail climbs through grassland slopes with switchbacks and great views of the wineries and pastures below before travelling along the ridgeline of the mountain before your descent.

9 GRANFONDO AXEL MERCKX OKANAGAN (Summerland section)

Access: Start anywhere on Highway 97 from Sun-Oka Park heading north.

Distance: 25 km • Paved • Bike

Summerland's King of the Mountain Challenge was made popular as part of the Granfondo Axel Merckx epic road race. On this route riders follow the highway from Trout Creek to turn off at Lakeshore Drive before starting the steep climb up Peach Orchard Road, which turns into Jubilee Road at the roundabout. Then turn left onto Victoria Road S. for 5 km before following a number of side roads back to Highway 97.

10 TROUT CREEK DIKE

Access: At the Summerland Research and Development Centre (formerly PARC) turn West off Highway 97 and take the road to the immediate right. The trailhead is located next to the bridge.

Distance: 5 km loop • Unpaved • Hike & Bike

This wide gravel path follows Trout Creek Dike with a slight elevation change leading into a forested landscape when heading up the canyon. There is the option to do part of the trail and return on the same route. Part of this trail is located within a Provincial Park. For more information see BC Parks.

11 TOUR THE TOWN

Access: At Hwy 97 go east on Lakeshore Drive along the water, then left on Peach Orchard Road, which turns into Jubilee Road at the roundabout. Turn left at Victoria Road then turn left onto Main Street. At the end of Main Street turn right onto Rosedale. At the roundabout take Prairie Valley Road East down the hill. Just before Hwy 97 use the crosswalk to cross Prairie Valley Road and take the tunnel under the highway. Take Solly Road all the way down turning right onto Phillips until you reach Lakeshore Drive again.

Distance: 9 km loop • Paved roadway • Walk & Bike

Start at any point of the route on this road ride. If starting from Lakeshore Drive you will find a steep uphill to start your journey, as experienced in the Granfondo Okanagan. However, the route is well worth the effort as it takes you into upper town and the downtown of Summerland. Enjoy shopping, have coffee, or relax over a meal before continuing on your way. The return route down Prairie Valley and Solly Roads is winding with safe stopping places to enjoy the beautiful views of Okanagan Lake.



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