

LIKELY, WELLS and BARKERVILLE BC Canada



BACK ROAD

Enjoy an easy 2WD wilderness trek through the Cariboo Mountains. See thundering waterfalls, rushing mountain streams, lush valleys and sub-alpine meadows against jagged snow-covered mountain ridges.



Follow bright yellow "Site" signs on this well-surfaced gravel portion of the Williams Lake ~ Barkerville Circle Tour.



WELLS/BARKERVILLE TO LIKELY

FROM BARKERVILLE... On Hwy.#26 between Wells and Barkerville is the turn-off to Bowron Lakes Provincial Park that includes the Matthew Valley 3100 Road to Likely.

SITE A OKM A right turn at Site A takes you to the brightly coloured Wells kiosk where you stay on the 3100 Road to Likely. You will travel beside Pleasant Valley Creek in a lush meadow and then stoney outwashes just before the next site.

SITE B 7.3KM You will cross meandering creeks before the 3100 Road travels through Cunningham Pass. Whiskey Flats Rec Site will appear in a grassy meadow on your right.

SITE C 13.6KM The X Road, a narrow ATV trail over Yanks Peak to Keithley, intersects here. As you descend into Tinsdale Creek Valley you pass an old sawmill, logging roads, and at the 3131 mileage marker, you start to see striking views of mountains.

SITE D 35.9KM Veer left at the Cunningham-Nolaka Creek Road intersection to begin your descent into a valley where you cross the river at Cariboo River Provincial Park. You will begin to see large stands of cedar on either side of the road.

SITE E 39.3KM The G Road intersects, (4WD logging road through old growth cedars), as you enter the Matthew River Valley.

SITE F 42.6KM The B (logging) Road veers to your left. Food and lodging is not currently available beside Comet Creek Falls at the 3156 marker. The Matthew River swells into small lakes on your left against an impressive wall of mountains.

SITE G 56.9KM Ghost Lake Falls is a must see - just 5 minutes to the lower falls and 3 more minutes takes you to the campground where you get a birdseye view of the spectacular upper falls. Allow an hour for this side trip. On the 3100 Road you start to climb toward the summit, passing the Z Road and Grizzly Creek. You are now traveling on the 8400 Road.

SITE H 72.7KM Visit Cameron Ridge Bungalows on your right. Cabins, hiking trips, trail rides and more. Drop in if the red gate is open. Cameron Ridge hiking trail intersects on your left before you reach Maeford Lake, which is roughly an hour from Likely. You will cross over the tail end of Little River and Ishkloo Creek.

SITE I 92.8KM Tuckett Creek logging road is where you make your final descent into the Cariboo Lake Valley, featuring Ladies Creek Rec Site on Cariboo Lake at the 8412 marker.

SITE J 118KM Turn right at the "T" in the road and cross the Cariboo River on the wide wooden bridge.

SITE K 120.8KM When Cariboo Lake Road meets the Keithley Road you turn left toward Likely. Cariboo Falls is a 2 km side trip at a left-hand turn-off beside the 15 km marker. On Keithley Road you will pass Kangaroo Creek Road on your right, then a series of small hills and a couple of old log cabins before you cross the Cariboo River again. The road climbs until Poquette Pass where you travel beside Poquette Lake.

SITE L 140KM At the intersection of Spanish Lake Road beside the historic Lyne's Cabin you will see the Likely kiosk indicating that you are nearing the paved road, just 3 minutes from food, lodging and gas in Likely on Quesnel Lake.

LIKELY TO WELLS/BARKERVILLE

FROM LIKELY... The Likely Road turning from Hwy.#97 at 150 Mile House ends at Likely after the Likely bridge, becoming the Keithley Creek Road which turns to gravel at Poquette Pass. You will see a brightly coloured kiosk.

SITE 1 OKM The historic Lyne's Cabin is at the first site that intersects with Spanish Lake Road. Continue on Keithley Road, passing Poquette Lake on your left. The road winds down into the Cariboo River Valley, passing two old log homes before climbing a series of small hills. A side trip to the Cariboo River Falls is available 2 km's past Kangaroo Creek Road, (15 km marker), on a 2 km lane to your right.

SITE 2 1KM Turn right from Keithley Road onto the Cariboo Lake Road and cross the Cariboo River again.

SITE 3 Veer left at the "T". Your ascent begins as you cross Wilby and Franks Creeks before the turn-off to Ladies Creek Rec Site on Cariboo Lake at the 8412 marker. You are now on the 8400 Road which climbs steadily, offering great views of the Cariboo River Valley.

SITE 4 Here Tuckett Creek (logging) Road intersects on the left. As you continue on the 8400 Road you will cross Roaring, Clair, and Ishkloo Creeks and Little River. Mountains appear on your right within the next 8 km's and the road continues to climb, passing Maeford Lake and hunting camp through the Little River Valley.

SITE 5 63.1KM 8400 mileage markers end at the Cameron Hiking Trail where you enter sub-alpine meadows supporting a chain of small lakes. Visit Cameron Ridge Bungalows on your left at the Summit. Cabins, hiking trips, trail rides and more. Drop in if the red gate is open. High tree-covered cliffs and mountain ridges appear on either side before you descend into the cedar-lined Matthew Valley.

SITE 6 After Site 6, the road turns into the 3100 Road and intersects with the old Z Road. You now start to get a continuous view of high mountain ridges on your right.

SITE 7 Ghost Lake Falls is a must see - just a 5 minute excursion to the lower falls and 3 more minutes takes you to the campground where you get a birdseye view of the spectacular upper falls. Allow an hour for this side trip in Cariboo Mountain Provincial Park. Food and Lodging is no longer available at the 3156 marker. You will pass the G Road, (4WD) which goes through an old growth cedar grove. The entrance to Cariboo River Provincial Park is where you cross the Cariboo River again, just before Site 8.

SITE 8 After some logging roads and an old saw mill clearing, you begin your descent into Tinsdale Creek Valley.

SITE 9 Here the road narrows above Tinsdale Creek. You will pass the X Road on your left, which is the Yanks Peak ATV trail to Keithley. At Whiskey Flats Rec Site you begin to see lush mountain meadows where you will travel beside and cross Antler, Pleasant Valley, Grouse and French Creeks.

SITE 10 This is the intersection of the Bowron Provincial Park road and marks the end of the back road linking Likely to the paved Hwy.#26 leading to Wells and Barkerville. 140km

The Back Road Portion of the Barkerville/Wells ~ Williams Lake Circle Tour



The back road linking Likely and Wells/Barkerville is the wilderness portion of a Circle Tour that takes you on paved highways from Williams Lake to Wells/Barkerville. You will then travel through the Cariboo Mountains to Likely on a well maintained gravel road where a paved road takes you back to Williams Lake and Highway #97.

The back road is seasonal, open from June to October (depending on the snow pack), and takes about 3½ hours allowing for stops along the way. Food and sufficient gas in your vehicle are recommended. Included in this brochure is an area map with site indicators, detailed road instructions covering landmarks and overviews of the highlights. Distances are approximate but within a quarter of a kilometre in accuracy. The road summit is close to 1,219 metres, (4,000 feet), and mountain views are over 2,133 metres, (7,000 feet).

This is a delightful journey through dramatic scenery with many opportunities to view wildlife and relax in pleasant well appointed picnic settings.

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