

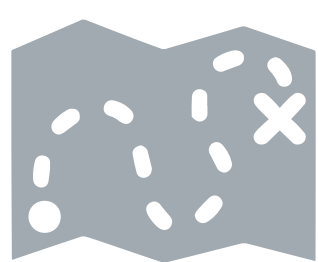
WINTER RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

CHOOSING YOUR ADVENTURE

During the summer months, it can be relatively easy to pick a location and jump in the vehicle soon after. The winter season requires more research and preparation. When selecting your destination:

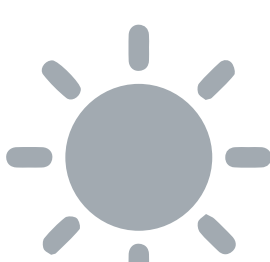
- Be honest about your expectations and know your limits.
- Booking a guided adventure or inclusive overnight stay with a local business can add immense value to your experience.
- Be sure to leave a copy of your itinerary with a trusted family member or friend

PLANNING THE ROUTE



PLAN A & B

Plan your route as well as a Plan B route in case of road closures. Cariboo Chilcotin Coast region has little to no cell phone service, download the Google Map for your route as an offline map before leaving for your destination.



DAYLIGHT

Consider there is less daylight the further north you drive, so you should adjust your departure and arrival time accordingly. Giving yourself extra time will make the driving less stressful.



STOPS

Ensure that your planned route includes gas stations, restaurants, bathrooms and whatever other breaks you may need. Certain businesses may be closed during the winter, so again, have some backups ready before you leave.

WE SUGGEST A WINTER SURVIVAL KIT THAT INCLUDES:

- Winter tires (studded are recommended)
- Non-perishable food
- Water
- Blankets/extra coats
- Lighter and/or waterproof matches
- Roadside markers
- Flares
- Rope
- Booster/jumper cables
- Extra windshield wiper fluid rated
- Rechargeable battery pack
- Regional map
- Shovel
- Snow/windshield scraper
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Candles
- Lock de-icer
- Spare tire, or a tire repair kit



WHAT TO WEAR DRESS IN LAYERS



Wear polyester or merino wool instead of cotton



Take full rain gear including pants, hat, gloves, scarves and backups.



Take water-resistant, insulated non-slip boots.



Sunglasses and sunscreen

DRIVING TIPS



1. Make sure to idle your car before departing for your trip, as running cold oil through it can damage the engine.
2. Clear your vehicle of any and all snow, frost, or ice. Clean your headlights and taillights, removing any dirt or debris.
3. While driving, remember to give yourself lots of extra time and space. High winds can cause surprisingly deep snowdrifts in unexpected places so being slow and careful is critical.
4. If you ever get lost, break down, have a flat tire, or feel that the conditions are too unsafe to drive, pull over and turn your hazard lights on. To avoid overexertion and exposure, open your window slightly to ensure you have a fresh supply of air, and turn your vehicle off.

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