

Horsefly Mountain Trail

Horsefly Mountain is another remarkable experience with stupendous views. This is a great trail to access by quad. There are many deactivated logging roads to explore which makes this a fun day trip. Station 4 has incredible views of Horsefly and Quesnel Lake but you can also check out the other station viewpoints.

Getting there:

Turn right past Clarke's Store and cross the bridge onto Upper Horsefly Road, then stay left onto Horsefly Lake Road. After a short 6.5 km drive turn right onto Lemon Lake Road (8500 Road). Drive for 11 km down the 8500 Road until you see a sign that says "Station 3" on the right side. If you are planning on quading this is a good place to start. You will reach the Station 4 viewpoint in 3.7 km, once you reach Station 4 there are more logging roads in the area to traverse.

Expert Rating: Family Friendly

Altitude: 1793 m

Viewland Mountain Trail

A great family friendly hike on an accessible road. Located between Horsefly and Quesnel Lake at an achievable altitude of 1326 meters this meandering trail passes through a beautiful stand of trees to a naturally cleared peak. From the top you have a view of both Horsefly and Quesnel Lake as well as the surrounding mountain ranges. The trail is single file on soft ground until you are nearing the top when it becomes a bit steeper and rockier for a short time. A nice outcropping of rock at the peak makes for a great place to have lunch.

Getting there:

Head out on Horsefly Lake Road for 22 km and turn right onto Viewland Forest Service Road. Follow this road for 1.3 km to the trailhead on the right side. The drive will take you about 45 minutes. You can expect about 50 minutes to get to the top of the trail and 40 minutes back down.

Expert Rating: Family Friendly

Altitude: 1326 m



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Eureka Peak

Get ready to climb over 1400 meters to the alpine! This hike is well worth the effort once you see the alpine meadow and the panoramic mountain peaks surrounding you. For the most part this hike is a daunting slope but it helps that the trail is very clear the entire way. No motorized vehicles are permitted in this protected area of mountain goat and caribou habitat. This is a beautiful journey to take but essential to be prepared before you set out. Nearby accommodation at Crooked Lake Resort is a bonus convenience.

Getting there:

Turn right past Clarke's Store and cross the bridge onto Upper Horsefly Road; then stay to your right onto Black Creek Road for 45 km. Turn right onto the 6700 Road (following the signs to Crooked Lake Resort). Drive for 13.8 km down the 6700 Road to the trail head on the left side. This drive takes 1 hour to 1 hour and 20 minutes.

This testing trail will take 3 to 4 hours to climb up to the top of Eureka Peak and then another 2 to 3 hours to get back down. Make sure you plan on having some time to explore the top, there are a couple beautiful small lakes and you also have the option of continuing further down the Eureka Rim Trail.

Expert Rating: Challenging

Altitude: 2426 m

Teapot Mountain

Another spectacular hike into the alpine with an altitude of 2300 meters. On this adventure a forested single file trail will lead you to a stunning meadow valley with a small waterfall and creek. The scenery once you summit is extraordinary so you will want to plan for some time to explore and appreciate the view.

Getting there:

Drive down Black Creek Road for 53 km. Turn left onto Horsefly River – Bouldery Creek Road (6100 Road) for 3.9 km to the trail head access road on right. If you have a quad or a solid 4 wheel drive vehicle you can drive up another 4 km to where the single file trail begins. After this point motorized vehicles are not permitted. Plan on an hour drive from Horsefly village.

Climbing Teapot Mountain Trail will take 1.5 hours to the peak and about 1 hour to hike back down. It will take about 50 minutes to get to the meadow where you then follow the trail north towards an emergency shelter. Here you will begin to climb up Mount Elsey and Watchman Mountain to the summit.

Expert Rating: Moderate

Altitude: 2300 m

Cariboo Island

Cariboo Island is located in Quesnel Lake, one of the deepest fjord lakes in the world. This island is 1.4 km across and rises 70 m above the lake. There are two recreation sites to choose from if you feel like camping out. The shoreline is a mix of sandy beaches and interesting rocky features while the interior of the island is covered in beautiful fir, cedar and birch trees.

Getting there:

Drive through Horsefly and head down the Horsefly/ Quesnel Road (also know as the Ditch Road) for 18.5 km. Turn right onto Horsefly Bay Road and follow for 2.1 km to the Horsefly Bay boat launch. This is a quick 25 minute drive out of Horsefly.

Paddle north-east up Quesnel Lake following the shoreline for about 20 minutes, then it is a 400 m paddle across open water to the island. There is a large white marker on the South recreation site that you can set out for as you cross this section of open water. The canoe or kayak trip takes about 30 minutes each way. A scenic 3.5 km trail circles Cariboo Island and joins the two recreation sites.

Expert Rating: Family Friendly

Suey – Slate Bay Trail

The Suey – Slate Bay trail takes you from Suey Bay on Horsefly Lake, past Suey Lake to Slate Bay on Quesnel Lake. This trail is currently by boat access only, there are multiple boat routes to get here but one way is to launch at Prairie Creek Recreation Site and paddle across Horsefly Lake. This is a beautiful paddle to embark on if you are up for a 16 km return paddle but of course can also be accessed by power boat as well. The trail is a mossy journey through forest which becomes

an incredible stand of old growth cedar and fir trees. On the Quesnel Lake side see if you can spot the “Old Grandpa” fir tree or if the kids can count all 6 bridges.

Getting there:

Take Black Creek Road for 35 km and then turn left at Prairie Creek Road and follow it for 12.5 km. After this 45 minute drive you arrive at the Prairie Creek Recreation Site; go to the right to access the boat launch. To start your paddle head west up Horsefly Lake. It is an 8.2 km paddle to the trail head at Suey Bay. Be mindful to only cross the lake when it is calm. A good place to cross the lake is at Goetjen Island (two small Islands together) and then head for the point on the north side of the lake.

The trail is under 5 km each way and takes about 3 hours return trip. If you choose to paddle plan on 1.5 hours or more each way depending on your canoe/ kayak and paddling speed. Should you have the time Archie Falls is another 30 minute paddle across Horsefly Lake from Suey Bay.

Expert Rating: Family Friendly Hike/ Challenging Paddle

Archie Falls

Archie Falls is located close to the west end of Horsefly Lake and can be accessed by boat only. A short 5 minute trail takes you through old growth forest to the base of Archie Falls where the waterfall descends a 25 foot rock face into a pool of water. The beach at Horsefly Lake is a nice spot for a picnic.

Getting there:

Follow the same driving directions as the Suey – Slate Bay hike to the boat launch at Prairie Creek recreation site. Once boating, stay on the South shore of Horsefly Lake for 12 km and the trail to Archie Falls will be on your right side. Archie Creek flows into Horsefly Lake so this is a good land mark to look out for as well as a small cabin. Expect a 2.5 hour paddle; by power boat expect 45 minutes to 1 hour. There are many other free boat launches on Horsefly Lake to choose from as well.

Expert Rating: Family Friendly/ Challenging Paddle