

Calendar of Events

Almost every community celebrates Canada Day on or around July 1.

For detailed lists of events, refer to each community's tourism or community website.

Community Annual Events

ASHCROFT

February	Ice Races	Barnes Lake
March-Oct.	Drag Racing	Nl'akapxm Eagle Motorplex
June-Sept.	Farmers' Market	
June	Ashcroft Rodeo & Parade	Village Centre
June	Graffiti Days	
July 1	Canada Day Celebrations	
September	Ashcroft Fall Fair	Drylands Arena
November	Santa Madness	

BARRIERE (NT=North Thompson)

January	Barriere Men's Cash Spiel	Barriere Curling Club
February	Sweetheart Bonspiel	Barriere Curling Club
March	Ladies Shamrock Bonspiel	Barriere Curling Club
March	Logger's Bonspiel	Barriere Curling Club
March	Jam Can Kid's Bonspiel	Barriere Curling Club
April	Exotic & Standard Breed Auction & Fuzzy Horse Show	NT Fall Fair Grounds
May	Barriere High School Rodeo	NT Fall Fair Grounds
June	North West Mud Racing Meet	
June	Pony Chariot & Chuckwagon Races	NT Fall Fair Grounds
July 1	Canada Day Celebrations	NT Fall Fair Grounds
September	Annual NT Fall Fair & Rodeo	NT Fall Fair Grounds
September	Barriere Toy Ride	Barriere Curling Club
October	Annual Bed Races	Barriere Town Road
December	Community Tree Lighting & Carol Sing	Barriere

BLUE RIVER

April	Power 8 World Championship	Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing
April	Spring Festival	Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing
July 1	Canada Day Celebration	Eleanor Lake Park
September	Blue River Mountain Bike Festival	Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing
September	Oktoberfest I	Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing
October	Oktoberfest II	Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing

CACHE CREEK

May	Mother's Day Fly-In	Cache Creek Airport
June	Graffiti Days	
	• Old Time Drags	Nl'akapxm Eagle Motorplex
	• Show 'n Shine	Recreation Park
	• Graffiti Days Dance	Community Hall
June	Draft Horse Demonstration	Hat Creek Ranch

July 1	Canada Day Celebration	Recreation Park
July	Wild West Show & Trapper's Rendezvous	Hat Creek Ranch
August	Traditional Bonaparte Pow Wow	Hat Creek Ranch
September	Apple Harvest Festival	

CHASE

October	Adams River Salmon Run	Roderick Haig-Brown Park
December	Chase Country Christmas	Village Centre

CLEARWATER

April	Clearwater Paint Ball Tournament	North Thompson Sportplex
May	May Day Ball Tournament	Ball Park
May	May Day Parade	Station Road
July	Canada Day Celebrations	Dutch Lake Beach
August	Clearwater Music Festival – Great Canadian Music Explosion	
Aug.-Sept.	Salmon Run	Baileys Chute, Clearwater River

CLINTON

May	140+ yrs. Annual Ball & Rodeo	Memorial Hall & Rodeo Grounds
July 1	Canada Day Celebrations	Reg Conn Park
August	Jamboree Fun Day	Reg Conn Park
October	Cowboy Poetry Contest	Memorial Hall

HEFFLEY CREEK

July 1	Palmer's Gulch Shootin' Match	Heffley Creek Rifle Range
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KAMLOOPS

January	Wildlights	BC Wildlife Park
February	Annual Ice Fishing Day	Wallop Lake
February	Kamloops Wine Festival	Forster's
March	Annual Kamloops Canadian & International Film Festival	Paramount Theatre
March	Kamloops Cowboy Festival	Calvary Community Church
March	Kamloops Target Sport Assoc. Annual Gun & Antique Show	Mt. Paul Centre
April	Kamloops International Bantam Ice Hockey Tournament	Various Arenas
April-Oct.	Kamloops Farmer's Market	(Wed) 500 block Victoria St. (Sat) 200 block St Paul St.
April	Vintage Car Club Easter Parade	Westsyde Shopping Centre to Riverside Park
April	Boogie the Bridge	Riverside Park
April	Arts & Cultural Week	Various Venues
April	Spring Festival	Downtown
April	Art Walk	Downtown
May 1-Oct. 15	Northhills Flea Market	Northhills Mall
May	Kamloops Heritage Railway	Old CN Station, 510 Lorne St.
May	Juniper Ridge Annual Garage Sale	Juniper Ridge
May	Kamloops Skydivers Sport Parachute Annual May Meet	Kamloops Airport
May	Spring Horse Racing	Mt. Paul Centre

THOMPSON-NICOLA FILM COMMISSION

June	Spring Horse Racing	Mt. Paul Centre
June	BC High School Provincial Rodeo	Mt. Paul Centre
June	Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life	Riverside Park Bandstand
July-August	Music in the Park	Riverside Park Bandstand
July 1	Canada Day Folk Fest	Riverside Park
July 1	Art in the Park	Riverside Park
July 1-Aug. 31	Falconry Festival	BC Wildlife Park
July	Annual Spoke Stomp	Stake Lake
August	Hot Night in the City Car Show	Victoria St.
August	"Kamloopa Pow Wow Days"	Chief Louis Centre – Kamloops Indian Band Reserve
August	Summer Horse Racing	Mt. Paul Centre
August	Kamloops Pro Rodeo	Mt. Paul Centre
August	Annual Railway Days	Old CN Station, 510 Lorne St.
September	Annual River Run	ICBC Claim Centre
September	Kamloops Railway Days	Old CN Station, 510 Lorne St.
September	Kamloops Air Show	Kamloops Airport (semi annual)
October	Kamloops Heritage Railway "Ghost Train"	Old CN Station, 510 Lorne St.
October	Annual Kenna Cartwright 10km	Dufferin Elementary
November	Santa Claus Parade	Downtown
December	Kamloops Heritage Railway "Spirit of Christmas"	Old CN Station, 510 Lorne St.

LITTLE FORT

January 1	Little Fort Polar Bear Swim	Little Fort Ferry Slip
August	Craft Fair	Little Fort Hall
October	Craft Fair	Little Fort Hall

LOGAN LAKE

February	Snowarama; Snowmobilers	Maggs Park
February	Polar Carnival (YMCA kid events)	Recreation Centre
March	Highland Valley Outdoor Assoc. Beast Feast; Wild Game Banquet	Recreation Centre
May	Festival of the Arts	
May	Lobsterfest	Recreation Centre
July 1	Canada Day Celebrations	Maggs Park/Rec Centre
August	Highland Valley Copper Mine Open House	Highland Valley Copper
August	Little Britches Rodeo	Ranch & Country Club
September	Logan Lake Fall Fair & Tea	Elementary School

LYTTON

May	Lytton Days	Village Centre
July 1	Canada Day Swimming Pool Party	4th & Fraser
November	Remembrance Day Pow Wow & Traditional Dance Competition	Kumsheen Secondary School
December	Christmas Fair	Kumsheen Secondary School

MERRITT

January	Minor Hockey Week	
March	Spring Home & Recreation Show	Merritt Civic Centre
April	Spring Fling, Snowmobile Ride	
May	Nicola Valley Kennel Club Dog Show	Voght Park

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May	Walk of Stars	
June	Merritt High School Rodeo	
June	Pacific Forest Rally	
June	Aboriginal Day Celebration	
June	KSA Sailing Regatta	Nicola Lake
June	Canadian Rally Championship	
July 1	Canada Day Celebrations	Rotary Park
July	Merritt Mountain Music Festival	
	Downtown Street Mall	
July	Nicola Ranch Rodeo	Nicola Ranch
July	Little Britches Rodeo	
July	Merritt Mountain Music Festival	Active Mtn. Festival Grounds
July	Stock Car Racing	Merritt Speedway
September	Labour Day Downtown	
	Street Mall "Rodeo Weekend"	
September	Labour Day Parade	Voght Park
September	Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo & Parade	Rodeo Grounds
September	Nicola Valley Fall Fair & Dance	Fall Fair Grounds
October	Fall Trade Show	Civic & Convention Centre
October	Halloween Fireworks	Central Park
November	Country Christmas Weekend (Light Up Parade & Parade, Santa Wonderland, Dance)	
December	First Night Celebrations	

PRITCHARD

August	Pritchard Rodeo	Pritchard Rodeo Grounds
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SAVONA

April	Deadman Creek Rodeo	Skeetchestn Reserve
July	Savona Fishing Derby	Kamloops Lake

SUN PEAKS RESORT

January	FIS World Cup Speed Skiing	
January	Annual Subway Sun Peaks Loppet	
January	Ice Wine Festival	
February	BC Snowboard Provincial Series	
February	Valentine's Torchlight Dinner	
February	Telus Nancy Green Corporate Challenge Ski Race	
March	BC Provincial High School Skiing Championships	
March	Much Music Snow Job	
March	Sun Peaks NGCL Invitational	
April	Spring Festival & Easter Festivities	
April	Canadian Alpine Masters Championship	
April	Slush Cup & Dummy Downhill	
April	Top to Bottom Race	
April	Spring Meltdown National Snocross/Hill Climb	
May-October	Sun Peaks Farmer's Market	
June-August	Bear Country Mountain Bike Race Series	

June-August	Summer Village Concert Series
July & August	Alpine Blossom Festival
July 1	Canada Day Family Celebrations
July	Kamloops Symphony Presents "Music in the Mountains"
August	Canadian National Mountain Bike Championships
August	BC Cup Provincial Championships Mtn. Bike
August	World Masters Championship & Joyride (Mountain Bike Festival)
August	Herb Tarlek Open 70's WKRP Costume Golf Tournament
September	Festival of Flavours
December	Village Carolling with Santa
December	Breakfast with Santa
December 31	New Year's Eve Torchlight Descent & Fireworks
Winter	Sun Peaks Film Festival
Winter	Ride Free / US Visitors Ski
Winter	Ride Free / Lower Mainland Ski
Winter	Ride Free / Kamloops Ski
Winter	CIBC Wood Gundy Downhill
Winter	Alca Husky Nancy Greene Ski League Festival
Winter	Sun Peaks Comedy Festival
Winter	Tod Mountain Days Celebrations



Gunfighter's Moon Ashcroft area



An Unfinished Life Mural in Ashcroft