



Atlin, British Columbia

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Should you spot a forest fire:

In British Columbia call **1-800-663-5555**. This is a free, province-wide, forest fire emergency phone number.

In the Yukon call **1-888-798-FIRE (3473)**

*Be aware of the Fire Danger Rating before lighting a campfire.*

### **BC Parks**

Toll Free: 1-800-689-9025  
[www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks)

### **Atlin Visitor Association**

Ph/Fax: 250 651-7522  
 Email: [atlin.visitors@gmail.com](mailto:atlin.visitors@gmail.com)

### **Atlin Historical Society**

Ph/Fax: 250 651-7522  
 Email: [heritage@atlin.net](mailto:heritage@atlin.net)

### **Yukon Parks**

Ph: 867-667-5648  
 Toll Free (in Yukon): 1-800-661-0408 ex. 5648  
[www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca](http://www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca)

### **For More Information**

Recreation Sites and Trails Branch  
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## **Atlin Past and Present**

### **Visitors Map and Guide**



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Atlin Lake *Aa Tlein* Photo courtesy of Northern BC Tourism / JF Bergeron

## Points of Interest

The town of Atlin has a number of historic sites and buildings including:



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### A MV Tarahne

Located on shores of Atlin Lake the Tarahne was originally built in 1917 and then lengthened in 1927. The Tarahne was used primarily to transport people and supplies from Scotia Bay to Atlin but was also used as a cruise boat for tourists throughout the 1920s and 30s.

### B Globe Theatre

This theatre was constructed in 1917 and recently renovated. Check locally for information on performances.

### C Atlin Museum

Located in Atlin's original schoolhouse this museum features artifacts from the Klondike Gold Rush.

### D Atlin Pioneer Cemetery

The Pioneer Graveyard, located east of Atlin on Surprise Lake Road, was used from the Gold Rush period up to 1990. Buried in the cemetery are prospectors Kenneth McLaren and Fritz Miller, who made the historic gold strike on Pine Creek in the winter of 1898.

### E Discovery

Only 9 km east of Atlin along Surprise Lake Road lies the town of Discovery. Only a few structures remain from this once thriving community of 7,000, as many of the town's buildings, like Moose Hall, Jules Eggert Jewellery Store and the Discovery City Jail, have been moved to Atlin.

## Stay Safe In Bear Country

Bears feel threatened if surprised hike in a group and make loud noises. Whistle, talk, sing, or carry noise makers such as bells or a can containing stones. In dense bush and near rushing water, don't depend on your noisemaker being heard. Use extra caution and watch for evidence of bears. Most bears will leave if they are aware of your group's presence. Stay in the open as much as possible. Keep children close at hand on trails. Be especially alert when traveling into the wind, a bear may not get your scent and be warned of your presence.

When camping, be camper smart and keep a clean camp. Bears usually avoid people, but they can be attracted to human food and garbage. Store all food and garbage properly and take all your garbage with you when you leave.



McDonald Lake

Photo courtesy of Manu Keggenhoff

## Safety Tips

Before leaving on a hike, let a responsible individual know where you are going and when you will be returning. Always contact that individual when you return. Never hike alone. Always take a map, compass, food and emergency gear.

## Trail Etiquette

Please keep to the designated trails. Shortcutting on switchbacks damages the plants and soils which keep rain and snow melt from eroding the trail. Do not cut down live trees. Take only photographs, leave only footprints.

## Weather Warning

Be prepared for fast, changeable weather conditions, especially in alpine areas and on Atlin Lake (it can snow in summer at higher elevations).

## Boating Safety

**Atlin Lake:** This huge lake offers exceptional boating, but strong winds can come up very quickly with waves up to 1.5 m within minutes, creating a hazardous situation. Exercise caution at all the times. Watch for reefs. It is recommended to stay within 30 m of the shoreline.

## Mining Properties

The Atlin area has a number of mining properties, many of which are on private property and may be dangerous. Obey all posted signs on mining properties. Stay out of old shafts and do not vandalize any of the areas. Take only pictures and leave any artifacts for others to 'discover'.

## Other Activities in Atlin:

Check at the Visitor Information Centre in the Museum for information on other activities in the Atlin area, including:

- Gold panning on the public claim on Pine Creek
- Relaxing in Tarahne Park, with sport facilities and a children's playground
- Bird watching at the Lagoon at the end of First Street in Atlin
- Mountain biking on old non-maintained roads and mining roads
- Motor boating, kayaking and canoeing on the pristine lakes around Atlin
- White water kayaking
- Glacier flights – boat charters – guided tours – heliskiing

## Recreation Sites

Recreation sites are rustic and usually small (less than 10 vehicle units). All sites in the Atlin area are free. They are generally located near lakes or rivers, blending in with the natural surroundings. These sites were formerly known as B.C. Forest Service Recreation Sites and are now the responsibility of Recreation Sites and Trails B.C.

Access to these sites is often on gravel roads and they commonly include basic amenities such as picnic tables, pit toilets, fire rings, a level camping area and where appropriate, boat launch ramps. The sites are maintained on a regular basis (weekly/bi-weekly) during the summer season. There are no garbage facilities so users must take their garbage with them when leaving.





Atlin Provincial Park — Llewellyn Glacier Photo courtesy of Northern BC Tourism / JF Bergeron

Recreation Sites and Trails BC, BC Parks and the community of Atlin offer a range of excellent summer recreational and tourism opportunities throughout the Atlin area. Enjoy the many opportunities for hiking or mountain biking on historic gold mining roads and wilderness trails.

Most of the following recreational opportunities are within easy driving distance of Atlin; all distances noted are one way.

#### Traditional Tlingit Names

- 1 McDonald Lake Recreation Site Taasleiyi Aayi**  
A cozy four unit campsite with good fishing, canoeing and boating opportunities.

**Access:** Located approximately 20.6 km north of Atlin. Drive 10.4 km north of Atlin on Highway 7 and turn off onto Ruffner Mine Road. Drive for 7.2 km to the bridge. The campsite is located 3 km past the bridge on a non-maintained gravel road.

- 2 Como Lake Recreation Site Weinaa Aak'w**  
This local gathering place is used for day-use activities only. Como lake is stocked with rainbow trout and has excellent fishing.

**Access:** Located approximately 4.5 km north of Atlin along Highway 7.

- 3 Surprise Lake Recreation Site Koosawu Aa**  
A small four unit campsite overlooking the South-West end of the lake. This site is great for fishing for graylings.

**Access:** Located approximately 20 km east of Atlin along Surprise Lake Road.

- 4 Palmer Lake Recreation Site Yoolihashk'i Aa**  
Palmer Lake Recreation Site is a popular day-use site with two campsites. There is excellent pike fishing from shore, as well as canoeing and kayaking opportunities.

**Access:** Located approximately 19 km south of Atlin along Warm Bay Road.

- 5 Warm Bay Recreation Site Yat'aayi Heen Geeyi**  
Nestled within a lush spruce forest, this five unit campsite is ideal for tenting and a few mid-sized RVs/trailers. Located along Atlin Lake, this site has a very basic boat launch and is also great for day-use.

**Access:** Located approximately 24 km south of Atlin along Warm Bay Road.

- 6 The Grotto Recreation Site Tuckana Heeni**  
This small three unit campsite is ideal for tenting, and is located adjacent to a natural spring known as the Grotto.

**Access:** Located approximately 27 km south of Atlin along Warm Bay Road.

- 7 Atlin Provincial Park and Recreation Area**  
**Site Descriptions:** There are seven wilderness camping areas with basic toilet facilities, all of which are located on Atlin Lake. **Aa Tlein.** Please practice no-trace-camping techniques while visiting the park.

**Trail Descriptions:** There are two maintained trails in the park. One trail begins at the head of Llewellyn Inlet and leads to Llewellyn Glacier. The second trail is located at Sloko Inlet; this 2 km trail leads to Sloko Lake.

**Access:** Access to the wilderness camping areas and trails is by water or aircraft. Visitors cannot access the park by road. When visiting the park fill out a travel plan (available at the Visitor Information Centre or RCMP) and leave it with the RCMP.

- 8 Pine Creek Campsite Koosawu Heen**

There are fourteen campsites nestled in a spruce forest. Firewood is usually supplied. This site is maintained by the Atlin Board of Trade and there is a small fee for overnight camping.

**Access:** Located approximately 2.5 km south of Atlin along Warm Bay Road, just after the Pine Creek bridge.

- 9 Shortest Railway Trail Yaakw Dei**

An easy 4 km walk along the abandoned rail line, the Taku Tram, that once connected Taku City on Tagish Lake to Scotia Bay on Atlin Lake. Some artifacts from the time of the railway remain.

**Access:** Access to Scotia Bay on the west side of Atlin Lake is by boat or air only. Ask locally about charters.

- 10 Monarch Mountain Trail A Xee'gi Dei'yi Shaa**

This moderate 3 km mountain trail (one way) will take an average of 4 hours for the return trip (elevation gain about 762 m). This trail is set in stunning landscapes with impressive vistas and bluffs.

**Access:** Located approximately 3.7 km south of Atlin along Warm Bay Road. The parking area is located 1.2 km south of the Pine Creek campground. The trail head is just across the road.



Como Lake Recreation Site Photo courtesy of Carl Johansen, RSTBC



Shortest Railway Trail — Taku City Rail Station Photo courtesy of John Crooks, RSTBC

## Yukon Government Recreation Sites

The Yukon Government maintains 2 small campgrounds along the Atlin Highway, just north of the British Columbia - Yukon boundary.

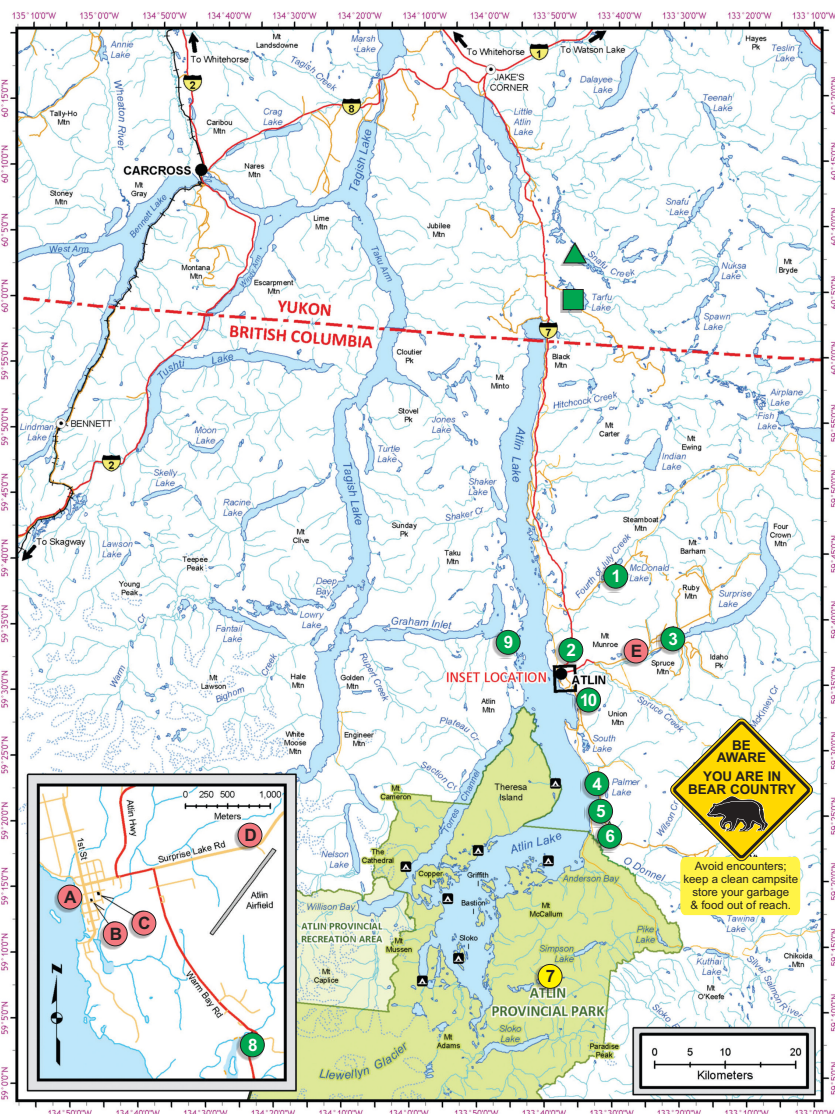
**Note:** There is a \$12 per night fee at all Yukon Government campgrounds.

- ▲ Snafu Lake Gooch Aayi**

A ten unit campsite with good fishing and boating located approximately 72 km north of Atlin along Highway 7.

- Tarfu Lake Naéleli Aayik'w**

A ten unit campsite with good fishing and boating opportunities located approximately 66 km north of Atlin.



Site/Trail									km from Atlin	# camp sites
1 McDonald Lake	●	●	●				●	●	20.6 km	4
2 Como Lake	●	●	●	●			●	●	4.5 km	
3 Surprise Lake	●	●	●				●	●	20 km	4
4 Palmer Lake	●	●	●	●			●	●	19 km	2
5 Warm Bay	●	●	●	●			●	●	24 km	5
6 The Grotto	●	●	●						27 km	2
7 Atlin Provincial Park			●		●	●		●		7
8 Pine Creek	●	●	●							14
9 Shortest Railway					●					
10 Monarch Mountain					●				3.7 km	
■ Tarfu Lake	●	●	●				●	●	66 km	10
▲ Snafu Lake	●	●	●				●	●	72 km	10

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