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U18 TIER 4 BC HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCH 17 - 20, 2024

***“Lead, Develop and Promote Positive
Lifelong Hockey Experiences”***

Welcome to the 2024 U18 Tier 4 BC Championships!

We are grateful to be competing on the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa Nation and the Yaqan Nukiy People. Your host for the week is the Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association and **Creston Valley Attack**.



CRESTON VALLEY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Feel free to call or text during the Championships if you have any questions or concerns – good luck to all teams and players!

Creston and District Community Complex

312 – 19th Avenue North

Box 477

Creston, BC V0B 1G0

Phone: (250) 428-7127

Fax: (250) 428-5700

Email: crestonrec@rdck.bc.ca



BC Hockey Representative

TBA

GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Banquet Information

On Saturday evening (March 16th), there will be a Banquet in the Creston Room which is upstairs from the arena. All players, coaches, managers, officials, and dignitaries are invited to attend.

Coaches and Managers Meeting

The Coaches and Managers meeting will follow immediately after the Banquet and will be held in the Erickson room which is adjacent to the Banquet room. Officials are also welcome to attend.

Team Dressing Rooms

There are 6 dressing rooms at the Creston and District Community Complex, not including the host team dressing room. If the Championships are a 6 or 7 team tournament, then each participating team will be assigned one dressing room for the duration of the tournament. This provides for teams to set up gear, allow for hockey equipment to dry and provide ample space for each visiting team during the tournament.

Opening Ceremonies

Opening Ceremonies will be held on Sunday, March 17th at the ice arena. All teams are required to attend.

Closing Ceremonies

Closing Ceremonies will be held after the final game. The BC Hockey Representative will present the Fair Play Trophy, the Championship Banner, and any other awards. All teams are encouraged to attend but it is not mandatory.

WHERE IS CRESTON?

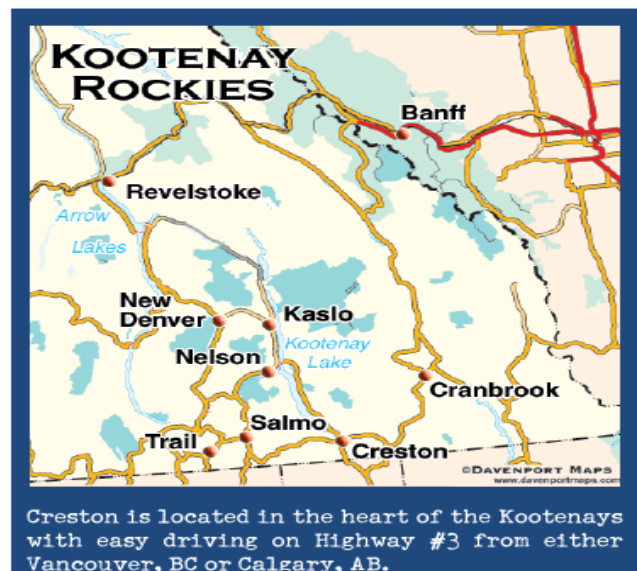
From Vancouver: Travel along Highway #1 (Trans-Canada) to the highway junction in the community of Hope, BC. At the highway junction there are three highway routes leading into the interior of BC. Highway #3 (Crowsnest) is the quickest route traveling east from Hope on Highway #3 to Creston.

From Calgary: Travel Highway #1 (Trans-Canada) west to Banff National Park and then continue to the provincial border of British Columbia. Continue driving west on Hwy #1 to the community of Golden, BC. In Golden travel Highway #93/#95 south to Cranbrook, BC. From Cranbrook travel south on Highway #3 (Crowsnest) to Creston.

Special Travel Note: If arriving in Creston via the Nelson - Balfour - Crawford Bay (Hwy #3A) route, travellers will need to cross Kootenay Lake via boarding a ferry from Balfour Bay to Crawford Bay.

Destination Mileage and Map

| From | KMS | Miles |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| Golden, BC | 355 | 221 |
| Revelstoke, BC | 305 | 190 |
| Kimberley, BC | 132 | 82 |
| Cranbrook, BC | 107 | 66 |
| Nelson, BC | 115 | 71 |
| Vernon, BC | 402 | 250 |
| Kelowna, BC | 419 | 260 |
| Salmon Arm, BC | 405 | 252 |
| Kamloops, BC | 513 | 319 |
| Prince George, BC | 987 | 613 |
| Victoria, BC | 776 | 482 |
| Vancouver, BC | 738 | 459 |
| Whistler, BC | 858 | 533 |
| Calgary, Alberta | 510 | 317 |
| Edmonton, Alberta | 805 | 500 |
| Seattle, Washington | 685 | 426 |



Airports

Creston is within two hours of two major airports, the Canadian Rockies International Airport in Cranbrook and the West Kootenay Regional Airport located in Castlegar.

Canadian Rockies International Airport is serviced by Air Canada and WestJet with numerous flights per day from Vancouver and Calgary. Both airports in Castlegar and Cranbrook have national car rental agencies to provide ground transportation to Creston.

Car Rentals

250-428-9343



Taxi

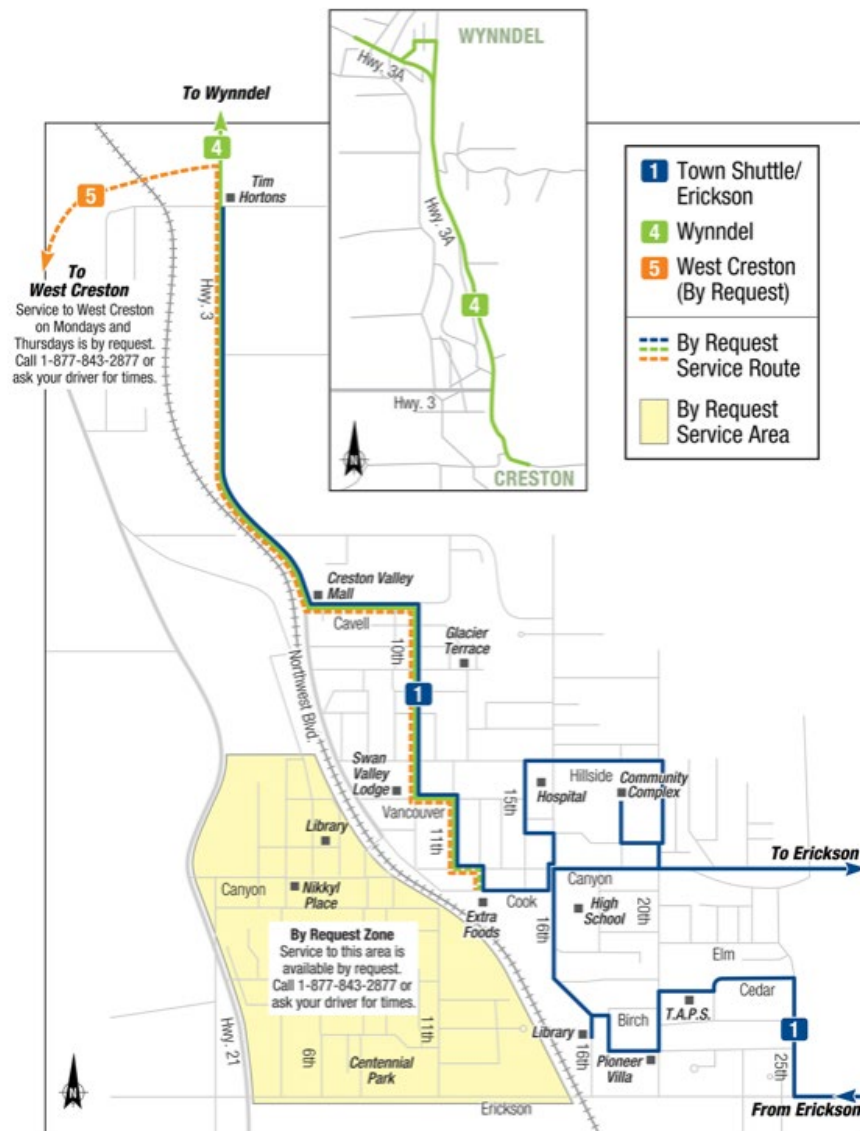
Creston Valley Cab Company

250-428-5545

Transit

Creston Valley Transit System

250-428-7750



ABOUT THE HOST COMMUNITY

Creston is a town of approximately 5,600 people in the Kootenay region of southeastern British Columbia, Canada. With large unincorporated communities surrounding the municipality, the Creston Valley has a population of approximately 12,000 people in the immediate vicinity of the town. The entire Creston Valley, incorporating the Kootenay Lake east shore communities and Yahk boasts a population of nearly 16,000.



Sunset on the Creston Valley from Thompson Mountain.

Surrounded by the Selkirk Mountains to the west, the Purcell Mountains to the east, Kootenay Lake to the north and the United States border 10 kilometers to the south, the Creston Valley is an agriculturally rich community.

The Creston Valley is rich in agriculture-related businesses and services and a thriving agri-tourism. With an emerging wine industry, fruit, and vegetable markets, handcrafted organic cheese, animal and grain farms, secondary food processing and the world-famous Columbia Brewery, the Creston Valley lifestyle epitomizes the “100-mile diet”.



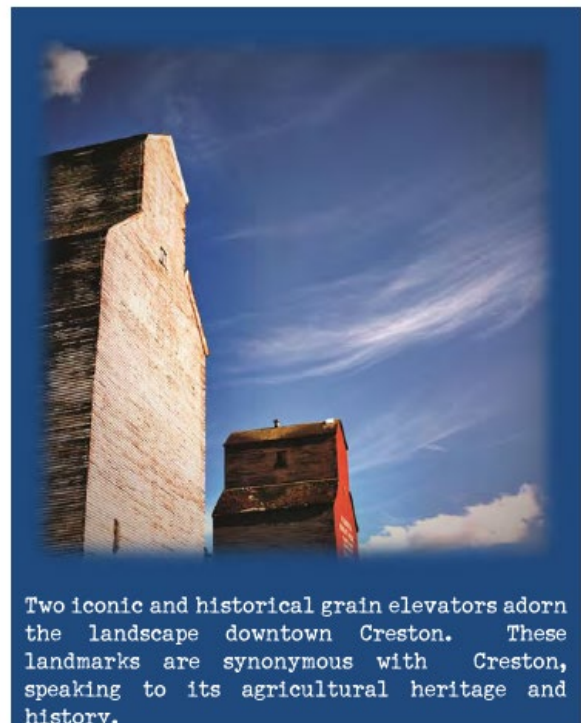
A growing local wine industry is putting the Creston Valley's agriculture on the map in a new way. Three established wineries produce award winning flavours that are uniquely Creston.

The Creston Valley's economy is largely resource-based with agriculture and forestry. Many are employed in the service sector, and tourism is increasingly prominent, while government services and education comprise a large portion of the labour force. In the past decade, the Creston Valley has also increased in being a retirement community, attracting many from across Western Canada to relocate and enjoy the moderate climate.

Since 1959, Kokanee beer has been brewed in Creston at the Columbia Brewery. Now owned by Labatts (Anheuser–Busch), the brewery also produces Kokanee Gold, an amber Lager, Kootenay True Ale, a lighter style ale, Kokanee Light, and as of July 15, 2009, Alexander Keith's, an India Pale Ale. In recent years it has announced a large expansion to be able to begin brewing Budweiser products, ensuring that it remains a major employer in the Creston Valley.

The town is home to two grain elevators. One is an ex-Alberta Wheat Pool grain elevator, built in 1935 and recently restored, which is currently attached to an amazing art gallery. The other is an ex UGG elevator, built in 1936. Both elevators were purchased by the Columbia Basin Trust in June 2018.

In Erickson, a neighbouring unincorporated community outside of Creston, many apple and cherry orchards can be found as a staple to the fruit industry that ships to many domestic and international destinations.



Two iconic and historical grain elevators adorn the landscape downtown Creston. These landmarks are synonymous with Creston, speaking to its agricultural heritage and history.

To the south, the communities of Canyon and Lister boast having the all-important dairy farms. The rolling hills of these communities also have rich produce and berry farms.

With five exceptional wineries and counting, the Creston Valley has been dubbed Canada's next wine region. Baillie-Grohman Estate Winery, Skimmerhorn Winery, Red Bird, William Tell and Wynnwood Cellars all produce award winning wines from within the Creston Valley, each offering unique opportunities to visit their facilities, further putting the agri-tourism as a stable cornerstone of the local economy.



The Creston Valley Wildlife Management area is a 69 sq. km biological rich marsh land that boasts hundreds of different types of birds, fish, mammals, and reptiles.

Even if you don't make it to a winery, there are plenty of opportunities to savour our local flavours. Dozens of venues in the Creston Valley offer local food and wine pairings, and restaurants will proudly suggest the valley's finest.

The Creston Valley has been inhabited, for at least 11,000 years, by the Ktunaxa Nation Yaqan Nukiy people, known for their unique language, the distinctive sturgeon-nosed canoe, and cultural traditions that blend a dependence on fish, small game, and waterfowl with the annual bison-hunting traditions of the Plains Nations. The Yaqan Nukiy (Lower Kootenay Band) are an integral part of the Creston Valley and community, located 4 kilometers south of Creston.

Each year in May, Creston Valley is a vital birdwatching site and staging area for migratory birds with over three hundred species of birds recorded. A designated Important Bird Area, the annual Bird Festival celebrates our wonderful diversity.

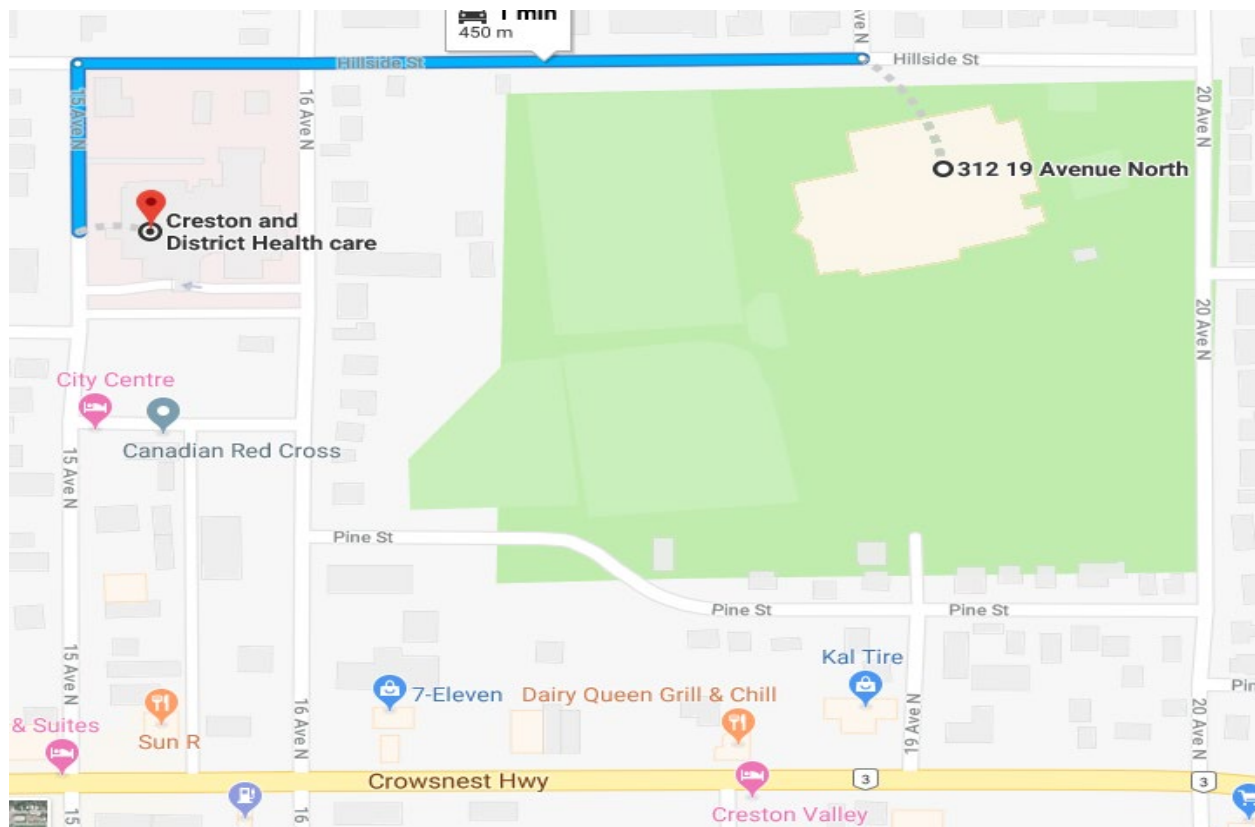
Activities include a variety of birdwatching events guided by field experts, as well as photography and art displays and bird-oriented workshops.

The Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area is a 69 square kilometer biologically diverse marshland that draws visitors from around the globe. Over 300 species of birds, 57 types of mammals and 29 species of fish, reptiles and amphibians call this area home.

Visitors to the Creston Valley who are interested in spending a day on the links are in luck – 17 golf courses are located within two hours of Creston. The Creston Golf Club in Lister and the Canyon Heights Gold Course in Canyon are mere minutes away from downtown Creston. The Creston Golf Club opens in mid-March providing a long golf season, as it is usually the first to open in the spring in the Kootenay region.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

The Creston Valley Hospital is a short distance away from the arena located at 312 – 15th Ave N. This Hospital is a full-service hospital with 20 beds. Emergency services are available 24 hours a day.



ACCOMMODATIONS

From tenting sites and RV parks to charming bed-and-breakfasts to a major hotel, whatever your taste in accommodations, Creston has a comfortable place to suit all needs. No matter where visitors stay, they will find the Creston-area hosts to be the friendliest and most accommodating people they have ever met!



The **Ramada Creston** is the newest hotel in Creston, situated at the junction of Highway 3 and Highway 3A with 65 rooms. The hotel is across from Tim Horton's and McDonalds, has a Ricky's All-Day Grill restaurant, and lounge. It is 3.6 km from the Creston and District Community Complex. The hotel has a 24-hour fitness centre, business centre, air-conditioning, and WiFi.

The **Creston Hotel** is one of Creston's oldest establishments in the valley. This well cared for hotel is rated an 8.6 out of 10 on Hotels.com and is truly in the heart of downtown Creston. The hotel has 25 guestrooms, a restaurant and bar/lounge, and free WiFi. This terrific hotel has comfortable rooms and is absolutely the best hotel for the value. The Creston Hotel is only 400 meters from the Creston and District Community Complex, allowing for a very short walk to the hockey venue.





Starting at \$79 per night

The **Magnuson Hotel** has 51 guestrooms with a highly rated Sushi restaurant and a bar/lounge. The hotel also offers on-site breakfast and free WiFi. The Magnuson Hotel is 1.4 km from the Creston and District Community Complex. Nearby, the local shopping centre is home to Save On Foods, BC Liquor Store, and many other retail outlets.

The **Sunset Motel** has 24 guestrooms, a heated outdoor pool, and free in-house movies. The motel is located 900 meters from the Creston and District Community Complex. This quiet motel has rooms of all sizes, including kitchenette suites and is pet friendly. With terrific views of the Skimmerhorn Mountains to the east, this motel has great value for visitors to the Creston Valley. Nearby are many of the fruit stands that sell local fruits during the summer months. The motel is easy to find located on Highway #3 on the east side of Creston.



Sunset Motel

Starting at \$79 per night

The **Skimmerhorn Inn** is a newly renovated 25-unit motel with an outdoor pool, air-conditioned rooms, barbecue grills, and playground. The Skimmerhorn Inn also has a free continental breakfast. This cozy inn has 1-bedroom suites, standard rooms, double rooms, 2-bedroom suites and executive suites. Located in Erickson, BC, this motel is located nearly 10 minutes' walk from the Creston and District Community Complex.



Skimmerhorn Inn

Starting at \$75 per night

The **Creston Valley Motel** is centrally located, just east of the downtown core, across from the Dairy Queen and only 2 blocks from the heart of Creston BC. The Creston Valley Motel provides quality accommodations at affordable prices. Their clean and comfortable rooms await your arrival. This motel also has dog friendly rooms upon request.



The **Uptowner Motel** is Creston's "Most Convenient Accommodation" located in downtown Creston, where there is a wealth of activities minutes away. 22 rooms in this motor inn that also includes free WiFi and meeting facilities. Pets are welcome.

The **Valley View Motel** has 15 cabin-like units located a few blocks from downtown Creston on a quiet hillside overlooking the valley. Non-smoking rooms, studio rooms – some with kitchenettes, one- and two-bedroom suites, wireless internet, guest laundry and grassy picnic areas. Family and senior discounts available.

The **Bavarian Orchard** is in a beautiful orchard setting with a mountain view. The suites super clean large one- and two-bedroom units, some with private decks. The motel offers free WiFi and complimentary continental breakfast. Rates start at \$85 up to \$169 per night.

With over 300 rooms available in close vicinity of the Creston and District Community Complex, there is ample opportunity for guests to be within a short walk of the venue.

RESTAURANTS

With the Creston Valley's long tradition of growing great food, the people of the valley certainly know about good eating! Visitors to the Creston Valley enjoy every meal they experience here. From casual cafés to lively pubs to fine bistros, Creston offers a wide variety of dining options. Many restaurants serve locally made sausages and meats and produce grown right in this valley. The Creston Valley has several ethnic restaurants to give you a taste of the exotic and a chance to experience our community's heritage.



Casey's Community House

Wine Bar, Tap House, and Family Restaurant located in a historical building in downtown Creston. They serve locally grown food and wine.

1136 Canyon Street

250-428-7474

Bay Leaf Indian Fusion

Only Indian Restaurant in the heart of Creston. For a unique twist on traditional Indian favorites, visit Bay Leaf Indian Fusion. This restaurant brings an international culinary experience to the heart of Creston.

250-428-7713

Jimmy's Pub

250-428-2225



Jimmy's Pub is one of the best places to eat in town, just ask the locals! The Creston Hotel and Jimmy's Pub & Grill has been operated by the Karountzos family since 1996. Jimmy the Greek and his chef Demetre have worked together with the rest of the Karountzos family to make this Pub a famous place to eat and enjoy a drink.

The Sushi Garden

Serves an impressive array of fresh sushi and other tasty Japanese cuisines for lunch and dinner in their comfortable restaurant at the Magnuson Hotel.

250-428-2324

I & J Fusion Restaurant

Specializes in a selection of contemporary Asian cuisine made from-scratch with fresh local ingredients. Their delicious Bubble Teas are also a must have!

250-428-2077

Fristy Whisky Cocktails & Kitchen

Children under 19 can dine until 8pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Bring your whole family and enjoy delicious food and custom cocktails in a great atmosphere! 250-431-9189

Real Food Cafe

Serving dishes from around the world, gluten free and vegetarian available. Local, organic beef, cheese, wines and seasonal produce. Licensed restaurant. Outdoor patio & wheelchair access. 250-428-8882

Sun R Restaurant

Chinese food with a buffet seven days a week. Located downtown near many hotels and attractions. 250-428-2414

Ricky's All Day Grill



For over 50 years Ricky's been serving up great food at great prices. All day, every day, they serve a medley of tasty selections in a comfortable, friendly environment that's the perfect venue for catching up with friends and family, some one-on-one time with someone special, or larger groups.

Ricky's All-Day Grill

250-428-8826

Mikes Warehouse Pizza

All meats are purchased locally from Famous Fritz Meats and Deli, always fresh, never frozen with no preservatives added. Eat in, take-out, or delivery, either way, enjoy the great taste of their fresh baked pizza. 250-428-0069

Tims Fish and Chips

Out on Northwest Boulevard, where the only thing missing is an ocean view, customers can eat-in or take-out their regular fix of authentic fish and chips, clam chowder, poutine, and more! 250-428-4008

Basasak Chicken Brunch & Dinner

A highly tasty Korean Fried Chicken Restaurant located in the Magnuson Inn that will amaze you with its great food, service, and atmosphere. 250-431-8642

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Retro Café

Black Bear Books and Coffee House

Buffalo Trails

The Golden Flour Bakery

Creston Valley Bakery

Ricks Iron Kettle Restaurant

FAST FOOD

Panago Pizza

Dairy Queen

A&W

Subway

Tim Horton's

McDonalds

SPORT STORES

Activity Base

For skate sharpening

132 - 15th Ave N

250-254-9701

Summit Cycle and Sports

For skate sharpening

1021 Canyon St

(250) 428-2630

Mawson's Sport Shop

Get ready for action with Mawson's Sport Shop's impressive range of sporting and recreational goods, including clothing, horse tack, camping gear and fishing tackle.

1026 Canyon St.

250 428-4130

On the Grind Skate and Apparel Inc.

Creston's skateboard shop. Carefully hand-picked retail designed to reflect a style for skateboarders alike.

1126 Canyon St.

250 431-9027

Elevate Mountain Lifestyles

Outdoor inspired clothing, footwear and equipment store serving outdoor enthusiasts for activities of all kinds including hiking, backpacking, camping, hunting, snow sports and more.

1403A Canyon St.

250 866-0071

SHOPPING

Black Bear Books

Chill out at Black Bear Books browsing their wide selection of books, surfing the internet, and sipping a coffee on the deck of their coffee bar.

1013 Canyon St.

250 428-2711

Kingfisher Used Books

Unlimited adventures are waiting within the pages of over 10,000 pre-loved books in this Creston second-hand bookstore.

131 12th Ave North

250 428-0553

Marks Work Wearhouse

1000 Northwest Blvd, Creston Valley Mall

250 428-3003

Sue's Clotheslines

Casual clothing styles for both men and women are available in-store, as well as women's accessories, specialty bras and lingerie.

1127B Canyon St.

250 428-4442

Morris Flowers

This conveniently located florist offers a bright selection of fresh flowers and arrangements, silk flowers, dried flowers, chocolates, candles, and glassware.

Morris Flowers delivers in Creston and to surrounding areas.

1020 Canyon St.

250 428-2656

Tigz Designs – Gift Baskets and Teas

The biggest little tea shop in the Kootenays! Not only do we offer over 250 types of premium loose tea and accessories, but we also carry quality local tasty treats and unique gift items. We also have Hot &/or ICY Tea, local Coffee, Apple Cider, or Hot Chocolate to go. Stop in and browse our unique shop while you sip on a sample of one of our delicious teas.

1013 Canyon Street

250-402-8716

Modern Alchemy

Fair Trade/Sweat Shop Free/Local or BC Made/Environmentally friendly/Natural/Organic/Small Maker/Buy One Give One/Zero Waste/ Choosing Plastic Free.

250 428-0105

Home Hardware Building Centre

1608 Northwest Blvd

250 428-9388

Tony Mulder Jewellery & Gifts

Tony Mulder Jewellery offers custom goldsmithing. Make a special gift even more special by custom design. This store also carries a fine range of watches and clocks.

1014B Canyon St.

250 428-9300

Pharmasave Creston

For those unexpected colds and other minor ailments, pop into Pharmasave for a wide variety of over-the counter pharmaceutical and health products, prescription services and some friendly advice. Cosmetics, a wide range of stationery products and greeting cards are also available in store.

1030 Canyon St.
250 428-9334

Fly-in-Fibre

A fibre hub dedicated to good coffee, yarn, fibre, local art.
39 10th Ave. N
250-402-6072

Legend Logos

A cultural gift shop, bringing you First Nations crafts, artwork, souvenirs, and custom embroidery. Also, the home of the of the Yaqan Nukiy Heritage Centre.
3560 21 Hwy S
250-428-2977

Serene Spa

Serene Spa is a full-service day spa offering skin therapy, relaxation massage, organic spray tanning, nail enhancements, pedicures & manicures, lash enhancements and our own high-end in-house skin care line designed and manufactured in Canada. We offer a relaxing, big city atmosphere while still maintaining small town charm and hospitality. We look forward to pampering you.
1132 Canyon Street
250-254-2373

THINGS TO DO

Creston Valley Visitor Center

121 NW Blvd Highway 3
250-428-4342

Creston Valley Museum



Contact

Address 219 Devon St.
Creston, BC, V0B 1G3

Phone [\(250\) 428-9262](tel:2504289262)

Tammy crestonmuseum@telus.net

Alyssa museumprograms@telus.net

Arena Complex and Facilities

The Creston and District Community has a modern facility that was renovated with major additions finishing in 2011. The Regional District of Central Kootenay set out to design a facility that would become the heart and soul of the community and act as a “town square” to focus community activities.

The Creston and District Community Complex began as a 70s era facility and was reborn as a completely renovated, expanded and enhanced 113,000 square foot multi-purpose community complex with an 800-seat indoor ice arena, curling rinks, fitness centre, indoor track and much, much more.

The complex offers the highest levels of accessibility for the general public and special needs groups. It also provides a wide range of programs and services for everyone from serious athletes to families.

The Creston and District Community Complex encourages people to come together for recreation in the same place and at the same time with the aim of building stronger individuals, stronger families and a stronger community.



In 2013, there were over 160,000 visits to the complex – which is remarkable given the relatively small population of the catchment area.

The Creston and District Community Complex offers the members of a smaller community an opportunity to develop leisure activities to enhance their health, functional abilities, independence and quality of life. This top-notch complex provides a smaller community with outstanding facilities for recreation and with a point of focus for entertainment and community gatherings.

In 2014, the Creston and District Community Complex received the provincial award for FACILITY EXCELLENCE by the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association. This is in part because of the relaxing and inviting atmosphere that is present when in this facility. It's not an arena, it's not a curling rink, it's not a pool, it is truly a community complex.



The name of the hockey arena is the Johnny Bucyk arena, named after the great Boston Bruin who resides in the Creston Valley. Fans and players call it “The Johnny” and it has been the home of the Creston Valley Thunder Cats since their inaugural season in 2000-2001.

The ice surface is 85' x 185' with new boards and glass installed as part of the major renovations. New state of the art lighting, lobbies and change rooms gave “The Johnny” new life. A new concrete floor was provided for the ice surface, including a new cooling plant to ensure good ice regardless of temperatures outside. Players have used the ice in August while temperatures outside have been in the high 30s and compliment how great the ice surface is, despite the outdoor temperatures.

There are 6 large dressing rooms available, plus the Creston Valley Thunder Cats change room. Additionally, there is a referee dressing room with showers in between dressing rooms 3 and 4 near the timekeeper’s box.

There is a large lobby with viewing of the ice surface serviced by a full-service food vendor.

The total viewing capacity of a hockey game is 931, with 800 seats, and 131 in standing room only. All seating provides an unobstructed view of the ice surface, making every seat a terrific viewing experience.

One of the greatest features of this facility is the accessibility for individuals with limited mobility. There is ample parking and front access. The arena has a large handicap viewing area above the ice surface that is accessible by elevator, providing for one of the best views of the ice surface. There is no place in this building that is not accessible, regardless of the mobility of the individual.

The Creston and District Community Complex also has a state-of-the-art fitness centre with a walking track. This has all the amenities from treadmills, cycles, free weights to weight machines. The community complex has an aquatic centre housing a swimming pool, children's pool, lazy river, hot tub, and steam saunas.



Creston and District Community Complex has a full size swimming pool, hot tub with views of the valley, and a children's pool with its own lazy river.



Creston and District Community Complex has a full service fitness centre, complete with an indoor track. This modern fitness facility is open early mornings daily.