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of the SHUSWAP  
HIGHWAYS & BACKROADS  
MOTOR TOURING GUIDE

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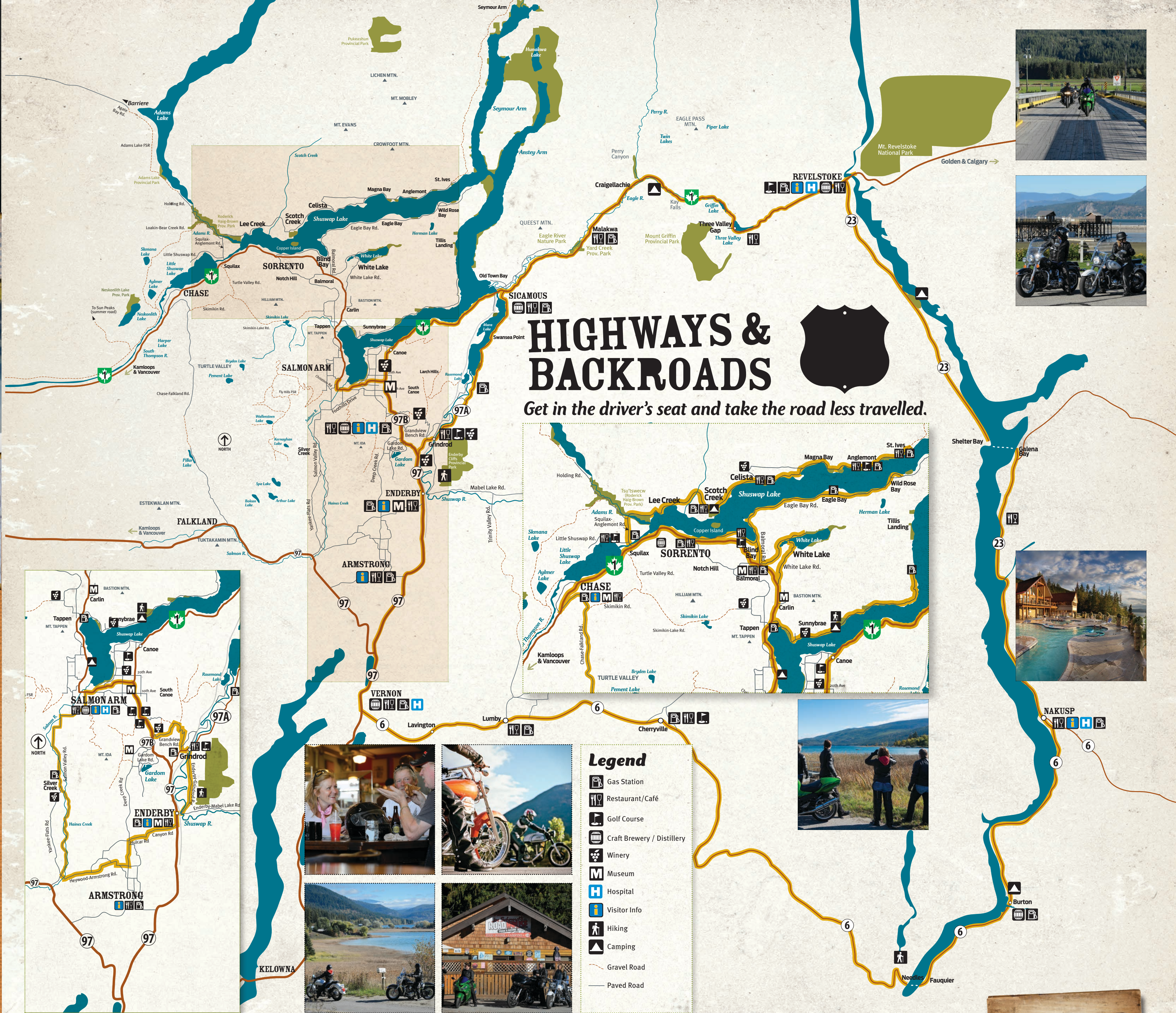


If you've been dreaming of the open road, this is your dream come true.

You know that life has its twists and turns - so why not enjoy them? Get in the driver's seat and come experience the Shuswap's winding roads and fantastic destinations. This is the perfect place for cruising by car or motorcycle and thrilling at endless stretches of mind-blowing scenery, along breathtaking shorelines and among lush hills.

Our sunny summers are ideal for relaxed days on the road, and car buffs will find themselves in good company here - there are car shows and cruise-ins all season long! Paved back roads mean you don't need to stress on fast-paced four-lane highways, and we've got plenty of gravel roads too for the real get-away-from-it-all ride. And a great bonus? Your windshield or visor will appreciate our lack of bugs!

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## Legend

- Gas Station
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- Golf Course
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- Winery
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- Paved Road

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# SCENIC NORTH and SOUTH SHUSWAP

**Distance:** 100KM + depending on route  
**Approx. driving time:** 3 to 4 hours, depending on stops

**Road conditions:** A paved, meandering road, with narrow shoulders, skirting the lake's edge, winding through neighbourhoods. It can be busy during summer.

**Summary:** Take lake life on the road, with waterfront scenery and country charm. Enjoy a stop at a legendary motorcycle museum, sip some cool climate wines or stop to cool your feet off at one of our beautiful beaches.

**Route description:** This route gives you lots of options for an out-and-back tour or a longer excursion exploring the back-roads of the South and North Shuswap. Excellent opportunities for swimming and fishing, lakeside dining, stunning sunsets, and the famous **Dreamcycle Motorcycle Museum** and **Sprockets Café**. Go out and back or take a shortcut.

The best place to start is at the centre of the tour - Dreamcycle Motorcycle Museum. You'll be amazed at the 100's of restored vintage motorbikes, see bikes in the process of being restored, and



# SHUSWAP through the MONASHEES

**Distance:** 400 kms depending on your route.  
**Approx. driving time:** 8 hours +, depending on stops

**Road conditions:** Paved highways and roads, at times narrow and winding. Portions can be busy during summer. Two free ferry rides take you across the Arrow Lakes.

**Summary:** Enjoy amazing mountain views, historical points of interest, opportunities for adventure, hot springs and gourmet food! There is limited cell service through some areas and large distances between gas stations.

**Route description:** This grand circle route takes you through the historical Eagle River Valley, Three Valley Gap, Revelstoke, and south along the Arrow Lakes across the Galena Bay Ferry through Nakusp, and following Highway 6 down to the Fauquier Ferry taking crossing back across Upper Arrow Lake to Cherryville, Lumby and Vernon, finally returning you to Hwy. 97 and the North Okanagan Valley to Salmon Arm and Sicamous.

Starting from Sicamous travel east along the Trans Canada Highway 19km turning left into Malakwa. Hunt out the Malakwa Suspension Bridge across the Eagle River. On the other side of the highway, you will find the Burner Grill, an authentic converted burner that pays tribute to the area's logging history. Craigellachie is 27km from Sicamous - be sure to stop at this historical spot where the famous last spike was driven into the Canadian-Pacific Railway. Today an interpretive centre tells the story of this engineering endeavour. Continuing another 27km to Three Valley Gap, you will also find Crazy Creek Resort, the Enchanted Forest and SkyTrek Adventure Park. Three Valley Lake Chateau and Heritage Ghost Town is a resort that is totally off the grid, powered by a nearby waterfall. Revelstoke is another 21km through craggy mountain scenery. Choose to explore the historic downtown of Revelstoke, railway museum, or BC Hydro's Revelstoke Dam Visitor Centre. Gas up and head 49kms south along Highway 23 to the Shelter Bay Ferry The M.V. Columbia sails from Shelter Bay 5:00 am – 12:00 midnight and from Galena Bay 5:30 am – 12:30 am.

you can browse a unique store full of motorbike memorabilia. Grab a fresh cup of coffee and famous Sprokett sandwich before heading east along the Trans Canada Hwy. past the White Post Auto Museum and Antique Mall to the Tappen Co-op (renowned for their ice cream cones). Take a left off the hwy. onto Sunnybrae-Canoe Point Road. Follow this winding paved road for 17.7km past Sunnybrae Park, the Sunnybrae Winery and Herald Provincial Park. Return 17.7km to the Tappen Co-op and head west for 5 km; turn right onto White Lake Road. Continue for 14km out to White Lake and around to Balmoral. Along the way, enjoy a stop at White Lake or one of the many hikes on the Blind Bay-White Lake trail system starting from the trailhead at John Evdokimoff Park.

At Balmoral, turn right onto Balmoral Road, which becomes Eagle Bay Road. Drive 28 km to Wild Rose Bay. On your way out or back, enjoy a meal on the patio at one of the waterfront dining restaurants or stop in at the Blind Bay Village Grocer, a full-service grocery, gas station and deli.

Head west along Blind Bay Road to Sorrento for 4.3 km and back onto the Trans Canada Hwy. Follow the highway 9km to the Squilax Bridge, turn off onto Squilax-Turtle Valley Road, taking the cloverleaf overpass across the highway and Little River. This road becomes Squilax-Anglemont Road. Continue for 47km to reach the turnaround point at the hamlet of St. Ives. From St. Ives you can retrace your route back to the Squilax Bridge, or press on along a well-maintained gravel forestry service road for another 47km / 1.5 hours to the village of Seymour Arm.

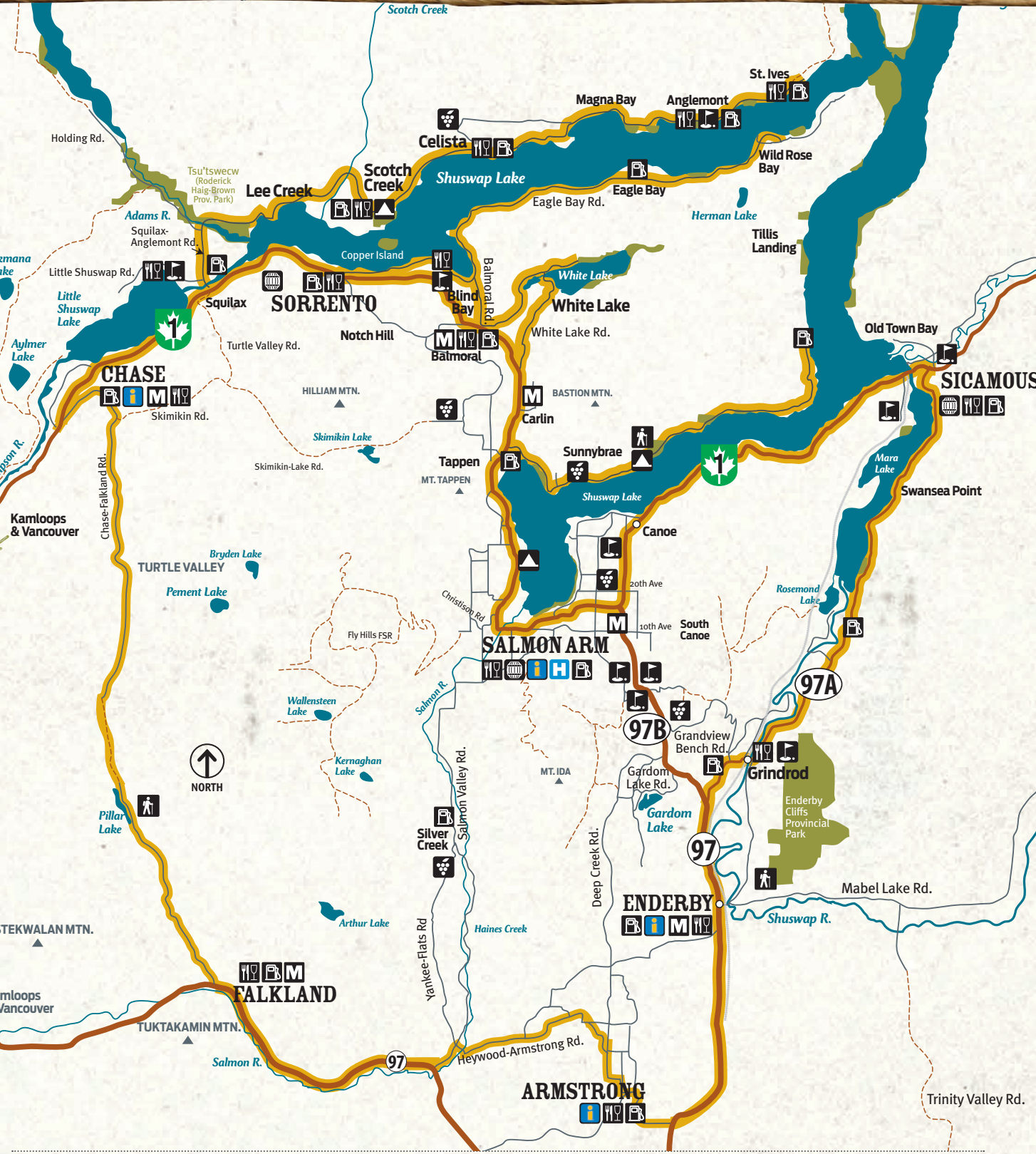
Your route from Squilax passes through Tsútswevcw (Roderick Haig-Brown) Provincial Park, site of the famous annual Adams River Sockeye Salmon Run, and Shuswap Lake Provincial Park, known for its excellent camping beaches, boat launch, and day use area.

Communities include Squilax, Scotch Creek, Celista, Anglemont, and St. Ives. Stop by the Quaaot Lodge, a full-service resort featuring Talking Rock Golf Course, Leyke Spa and Jack Sam's Restaurant. Detour into Celista Estate Winery, Canada's most northerly winery.

Very few services are available along the forest service road beyond St. Ives, but this rewarding drive passes Albas Falls, Silver Beach Provincial Park, and ends in historic Seymour Arm.

From Galena Bay continue heading south along Highway 23 to Nakusp. Be sure to stop in for a soak at one of the natural hot springs along the way! From Nakusp, take Highway 6 south 57km to the Fauquier - Needles Ferry. While you are going through Burton, stop in at the Burton City Cidery. The Fauquier Ferry leaves every 30 minutes on the hour and half hour between 5:00am and 10:00pm. Both ferries are free.

Cherryville is 82km from the Needles Ferry along Highway 6. As you approach Cherryville there are some great places to stop and grab some refreshments at the Cherryville Golf and Roadhouse Café or the Triple Island Cheese Farm. Lumby is a further 27km along Highway 6, continue on this highway 26.5km to Vernon. Once back in Vernon, follow Highway 97 north to Enderby (36 km), and finish up in Salmon Arm (25 km on Highway 97B) or Sicamous, 39km on Highway 97A.



# MOUNT IDA CIRQUE

**Distance:** 78km  
**Approx. driving time:** 1.5 hours

**Road conditions:** Paved roads in good condition.

**Summary:** A scenic loop around Mount Ida through fertile agricultural land, beginning in downtown Salmon Arm. Visit producers, wineries and museums along the way.

**Route description:** Discover the Shuswap's agricultural history with this tour through fertile land that has been farmed for generations. The route circumnavigates Mount Ida, bringing its four peaks into view, and crosses the Salmon River several times.

Visit Tanto Latte - a BC Italian cheese producer, DeMille's Farm Market, Grass Roots Dairies, Ovino Winery, and other producers. Pass halls, farms and fences from the homesteading era. Learn about the local history at the RJ Haney Heritage Museum, check out the world's largest lawnmower at Deep Creek Tool Museum, and take in a live performance - in a corral - at Caravan Farm Theatre.

Take the Trans Canada Highway west from Salmon Arm, and turn left onto Salmon River Road, just past DeMille's Farm Market. Travel 29.5km through the Silver Creek Valley to Glenemma junction. Continue along Heywood-Armstrong Road/Salmon River Road for 10.5km. Turn left onto Knob Hill Road, and continue to the Hulcar Rd. junction, turn right and follow for 2.5 km, turn left onto Canyon Rd and follow 5km to Highway 97B. Turn left into Enderby. Stop for a refreshment or light lunch at one of the unique coffee shops in downtown Enderby. Follow Enderby-Mabel Lake Rd across the bridge; turn left onto Enderby-Grindrod Rd. and travel 9km through farm areas to Grindrod. Turn left onto Highway 97A. The Grindrod Pub is a popular stop for bikers and motorists and is located right along the river. Farmer John's Market is just a few kms down the road at the Grandview Bench Rd./Hwy. 97A junction. Open from May through October, you will find ice cream, coffee, soups and sandwiches along with tours of their robotic dairy barn. Follow Grandview Bench Road over the Larch Hills for 10 km, and enjoy the stunning vista of the Shuswap River Valley and Enderby Cliffs. At the Highway 97B junction make a right and travel 7 km back into Salmon Arm.



# CIRCLE the SHUSWAP

**Distance:** 220km round trip  
**Approx. driving time:** 4 hours

**Road conditions:** Good conditions on highways around the Shuswap with one short gravel section of road.

**Summary:** Take a scenic tour of the Shuswap and stop by the area's signature communities.

**Route description:** This loop circumnavigates the Shuswap and offers opportunities to visit our great towns and attractions. Drive this route all at once, venture out on any of the other tours along the way, or design your own adventure.

Starting in Salmon Arm travel 15km west along the Trans Canada Highway to Tappen. From Tappen, continue to Sorrento via the Trans Canada Highway or Notch Hill Road. You can turn off toward White Lake after 6km or Blind Bay and Eagle Bay on Balmoral Road after 9km.

From Sorrento, continue on the Trans Canada Highway to Chase. About halfway, you can turn north on Squilax-Anglemont Road towards Squilax and follow the North Shuswap Route.

At Chase, turn east onto Chase-Falkland Road. Drive 43km to Falkland. There is a short gravel section along this road. A great stop is at Pillar Lake for a picnic lunch. The Pillar trail is located on the east side of the road just south of Pillar Lake Resort. A short walk, but steep 10 minutes to a unique 18 m (90-foot column hoodoo) of eroded rock and clay capped with a flat rock.

In Falkland stop for gas and grab some refreshments at the café, pub or grocery store.

From Falkland, take Highway 97 east. Turn north on Salmon River Road, then turn right to continue east to Armstrong on Heywood-Armstrong Road. At Armstrong, turn north on Highway 97A and continue through Enderby, Grindrod, Mara, and Sicamous. At Sicamous, turn west on the Trans Canada Highway to return to Salmon Arm.



# SHUSWAP RIVER ROUTE

**Distance:** 114km in a figure-8 + 34km one way to Mabel Lake  
**Approx. driving time:** 3 to 4 hours

**Road conditions:** Paved road, at times narrow and winding. Portions can be busy during summer.

**Summary:** Discover the Shuswap River and communities it connects! This route has everything - great view, shops, markets, museums, golf courses, parks and more. The drive out to Mabel Lake will reward you with opportunities for hiking, boating, fishing, and peaceful views.

**Route description:** From Enderby, travel south on Highway 97B, then turn right onto Canyon Road. Stay left as the road winds upward for 5km, then turn right on Hulcar Road and continues for 2.5km. Turn right onto Deep Creek Road and travel 15km back to Highway 97B. The Deep Creek Tool Museum can be found at the north end of the valley.

At the Highway 97B junction, turn left onto the highway, and in 1.5km turn right onto Grandview Bench Road. Follow Grandview Bench Road over the Larch Hills for 10 km, and enjoy the stunning vista of the Shuswap River Valley and Enderby Cliffs. You'll find Farmer John's Market at the Grandview Bench Rd./Hwy. 97A junction - a great stop for ice cream and coffee. Turn left onto Highway 97A and travel 6km north through Grindrod. Turn left onto Riverside Road and drive 3.5km to Mara. Continue 1km to return to Hwy. 97, turning left onto the highway and travelling 20km north to Sicamous.

At Sicamous, turn left onto the Trans Canada Highway and drive 26km to the Shuswap's urban centre, Salmon Arm. Turn left on Highway 97B and travel 14.5km to Highway 97A. Turn left again to go 5km north to Grindrod. At Grindrod, turn right onto Enderby-Grindrod Road and follow it for 9km along the base of the Enderby Cliffs and shores of the Shuswap River. Turn right onto Enderby-Mabel Lake Road to return to Enderby, or turn left to go out to Mabel Lake. To hike the iconic Enderby Cliffs, turn left at Brash Allen Road - which takes you to the Enderby Cliffs Ecological Reserve parking lot. It's a 34km drive out to Mabel Lake - where you'll find a golf course and marina. Pick up at snack at the Ashton Creek Store, and watch for producer stands, artisan studios, boat rentals, shops, cafés, and the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre.

Return to Enderby via the same route. Stop for dining and perhaps some live music at Lorenzo's Café, at the intersection of Mabel Lake Road and Trinity Valley Road. 10km from Enderby. Extend your trip by turning south on Trinity Valley Road and drive 43km to Lumby (mostly gravel). At Lumby, turn right (west) onto Highway 6, and take it all the way to Vernon. At Vernon, turn left (north) onto Highway 97, and continue on Highway 97A to Enderby.

