

# Community Groups & Services

## The Elks & Royal Purple

The Lillooet Elks - Formed locally in October 1961, the Elks join forces with the Royal Purple to host the Annual Flag Day ceremonies, featuring the crowning of the May Queen and the May Day parade. Throughout the year, the Elks join the efforts of the Grand Lodge of Canada by donating funds for: hearing aids, speech and hearing development for children, sickness and distress relief efforts and for the B.C. Family Hearing Resource Centre. They also put together gift baskets for the New Year's and the first May babies born in Lillooet, and host the annual Easter egg hunt and barbeque.

Need help getting around town? Scooters and wheelchairs are available to rent free of charge to users who pay for maintenance costs through the Elks. Once a week they also host or rent out their hall for bingos. The Elks are always happy to welcome new members.

Lillooet's Order of the Royal Purple - Together with the Elks, Lillooet's Order of the Royal Purple organize the town's Annual Flag Day ceremonies, including the crowning of the May Queen and her princesses. In the fall, the Royal Purple hosts the annual Fall Tea and Bazaar.

Like the Elks, the Royal Purple works year-round to raise funds for the B.C. Family Hearing Resource Centre. They also donate gift certificates for the New Year's and the May Day babies. Every Tuesday night, the Royal Purple runs the concession stand at the bingo hall. New members are always welcome.

## Snow Trax

The Bridge River Valley Snowmobile Association has been in operation for over 30 years and has between 40-60 members, some who live in the nearby cities. It is a member of the B.C. Snowmobile Association and offers inexpensive insurance for ATVs and snowmobiles. Areas of use include Gott Creek, Blowdown Creek, Goat Creek, Slim Creek, Noel Creek and Taylor Basin. Contact: (Pres.) Wayne Yasinowski at 250-256-4191 or (V.P.) George Milne - 250-238-2239

## How do you like your produce?

The Farmers Market - is open every Friday during the warm season from May 1 through to the end of October, from 9 am until late into the afternoon. Local residents sell a range of items from fresh produce to a variety of local crafts; everything from homemade jams and baked goods to quilted items and pottery. The market is located right on Main St in the town centre outdoors.

## Like to relax and read?

Try the Lillooet Area Public Library, located inside the REC Centre.

The Library is open from 11 am - 2 pm on Tuesdays through Thursday, and from 11 am - 7 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

Wireless internet service, available to everyone.

Summer reading programs are offered once a week, and story time for young children are offered on Wednesdays once a month.

Hikers may photocopy some of the hiking information from the Hiking Guide for a small fee.

Everyone is welcome and the staff is friendly and helpful.

## The Lions Club

The Lillooet Lions Club first formed in 1956, and performs an array of services for this community. The club donated the Kilowatt Statue by the bridge of the 23 Camels and serve hot dogs and hot chocolate for the Community Clean-up day each year. Every Christmas members put up tree lights, serve hot chocolate and host a community gathering to light the tree. They donate a Christmas hamper and help to pack and deliver items. Every year the Lions host a Fishing Derby at Pavilion Lake, and always have a float in the Flag Day parade. They host the Mothers and Fathers Day breakfasts and the Journey for Sight which collects and donates used eye wear. New members are welcome.

## Planet Peace Cafe...

Lillooet Peace & Ecology Group is an informal group of ordinary people guided by visions of a better world. By hosting alternative film nights, Earth Day and other events, we try to raise awareness in the community about issues related to peace, the environment and social justice. New members welcome. For information call 250-256-4816 or 250-256-7971

## Explore our Rich history...

...with the Lillooet District Historical Society

Formed in 1961, the Lillooet District Historical Society has been the Lillooet community's official Tourism and Visitor's Centre since 1986, open to greet visitors, answer questions and display artifacts from Lillooet's rich history.

Stop by for a friendly hello and to see the museum, located at 790 Main Street. Formerly St. Mary the Virgin church, this one of a kind museum has been operated by the Society since 1971 in this location.

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## Rejuvenate with music...

Lillooet Music is dedicated to bringing a variety of quality live entertainers to town every winter.

The society organizes five shows a year and welcomes new members.

As a registered non-profit society, Lillooet Music receives funds from the B.C. Arts Council, which augments money from ticket sales to give us a solid financial base to work from.

## A few good citizens...

Lillooet Fire Department - Brave, community-minded citizens serve on our Volunteer Fire Dept., paid when called out.

They train every other week, provide First Response Medical Services such as C.P.R. and host open house information sessions for the public.

They encourage businesses to ask for fire extinguishing tips for job sites and provide inspections for businesses.

They work with the local B.C. Ambulance Service as needed and help with missing person searches. They enjoy great family-oriented social activities year-round and are looking for more members.

## REC Centre Services

Located in the heart of Lillooet on Main Street and 10th, Lillooet and District's recreational facilities include a 25 metre indoor swimming pool and a 85 foot by 200 foot arena with concession and mezzanine. Swim lessons, water aerobics, swim instructor and lifeguard training, public, parent & tot swims and free teen swims are offered as well as B.O.A.T. certification.

The Centre has a fully equipped fitness facility with cardiovascular and weight training equipment. There's indoor squash and racquetball courts and a full-sized gymnasium with a commercial kitchen. Drop-in ice and ball hockey are popular activities.

Public and family skating schedules are printed in the Bridge River-Lillooet News during the winter. Three meeting rooms are available for events.

An outdoor playfield and playground allows plenty of space for children in a fenced area.

The centre offers full catering and vending services, a variety of workshops and programs year round, with a public library and licensed daycare on site.

Hours of operation are Mon- Fri - 8:30 am - 9:00 pm, Saturdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Please contact the REC Centre at 250-256-7527 for Sunday hours and more detailed information.

## Rare Birds

Lillooet Naturalist Society with over 30 members, the Lillooet Naturalist Society's goal is to promote the enjoyment and understanding of the natural world, and to ensure the protection of natural ecosystems in our region. The Society is engaged in regular educational activities, nature hikes and restoration projects. To find out more go to [www.lillooetnaturalistsociety.org](http://www.lillooetnaturalistsociety.org)

## Giddyup...

The Mile O Riding Club is located the left side as you drive up Airport Road, a short distance from the turn off on Highway 12. The club features a Gymkhana event once a month from April through October as well as several other special events during the warm season. The club, in operation since 1966, welcomes new members and encourages spectators. Please check the calendar of events for dates and contact information.

## Winter activities

Lillooet area, with its snowy peaks and open meadows, offers a wide range of outdoor activities for the whole family during the winter months. Cross country skiing, snow shoeing, ice climbing and ice fishing are enjoyed. Just four hours from Vancouver, and two hours from Whistler, Lillooet is an easy drive allowing you to settle in for a weekend of fun, while taking advantage of our reasonable accommodation prices. Please check weather and mountain conditions before planning outdoor activities.

## Young at Heart

Seniors Centre - The hall of St. John's Parish on Main Street is the place for seniors to get together. The centre hosts a wide range of activities, including chess, various card games such as crib and bridge, line dancing, special event parties, Christmas bazaar, annual garage sale, picnics by the river, Easter dinner, guest speakers on seniors issues, and movie nights. There is also an auxiliary group from St. Andrew's Church that welcomes newcomers to Lillooet.

## Radio Lillooet

Broadcasting since 2001, Radio Lillooet is a volunteer-based community station that provides news about local issues and events, a variety of spoken-word programming and a wide range of music. Visitors wishing to learn more about Lillooet are encouraged to tune into 100.5 FM.

It's "the little station that could" - and did!

# Birdwatcher's Sanctuary

## Lillooet area rich with birding opportunities

*Lillooet Naturalist Society*

With a list of 236 birds, Lillooet offers an opportunity to see many interior and coastal birds. Along Highway 99 towards Seton Lake one can find a number of trails and visitor stops that are excellent birding areas. In the spring and summer these places often yield warblers and Western Tanagers.

Cayoosh Creek is a nesting area for the spectacular Harlequin Duck. Along the Fraser River, on both sides of the historic Old Bridge, the azure-coloured Lazuli Bunting and the striking orange and black

Bullock's Oriole can be found.

Listen for the melodic sound of the Western Meadowlark calling from the fields and watch for Chukars as you head towards Pavilion.

A hike into the alpine tundra surrounding Lillooet can afford a close look at White-tailed Ptarmigan. This is also a good area to see Golden Eagles and other raptors on mountain ridges, especially in late summer.

The Fountain Valley, about 20 km east of Lillooet is a migration stopover for many birds including several artic-bound waterfowl and shorebirds. The valley is also a good place to see breeding waterbirds, especially Barrow's



Goldeneye, Horned Grebe, Canada Goose, Mallard and Spotted Sandpiper.

Heading north on Highway 99, the hayfields past Xaxli'p (Fountain) are a good place to look for the regal Long-billed Curlew. Watch the fence posts for Mountain Bluebirds. The sparsely treed slopes above the highway support Common Nighthawks and Common Poorwills in summer.



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