

SUMMER RAIL TRAILS



Welcome!

The rail trail network connects the Arrow Slokan north-south up the Slokan Valley to Nakusp and east to Three Forks, then further on to Sandon. These scenic trails showcase incredible only in Arrow Slokan scenery away from highways, through wilderness, past historical sites, next to roaring rivers and through charming communities.

Rail trails are relatively flat, with low grade climbs and generally well surfaced to be passable with a gravel or off road oriented bike. The rail trails surrounding Three Forks are narrower and require more off road riding experience, with slightly steeper, more technical climbs and descents.

There is no rail trail connection between New Denver and Slokan City. This 32 km section can be ridden by experienced road cyclists via Hwy 6. The highway goes over two small mountain passes, is narrow, winding and has significant climbs. Caution and fitness are required.

The many rail trail access points dotted through the region make a walk, longer hike or bike ride easy to integrate into a day's exploration. Book stays at local accommodation near the various access points to create a multi-day exploration itinerary.

No part of the rail trail network is like the other, why not experience them all?



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Explore Responsibly

Slokan Valley Rail Trail, N&S Rail Trail from Summit Lake to Rosebery and the Three Forks, New Denver, Sandon area trails are for non-motorized traffic only.

Rail Trails are multi-use – you may encounter hikers, cyclists or horses. Horses have right of way, then people, then bikes, then motorized traffic (where permitted).

Please respect the natural environment and keep it pristine. Follow the Leave no Trace principles.

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Trail conditions and access can change. Find the latest trail report on trailforks.com, at Visitor Centres, or local outdoor shops.

The region is home to wildlife including black & grizzly bear, deer, elk, cougar, wolves, caribou & others.

Dogs are not allowed in Valhalla Provincial Park backcountry. In other in-region provincial parks, dogs are allowed on leash. If you need to take your dog with you, do so only where permitted, keep them on a leash and pack out their poop.

7 Principles of Leave no Trace

We invite you to fall in love with our region and care for it as we do. Help us protect the water, mountains, and our home - for now and the future.

-  PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE
-  DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY
-  LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND
-  TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES
-  MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS
-  BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS
-  RESPECT WILDLIFE

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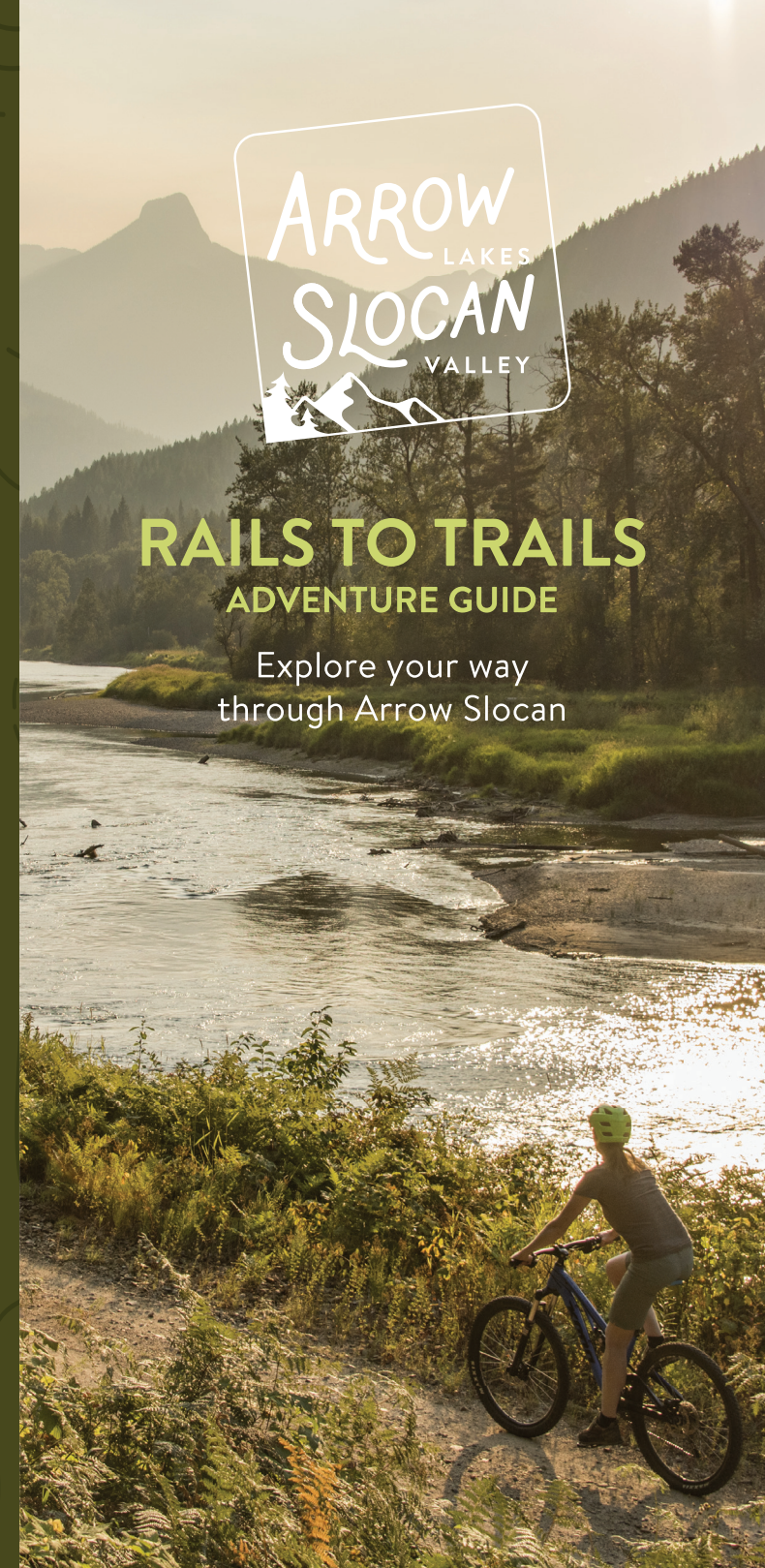
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NAKUSP & SLOCAN RAIL TRAIL

The N&S connects Rosebery to Nakusp via the 46 km historic rail line built by the Nakusp & Slocan Rail Company in 1893. Multiple trailheads offer access. The trail climbs gently from Nakusp to Summit Lake and then descends to Rosebery where it connects with the Galena Trail.

Nakusp – The trail begins at the junction of Highways 6 and 23, then follows Government Rd, before it climbs the grade out of town. There is access at the Nakusp Centennial Golf Course and at the Hwy 6 trail crossing just south of Brouse Loop Rd.

Wilson Lake Rd – The trail crosses Wilson Lake Rd to provide access about 600 meters from the north end of Box Lake.

Box Lake – Access is via Box Lake Forest Service Road on the far side of the highway from the lake. Views of Box Lake marsh are found. About 4.3 km after the southern end of Box Lake, the trail gains access to Hwy 6.

Summit Lake – Access is found at both Summit Lake and 650 meters south of the Summit Lake Ski Area at Summit Lake Rd. The shores of Summit Lake are the highest point on the trail at 765 metres elevation. Summit Lake is stocked with rainbow trout and provides views of the Three Sisters Peaks.

Bonanza Creek - From marshy headwaters at Summit Lake, Bonanza Creek flows down through a narrow forested corridor. The trail follows the creek, is a bit rougher and more overgrown.

Hills to Rosebery - After Hills, the trail passes Bonanza Marsh, which has excellent bird watching opportunities. It then hugs the Slocan Lake shoreline to Rosebery, offering views of the Valhalla Range.



TRAILS BETWEEN NEW DENVER & SANDON

The trails surrounding Three Forks were adapted from the narrow gauge rail lines built in 1895 to connect Kaslo and Nakusp with Sandon. These trails are narrower and steeper than other rail trails.

Galena Trail – The Galena Trail is a 13 km section of old CPR rail line that runs from Rosebery to Three Forks. Carpenter Creek can be crossed at the old Alamo mine site by a small cable car. Trailheads are found at Rosebery, New Denver and Three Forks.

Old Sandon Road Trail – The historic trail runs along the south side of the Carpenter Creek, eventually meeting Galena Trail in Three Forks. From here, connection to the K&S Rail Trail will take hikers to Sandon and beyond. This is an intermediate rated trail and more challenging.

K&S Rail Trail – The trail starts in upper Sandon at the K&S replica Sandon train station. Enjoy views of Sandon and pass by the historical Altoona mine. It is possible to connect with the 16 km Mt Payne wagon road climb/ descent between Sandon and Bear Lake on Hwy 31A.

Three Forks – Three Forks is the junction where three rail trails meet to offer exploration in various directions. The K&S trailhead is found off Hwy 31A and the Galena and Old Sandon trailheads off Sandon Rd.

SLOCAN VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

Slocan Valley Rail Trail - Winding gently through this beautiful river valley, the trail offers easy non-motorized access to 52 km of scenery. Following the contours of the Slocan River, the trail connects Slocan Lake in the north to Kootenay River in the south, with multiple entry and exit points.

Trail sections:

- Slocan Lake to Lemon Creek – 8.1 km
- Lemon Creek to Winlaw – 12 km with access also at Perrys Siding.
- Winlaw to Passmore – 10.1 km
- Passmore to Crescent Valley – 16.5 km This section ends at Crescent Beach where the gravel rail trail ends.
- Crescent Valley to South Slocan – 4.5 km paved