

Your guide to the Shuswap.

Find community, local resources, and more.

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About the Shuswap

Located in the Secwépemc Nation Traditional Territory in BC's Southern Interior, halfway between Vancouver and Calgary off Highway #1, the Shuswap region comprises the area in and around Shuswap Lake – including Chase and Sorrento to the west, and Sicamous and Three Valley Gap to the east. The Shuswap Region is known as the “meeting of the waters”, with it's four lake “arms” and hundreds of kilometers of shoreline, it has been known for being a place of gathering.

What to find here? (At a glance)

The Shuswap area is known for it's beautiful beaches, warm water, pine forests, and all the countless outdoor activities around. The various Shuswap communities are a wonderful place for families and anyone looking to be surrounded by natural scenery and endless outdoor adventures on and off the lake. The Shuswap is truly a four-seasons playground, with the Shuswap Trail Alliance being home to over [600kms of trails](#), the choice is yours – to walk, run, bike, hike, climb, skate, or swim.

The vibrant arts and culture scene, particularly in and around Salmon Arm, also surprises many newcomers. Many local artists are supported by the annual [Roots and Blues Festival](#), the [Salmon Arm Arts Centre](#), Salmon Arm Folk Music Society, [Meikle Studio](#), the [Salmar Grand Classic Theatre](#), and the [Caravan Farm Theatre](#).

What to expect living here



More than an explorer's paradise

At a glance, the Shuswap has been seen as a place for seasonal explorers, but it's also a place where many continue to grow their roots. The area offers many opportunities to pursue whether you're hoping to raise a family, ease into retirement, or are a curious life-long learner.

Major industries

Like a large portion of British Columbia's Interior, the major industries in the Shuswap area include Trades, Manufacturing, and Hospitality. Tourism and Healthcare also represent a large portion of the local economy. Like the Okanagan, Agri-Tourism is also a growing industry, highlighting the area's farms and wineries along with their cultural influences.



Top: Larch Hill Trails.

Bottom: Live Music at Wednesdays on the Wharf. Image Source:

[Salmon Arm Observer.](#)

What to expect living here



We're a place of curiosity

With Salmon Arm being the largest city central within the Shuswap, its surrounding area is a hub for learners. The area offers many learning opportunities, including pre-schools, a [Montessori school](#), [public schools](#), French Immersion, an [outdoor school](#) and a [private school](#).

School District No. 83

School District No. 83 is the primary district that encompasses the North-Okanagan and Shuswap neighbourhoods.

If you're new to the district, you can use their [School Locator Tool](#) to see your child's catchment area.

Okanagan College

Salmon Arm is also home to [Okanagan College](#), offering a variety of online and in-person university transfer programs, diploma programs, and continuing studies. Okanagan College also has campuses in Kelowna, Vernon, and Penticton.

Right: Trades Programming at Okanagan College. Image Source: [Penticton Western News](#)

Left: Okanagan College Campus, Salmon Arm. Image Source: [Okanagan College, Salmon Arm Campus](#).

Salmon Arm

Get to know the areas in and around Salmon Arm



Downtown Salmon Arm

Within walking distance from the Salmon Arm Wharf and Marine Peace Park, downtown Salmon Arm is our vibrant walkable commercial hub that is home to many retail and hospitality businesses. It's also the home of our year-round [Downtown Farmer's Market](#) every Saturday!

Above: Roots and Blues Downtown SA. Image Source: [Downtown Salmon Arm](#).



Uptown

Just east of downtown off Highway #1, Uptown is a quaint residential and modern commercial area. Central to the area is [Askew's Foods](#), a grocery chain supporting local food supply and SASCU's Uptown Branch. The Recreation Centre along with Okanagan College are conveniently located here, and it's also close to several elementary, middle, and high schools in the area.

Above: Askew's Food Uptown Exterior. Image Source: [Naturally Wood](#).



Gleneden

Gleneden is a rural neighbourhood, west of Downtown Salmon Arm, that is largely agricultural and residential with large properties, active farms, and well connected to trail systems. The community hall and elementary school are central to the area. It's also close to the west end with most major grocers, farm supplies, and the popular farmer's market [DeMille's](#) tucked off the highway.

Above: Gleneden Property. Image Source: [Shuswap Real Estate](#).

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Broadview

Broadview is a quiet residential area just east of downtown Salmon Arm. This neighbourhood features amazing lake views, a variety of elementary schools, and a number of trails connecting the residential areas. Broadview is a great family neighbourhood with its proximity to schools and trail systems that weave through. It's also home to Little Mountain Park which is a popular summer sports field and dog park.

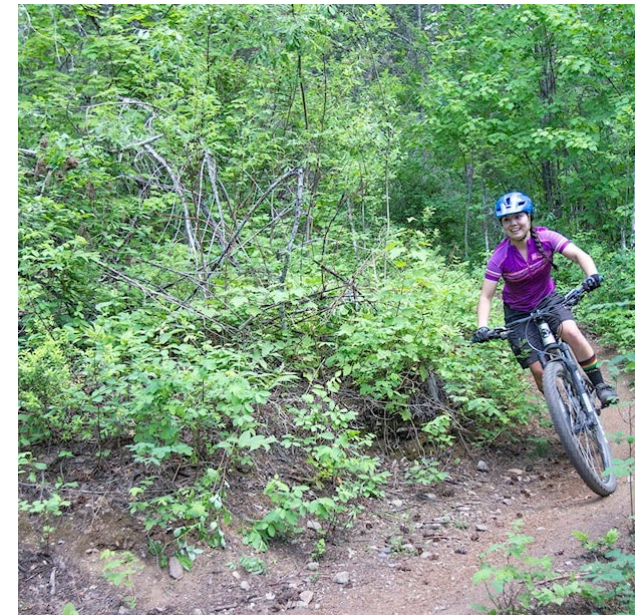
Above: South Broadview Elementary. Image Source: [SA Observer](#).



Canoe

Canoe is a well-established neighbourhood just minutes from downtown Salmon Arm. South Canoe and Canoe are divided by highway #1, and both offer a different neighbourhood feel. While the area is a mix of single-family homes, it also includes a mix of parks, trails, and agricultural areas. Canoe Beach also hosts stunning lake views, a boat launch, and beach volleyball courts, it's one of Salmon Arm's most popular summer spots.

Above: Canoe Beach. Image Source: [Shuswap Tourism](#).



South Canoe

South Canoe is typically known as the area in and around South Canoe School, home to Salmon Arm's Outdoor Ed Program. While Canoe mainly bolsters breathtaking lake views and quaint residential streets, South Canoe is more rural, with larger agricultural properties. It's also close to popular mountain biking and horse trails.

Above: South Canoe Trails. Image Source: [SA Observer](#).

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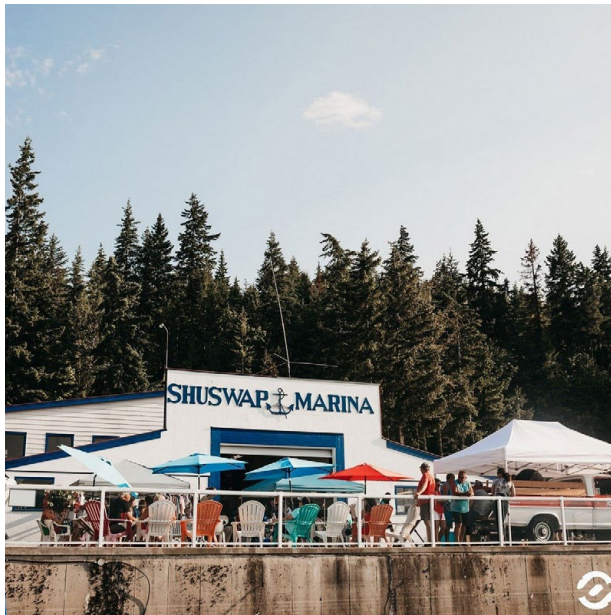
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Blind Bay

Blind Bay is located on the southern shore of Shuswap Lake, 29km north of Salmon Arm and 6km east of Sorrento. Blind Bay is a favourite destination for Shuswap summer vacationers and snowmobilers in the winter. It's also a hub for those looking to get out of the busier town-life of Salmon Arm and surrounding areas.

Above: Blind Bay Beach. Image Source: [Exploratory Glory Travel Blog](#).



Sorrento

Sorrento is a community of 1,300 located off Highway #1, half an hour north of Salmon Arm. In the summer, Sorrento is a water sports hub – for boating, fishing, water skiing, and everything in between. It's known for the colourful spectacle in [Tsútswevcw Park](#), one of the [largest sockeye salmon runs](#). Sorrento has an elementary school, stores, as well as restaurants. It's also commuting distance to Salmon Arm for additional necessities.

Above: Shuswap Marina. Image Source: [Trip Advisor - Shuswap Marina](#).



Tappen

The community of Tappen is located just north of Salmon Arm off Highway #1 on the Shuswap. Tappen is known for its breathtaking lake views, sunny beaches, and rural landscape.

Above: Tappen Bluffs. Image Source: [Shuswap Adventure Girl](#).

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Chase

Located at the outlet of Little Shuswap Lake which feeds into the South Thompson River, the community of Chase hosts a population of 2,400. It's main industries are forestry and tourism, it's also a popular destination for lake-lovers in the summer. While it's a quaint community, it's commuting distance to both Kamloops (57km) and Salmon Arm (53km).

Above: Chase, BC. Image Source: [Coral Steffen](#).



Sicamous

Sicamous is known as the houseboating capital of the world! Located half an hour from downtown Salmon Arm and 45 minutes from Revelstoke, Sicamous is a popular summer destination for house boaters and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

It's also home to many too, with a population of almost 3000 in the surrounding areas, Sicamous lies in the same North-Okanagan-Shuswap School District 83 as Salmon Arm and Sorrento.

There are tons of year-round activities to get up to, such as camping, hiking, boating, water sports, snow snowmobiling and cross country skiing. If you have a means to get around, and are looking for a community-oriented and nature-inspired lifestyle, you will love the Sicamous region.

Right: Owlhead snowmobile trails, Sicamous. Image Source: [Snoriders West](#).

Left: Sicamous Houseboating. Image Source: [Travel, BC](#).

GET INVOLVED

Getting connected

With community, events, and more.

Getting Involved

There are countless ways to get involved in the Shuswap, whether you're looking to find a hiking buddy, connect with other like-minded families, or get to know the arts scene here, there's something for everyone. Salmon Arm hosts many communities and welcoming groups that are all here for the same reason – to preserve our adventurist way of being!

For up-to-date events and entertainment in and around the Shuswap, see Downtown Salmon Arm's [event's page](#). [Eventbrite](#) and Facebook community pages are also a great way to stay “in the know”.

Right: Salmon Arm Farmer's Market. Image Source: Libby Olsen.



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Arts and Culture

In the warm months

If you're relocating here in the spring or summer, there are countless activities and events the area puts on. From live music at our annual Roots & Blues Festival, to regular patio performances at Wednesdays on the Wharf and Marionette Winery, to theatre acts at Caravan Farm Theatre – there's always a variety of things to do to keep you and your circle entertained.

Don't want to leave the pup at home? Check out these dog friendly patios!

- Shuswap Pie Co. (Salmon Arm)
- Canooligans (Canoe)
- Timber Shuswap (Blind Bay)
- Sprokkets Café (Sorrento)

Love antiques and old vehicles? Over the summer there is an open drive and showing at the Westgate Public Market every Friday for everyone to hang out and enjoy the local car culture. Tappen is also home to the infamous White Post Auto Museum & Antiques Mall. It's also near Rust Bro Restorations, old cars, and which has been featured as a TV series for their work. Check out Rust Valley Restorers on Netflix!



Left/Right Top: Salmon Arm Farmer's Market. Image Source: Libby Olsen. Right Middle: Marionette Winery. Source: [Gonzo Okanagan](#). Right Bottom: Lakeview Cruise In, Salmon Arm. Image Source: [Jarrod Daye](#).

Getting connected

Exploring

Trails

There's so much to get out and explore, it's no wonder people travel from near and far to experience the beauty of the Shuswap. The Shuswap Trail Alliance has a great interactive website to search trails in your area. AllTrails is also a great mobile app to save and bookmark trails that you'd like to go back to, or have yet to visit. TrailForks is another great app, used mostly by mountain bikers but also for trail runners or snowmobilers to find designated trails.

Beaches

The Shuswap's beaches might not be as obvious as our endless trail heads, there are a number of popular summer spots for boaters and locals alike. Some of the best beaches include:

- Canoe beach (Canoe)
- Silver Beach Provincial Park (Seymour Arm)
- Albas Provincial Park (North Shuswap)
- Blind Bay Beaches (South Shuswap)



Top: Enderby, BC. Image Source: Viktoria Haack. Bottom Left: Family at Canoe Beach. Source: Viktoria Haack. Bottom Right: Paddleboarding Shuswap.

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Additional Resources

For newcomers to Canada

We've got you.

The [Shuswap Immigrant Services Society](#) offers several different resources and free workshops and events for newcomers to get situated.

Looking to get your banking set up here? Open your first Canadian bank account and start building credit right away. To find out addition information on setting up banking as a newcomer, book an appointment with a SASCU Advisor [here](#).

Looking to start up or relocate your business [here](#)? We've also got you covered.



Additional Resources

Other necessities

Fraud Prevention

- Think you've been the target of a phishing scam? Learn about fraud and report it here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/finance/fraud.html>
- RCMP Salmon Arm Detachment: 250-832-6044

Community Services:

- Shuswap Children's Association - Support services and workshops for supported child development: <https://shuswapchildrens.ca/our-programs/>
- Safe Society - Support services for those

experiencing partner violence or other forms of abuse: <https://safesociety.ca/>

Health Resources:

- For a family doctor or nurse, register with BC's Health Connect Registry at: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-connect-registry>

Wildfire Preparedness Resources:

- Salmon Arm Fire Department - Call 250-803-4060 to report a fire, or visit <https://safd.ca/>
- Shuswap/CSRD - If you are evacuated and need help with livestock, please use the Agricultural Line at the Emergency Operations Centre: 250-833-3399.

- Register for Alertable, to receive direct community updates to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events like floods or fires: <https://www.csr.bc.ca/413/Alertable>
- Household Preparedness Guide: <https://www.csr.bc.ca/DocumentCenter/View/366/Household-Preparedness-Guide-PDF>





Thank you.

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