

Bulkley River/Buck Creek Junction

This is a short, scenic route, which leads you along Buck Creek, eventually coming to the junction between Buck Creek and the Bulkley River. The trail starts on Benson Avenue just across the train tracks behind the Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Centre, and is marked with a small sign picturing a hiker. The round trip takes about twenty minutes.

Buck Creek Dike

This is another river hugging trail on which one can walk quite a ways along the dike of Buck Creek. It can be found just beside the Houston Shopping Centre, or behind Alexandra Park at the end of Copeland Avenue. Grab a map of Houston to help guide your walk along Buck Creek.

Old Pines Nature Trail

This gently graded loop travels through two kilometres of an old pine forest, and along the shores of Beaver Pelt Lake. To reach the trail turn left onto Buck Flats Road just west of Houston and then continue to 8km until you reach the Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Trails. Follow the main trail until you reach the lake, and then turn right. You will continue about a kilometre before reaching a large clearing on your right where you should find the trail. Maps and signs on the site should also guide you in the right direction.

Houston Community Forest Trails

The Houston Community Forest encompasses 4000 ha of forest centered on Silverthorne (Erickson) Lake. There are 30 km of trails used for cross-country skiing in the winter and walking or horseback riding in the summer. To reach the trails turn left off hwy 16 onto Buck Flats Road. At 8 km you will find a large parking area off to the right.

China Knows Mountain

This steep 4 hour hike will reward you with a beautiful view of the surrounding area; west to Houston, north to Topley, east toward Burns lake and south to Nadina Mtn. The hike offers a great chance to view many wildlife species and alpine flowers. Directions: Turn right onto Mckilligan Road about 10 km east of Houston. Keep to the left onto Aiken Creek Road, until you pass the landfill site and the road becomes Heading Creek Road (0 km) Follow the main road, staying right at 6.5 km and continue to 12km keeping left to cross the bridge. There is an open area to park on the right side of the road about half way up the hill. There are 2 trails, both well ribboned. The "Chute" (difficult), is on the left side of the road marked with sign. For the moderate trail, continue along the road to 16.25 km and park. The trail head is marked & well cleared through a new logging block. For your return trip make sure to take the trail marked "Heading" to come back down. Note: the trail marked Maxan/Broman comes out on 6 Mile Hill East of Topley.

Barrett Hat

The site of an old forest fire lookout with a great view of the Telkwa Range and Bulkley Valley, it will take about 45 min to reach the top of the hat. To reach this hike, turn left off Hwy 16 west onto Barrett Hat Road 15km west of Houston. Continue for 1.5km until you come to the junction with Parish Road. This is where the trail starts as an old, overgrown road.

Nadina Mountain

This is a strenuous hike with challenging terrain and beautiful scenery. The first stretch takes 2-3 hours to reach Base Lake, which is popular as a camping spot before moving on. Afterwards it may take another 3-4 hours to reach the alpine summit. Hikers are advised to be cautious on the second stretch as the trail becomes less well defined, steep, and rocky. To reach this hike, turn left onto Morice River Road west of Houston. Drive for about 39km before turning right just before the west end of Owen Lake and follow this road to Nadina Wilderness Lodge. From there, you will find the start of the road in an overgrown road behind the lodge near the shed. Turn right approx 2km onto a bush trail.

Owen Hat

Near Houston is a local rock face with easy to moderate routes including bolted routes rated from 5.6 and top roped routes up to 5,1 in difficulty. It's an hour's drive from hwy 16 on Morice River Rd, Morice Owen Road, and finally Owen North Road. Watch for a trailhead, about 60 Km from hwy 16.

There's camping in the area around the base of Owen hat. As it is one of the only places to rock-climb in the area, it has become an increasingly popular destination for local climbers and, therefore, a good place to find out more local lore.

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