

# Great Explorations



## Trip Dates

### 2012

July 19-22

### 2013

July 18-21

Custom trips also available and can start any date. Call or email for details.

This tour can be combined with our [Stage 2](#) which precedes.

## Trip Size

July departure will have a maximum of 24.

## Total Days:

4 days/ 3 nights

## Arrive/Depart:

Coalmont/Hope

## Kettle Valley Trail, Biking Stage 3: Coalmont to Hope

For a short get-a-way from the city, this section of the trail makes for an ideal sampler (or finisher if you have done the other stages)! Our ride starts in Coalmont, a mining town with restored turn of the century buildings; we follow the verdant Tulameen River Valley, stopping at idyllic Otter Lake before reaching the Coley Creek Ranch of Burt Sharkey. Here, we'll enjoy an evening 'out of the wild west' as guest of this banjo playing cowboy. On the next evening, we'll overnight on Coquihalla Lakes where home-made pie never tasted as good. Sunday, we'll ride downhill through perhaps the most spectacular section of all, the Coquihalla canyon through to Hope.

This event will support TheBigWild.org to help raise awareness and funding for Canada's wild places.

## Itinerary



### DAY 1:

For those that have booked transportation from Vancouver, we transfer by van to Coalmont, stopping in Hope (to pick up those who prefer to leave their cars there). After a welcome dinner, we'll enjoy a restful night on Granite River.



### DAY 2:

*Coalmont to Coley Creek 33 km / 21 miles + options*  
Our ride start will be through the lush Tulameen Valley past Otter Lake en route to Coley Creek to a backcountry ranch, where we'll be hosted by fiddle, guitar and banjo playing Burt Sharkey. Burt may have his buggy and horses available to take you for a ride you'll never forget and afterwards, our guides will prepare a backcountry cook-out.

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## Activity Level:

Moderate  
20-37+ miles daily  
van supported

## Terrain:

The railgrade has a maximum grade of 2%

## Cost

**Land Cost (current year):**  
CAD\$495/US\$495

Includes all meals

**Bike Rental:**  
CAD\$70/US\$70  
Mountain bike

**Transfers:**  
Vancouver/Hope to Coal-  
mont: CAD\$42/US\$42

Hope to Vancouver:  
CAD\$42/US\$42



Museum.

Bus transport will leave from Hope at 4:00 p.m. for Vancouver for those that have booked.

**DAY 4: Coquihalla Lakes to Hope 58 km / 36 miles**  
It's pretty much all downhill to the Ride finish. We take a mid-day hike up to Ladner Creek trestle, to a lunch site you won't soon forget. Afterwards, you'll visit Bridalveil Falls and then at Othello Station, one of the most famous sites of the entire KVR, the Quintette tunnels. The horseshoe path carved by the Coquihalla River (90 m deep) required engineering a route that must be seen. From here, the lush trail descends to a Ride Finish celebration at the Hope

## Camping



Camp sites include a mix of provincial, private and wilderness parks with solar showers.



## What's Included in the Cost of Your Trip?

- services of one or more experienced Great Explorations guides and support vehicle
- 3 nights camping
- all breakfasts, lunches & dinners (appetizers daily, gourmet meals, lots of variety, vegetarians gladly accommodated)
- entrance fees for selected historical sites and museums
- detailed map, route instructions and Great Explorations Travel Guide
- all baggage transportation
- all transportation from initial meeting point to final drop-off (see arrive/depart cities)

*Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 5% must be charged on trips in Canada.*

Please note: Final itinerary is subject to revision; any changes made are done so in an attempt to provide the best possible trip given route conditions and available services. Due to the nature of our business and exchange rates, prices are subject to change. All prices quoted are U.S. dollars but we gladly accept payment in Canadian dollars also. Due to cancellations and waiting lists, trip availability fluctuates daily. If you have any questions or would like to confirm space on this trip before making your reservation, please contact us at [info@great-explorations.com](mailto:info@great-explorations.com) or by telephone at **604.730.1247**