

hut to hut in wildflower heaven



trip highlights

- Experience meadows bursting with colorful alpine wildflowers
- Enjoy the comfort of light day-hiking in true, remote alpine wilderness
- Navigate avalanche paths, crystal mountain lakes, cirques and glaciers
- Discover jagged peaks, lush virgin forest, and a rich variety of wildlife
- Relax with our experienced guide, quality gear, and impressive meals
- Exclusive, comfortable and fully-equipped small group mountain huts



Trip Duration	6 days	Trip Code: HWH
Grade	Moderate	
Activities	Guided hiking	
Summary	4 nights mountain huts, 1 night hotel	

welcome to Great Canadian Trails

Thank you for your interest in our Hut to Hut in Wildflower Heaven trip. With a small population compared to its vast size, Canada's wilderness is immense, wild, and largely untouched; an endless natural playground with countless opportunities for outdoor adventure. And, with history and character unique to each region, Canadian culture is a rich mosaic of customs. With Great Canadian Trails, experience charming communities and changing landscapes on foot or by bike, paddle along dramatic shorelines, or hike rugged trails with the support of our expert local teams. If you enjoy a physical challenge in the great Canadian wilderness or prefer a more leisurely pace, we're here to provide all you need so that you can enjoy your active holiday to the fullest. From the grand mountains of the West to the impressive Great Lakes and jovial Maritime culture of the East, not to mention the unimaginable scale of the remote North, there is no shortage of beauty and wonder awaiting the active traveller. We invite you to discover all of Canada's treasures from coast to coast to coast.

why travel with Great Canadian Trails?

We are Canadian, our team is highly-experienced, and our understanding of the land means carefully-crafted hiking and cycling holidays that offer the active traveller an immersive and truly authentic experience. Our unique selection of itineraries draws upon some of the country's most inspiring landscapes, incredible networks of trails, and stunning national parks while showcasing communities along the way. Our wide range of accommodations include our selection of friendly bed & breakfasts, charming inns, perfectly-located hotels, and quiet cottages or cabins. Our drivers are local, professional, and full of information which they are eager to share as they take you to the trailheads and move your luggage ahead to the next overnight stay. We provide you with sectional maps, an emergency hotline, and a customized route booklet with detailed local information and the inside scoop on where to eat, visit, and explore each day. Each itinerary has been tried and tested with every detail accounted for, so that all you need to do is spend the day exploring at your own pace, to your heart's content. By travelling with Great Canadian Trails you are also making a positive impact, since most of our trips include a donation to the local non-profit organization who builds and maintains the trail. This helps others get out and experience Canada's natural wonders.



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This trip is based on twin or multi-share accommodation, such as mountain huts or cabins. A single supplement is not available due to lodging/campsite restrictions. On backpacking trips, sharing tents also allow us to keep the shared weight to a minimum.

trip dates

2026	06 Jul - 11 Jul
	11 Jul - 16 Jul
	26 Jul - 31 Jul
	08 Aug - 13 Aug
	22 Aug - 27 Aug
	05 Sep - 10 Sep

important notes

Note: - Additional dates can be opened for private groups subject to availability. Please inquire.

Note: - Some accommodations may not have twin rooms. If you do not wish to share a bed with your travel companion you will have to pay a single supplement on those nights. Rooms with two beds may require an additional fee.

fast facts

Countries Visited:

Canada

Visas:

Please check visa requirements with your reservations consultant*

Vaccinations:

Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

Leader:

Expert local leader

Advice for people with limited mobility

This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

It is important to understand that you cannot compare the style of trip and number of staff with a trip anywhere in Asia, South America or Africa

the trip

Imagine yourself walking amidst sweeping meadows of multicolour wildflowers, through lush forests, fairy-tale mountain peaks, and crystal lakes. Well-rested, well fed, in great company, carrying only your personal items in your pack. This is the promise of our heavenly Hut to Hut trail adventure in BC's Wells Gray Provincial Park - a pristine, protected wilderness of 1.4 million acres (540,000 hectares). Led by an experienced guide, spend your nights in exclusive alpine cabins, with fully equipped kitchens and comfortable bedding. And your days, well, those belong to the region's extraordinary natural attractions; the exploding colours of spring's avalanche lilies, marsh marigolds, arnica and valerian; Mid-season's rare mountain avens, violet lupine, and golden senecio. Inhale the fragrant heathers and rein orchids as they sprout in August, before the landscape transforms into the rich yellow, gold and red hues of September. Isolated within these secluded Cariboo Mountains, you may encounter some of the shy creatures that call it home - woodland caribou, grizzly bears, martins, marmots, mountain goats, pikas, and timber wolves, to name a few. Leave the tough stuff to us. Small-group hiking along the unforgettable wildflower trails through BC's alpine wilderness has never been easier.

at a glance

DAY 1	ARRIVE CLEARWATER
DAY 2	TRANSFER TO TRAILHEAD AND HIKE TO TROPHY MOUNTAIN (APPROX 2-3HRS - 4KM/2.5MILES +523M/-93M)
DAY 3	EXPLORE THE TROPHY (OPTIONS AVERAGE 4KM/2.5MILES, AND +195M/-178M FROM 2HRS-8HRS)
DAY 4	HIKE TO DISCOVERY CABIN (APPROX 7-10HRS - 11KM/7MILES +510M/-705M)
DAY 5	LOOP HIKE FROM CABIN (FROM 2.5HRS-5HRS, 4KM-6KM/2.5MI-3.7MI +/-25-375M)
DAY 6	HIKE OUT AND SHUTTLE TO CLEARWATER (APPROX 6-7 HRS -14.5KM/7.5 MILES +375M/-765M)

what's included

- 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners
- 1 night double occupancy hotel
- 4 nights dorm-style alpine huts
- experienced professional wilderness guide
- private return transfer to trailheads from Clearwater
- all cooking equipment and safety equipment
- huts are equipped with mattresses, blankets, and duvets, slippers, books and games

detailed itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive Clearwater

Make your way to our joining hotel in the town of Clearwater, the gateway to Wells Gray Provincial Park.

meals: NIL

DAY 2 Transfer to trailhead and hike to Trophy Mountain (Approx 2-3hrs - 4km/2.5miles +523m/-93m)

Our private vehicle shuttles the group to the trailhead at 1630m. The trail quickly enters mature forest and ascends into lush meadows of alpine flowers. Enjoy majestic mountain beauty all the way to Trophy Mountain Chalet (2153m.) With stunning views, our chalet offers easy hikes to small

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responsible travel

The natural environments that you'll travel through are fragile and the cultures and traditions precious. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence, protect what is precious and where we can leave a positive impact.

trip grading

Moderate adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. When hiking, expect rugged terrain with plenty of dirt, roots and rocks. In wet conditions, trails can be muddy and slippery, potentially raising the level of difficulty of your trip. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with our trained staff.

important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information in the current brochure, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement weather, forces of nature and other circumstances beyond our control.

peaks, lakes, and flower meadows. The hike from the road gains 523m in elevation over 4km. After lunch, your guide may also lead an afternoon hike that introduces the vistas of the Trophy Mountains around the Chalet for up to an additional 2hrs over 3km and 120m of elevation change.

meals: L,D

DAY 3 Explore the Trophy (Options average 4km/2.5miles, and +195m/-178m from 2hrs-8hrs)

Lace-up for a full day hike in the spectacular Trophy Mountains, summiting several peaks while rejuvenating with soaks in alpine lakes along the way. The views are staggering, permeated by a sense of wilderness, escape and freedom. The choice is yours to take a relaxed, longer lunch, or join the group for a hike to the top of Ptarmigan Peak.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 4 Hike to Discovery Cabin (Approx 7-10hrs - 11km/7miles +510m/-705m)

Experience the wild in wilderness today, and as we hike along unmarked trails, and appreciate the skills of your experienced mountain guide. After a couple of hours above the alpine tree line, we descend into the virgin forest for a delicious lunch at the Valley of the Lakes. Suitably refreshed, we re-enter alpine meadows until crossing Eagle Pass at 2061m, followed by a 45-minute, gentle downhill stroll through the glades to our isolated valley cabin.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 5 Loop hike from cabin (From 2.5hrs-5hrs, 4km-6km/2.5mi-3.7mi +/-25-375m)

Choose to spend a relaxing day breathing in the remote mountain wilderness surrounding Discovery Cabin, or join the group for a day hike to nearby alpine ridges and tranquil, sparkling lakes.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 6 Hike out and shuttle to Clearwater (Approx 6-7 hrs -14.5km/7.5 miles +375m/-765m)

After a hearty breakfast, we head north up and over Table Mountain. A well-marked trail leads us through some of the most striking flower meadows on the continent. From the ridge, we descend through virgin forest to the Philip Lakes, followed by a three-hour downhill stroll to the top of a small dirt track, where our shuttle awaits. On the return drive to Clearwater, we'll stop to enjoy some of the world-famous waterfalls of Wells Gray Park.

* Note: Accommodation is not included tonight, so please ask your reservations consultant for assistance if you'd like to book a hotel. We usually reach the trailhead by early to mid-afternoon, but since we'll be hiking in remote wilderness, we normally recommend staying in the area this evening. If you absolutely must return by a certain time, please discuss this with your reservation agent.

meals: B,L

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

suggested extensions

- Canadian Rockies Adventure
- West Coast Trail
- Tofino Coastal Explorer

joining instructions

Before departure you will receive details of your joining hotel, along with additional joining instructions.

country information

There's no place on earth quite like Wells Gray Park in British Columbia's Cariboo Mountains, with its ancient volcanic fields, glacier fed lakes, wildflower-strewn meadows, jagged

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mountain peaks and storybook waterfalls. Rife with all sorts of wildlife, this region just begs to be explored on two feet with a backpack and camera in hand.

climate

Consistent winter snowpack and early spring precipitation account for the lush vegetation characteristic of Wells Gray. By contrast, late summer and early autumn can bring periods of drought lasting weeks or, in exceptional years, months. The early winter months are often accompanied by a second peak in precipitation, with a heavy snowpack accumulating at valley, and especially, mountain elevations. At upper forested elevations, the snow pack often persists well into June/July, effectively resulting in a growing season of only two or three months.

Temperatures are moderately continental with most summer days reaching highs of about 20 to 25 °C at valley elevations. Summer night-time temperatures are rather low – between about 8 to 12°C – even during July, owing to cold air drainage from the adjacent highlands. Dew is thus common throughout the summer months.

For the most part, the mosquitoes are not much of a worry during the days in the higher mountains or on ridge walks as the almost constant breeze keeps them away. In the evening, however, they can be very pesky and you will be grateful to be looking at them through the window of the chalet while you drink your tea! There will be some days when they won't make an appearance at all, and other days where the lower, more sheltered valleys will bring in enough mosquitoes in the evening to warrant long sleeves and long pants. Unfortunately, it is not possible to know ahead of time which situation it will be! After the first very hard frost, usually around the end of August and beginning of September, they are gone. So, if you would absolutely prefer not to deal with any mosquitoes, come in September!

a typical day

This trip requires partial participation - All of our hikers pitch in a bit – either carry some water, help with some food prep or help do dishes. On days when we are moving to a new hut or hiking out (Days 2, 4, and 6), participants will need to carry all of their belongings on the trail - This should not be overly heavy, as many items are available to use at the huts, including blankets and duvets (no sleeping bag or mat required) as well as slippers/indoor shoes and books/games. On these days, we will hike between 3 to 6 hours with breaks for lunch and for swimming! On days where we are day hiking, participants need only carry items needed for the day, and there will be hiking options to choose from. Breakfast and dinner will be served each day at the mountain huts.

dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure, we are able to cater to vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (ideally, months prior to your trip/at time of booking) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

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pre and post tour accommodation

The first night in Clearwater is included in your tour package. After the hike, we do not include accommodation in Clearwater, but can help you arrange this upon request.

what you carry

All participants carry their own personal gear to each hut, including a small share of group food. Full pack hiking days are interspersed with day hikes when you need only carry items required for the day.

equipment required

A proper-fitting backpack of approximately 50L with waist harness, hiking boots, pillowcase and inner sheet. A full packing list will be provided upon booking.

getting there

BY CAR	From Kamloops, drive about 1.5hrs north on Highway 5.
PARKING & TRANSFERS	If you decide to come by vehicle, you can drive to the meeting point in Clearwater on the morning of Day 2 and park your vehicle at the office for the duration of the trip.
BY TRAIN	Via Rail services Clearwater, BC (on the Vancouver-Edmonton route). For information and to purchase tickets please visit http://www.viarail.ca/
BY AIR	The closest airport is Kamloops (YKA) which is 126km from Clearwater. From here, either take the train (approx 2.5hrs) or rent a car to get to Clearwater.
TRANSFER SERVICE	A transfer from the hotel in Clearwater to the group meeting on the morning of Day 2 is included in the package. If you do NOT require this transfer, please advise your agent prior to departure.

special visa requirements

All international visitors will require proper documentation to enter Canada. Most nationalities require either a tourist visa or an ETA. Detailed information will be provided upon booking.

non exclusive trips

This trip is non-exclusive to Great Canadian Trails.

what's not included

- travel to/from Clearwater, BC
- meals not mentioned in itinerary
- accommodation on night 6
- items of a personal nature
- travel insurance
- tips and gratuities
- Applicable taxes of 5% for bookings made in North America

private groups

The adventures featured on our website are just a starting point for many of our private group travellers. Working closely with our Groups Department we can organise custom designed



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itineraries for groups of friends, clubs, charities, schools or even work colleagues. Our team will assist you with all aspects of your private group adventure from itinerary design to group flights. Contact our team today.

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trip availability

If this trip seems right for you then we encourage you to book now. There are many reasons why you may not be able to join your desired departure and limited space on our small group departures is just one of them. Our self-guided holidays visit small communities with limited accommodations, and we can only guarantee rooms once we've booked and confirmed with each property. For this reason, we can only confirm availability of tour once bookings have been received. The demand is increasing each year making it difficult to join a trip last minute. To ensure we can confirm your adventure of a lifetime we ask that you check trip availability with our team at your earliest convenience.

how to book

To book a Great Canadian Trails trip, you will need to complete a booking form and pay a non refundable deposit which you can do by using our online booking function. We can also help you with any additional arrangements that you require, such as pre or post trip accommodation in conjunction with the main Great Canadian Trails trip.