

2 Day/1 Night Guided Biking Advanced Sample Itinerary

Day 1: Lorna Lake, Graveyard Valley, Elbow Pass, to Bear Paw Camp

Stats: ~25kms, +600m / -807m

Start your trip off with a unique and surreal floatplane flight through the South Chilcotins into the majestic Lorna Lake. A stunning turquoise glacial lake nestled between looming mountain peaks far from civilization. Once bikes are unloaded, and the necessary photos are taken, you will gear up and ride a short distance to the northern end of Lorna Lake, connecting with Big Creek Trail. For the next 10 kms you will follow Big Creek trail to its junction with Graveyard Creek trail, riding through a wide-open valley that is bordered by volcanic hills and ridges. Expect a mix of forested sections and low-lying meadows, with some short climbs and flowy segments of trail. Also expect some scrambling over log "bridges" to cross side creeks and wet feet, particularly when crossing Big Creek itself once. You will then enter and travel 8 kms through Graveyard Valley — a gentle, wide, and historic valley. Take note of the infamous battle grounds of the St'at'imc and Tsilhqot'in Indigenous peoples, which gives graveyard valley its namesake. As the valley begins to narrow you will turn south and pedal and hike-a-bike up 300m to Elbow pass situated high in the alpine, before descending the days final 5kms of ultimate singletrack and 550m into the headwaters of Tyaughton creek and Bear Paw Camp where you will rest and recharge for the night.

Day 2: Bear Paw to the Valley (Gun Creek Road)

Stats: ~ 42kms, +485m / -1360m. 7-8 hours.

Today you will ride through alternating forest and meadows on route to Spruce Camp. Be prepared for four major creek crossings, a few short steep climbs with some smooth and flowing downhill, technical rooty sections, and some side hilling. For most of the day you will be riding parallel to Tyaughton Creek, and will be offered awe inspiring views of the surrounding peaks and ridge lines. After crossing Tyaughton Creek for the final time you will do a short push/pedal before enjoying a gradual descent into our camp at the north end of Spruce Lake. Once at camp you can walk a short distance to the shores of Spruce Lake, where row boats and fishing rods await, or take the time to explore the surrounding slopes for fossils and viewpoints.

From Spruce Lake your group will ride roughly 25 kms of rolling, and at times technical, classic Chilcotin single track back to the valley.

You can expect to ride next to Spruce Lake before entering wide open grasslands and meadows that are dotted with beautiful aspen groves and wildflowers (if they are in bloom), along rocky, rooty and sandy sections of trail that can be challenging, and next to Gun Creek. The day will be filled with sweeping downhills, scenic traverses, and short uphill pedals. Before arriving back in the valley, where out van will meet you and shuttle you back to our base.