

Blue Jay and Grey Jay Lakes

A must-see for visitors to the Valley, the twin lakes of Blue Jay and Grey Jay Lakes lie deep in the alpine west of Bella Coola Village. The towering mountain peaks of the Coastal Range are dwarfed and the crisp mountain air provides relief from hot summer days.

Trailhead location:

Drive west, past the government wharf where the ferry docks. Turn left at the "Y" heading up above Clayton Falls. The drive takes approximately 45 minutes, and the mountain pass is not usually clear of snow until well into June, and closes by mid September. Accessible by 4 wheel drive or ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) only, Blue and Grey Jay Lakes are located approximately 15miles/25km from the wharf.



Photo courtesy Leonard Ellis

The trailhead for Grey Jay Lake is between the first two campsites above Blue Jay Lake. The trail and boardwalk meander through alpine forest along the shores of the lake to eventually open up into the meadows and wetlands just before the viewpoint that looks towards North and South Bentinck Arms.



Photo courtesy Roger Brandt

Worth the trip:

Snow capped peaks lay at your feet from the alpine viewpoints along the road to Blue Jay and Grey Jay Lakes. The South Bentinck Arm winds between their deep fiords. After a leisure walk around Grey Jay Lake take a dip in the cool waters of Blue Jay Lake. Trout can be found in this high altitude lake for the casual fisherman. Campsites are located above Blue Jay Lake and include picnic tables and rustic pit toilets.



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Parking can be found at any of the campsites. A boat launch leads into Blue Jay Lake for launching your canoes or kayaks.

Drop into the Visitor Information Centre to check on road conditions and safety precautions needed before embarking.

Be Safe

Bears and other wild animals roam freely – Be Bear Aware. Cell phones do not work beyond the government wharf. Visitors are asked to be prepared for any weather while hiking in the region and if you are packing a picnic, make sure to leave nothing behind. Be sure to tell someone responsible where you are going and when you are expecting to return.

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