

Snooka Creek Trails

Located on the active alluvial fan from Snooka Creek, the three trails that make up the system provide an interesting variety in skill, scenery and vegetation. The trail head for the three trails is located at the end of Snooka Creek FSR, a short side road branching off Highway 20 midway between the villages of Bella Coola and Hagensborg.

South (Loop) Trail

Distance: 1mile/1.7km total
Description: The shortest of the three trails, this hike provides a great opportunity to walk off dinner on a beautiful summer evening. The trail climbs through moss laden forest before intersecting Snooka Creek approximately one third of the way into the hike. In 2009 the Bailey bridge was washed away during a freak rain event. Until the bridge is replaced the creek can only be forded during low water.



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East Trail

Distance: 3.5miles/5.4km
Description: After a bit of a climb from the trail head along the south loop trail, this trail branches east, winding along the forested base of Nuxalk Mountain. Much of the trail is located on private land and was developed and is maintained for mountain bikes and ATVs. In 2009, a wildfire triggered by lightning raged along the north face of the mountain. A fire break was created to access the perimeter of the fire. At the request of the owner, this was left intact and adds an interesting feature to the hike. Hikers have access to an unparalleled view of a rainforest naturally recovering from nature's fire storms.

West Trail

Distance: 2.3miles/3.8km
Description: The west trail begins on an old road used by cattle and horses, crossing range land and climbing 500m (1600ft.) to a viewpoint looking down the Thorson Creek watershed, with the village of Bella Coola, and North Bentinck Arm in the distance, snowcapped peaks providing the spectacular backdrop. The longest of the three trails, the hike can take up to 5 hours return. Take a picnic and plenty of water. Because it is across active range land, it is for hiking only.



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Be Safe

The Bella Coola Valley is home to a large Grizzly and cougar population. Always carry bear spray when hiking in the back country and be Bear Aware.

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