

# WELCOME TO THE EASTERN CHILCOTIN AND CARIBOO!



**This is ranching country with miles of rich rolling hills of bunch grass, and numerous meadow bottoms that have supported cattle since the 1850's. Settled by men on their way to the gold fields, they realized there were far more riches in this country than in the icy cold streams and mines of the northern Cariboo. The mighty Fraser forms the eastern boundary of the Chilcotin Plateau while the glacial Chilko and deep green Chilcotin wind their way through the middle. The rivers teem with salmon and trout while the lakes are full of Bull trout, wild Rainbow trout, Eastern Brook Trout and Kokanee. The country abounds with wildlife, and even lays claim to the largest herd of non-migratory California Bighorn Sheep in the world! Go rafting on Class IV waters, fishing on aquamarine lakes, or hiking through grasslands or up into the mountains. On the eastern reaches of the Interior Plateau lies the central and south Cariboo area. Here you'll find maintained walking and biking trails, Nature Conservancy and hundreds of prime lakes for fishing and summer recreational sports, as well as a dedication to the arts, and a huge volunteer base for a number of events put on in the region. Come enjoy this land of rushing rivers and wide open spaces!**

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