

Scenic British Columbia: Greenwood, Canada's Smallest City

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If a hen and a half, takes a day and a half to lay an egg and a half how long does it take for a monkey with a broken leg to kick the pips out of a watermelon? If you know the answer, the folks in Rock creek would love to hear from you. At the local restaurant where two stuffed bears welcome visitors; there is a prize for the correct answer. And they aren't taking the pip!

Rock Creek, that means a general store, a gift shop, a restaurant and a cafe, is along the highway from Canada's smallest city, Greenwood with a population of less than a thousand. It's a great little town laid out along the highway with the Anaconda Cafe at one end and the Boundary Creek motel at the other.

Walking through the town is a step back in time to the days of the 1900s when gold, copper and silver were king, Greenwood was once home to 3,000 people, a supply centre for the miners. The precious metals may be gone but the historic buildings remain and are still in use. And some of the heritage homes along the river bank are for sale.

The museum provides a penetrating flash of insight into the town's rich history and has a free internet service for visitors. The courthouse is the last remaining wooden courthouse of its kind in British Columbia, just one of the many historic buildings on the downtown heritage walk.

For the more energetic young ones, mountain biking is possible on the 2010 trail. An easy three hour, one-way ride will take you to Grand Forks on the Columbia & Western Rail Valley Trail. There is also a two hour round trip and ride to Medway to connect to the Kettle Valley Rail Trail.

Greenwood has its parks and river side walks with friendly locals eager to strike up

a conversation with visitors. Canada's smallest city has everything for a perfect, stress-free holiday.

Getting there:

Fly to Vancouver with Air Canada and take an internal flight to Kelowna. Then take a Greyhound bus to Greenwood. If you fancy a scenic drive through the Rockies the Greyhound also departs from Vancouver. Stay at the Boundary Creek motel run by Elvelyn and Nick Ketler (n.ketler@yahoo.com) and if you fancy a heritage house contact Don Mann from Border County Realty (don@boundary-ca.net). ■



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