

Boundary Country's 10 Picture Perfect Spots

Welcome to the Boundary Country Photo Challenge! We are happy to see you're interested in exploring Boundary and excited to see the photos you take along the way. We trust that you've already familiarized yourself with the rules (if not, please do), so next is planning where to get your photos. Take photos from any of the categories listed below and post them to Instagram with #CaptureBoundaryCountry or send them by email publisher@grandforksgazette.ca to gain entries in draws for several fantastic prizes! Good luck and happy photo hunting!

1. History

The Boundary Country is overflowing with history, whether Indigenous, mining, logging, Doukhobor or Japanese. Take a rainy day to explore the past and collect your picture perfect photo at one of these amazing museums (though we recommend visiting them all!):

- **Greenwood Museum**

Canada's smallest city, Greenwood, is filled with mining, forestry, architecture and Japanese internment history. There's a kaleidoscope of colour along main street and surrounding neighbourhoods to learn about by picking up a Greenwood Walking Tour guide. Also check out the crystals, stickers and postcards for your collection at the gift shop.

- **Midway Kettle River Museum**

Located at 'Mile 0' of the Kettle Valley Railway/ Trans Canada Trail, take a moment to soak in the history or shaded picnic area. All ages can enjoy a restored CPR caboose, original Canadian Pacific Railway Station House and various outdoor artifacts.

- **Son Ranch**

Son Ranch is a small-scale family-run forestry operation with wildflower gardens and an old homestead timber frame barn where you can view the Chain-saw Museum that chronicles the history of forestry in the Boundary/Kootenay region of British Columbia.



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2. Breathtaking Lookouts

What is your favourite breathtaking spot? Or lookouts at your favourite trail/trail section? Post a picture of yourself and your favourite, breathtaking view (with the name of the trail/trail section) Examples:

- **Kettle River Recreation Area - Rock Creek**
- **Riverside Gazebo - Midway**
- **Jewel Lake Lookout (Provincial Park) - Greenwood**
- **Granby River Lookout - Grand Forks**
- **Observation Mountain - Grand Forks**
- **Upper Dewdney Trail Lookout - Christina Lake**

3. Wildlife on the Trail (Birds to Beavers)

Post a photo of wildlife you find along the trail or even in one of our communities! From birds to beavers, there is always something to find.

Easy to Capture: Deer, Sparrow, Quail, Crow, Gopher, Horse, Cow, Elk, and more!

Hard to Capture: Eagle, Woodpecker, Coyote, Wolf, Moose, Bear, Owl, Swallow, Falcon, Blackbird, and more!

Just remember to be cautious, not feed or disrupt the natural habitats of these treasured creatures. Some guidelines when photographing wildlife:

- Do not surround, crowd or follow an animal
- Never put people at risk by posing them with wildlife
- Do not stalk or pursue wildlife
- Never follow an animal into the bush
- Do not try to entice wildlife by feeding or by simulating animal calls (i.e. elk bugling)



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4. Trails, Trails, and Trails!

Boundary Country was made for adventure for everyone, from avid mountain bikers to families and couples looking for a getaway. There are over 2,000 km (1,243mi) of trails to explore as you meander through ever-changing landscapes from urban to rural, ranch to grasslands, tranquil rivers to rolling mountains. All within close access to bustling communities and main highways.

Snap a photo of yourself (or trail buddy) sporting a well-worn pair of boots, atop your bike or on a trusty horse. Just remember to take only pictures and leave only footprints!

We want to see you on your favourite trail section! Below are some suggestions, take a photo at one of these:

- **Christina Lake Hiking and Cycling**
- **Grand Forks Community Trails**
- **Greenwood Twin Flags**
- **Midway Hiking and Cycling**

Rail Trails

The **KVR** and the **Columbia and Western Railway (C&W)** meet at Midway and form a 240 km (149 mi) section of the **Trans Canada Trail**. Diverse landscapes merge as you hike or bike along tranquil river shores, ranchlands, mountains and communities.

Big White Summer Trails

Summer hiking is a must at Big White. We encourage you to make the most of the long days and warm weather by hitting the mountain. Enjoy the fresh air, take in the breathtaking views and reconnect with nature. You will find your next Picture Perfect photo spot at the top of the Bullet Chairlift where there is a sign post displaying distances to various places around the world..



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5. Boundary Eats

Each community in Boundary Country shares similarities to the next one but has its own twist. So the same goes for the food culture! Take a photo with your special order, be it a fresh cup of coffee or a mouth-watering burger. Visit [the directory](#) on our website to find eateries near you where you can take your next picture. Here are some recommendations:

- **Dueling Oaks Restaurant - Christina Lake**
- **Lisa's Bistro - Christina Lake**
- **Smoochies Brewing Co. - Christina Lake**
- **The Board Room Cafe - Grand Forks**
- **Jogas - Grand Forks**
- **Wooden Spoon Bistro - Grand Forks**
- **Copper Eagle - Greenwood**
- **Deadwood Junction - Greenwood**
- **Two Cowboys - Greenwood**
- **Keg & Kettle Grill - Midway**
- **Trading Post - Rock Creek**

6. Farms & Farmers Markets (Local Treats)

Good things grow in Boundary Country. The lush farmlands yield a fresh crop of fruit and root vegetables. Gather your foodie friends and tour the whole valley, stopping along the way at family-owned farms, orchards, and roadside markets. Below are the current markets to catch your "Picture Perfect" photo spot.

- Grand Forks Farmer's Market: Tues & Fri 8 am to 1 pm
- Market on Market in Grand Forks: Fri & Sat 9 am to 2 pm
- Rock Creek Farmer's Market: Saturday 9 am to 1 pm
- Greenwood Art Club Outdoor Craft Market: Last Sunday of every month 10 am to 2 pm
- Jerseyland Organics
 - A family-owned and operated dairy in Grand Forks, B.C. In the storefront are their own products as well as local and regionally sourced produce, meat, and other various food products. Don't forget to stop by the petting zoo while you're there!



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7. Lakes and Rivers

Whether lake or river, take a photo with your paddleboard, tube, fishing pole, or canoe and enjoy Boundary Country's pristine waters.

Lakes in Boundary Country were seemingly made for total and complete relaxation. Christina Lake (BC's warmest tree-lined lake) and Jewel Lake are two of our most popular summer destinations. However, if you want to relax from sandbank to sandbank, drifting at the speed of the river's current, go to the Kettle or Granby Rivers.

8. Awesome Swag (Retailers)

All around the Boundary Country, there are awesome, locally-owned retailers. Take the opportunity to support our local businesses that work so hard to create memorable experiences for residents and visitors alike. Whether you're looking for a souvenir to take home, or stocking up on high-quality goods for your adventures, find your next "Picture Perfect" photo spot at one of these:

- **Boundary Board Company**

Open to all ages, this new store in Grand Forks is the go-to place for anything skateboard-related. Here you'll find youth and teen clothing, skateboards and parts, stickers, local knowledge, souvenirs and more.

- **Fresh Tracks Outdoors Club**

On busy Market Ave in Grand Forks, Fresh Tracks is a hub for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. It's here you'll find great gear and a strong cup of coffee before you hit the trails. Also, stop by to challenge yourself on the indoor bouldering wall or archery range.

- **Jewel Creek Gallery and Antiques**

This family-run business in Greenwood has high-quality vintage and antique goods collected from all over Canada. Such as toys, books, tools, art, games, jewelry and much more. The brick-and-mortar store is RV and dog-friendly for a memorable stop while on the road.



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8. Awesome Swag (Retailers) - Continued

- **Route 3 Apparel**

On Greenwood's colourful and historical main street, it's here you'll find unique and high-quality clothing, accessories and hats with boundary logos and slogans to take home as souvenirs.

- **Seasons Outdoors**

Grand Forks' go-to store for outdoor and sporting goods. Here you'll find bikes, bike rentals, running shoes, hiking shoes, parts, local knowledge and more. If you didn't bring your own set of wheels, stop by to rent some for the day!

- **Thistle Pot Gifts**

Housed in a 2 story, beautifully restored heritage building on Market Avenue is this quaint gift store. If you're looking for souvenirs to take home, here's where you'll find a variety of choices.

- **Work and Play**

Part of Grand Forks' bustling Market Ave, it's here you'll find high-quality clothing and outdoor gear ranging from kids sandals to dresses, bags, t-shirts and more.

9. Art Scene

The Boundary Country's unique landscapes and open-air has lured artists over the decades. They've created inspiring works of art in almost every media imaginable. Now it's your turn. Find inspiration in one of our galleries or studios below for your next "Picture Perfect" photo spot:

- **Christina Lake Welcome Centre and Arts on 3 Gallery**

Located in the heart of the Christina Lake Community Park, the Christina Lake Welcome Centre has information, Pony Espresso, Trading Post Gift Shop, and the Arts On 3 Gallery displaying local arts and crafts.



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9. Art Scene - Continued

- **Grand Forks Gallery 2**

The Grand Forks Art Gallery is a Public Art Gallery in the 1911 Heritage Courthouse building. The main floor houses a gift shop with regional crafts, local art rental gallery, and Information Centre. Upstairs features conceptually rigorous, artistically ambitious, and locally relevant exhibitions working with local, regional, and national artists.

- **Rock Creek Riverside Centre**

The Riverside Centre is a great stop to learn about Rock Creeks' rich history and natural beauty. It sits on the banks of the Kettle River nestled in the stunning Kettle Valley. Stop here to learn about gold panning history and admire paintings by local artists.

10. Memorable Stays

Boundary Country is decorated with unique and memorable accommodations. Here, locals take special care to make your stay stand out, and you might never know what you'll find if you take a closer look. Take a photo of where you're staying, whether a hotel, motel, B&B or campground! We want to see a unique corner or your favourite spot to unwind after a long day.

If you haven't booked your stay or are looking for somewhere new to explore head over to our directory at boundarybc.com/stay

For full contest details visit boundarybc.com/capture-boundary-country/

