



Blind Bay Market Place

Shop in Blind Bay

Just as you pass Shuswap Lake Estates Golf Course turn off the Trans Canada and head to the Blind Bay Market Place. The Sorrento Library branch is opening up there this summer and there's a lot to see in this eye-catching market.

The Blind Bay Clothing Company just opened their doors and it's loaded with ladies fashions. The store is open Monday through Saturday with extended hours on Thursday nights.

If you need an ice cream or cappuccino stop at Nice Things 'N Ice Cream. Pizza

Plus serves up home style pizza, pasta, salad and wings. If you need to stock up on your vitamins, or try out some toxin free beauty products, step into It's All Good, where you can chat with a certified herbalist and nutritional consultant.

And Blind Bay Country Market has everything on your grocery list (lotto tickets were on there, right?), as well as video and DVD rentals.

Just down the road check out Nico's Nurseryland for a great selection of bedding plants and landscaping supplies.

Camp with your horse

Camping isn't just for people and household pets anymore.

EQ Trails at Skimikin Campground welcomes horses along with their owners. There are about 100 km of well marked trails which are perfect for riding, biking and hiking.

This forestry campground right on picturesque Skimikin Lake is kept in a natural state with basic amenities: outhouses, fire pits, picnic tables but no potable water or garbage bins. To keep this natural setting you bring everything in and take everything out.

The Skimikin Campground is family-oriented, relaxing and peaceful. And the price is right at \$10 a night or \$5 for seniors. The horses, as guests of honour, get to stay free in the corrals. There's plenty of parking and handy pull-through sites.

There is a caretaker on site 24/7 who sells maps of the trails and collects fees.

The campground is 23 km west of Salmon Arm; 13km (about 1km past the Esso Station) from Salmon Arm, turn left onto the Tappen Valley Road. After 4km there is a 'T' intersection, turn left or south onto Skimikin Road past two wineries and the Skimikin Nursery. The camp is on the left just before the Skimikin Lake comes into view.



Rock climbing

The Shuswap area is well known for its hiking and biking trails but it is also getting a reputation for being a great rock climbing destination. There are various areas that a climber can enjoy from a day trip to a week of quality climbing. A few popular climbing spots are Haines Creek, Kault Hill and Silver Creek.

At Haines Creek there are 20 climbing areas on the Upper Crag and 10 climbing areas on the Lower Crag. Kault Hill has four climbing areas.

You can find information on routes and directions to the areas from ShuswapClimbing.blogspot.com or pick up a guidebook from Wearabouts downtown Salmon Arm. Local climbers Steve Kalf, Brandon Orchard and Jordan Pack wrote the guidebook, which is complete with diagrams, photos and climb ratings.

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