

# Outdoor recreation abounds

Although Salmon Arm has Shuswap Lake and Vernon has Kalamalka Lake, residents from these nearby communities, as well as lots of tourists, like coming to Enderby for tubing.

However, before you park the vehicle and jump in, it's important to know what areas are best. Parts of the Shuswap River have rapids and are not recommended for canoeing, swimming or tubing.

A section suitable for every type of canoeist and swimmer is from Trinity bridge to the Enderby bridge. The waters are calm and slow moving. Expect to spend about 3 to 4 hours.

Or you could take the river from Enderby to Grindrod, Mara Lake and Shuswap Lake. This part of the river goes right through farmland offering an idyllic day on the river.

Going to Grindrod will take from 2.5 to 4 hours by canoe. If you paddle to Mara expect the jaunt to take an extra 4 to 6 hours. Of course you can stop along the way for a splash or a rest. The best time for river excursions is late June or early July.

There are a few convenient places to launch canoes and kayaks: Trinity bridge, Enderby bridge, Riverside Park or Grindrod Park.

If you've got a motorboat you can launch at the Riverside Park boat launch. Just keep to the 10 km/hr speed between the south side of Enderby bridge to the sewage treatment plant.

A map of the river with the distances, access points and travel times is available at the Enderby and District Chamber of Commerce.

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Enderby is surrounded by lakes. Mabel Lake has lovely sandy beaches so of course it's popular for swimming. It's also popular for water-skiing, fishing, canoeing and boating.

Mara Lake is a busy spot for fishing in the spring and fall and in the summer for motorized water sports. There's a beautiful provincial campground on Mara Lake.

Hidden Lake is a gem and is excellent for swimming and fishing (esp. Rainbow trout). Baird Lake is smaller, a little more isolated and good for fishing.

Just down the road from Enderby is Gardom Lake. It's a small lake with a couple of islands. This is a good day-use spot as there are picnic tables and a small playground.

The locals call it 'Mud Lake' but its real name is Rosemond Lake. It's right at the south end of Mara Lake. There's farmland on one side and woodland and a recreation reserve on the other. You can only get there by canoe or rowboat under the railway trestle from Mara Lake. Motorboats are not allowed. This lake is popular with bird watchers, as it is the home of eagles, osprey, geese, swans, ducks, and loons. There is a lovely beach with picnic tables, toilet facilities and fresh water available for camping or picnicking. As the site is user maintained, please carry out your own garbage.



Mabel Lake

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