

**Day 1
New Denver
to Kootenay
Bay**

Touring Tidbits

-A wild silver rush gave birth to Sandon. At it's height in 1898, Sandon had 5000 residents, 29 hotels, 28 saloons, banks, a red light district and 2 railways which serviced 100 mines. The narrow valley of Carpenter Creek made it difficult for Sandon to grow, so Sandon's planners decided to flume the creek, put a boardwalk over top and make it one of the main downtown streets. When silver prices declined, so did Sandon. Sandon had a brief reprieve during WWII when Japanese-Canadians were interned here. However, in 1955 Carpenter Creek flooded, destroying most of the remaining buildings.

-Kaslo began as a sawmill site in 1889, but silver changed it into a major transfer point for silver ore from the railway into Sandon onto sternwheelers plying Kootenay Lake.

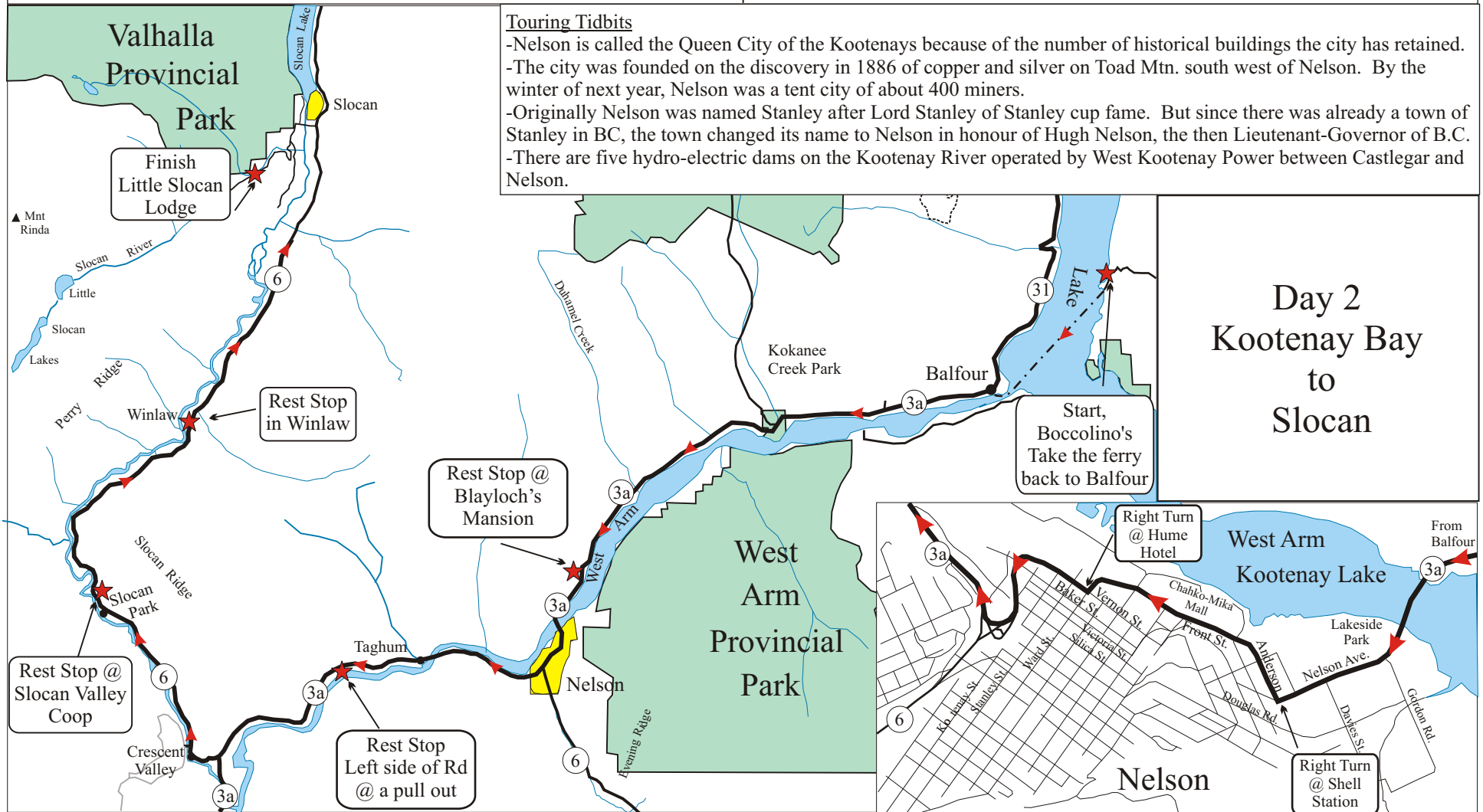
-The last of these sternwheelers, the SS Moyie is beached in Kaslo & is now a National Historic Site.

- 0 km -Start climb on Hwy 31a to Kaslo.
- 4.6 -Climb ends
- 7.0 -Caution! Start of a descent tight turns
- 8.0 -Start climbing again @ road into Sandon.
- 14.7 -Start of construction
- 17.2 -Rest Stop – Fish Lake** (washrooms available)
- 21.6 -Roadside waterfall. Note: new pavement with soft shoulders. Be careful of sand and rock on shoulders.
- 31.6 -Construction ends
- 37.5 -Descent into Kaslo begins
- 45.2 -Welcome to Kaslo – continue descent
- 46.2 **-4-way stop Turn Right down A Ave**
- 47.0 **-4-way stop Turn Left on 4th St.** and go 1 block
- 47.1 **-Turn Right** onto **Front St.** Ride past the SS Moyie.
- 47.6 -Lunch stop - Kaslo municipal campground.** After lunch, retrace your **ride up Front St.**
- 48.1 **-Left on 4th St** and to the 4-way stop @ 4th & A St

- 48.2 -Straight @ the 4-way stop. Follow 4th St. out of town. It becomes Hwy 31.
- 53.3 -Mirror Lake (great place to camp!)
- 59.9 -1km climb
- 62.4 -Caution! Descent with tight turns and narrow road
- 64.4 -Rest Stop – JB's & Campground** (Best fish'n'Chips in the west)
- 68.9 -Ainsworth Hotsprings (Best hotsprings in the west)
- 71.6 -Rocks on road no stopping!
- 73.3 -Caution! Steep descent with sharp turns
- 73.8 -Caution! Tight hairpin turn & start of 2km climb
- 82.6 -Welcome to Balfour!
- 83.8 **-Turn Left for ferry junction**
- 83.9 -Pilot Bay Ferry! Wait for next ferry or hang out on the picnic benches or go for a swim!
- 85.7 -Kootenay Bay! Go up the hill and Boccolino's is on your left hand side just up the hill. Ph. 250-227-6906

- 0 km -Head back down the hill to the ferry terminal
- 0.2 -Ferry Terminal. Ferry leaves @ 7:10am, 9:00am, & 10:40am
- 0.7 -Turn Left on Hwy 3A for Nelson
- 26.9 -Rest Stop! Blaylocks Mansion gorgeous place!
- 30.3 -Entering Nelson
- 31.0 -Cross bridge into Nelson (great swimming spot down below)
- 32.4 -Turn Right onto Anderson St. @ the Shell Station. Ride towards the city centre following signs for Hwy 6 & 3A.
- 34.0 -Turn Right onto Vernon St. @ the Hume Hotel intersection
- 34.5 -Go Straight @ the 4-way stop (Baker St. intersection).
- 34.8 -Go Right @ Junction for Hwy 6 & 3A to go on 3A towards Castlegar
- 41.3 -Kootenay river bridge (look for dams on the river)

- 43.6 -Community of Taghum
- 46.0 -Lunch Stop! Left hand side of road on a pull out. Shaded area Yay!!!
- 56.0 -Junction for Slocan. Turn Right @ the lights onto Hwy 6
Note: Road narrows
- 57.6 -Crescent Valley great place to cool off in the water!
- 66.8 -Slocan Park
- 67.3 -Rest Stop! Slocan Valley CO-OP
- 82.5 -Rest Stop! Community of Winlaw
- 101.5 -Turn Left off Hwy for Slocan & the Little Slocan Lodge. - van will be waiting at the bottom of the small hill to take you the final 6.5km of unpaved dirt and gravel road.
-Little Slocan Lodge - ph. 250-275-4958



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- Nelson is called the Queen City of the Kootenays because of the number of historical buildings the city has retained.
- The city was founded on the discovery in 1886 of copper and silver on Toad Mtn. south west of Nelson. By the winter of next year, Nelson was a tent city of about 400 miners.
- Originally Nelson was named Stanley after Lord Stanley of Stanley cup fame. But since there was already a town of Stanley in BC, the town changed its name to Nelson in honour of Hugh Nelson, the then Lieutenant-Governor of B.C.
- There are five hydro-electric dams on the Kootenay River operated by West Kootenay Power between Castlegar and Nelson.

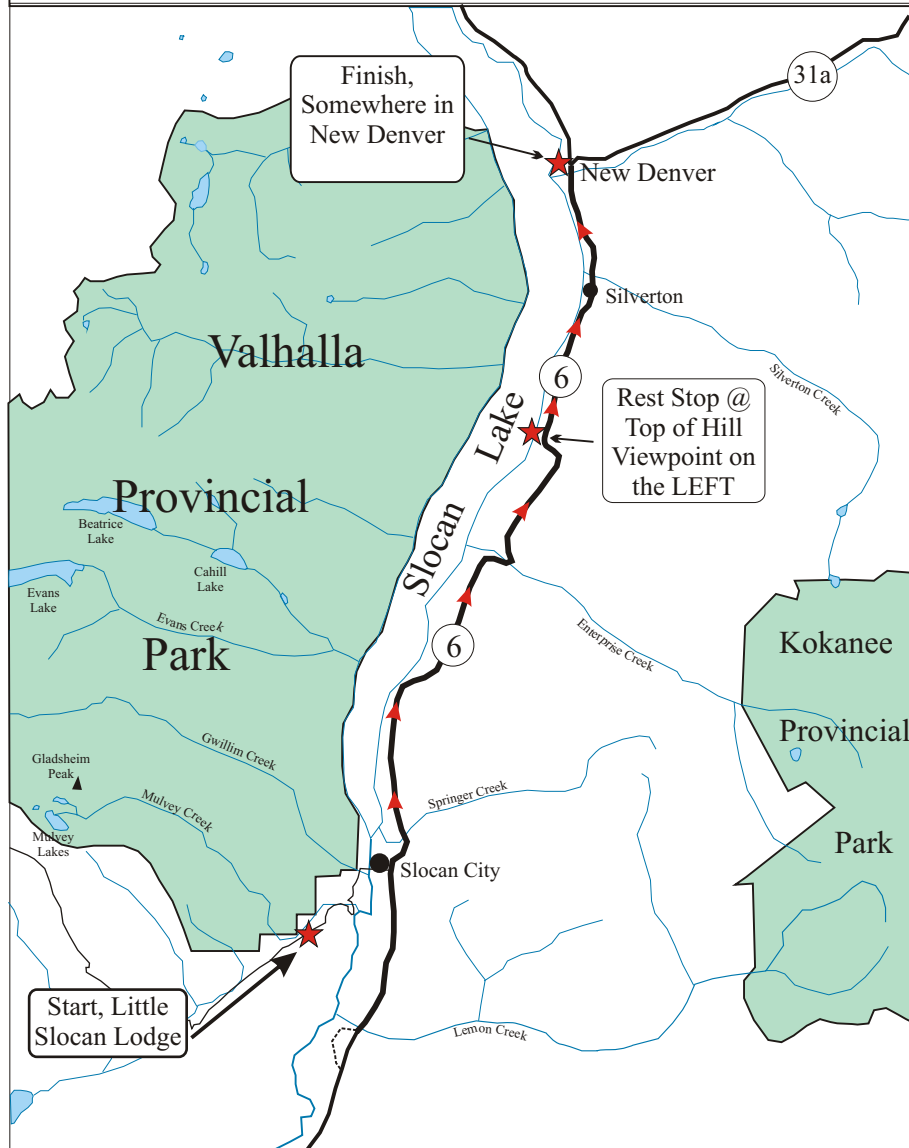
**Day 2
Kootenay Bay
to
Slocan**

Start,
Boccolino's
Take the ferry
back to Balfour

Right Turn
@ Hume
Hotel

Right Turn
@ Shell
Station

Day 3 - Slocan to New Denver



0 km -The van will shuttle (portage?)the cyclists past the unpaved gravel section heading out of the Little Slocan Lodge. Head back to Hwy 6 and turn Left, heading N toward Silverton and New Denver.

14.3 -Caution! Tight turns & Narrow bridge

15.5 -Caution!!! Hairpin turn and one lane bridge!

21.5 -Rest stop! Rest area to the Left.

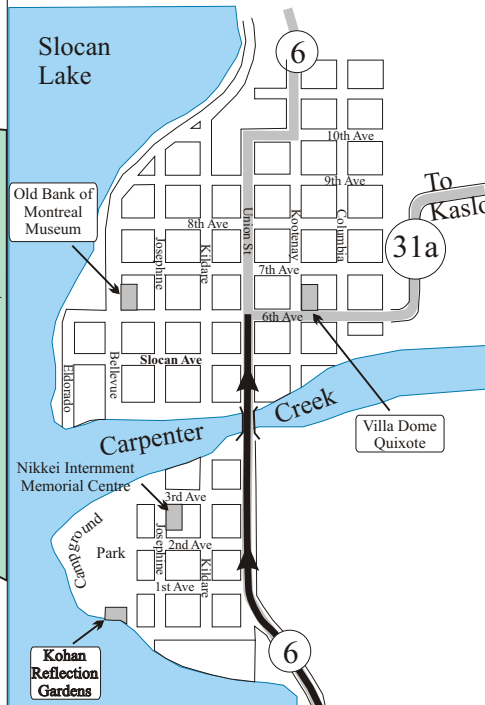
21.6 -Caution!! Start of descent into Silverton sharp turns control your descent!

27.6 -Silverton. End of descent

32.3 -Arrival into New Denver pack up bikes and head back home

Congrats you've completed the Silver Triangle

New Denver Closeup



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-Slocan developed during the silver rush on the 1890's (are you surprised?). Paddlewheelers connected Slocan with other mining communities on the lake.

-The section of Hwy 6 between Slocan and Silverton is carved out of the side of a cliff. The original road was completed in 1926 and '27. The majority of the rock removal was done by hand. From then until the early 1990's when the road was finally widened, this section was only 1 or 1.5 lanes wide.

-Sternwheelers use to ply the waters of Slocan Lake carrying supplies, people and silver, zinc, lead ore up and down the lake.

-The main street (6 St) of New Denver has some points of interest. The Bank of Montreal building serves as a Museum. Along 6 St. you will also find a nice cafe/bakery.

-Mtn Bikers may be interested in the Galena Trail, a 13 km trail that follows the old CPR line through the area. To cross Carpenter Creek you must pull yourself across on a cable car.