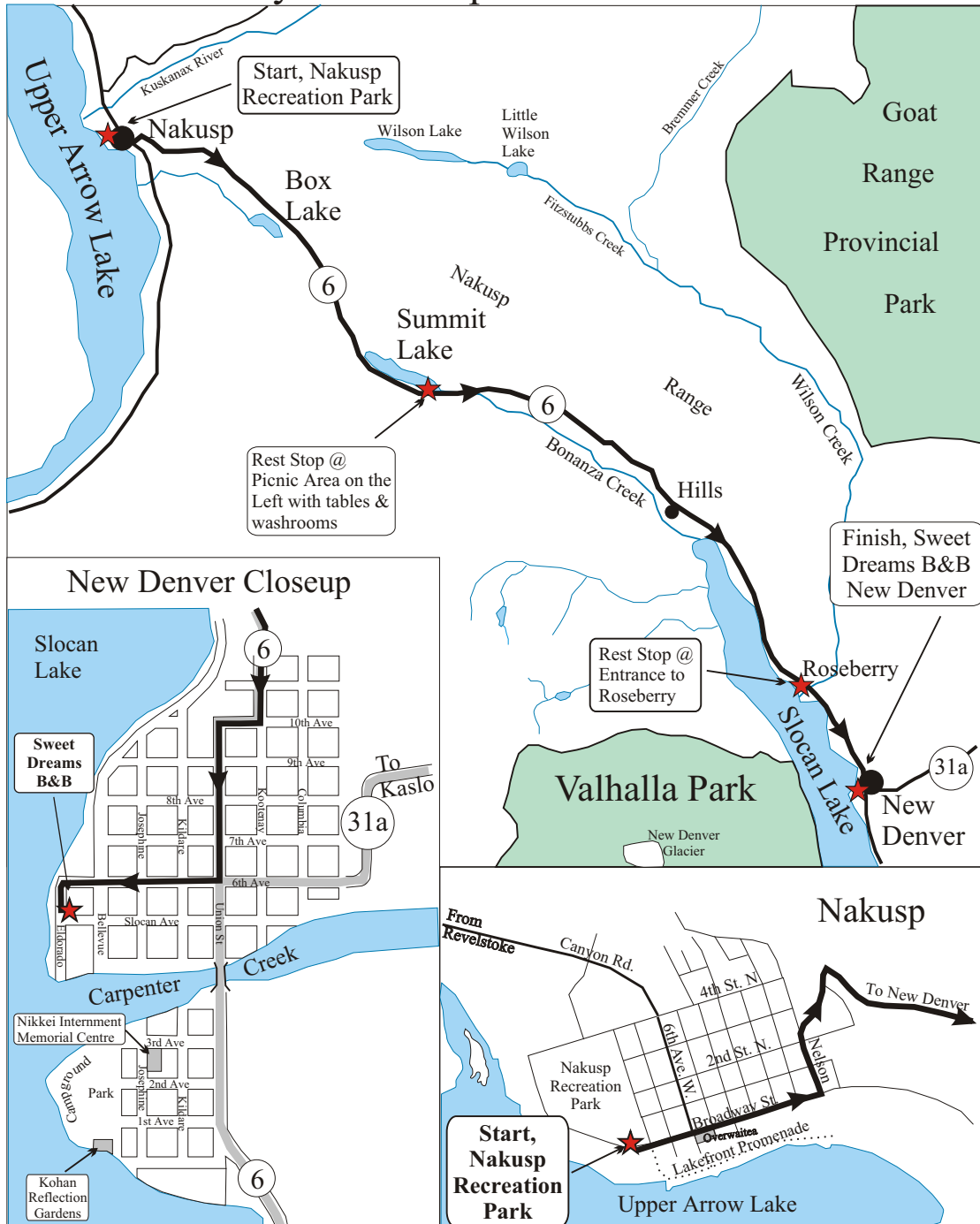


## Day 1 - Nakusp to New Denver



- 0 km -Nakusp, Pop. 1500, elev.451 m. From the Nakusp Recreation Park, head toward the intersection with the Overwaitea Store.
- 0.1 -Continue straight past the Overwaitea on Broadway St. Ride through the main street in town.
- 0.7 -At the other end of Broadway Street at the intersection with Nelson Rd. turn LEFT and start the climb out of Nakusp to New Denver on Hwy 6 heading east.
- 8 -Box Lake
- 16 -Summit Lake Campground, top of climb
- 17.5 -Travel Information board
- 19 -**REST STOP at picnic area on the LEFT** with washrooms and tables next to Summit Lake.
- 31.4 -Hills.
- 41.3 -**REST STOP at entrance road to Rosebery.**
- 42.3 -Rosebery Provincial Park.
- 46.4 -Entering New Denver. Follow the road into the village and turn RIGHT on 6th Ave at the main intersection in town. If you cross the bridge over Carpenter Creek, turn around, you've gone too far! Follow 6th Ave toward Slovan Lake to Eldorado Ave. Turn LEFT and head down Eldorado Ave.
- 47.3 -**Sweet Dreams B&B, 702 Eldorado Ave. (250) 358-2415.**

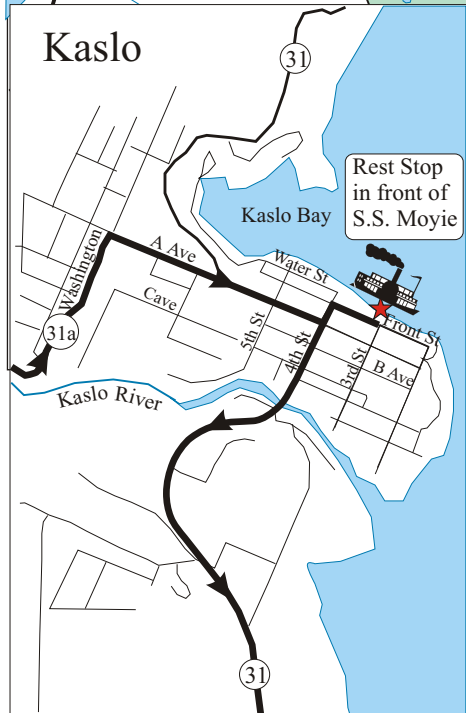
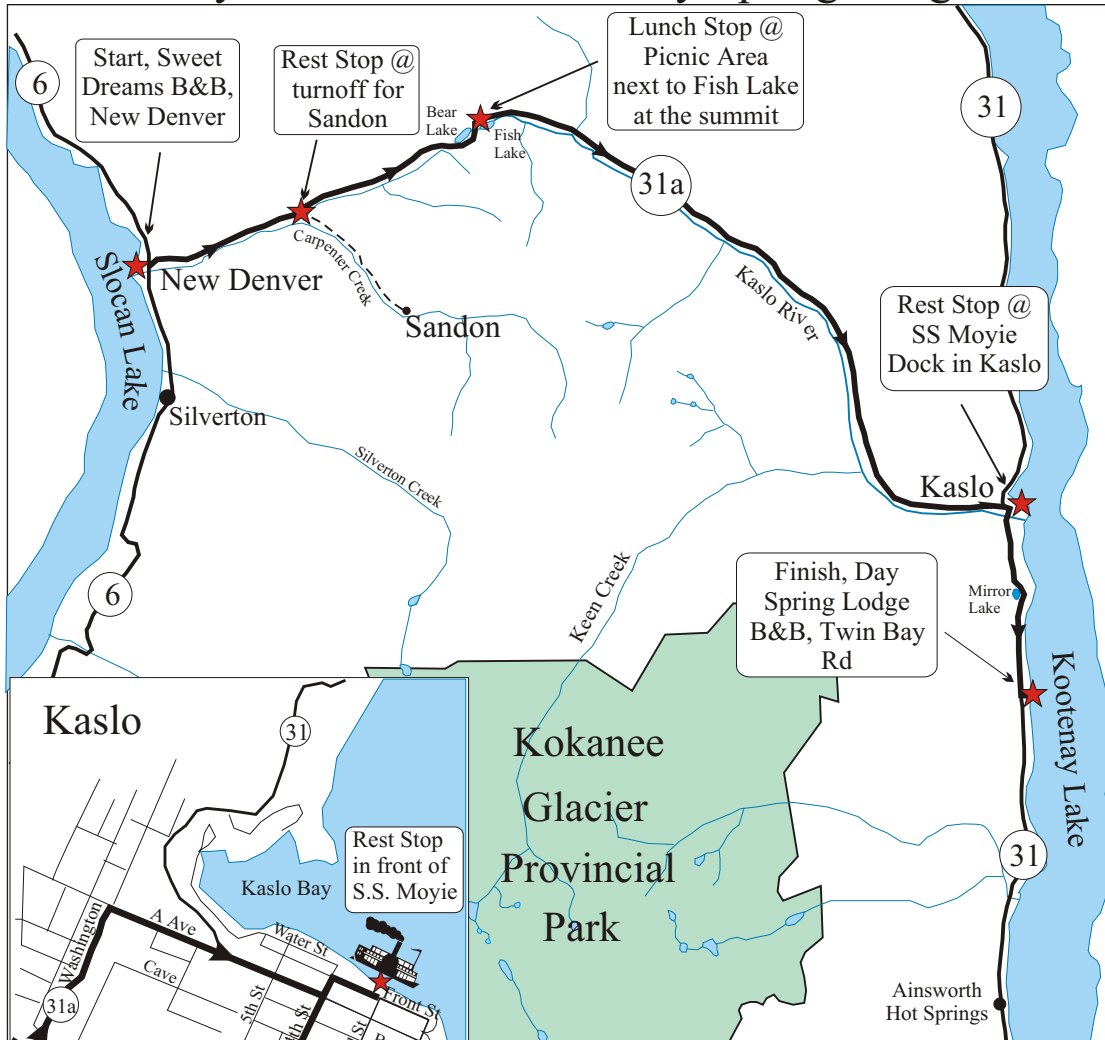
### Points of Interest

- New Denver had it's start as with almost all the towns in the Slovan Area back in the 1890's during the silver mining boom. New Denver was a major supply centre for the mines in around Sandon. When the mining went bust, most of the people trickled away.
- During WWII, New Denver was the site of one of the Japanese-Canadian internment camps. Men between 18 and 45 were sent to labour camps in Eastern Canada while thousands of children, women and elderly were sent to the BC interior. The Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre tells the story of these Canadians with historic photographs, documents and interactive displays. Visitors can walk through restored shacks which housed the families. Open 9:00 to 5:00. Cost: Adults:\$4; Students:\$3
- The Kohan Reflection Garden was created to honour the Japanese interned in the New Denver area. It is a serene place where people can come to enjoy the setting.



Sweet Dreams Guesthouse  
New Denver

# Day 2 - New Denver to Day Spring Lodge

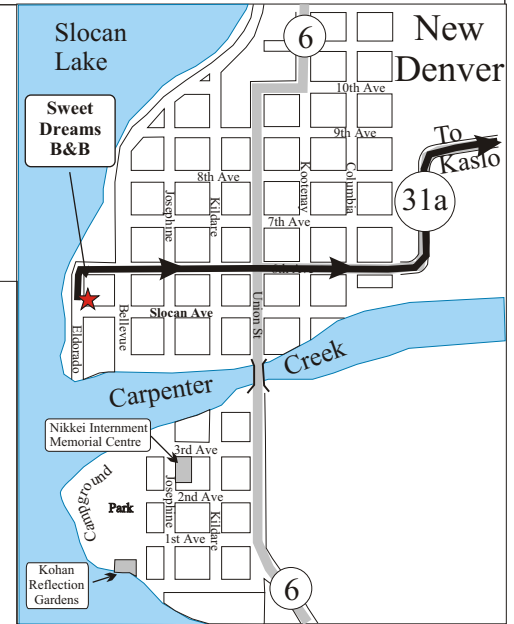


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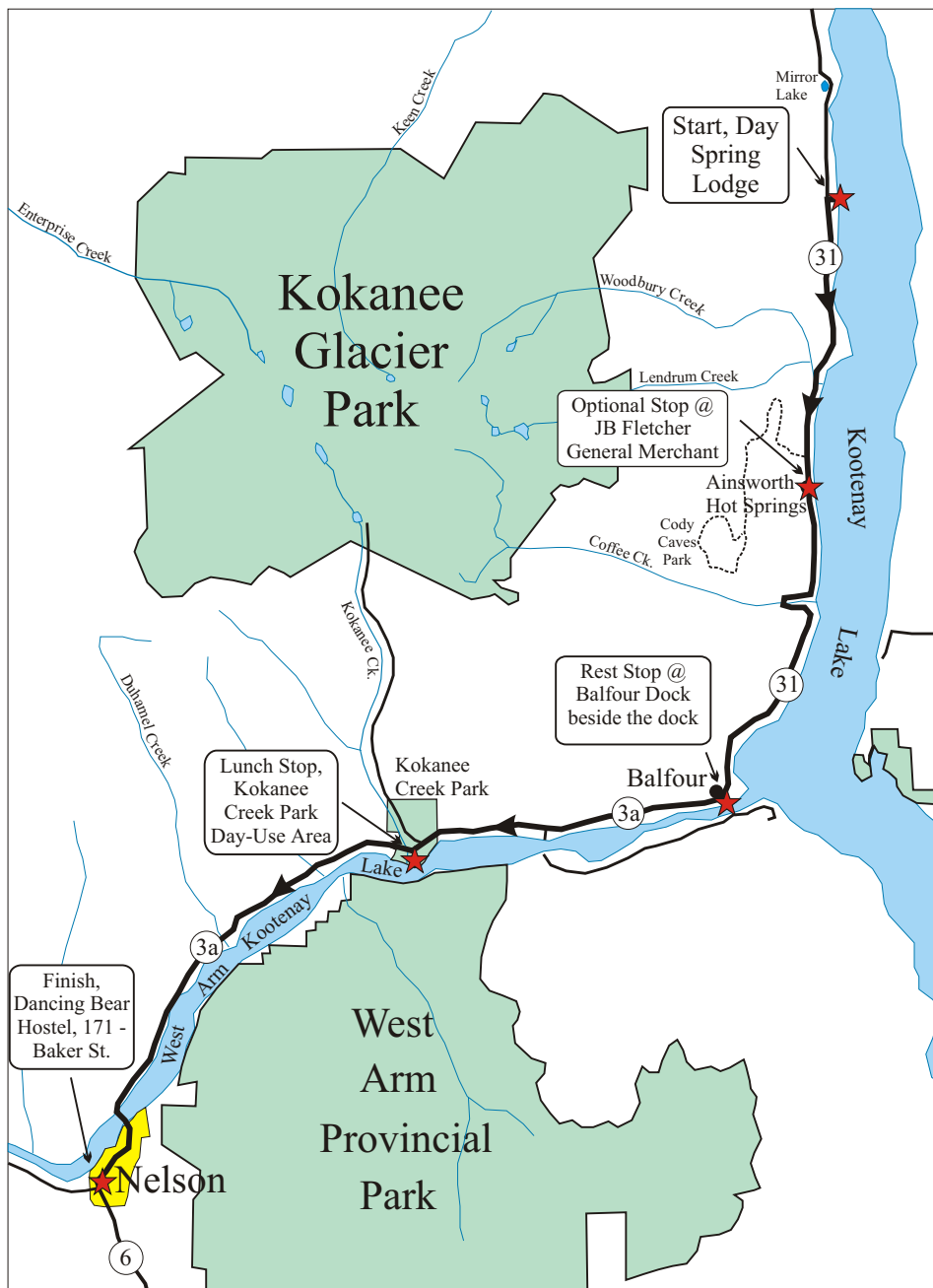
-A wild silver rush gave birth to Sandon. At its height in 1898, Sandon had 5000 residents, 29 hotels, 28 saloons, banks, a red light district and 2 railways which serviced 100 mines. The narrow valley of Carpenter Creek made it difficult for Sandon to grow, so Sandon's planners decided to flume the 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 & houses a museum.

- 0 km -Head back to the main street, 6 St and Turn RIGHT.
- 0.1 -Go 4 blocks to the main intersection in the village.
- 0.5 -Continue Straight on Hwy 31a. Begin the climb out of town.
- 7.4 -Top of the hill, begin descent down winding road.
- 9 **-REST STOP at the entrance for the road to the ghost town of Sandon.** It is approx. 5 km one-way on a hard packed dirt road.
- 14 -Sandon. Pop. 5000 (in 1895)
- 19 -Back on Hwy 31A, turn right and continue climb.
- 31 **-Climb ends. REST STOP at the picnic area on the right beside the 2nd lake, Fish Lake.** After the stop, begin the descent into Kaslo. Note the old mining buildings and machinery on either side of the road on the way down.
- 57 -Entering Kaslo. Pop. 900, elev. 546 m. Bakery, IGA, restaurants & S.S. Moyie sternwheeler. See Closeup of Kaslo for route.
  - @ the stop sign on the corner of Washington and A Ave, turn RIGHT and down the steep hill.
  - @ the stop sign which is the intersection with 4th Street, turn LEFT.
  - Go one block then turn RIGHT on Front Street.
- 59 **-REST STOP in front of the S.S. Moyie sternwheeler.** The main business section of the village is back up Front St in the other direction. After the stop, go back up the hill and turn LEFT on 4th Street. Follow this road (Hwy 31) south out of town.
- 64 -Mirror Lake, continue south on Hwy 31a
- 69 **-Turn LEFT (east) on Twin Bays Road.**  
**Day Spring Lodge B&B, #4736 - Twin Bays Road**  
**Ph (250) 353-2810**



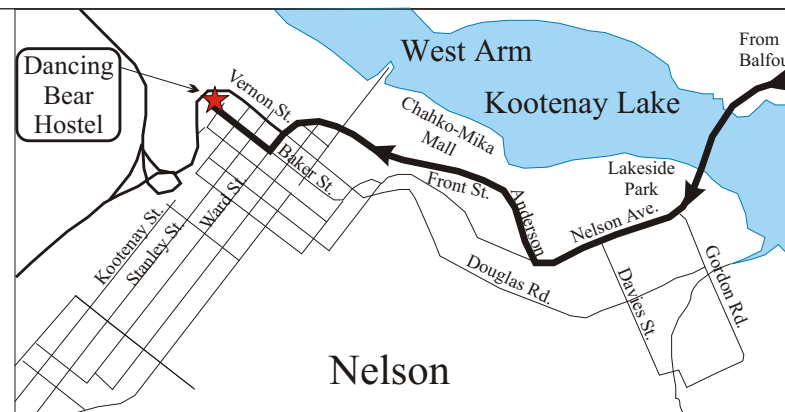
## Day 3 - Day Spring Lodge B&B to Nelson



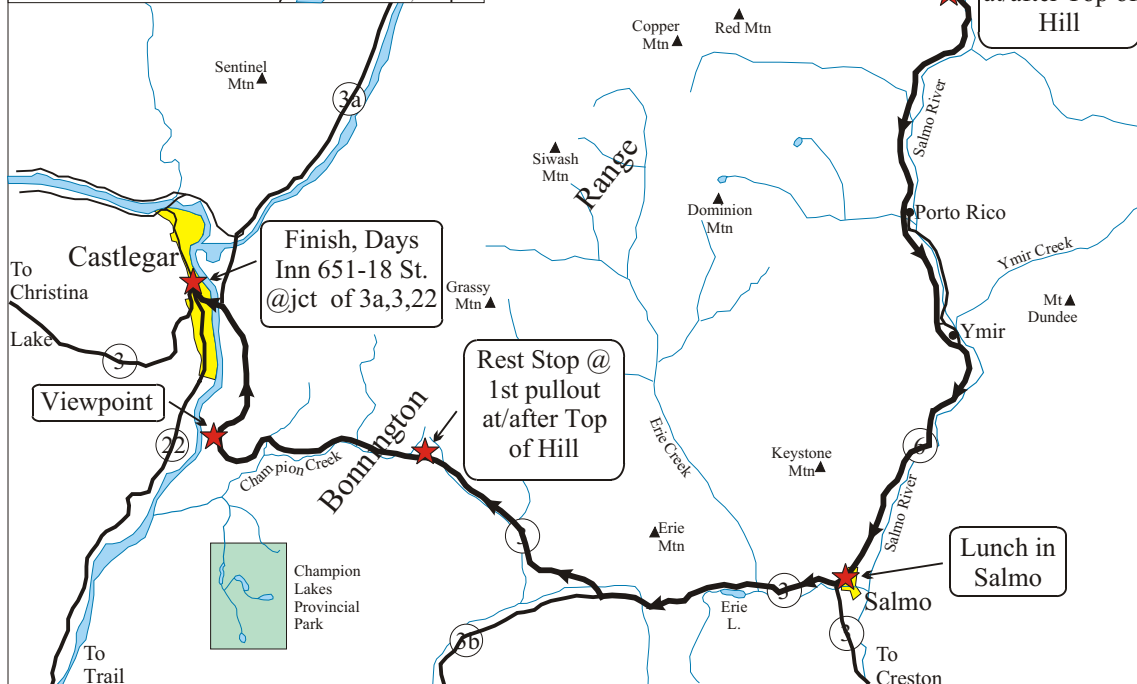
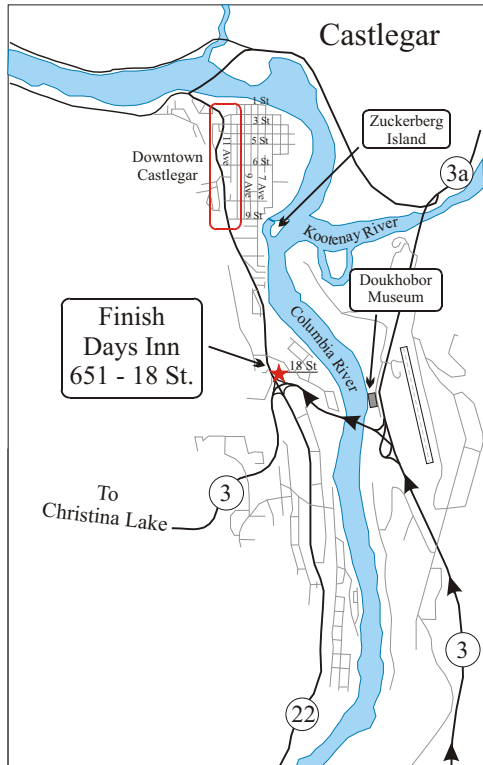
- 0 km -Head back to **Hwy 31** and turn **LEFT** heading South.
- 8.4 -Intersection with turnoff for Cody Caves. Continue on Hwy 31.
- 11.7 -Optional Rest Stop @ Ainsworth Hot Springs** beside the white wooden building that has the sign "**J.B. Fletcher General Merchant**"
- 16 -Caution, road becomes narrow as it drops down to cross Coffee Creek on a hairpin turn and then climbs back out of the gully.
- 16.9 -Single lane bridge over Coffee Creek, start uphill.
- 26.8 -Balfour, Pop. 1000. Rest Stop beside the pub at the dock.** The pub is to the right (south) of the lineup for the Balfour ferry. There should be some picnic tables in front. Then continue on the highway to Nelson on Hwy 3a.
- 39.7 -Lunch Stop in day use/picnic area for Kokanee Creek Provincial Park. Turn LEFT off the highway.**
- 55 -**A house built to look like a paddlewheeler. Regroup here before entering Nelson.**
- 58.7 -Bridge across to Nelson. Follow the main road into town, initially you are on Nelson Ave. The main route then turns onto Anderson St and onto Front St. You will pass a shopping mall, Chahko Mika Mall on the right. Continue on Front St. until it turns to the left and becomes Ward St at the intersection with Vernon St. At this intersection is Nelson's cityhall. Continue straight on Ward St for one block and then turn right on Baker St. Follow Baker St. for about 3 and 1/2 blocks. The Dancing Bear Hostel is on the right.
- 62.2 -Dancing Bear Hostel, 171 - Baker Street. Ph 352-7573**

### Points of Interest

- At the height of the silver mining boom from 1885 to 1893 Ainsworth had 6 hotels and 3000 residents. Except for 3 buildings Ainsworth burnt to the ground in 1896. It was quickly rebuilt and many of these post-fire buildings still stand, including Fletcher's General Store & the Silver Ledge Hotel which houses a private museum.
- Above Ainsworth Hot Springs is Cody Caves, where an underground stream flows 800m through ancient limestone in the Selkirk Mtns. Guided tours are offered.
- Watch for tacky ties nailed to the telephone posts along the side of the road.
- Balfour is the westside terminus of the longest free ferry ride in the world.
- Take a walk through downtown Nelson and view the many historical buildings
- Restored Streetcar No. 23 runs along the Nelson lakefront.



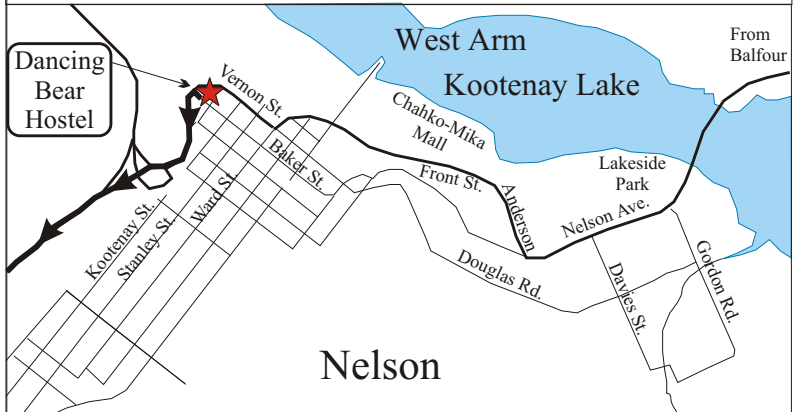
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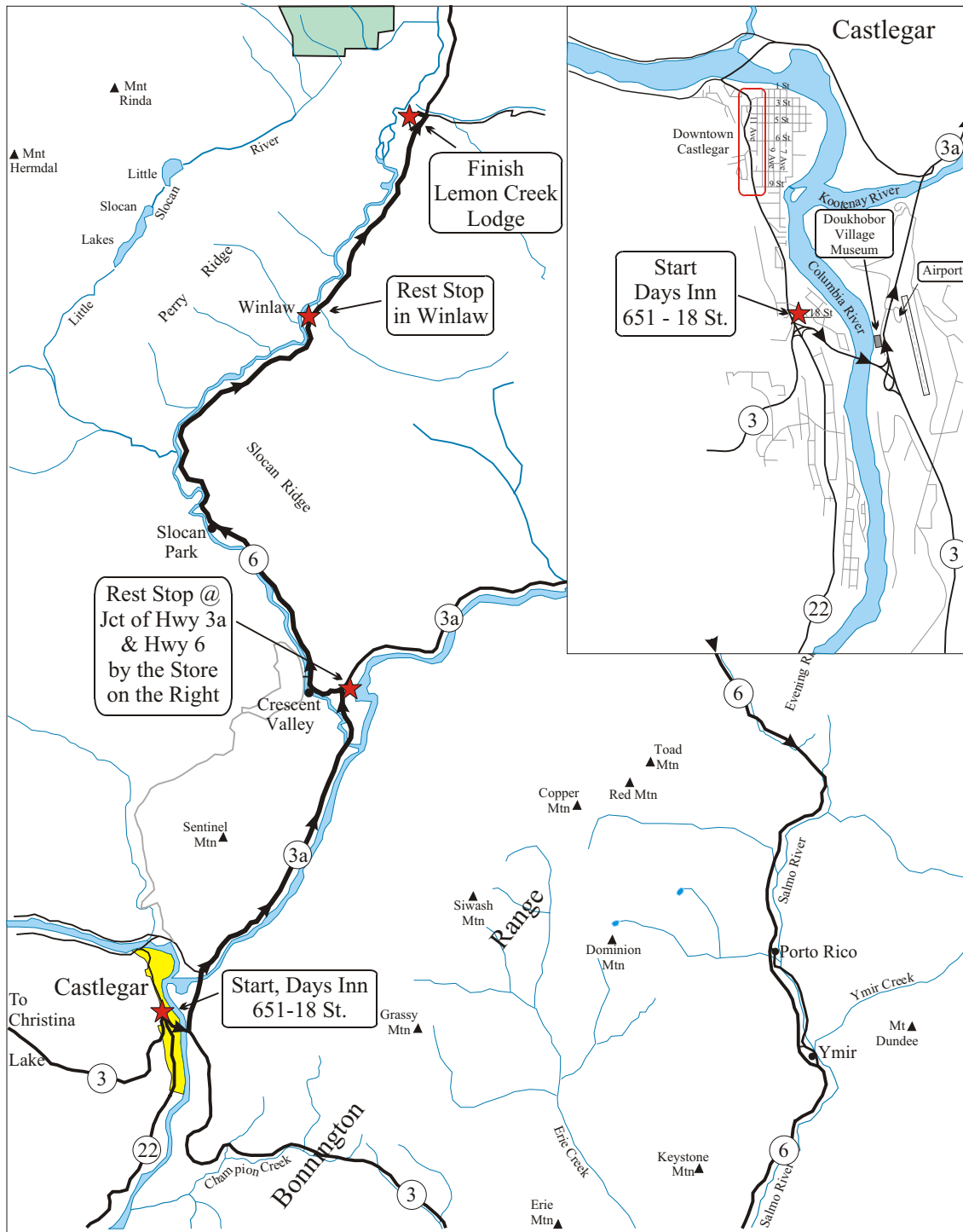
- 0 km -From the front of the Hostel you can see part of the morning climb straight ahead of you. Turn **RIGHT** and ride to the end of Baker St. and turn **LEFT** to head South on Hwy 6. The next 8 km is up @ a grade that varies between 2% and 10%.
- 0.5 -Stay straight on Hwy 6 South. The exit (Hwy 3a) heads W.
- 10 -Top of the hill. Rest Stop @ the 1st Right side Pullout** at or after the top.
- 27 -Ymir
- 39 -Lunch Stop @ Salmo**, elev 663 m. After lunch continue south on Hwy 6. Turn **RIGHT** just past the **edge of town** onto **Hwy 3** West to Trail & Castlegar.
- 49 -Junction of Hwy 3 and Hwy 3b. Take the **RIGHT** branch to **stay on Hwy 3** to Castlegar and begin another pre-descent.
- 59 -Top of Bombi Summit**, 1241 m. **Rest Stop @ the 1st pullout** at or after the top.
- 69 -**Picture Stop @ ViewPoint** for the Columbia River valley.
- 75 - Junction with Hwy 3a. Stay **LEFT** to remain on Hwy 3 and head across the bridge over the Columbia River.
- 76.5 -Overpass junction with Hwy 22. Exit **RIGHT** off Hwy 3 onto Columbia Ave heading North into Castlegar.
- 77 -Turn Right at the 1st intersection after the exit onto Columbia Ave. This should be 18 St. Days Inn, 651 - 18 St. ph (250) 365-2700

**Points of Interest**

- Salmo claims to have the oldest telephone booth in the world.
- Take a walk across the suspension bridge to Zuckerberg Island in Castlegar where you will see Alexander Zuckerberg's Russian orthodox chapel house. Earlier in the history of the Island, the Lakes Salish people first fished and built their pit winter homes on this island.
- In downtown Castlegar, the old CPR station dates back to 1907 and houses a Museum that displays local artifacts and memorabilia.
- Castlegar is the eastern terminus of the abandoned Columbia and Western Railroad. This trail will become part of the TransCanada Trail.







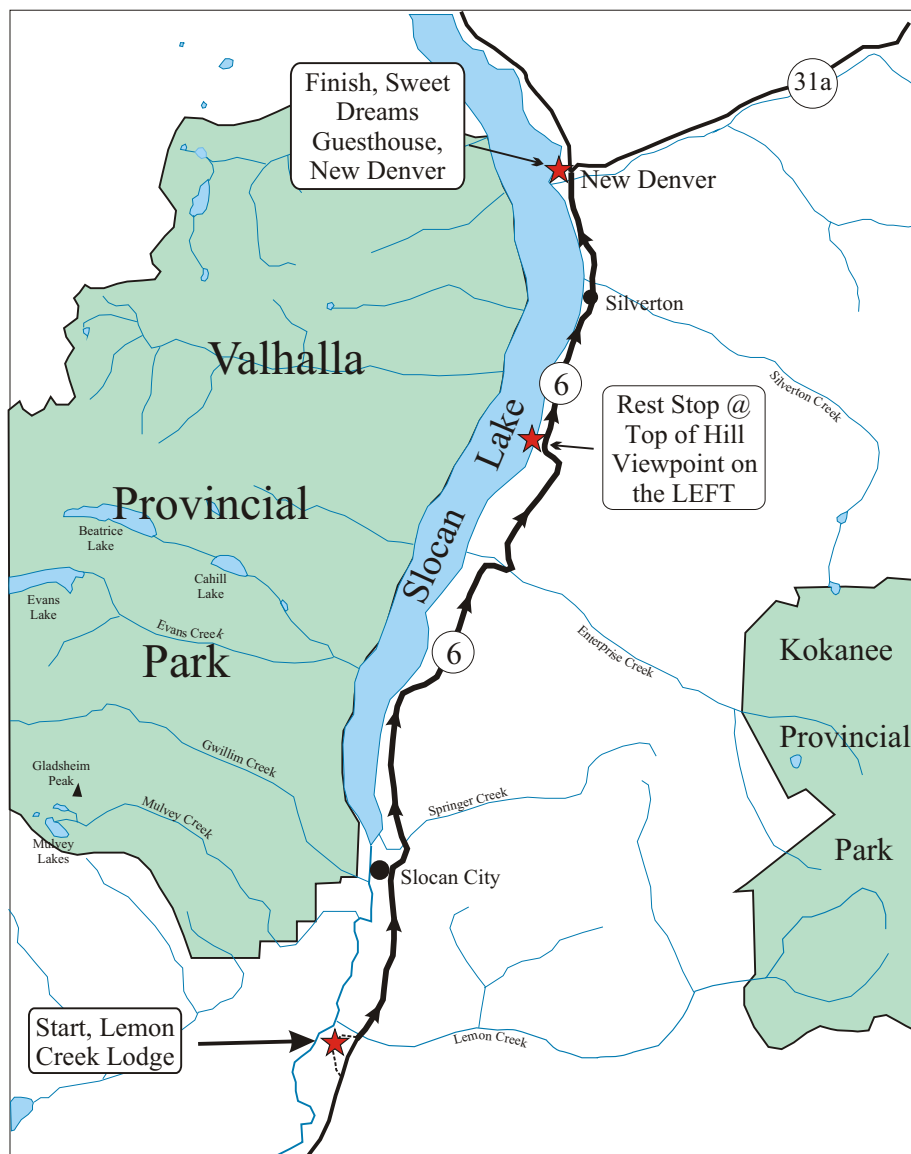
## Day 6 - Castlegar to Lemon Creek

- 0 km -From the Inn, turn **LEFT** onto **Columbia Ave** and head back to the junction of hwy 3, 3a and 22..
- 0.3 -@ the **junction** turn **LEFT** to **cross the bridge** over the Columbia River and Hwy 3a.
- 1.2 -Once across the Columbia River, take the **exit for Hwy 3a** heading **NORTH** towards the Castlegar airport and Nelson.
- 3 -Cross the Kootenay River. The Brilliant Suspension Bridge is visible to the right.
- 4 -View of the Brilliant Dam
- 20** -**Rest Stop @ the junction of 3a and Hwy 6 by the store on the RIGHT** After the stop, turn onto Hwy 6 heading North toward Slokan and New Denver.
- 22 -Crescent Valley Store
- 32 -Slocan Valley country store and restaurant, groceries.
- 46 -Robert's restaurant.
- 50** -**Rest Stop in Winlaw.** Restaurant, store, motel.
- 60** -Lemon Creek Lodge and Campground. The turnoff is at the bottom of a 'V' (a down and up) in the road and so is **Easy To Miss**. Stay alert and **watch for the Lemon Creek Lodge Sign**. **Turn LEFT on Kennedy Rd** (a dirt road) and follow it for 1.5 km to the Lodge.  
Lemon Creek Lodge, 7680 Kennedy Rd Slokan Valley  
ph (250) 355-2403

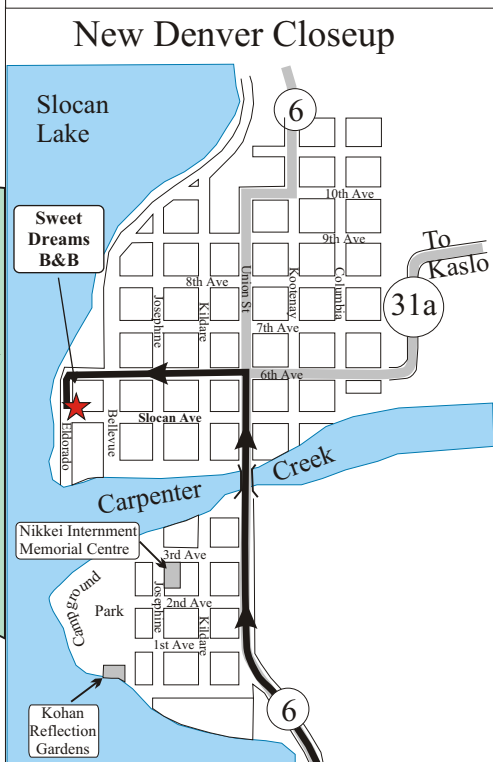
### Points of Interest

- The Doukhobors began arriving in the Castlegar area in 1908 lead by Peter Verigin. They had immigrated to Canada to escape religious persecution in Russia. The Doukhobor Village Museum marks the history of the Doukhobors who settled and prospered here as the largest communal enterprise in Western Canada until 1938.
- The Brilliant Suspension Bridge was built by the Doukhobors by hand pouring the concrete for the bridge towers in 1913. It is now a historic site.
- The Brilliant Dam is one of five dams on the Kootenay River operated by West Kootenay Power between Castlegar and Nelson.

# Day 7 - Lemon Creek to New Denver



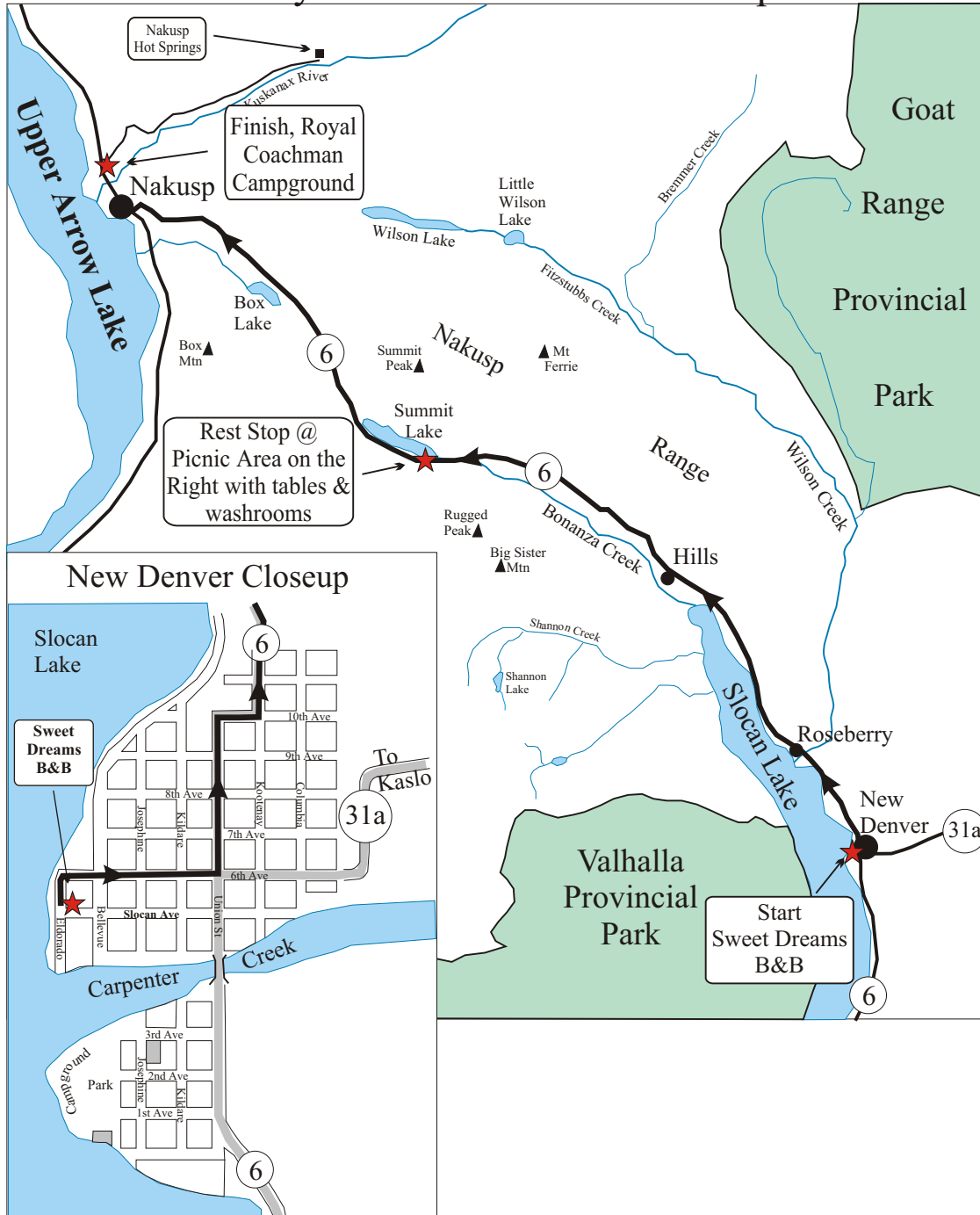
- 0 km -Head back to Hwy 6.
- 1.5 -Turn LEFT onto Hwy 6 and head up the hill.
- 8 -Junction for the road down to Slokan City. From here the road climbs up the side of a cliff on Slokan Lake. There are some spectacular views of the lake ahead. Cross to the guardrail on the other side of the road or any place you can pull off the road on the Lake side of the road to drink in the views over the next 10 km.
- 22 -The road takes a 'U' around Enterprise Creek. Still climbing.
- 27.5 -**Rest Stop at the Pullout / Viewpoint on the LEFT at the top of the climb.** There is a picnic table here and outhouses. From here, the road drop for 6 km to Silverton.
- 33.5 -Silverton. In 1891 mineral claims were staked on the north side of Silverton. The next year the town was founded.
- 38 -New Denver. Cross Carpenter Creek to the main intersection in the village. Turn LEFT down 6 Ave and follow it all the way to the lake. Turn LEFT down Eldorado Ave.
- 39 -Sweet Dreams B&B, 702 Eldorado Ave. (250) 358-2415.



**Points of Interest**

- Slokan developed during the silver rush of the 1890's (are you surprised?). Paddlewheelers connected Slokan with other mining communities on the lake.
- The section of Hwy 6 between Slokan 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 about 10 years ago when the road was finally widened, this section was only 1 or 1.5 lanes wide.
- Sternwheelers use to ply the waters of Slokan 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.

## Day 8 - New Denver to Nakusp



- 0 km -From the B&B, head back down Eldorado Ave to the corner of 6 Ave and Turn **RIGHT** down the main street. Ride 4 blocks to the Stop sign at the intersection with Union St.(Hwy 6) and turn **LEFT** heading North out of the town.
- 6 -Roseberry. Cross Wilson Creek and start climbing a pre-descent.
- 16 -Hills
- 28 **-Rest Stop @ the picnic table and washrooms beside Summit Lake.**
- 31 -Summit Lake Campground. From here the road begins its drop down to Nakusp.
- 39 -Box Lake
- 46 -Entering Nakusp
- 47 -Intersection of Broadway St and 6th Ave. Turn **RIGHT** and follow 6th Ave W. North out of town 6th Ave becomes Canyon Rd.
- 50 **-Finish, Royal Coachman Campground**

### Points of Interest

-Nakusp was born in the Silver Boom of 1892 and was expected to become the site of a smelter. That never happened, but Nakusp was still an important place during the mining boom because it was one of the ports for transferring ore from the Nakusp Slokan Railway to steamers that shipped the ore south to smelters.

-Nakusp Hot Springs is a wonderful way to soak away those aches and pains. The hot springs has two soaking pools, one with an avg. temp of 38°C and the other one hotter @ about 41°C. The Hot Springs are 12 km from Nakusp up a road following the Kuskana River. Just turn Right up the road just north of the Royal Coachman Campground.

-Nakusp has a walkway/Promenade that follows the shoreline of Upper Arrow Lake. There is a Japanese Garden at one end of the Promenade and another formal garden in the middle. It is a good place to take in views of Upper Arrow Lake and the surrounding mountains.

