



## **Canal Flats, British Columbia**

<http://www.canalflats.com/>

Canal Flats is a village located at the southern end of Columbia Lake, the source of the Columbia River in British Columbia. Canal Flats is on Highway 95, in the Kootenay River Valley, between Skookumchuck and Fairmont Hot Springs.

In 2006, Canal Flats had a population of 700. Timber is the main industry with a sawmill located in the village. Canal Flats is the gateway to several backcountry provincial parks, including Whiteswan and Top of the World, and is an entrance to the Kootenay River Road. The population therefore tends to swell with tourists in the summer.

### ***Weather***

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Canal Flats enjoys a subarctic climate. It does not rain or snow very much but it gets fairly cold in the winter and quite hot in the summer.

#### *Average Yearly Precipitation*

Average Days with Rain per Year: 68.6

Average Yearly Snowfall: 31.8



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*Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)*

January: -8.3°C  
April: 6.8° C  
July: 18°C  
October: 5.2° C

*Additional Information*

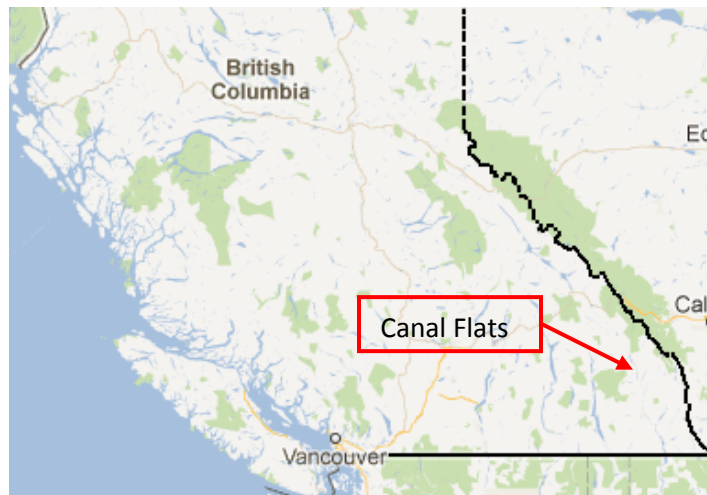
For further information about annual climate data for Canal Flats, please visit The [Weather Network](#) or [Environment Canada](#):

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>  
[http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html)

**Location**

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The village of Canal Flats is located in eastern British Columbia, just to the south of Columbia Lake. Canal Flats is connected to the City of Cranbrook to the south and the town of Invermere to the north via Highway 95.



**Driving Distances**

Cranbrook..... 82.5km (approx. 1 hour 4 minutes)  
Invermere..... 52.2km (approx. 46 minutes)  
Golden..... 165km (approx. 2 hours 9 minutes)

  
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Calgary.....323km (approx. 4 hours 8 minutes)  
Kamloops.....525km (approx. 6 hours 44 minutes)

## **Transportation**

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### *Road Access*

The main highway to Canal Flats is Highway 95, also known as the Kootenay Highway.

### *Public Transit*

BC Transit operates one bus route ([Route 1 – Canal Flats to Invermere](#)) in the area that connects Canal Flats to Invermere. To view a schedule and/or map of the #1 bus route, click here:

<http://www.transitbc.com/regions/col/schedules/map.cfm?line=1&>

### *Airport*

The closest airport is the [Canadian Rockies International Airport \(YXC\)](#), which serves flights to and from Vancouver and Calgary.

The closest major airport is the [Calgary International Airport \(YYC\)](#), which serves flights to and from locations all across North America.

## **Health Services**

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The closest hospital to Canal Flats is in Invermere, 46 minutes' drive north.

### **Invermere & District Hospital**

859 - 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Invermere, B.C. V0A1K0  
250-342-9201

For more information on healthcare services in Canal Flats, visit the [Central Island Healthcare Facilities](#) website using the link below:

[http://www.viha.ca/finding\\_care/facilities/central\\_island.htm](http://www.viha.ca/finding_care/facilities/central_island.htm)



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For information on provincial health insurance (required for all permanent residents in B.C.), visit the [Medical Services Plan of B.C.](#) website using the link below:

<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/index.html>

## ***Schools***

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There is an elementary school (grades K-7) in Canal Flats. The nearest high school (grades 8-12) is in Invermere and be reached via the [#1 Bus](#).

### **Martin Morigeau Elementary School**

4891 Beatty Avenue  
Canal Flats, B.C. V0B 1K0  
250-349-5665

### **David Thompson Secondary School**

1535-14th Street Unit 1  
Invermere, B.C. V0A1K4  
250-342-9213

## ***Accommodation***

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A two-bedroom house in Canal Flats can be purchased for as little as \$104,000.00.

The following link will direct you to real estate listings for Canal Flats and surrounding areas:

[Rockies West Realty](#)

## ***Amenities***

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There are many great outdoor activities available to residents in Canal Flats. The village is surrounded by parks including Banff National Park. Multiple venues offering world-class skiing and mountaineering are within two hours' driving distance. Fishing, golfing, kayaking, canoeing, windsurfing, river rafting, mountain biking, and camping are also very accessible.



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The village also has a recreation centre, civic centre, grocery store, liquor store, post office, golf course, beach, restaurant, and pub.

## ***Taxes***

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British Columbia has some of the lowest tax rates among Canadian provinces. To see how taxes compare across Canadian provinces and territories, visit:

<http://www.taxtips.ca/taxrates/taxcomparison/taxcomparison2012.htm>

For detailed information on taxes in BC, visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/theme.page?id=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD4824>



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