Houston, BC http://www.houston.ca/



Houston is a town located in the Bulkley Valley in the Northern Interior of British Columbia (BC) and is known as a tourism, mining and forestry town. Houston has a population of approximately 3,200 people and is also home to outdoor enthusiasts.

Houston is a quiet, peaceful, slow paced, friendly and welcoming community for families and visitors. It is definitely a great place to live and work!

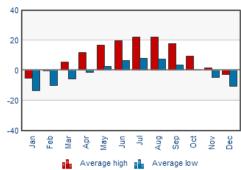
Weather

Compared to other places in the province, Houston's weather is mild.

Average Yearly Precipitation

Average Days with Rainfall per Year: 305 cm Average Days with Snowfall per Year: 164 cm

Overview: Temperature (°C) More stats »





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Additional Information

For current information on annual climate data for Houston, please visit: http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/canada/british-columbia/houston

Location



Houston is located in the central interior of British Columbia, almost halfway between Prince Rupert on the west and Prince George on the east. It is also considered part of Northern BC.

Driving Distances:

Transportation

Ground Services:

Houston has no local bus service. Taxi services are available from Monday – Saturday. The Greyhound bus comes through Houston daily. Information on Greyhound bus services can be found here: http://greyhound.ca/

Air Services:

Houston Airport serves small and medium sized aircrafts. Driving time to Smithers Regional Airport is 45 minutes and to Prince George Airport is 3.5 hours. Prince George Airport flies to major international airports in BC. Information about the airports can be found on the following links.

Smithers Regional Airport: http://www.smithers.ca/airport/

Prince George Airport: http://www.pgairport.ca/



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Accommodation

Real Estate

Land costs are significantly more affordable relative to other areas of the province. Homes in the town are about \$89,000 to \$200,000 depending on the property type, building type, age and location of the house. For the latest listing of properties in Houston, please visit these sites:

Realtor.ca: http://www.realtor.ca/

Calderwood Realty: http://www.calderwoodrealty.com/

Re/Max Houston: http://www.houston.britishcolumbia.remax.ca/

Rentals

Rental apartments range from \$550 - \$700/month for a one or two bedroom apartment. For the latest listing of apartment rentals, please visit: http://www.kijiji.ca/b-apartments-condos/houston-bc/c37l1700313

Education

The town of Houston is under the catchment of School District #54 and has three public schools and a private Christian denominational school.

Primary Schools:

- Silverthorne Elementary School (http://silweb.sd54.bc.ca/)
- Twain Sullivan Elementary School (http://tseweb.sd54.bc.ca/)

Secondary School:

• Houston Secondary School (http://hssweb.sd54.bc.ca/)

Post-Secondary School:

 NorthWest Community College (https://www.nwcc.bc.ca/) has a campus in Houston and Smithers. NorthWest Community College is an accredited postsecondary institution that serves the northwest region.



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Health Services

Houston has a community health center that provides a wide variety of medical services to its residents and the surrounding area. Counseling services, a dental clinic and a chiropractic clinic are services that are also readily available in Houston.

Quality animal care can be found at one of the veterinary clinics in town.

Industry

Being a large and diversified resource base, mining and forestry are the top industries in Houston. It is becoming popular as a tourist destination as well. The forest of Houston is the main resource of the local economy while mining exploration around Houston has been increasing in recent years.

Recreation

There are a lot of places and things to explore in Houston! Houston leisure facility is readily available for the family to enjoy. This facility holds a fitness gym, hot-tub, pool and a sauna.

Outdoor Activities

Hiking, walking, bird watching, rock climbing and mountain biking are a must-try in town.

Water Activities

Houston has a lot of water activities to offer; some of these are boating, fishing and swimming.

Winter Activities

Winter can also be enjoyed in Houston when the community takes part in cross-country skiing and snow shoeing.

Houston also has bars, restaurants, a public library and tons of amazing local festivals and events for you to enjoy!



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Taxes

BC 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=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD48 http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/theme.page?id=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD48



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