Elkford, BC

http://www.elkford.ca/

Elkford, British Columbia is a picturesque Rocky Mountain town located near the city of Sparwood and the Alberta border. The town has approximately 3,000 residents and offers a feeling of relaxed rural community living.

The area's pristine natural wilderness is highlighted by proximity to Elk Lakes Provincial Park and Height of the Rockies Wilderness Area along the continental divide. Recreational activities include world class fly-fishing on the Elk River, camping, swimming, canoeing, a local ski hill, golf, hunting, and a full range of recreational activities.

Weather

The weather in Elkford is mild and does not vary a great deal. The temperature ranges between -15° and -6° Celsius in the winter and between 5° and 20° in the summer. The data below is based on the closest weather station in Sparwood.

Average Yearly Precipitation

Average Days with Rainfall per Year (> 0.2mm): 103.1
Average Days with Snowfall per Year (> 0.2cm): 65.4

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Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)

January: -6.8°C
April: 4.9° C
July: 15.4°C
October: 5° C

Additional Information

For current information on weather in Elkford, please visit:

http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/cabc0087

Location

Elkford is located at the upper end of the Elk Valley Highway (#43) in the southeastern corner of British Columbia. It is very close to the Alberta border.

Driving Distances

Sparwood.....35km (approx. 34 minutes)
Fernie (skiing).....65km (approx. 55 minutes)
Lethbridge, AB.....212km (approx. 2 hours 30 minutes)
Calgary, AB .....297km (approx. 3 hours 24 minutes)
Vancouver.....1,098km (approx. 12 hours 20 minutes)

Transportation

Airport

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The closest airport to Elkford is the Rocky Mountain International Airport which services flights to and from Vancouver and Calgary. It is a 90 minute drive from Elkford.

To visit the Rocky Mountain International Airport's website, visit:
http://www.flycanadianrockies.com/

Road Access

Highway 43 and Fording Rd are the only roads leading in and out of Elkford.

Accommodation

Housing prices are modest, with a two bedroom home priced at approximately $300,000 on average. Sparwood is also within commuting distance.

For more informationg about **real estate** in Elkford, please visit http://tinyurl.com/3yukl8a

Rental rates are considerably low ranging between $650 and $1300/month. For more information about **rental properties** please visit http://www3.telus.net/crklass/

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Elkford and Sparwood are considerably lower than other cities of comparable size in BC.

Residential Property Taxes (Comparative) (2010)

Total Residential Taxes and Charges on a Representative House, 2010	
Elkford	$1,992.00
Sparwood	$1,994.00
Golden	$2,504.00
Cranbrook	$3,049.00
Fernie	$3,512.00

Source: B.C. Ministry of Community & Rural Development

Elkford's property tax and municipal charges (eg. water, sewer, garbage) are the lowest in the Kootenay region.

As seen in the chart below (from elkford.ca), the residential property taxes of

Industry

Elkford's high incomes are one of the distinguishing characteristics of the community. This is mainly due to the town's primary industry, mining. The coal mines have created one of the strongest resource-based economies in BC. Residents take great pride in knowing that their backyard Utopia has remained largely unspoiled, with all mines in the Elk Valley taking radical steps at reclamation to ensure that they restore the natural beauty of the area to its pre-mining splendor. Many Albertans come to Elkford to get away from city life making tourism a secondary industry.

Health Services

The Elkford Health Care Centre is fully-equipped with two full time doctors (with hospital privileges), nursing staff, lab and x-ray services, drug and

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alcohol counselors, mental health and youth outreach workers, and a part time physiotherapist. A doctor is available for after-hour life threatening emergency services on an on-call basis three nights a week, with nurses available during four-hour shifts on the weekend. All other after hour emergencies are handled by the Sparwood Medical Centre.

Elkford Medical Clinic
250.865.2215

Elkford Health Care Centre
250.865.2247

Education

Elkford has one elementary school and one post-secondary school which offer excellent activities and programs.

Rocky Mountain Elementary School

2400 Balmer Drive (P.O. Box 460)
Elkford, BC, V0B 1H0
Tel: 250.865.4625
Fax: 250.865.4451

Elkford Secondary School

2500 Balmer Drive (P.O. Box 910)
Elkford, BC, V0B 1H0
Tel: 250.865.4674
Fax: 250.865.2915

College of the Rockies http://www.cotr.bc.ca/
2700 College Way, Box 8500
Cranbrook, BC, V1C 5L7
Tel: 250.489.2751
Fax: 250.489.1790

With a new salt water swimming pool, hockey rink, curling rink, workout facilities, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, a running track, and numerous playgrounds, Elkford is full of things to do indoor or out. And if you're looking for more, Sparwood and Calgary are just a daytrip away. Elkford is very close to the USA border where you will find cheap shopping and lots to do. Flights to Las Vegas are available for approximately $29.00 with Allegiant Air.

Recreation

For more information on Elkford's recreational activities please visit:
http://www.elkford.ca/recreational_facilities

Taxes

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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