

Bella Coola Rodeo

The Rodeo

The Bella Coola Rodeo, proudly hosted by the Valley Ridge Riders, takes place around the July long weekend. Attracting contestants from across the Province, Alberta, and the Northern United States, this exciting annual event has gained notoriety as one of the best on the British Columbia Rodeo Association circuit. The rodeo grounds are located near Walker Island Park, midway



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between the communities of Bella Coola and Hagensborg. There is plenty of rustic camping on-site.

Events

From bronc riding to team roping; barrel racing to bull riding, the weekend is packed full of action and entertainment. With plenty of opportunities for spectator involvement – even for the young 'uns – the Bella Coola Rodeo offers an authentic out-west adventure



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Activities

Belly up to the concession and order a "Rodeo Burger" and refreshment, then sit and watch the cowboys and cowgirls, as they demonstrate their skill, in pursuit of a coveted silver buckle. Slip into the beer garden when the dust gets thick. Enjoy the antics of the rodeo clowns, and the courage of the bull fighters. As the weekend winds down, spectators have the chance to bid on their own cowboy and win a share of the purse at the Bullarama.

The fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down. Kick up your heels under the stars at the open air dance hosted each night during Rodeo Weekend.



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