

West Branch Valley

Horn, Bluff, Sapeye & other Lakes

The turnoff to Horn, Sapeye, Bluff and Middle Lakes is 137 miles or 220km from Williams Lake and is located at the directional signs just before you enter Tatla Lake. Follow the Tatla Lake road south for 3 miles or 5km until you come to a fork in the road. Turn right.

Horn Lake is 6 miles or 10km from the fork and is a consistently producing lake with Rainbow Trout up to three pounds that can be caught on a fly or by trolling.



Photo courtesy Audrey King

The next lake after Horn is Sapeye Lake which is a fly fishing lake only. It's a very pretty lake with a view of the mountains and will yield you Rainbow Trout of three pounds or more and Bull Trout to six pounds. Caution: There is no turnaround for large trailers.

Bluff Lake is just down the road from the first two lakes, called that for the road that winds along a bluff above the lake.



Photo courtesy Miriam Schilling

Caution is advised as the road can be narrow in spots. The lake consistently produces fish all summer long with Bull Trout to ten pounds and Rainbow Trout between two and three pounds. There are fantastic mountain views here and loads of wildlife.

Continuing down West Branch Valley will bring you to Middle Lake. Due to its delicate classification as Dolly Varden habitat, Middle Lake has been restricted to motor vehicle access, but walk in access is encouraged. Fishing for both Dolly Varden and Rainbow trout is fantastic and there is lots of opportunity to view wildlife.

Beyond Middle Lake is Twist Lake and the Homathko Valley, but it's recommended for hikers only or contact a local operator and they will provide trail guide or boat transportation to the lake.

Activities

West Branch Valley offers loads of opportunity for vacation adventure. Here you can fish, swim, canoe, kayak, go mountain biking, hiking, see a fabulous array of wildflowers up in the alpine, go trailriding or on pack trips into the Niut and Pantheon Mountains, or go touring on snowmobile in winter. This is a great place to go on a cattle drive and indulge in a working ranch experience.



Photo courtesy Alexis King

Access to local helicopter charters will allow you to see the Homathko Icefield, Mt. Waddington and several other mountain ranges, or go heli-hiking, heli-mountaineering, heli-kayaking, heli-skiing, or cross country skiing.

There are numerous mountain ranges to explore including the Pantheon, Niut, Queen Bess, and Waddington Ranges and climbing groups from around the world come here to conquer them.

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