

Schoolhouse Falls

There are two falls known as East Falls and West Falls that make up the Schoolhouse Falls Trail system. Both falls offer a bit of a strenuous hike to reach them; however they are worth the walk.



Photo courtesy Leonard Ellis

A handy Trail Guide and Valley map can be picked up at the Visitor Information Center in Bella Coola, and be sure to ask about bear activities in this area before heading out.



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Trailhead Location

Park at the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Secondary and Nusatsum Elementary School in Hagensborg, 10.25 miles or 16.5km from Bella Coola on Highway 20, and walk between the schools to the south of the sports field. At the edge of the forest towards the center of the field is the trailhead. Discernable by ribbon and use, these trails start in the same direction on a 820 foot/250m boardwalk, then the West Fall Trail (1.2miles/2km long) swings right while the East Fall Trail (1 mile/1.5km long) heads left.

Worth the Trip

Both trails end with spectacular views of the valley and surrounding mountains. The West Falls Trail is mixed with steep terrain and easy sections. The falls are made up of a series of smaller falls. The East Falls is a bit more difficult to negotiate, however, the falls are more impressive than their counterpart. The more adventurous can edge out to the base of the falls and climb up to the top to add to their adventure.



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