

CINNABAR BASIN HIKES - NATURE VANCOUVER CAMP 2009

Adapted from trails and maps by Bob Harris and Al Payne from the 1994 and 2001 VNHS camps.

MAPS

NTS Map (1:50,000) 92J/15 Bralorne and 92O/2 Noaxe Creek (NAD27)

Provincial Map (1:20,000) 092J096 Plateau Ponds (NAD83)

Southern Chilcotin Mountains Trail Map by Trail Ventures BC, 2005 (1:75,000)

South Chilcotin Mountains Park Trail Map by Sierra Club, 2004 (1:100,000)

BC Forest Recreation map for Lillooet Forest District

WAYPOINTS

UTM Grid References are based on the NTS maps, most elevations on the provincial map.

Approximate camp location (marked with red triangle)

	50.963889,-122.861111	GR 098456	Elevation 1950m (6400ft)
A Cinnabar Pass	50.964144,-122.869238	GR 092456	2052m (6700ft)
E Eldorado Forks	50.963617,-122.902315	GR 071456	1750m (5740ft)
F Eldorado Basin (High Trail cutoff to Taylor-Pearson trail)			
	50.987949,-122.904911	GR 069479	1900m (6200ft)
H Eldorado Basin (Taylor-Pearson cutoff to High Trail)			
	50.989400,-122.897450	GR 075486	1950m (6400ft)
G Taylor-Pearson trail junction	50.989500,-122.907150	GR 064488	2100m (6900ft)
W Windy Pass	50.998011,-122.920146	GR 055496	2193m (7220ft)
C Camel Pass	50.972751,-122.859979	GR 099466	2135m (7000ft)
D Taylor Pass	50.982594,-122.873755	GR 089477	2113m (6930ft)
T Taylor Cabins	50.987166,-122.858670	GR 100482	1885m (6185ft)
B Barry M's Cabin	50.958217,-122.877703	GR 087452	1900m (6300ft)

1 STAGING AREA FROM TYAUGHTON LAKE ROAD TO CAMP

Via Spruce Lake High Trail (Pearson Creek road)

Staging area and trailhead at appr. 1060m (3470ft). 50.929722, -122.792222, GR146417.

Approximately 8km hike with about 900m elevation gain, hiking time 3-4 hours.

2 SPRUCE LAKE HIGH TRAIL to WINDY PASS

14km return. Total climbing one way to Windy Pass 360m, loss 300m.

0.8km Cinnabar Pass A gain 120m (400ft)

2.0km Eldorado Forks E - drop 300m (960ft)

2.5km Eldorado Basin F (cutoff to Taylor-Pearson trail) gain 150m (500ft)

0.8km Taylor-Pearson trail junction G 200m (700ft)

0.9km Windy Pass W - gain 90m (300ft)

Return same way or via #3

2A alternate trail branches west from pass for about 1km via Barry M's cabin, minimal change in distance and elevation from main trail.

3 TAYLOR-PEARSON TRAIL to WINDY PASS

13km return. Total climbing one way to Windy Pass 420m, loss 150m. A bit more elevation gain but it maintains higher elevation on balance than the "High Trail".

- 1.2km Camel Pass C - gain 180m (600ft)
- 1.5km steady to Taylor Pass D
- 1.7 Eldorado Basin cutoff H - drop 150m (500ft)
- 1.0 Spruce Lake High Trail junction G - gain 150m (500ft)
- 0.9km Windy Pass W - gain 90m (300ft)

Eldorado Basin should be a good destination on its own from either #2 or #3, or combined as:

4 ELDORADO CREEK/TAYLOR LOOP (High Trail/Taylor-Pearson trail)

10km loop. Total climbing 480m.

(Described and recommended in clockwise direction)

- 0.8km Cinnabar Pass A - gain 120m (400ft)
- 2.0km Eldorado Forks E - drop 300m (960ft)
- 2.5km Eldorado Basin F - gain 150m (500ft)
- 0.5km Taylor-Pearson trail junction via cutoff H - gain 60m (200ft)
- 1.7km Taylor Pass D - gain 150m (500ft)
- 1.5km steady to Camel Pass C
- 1.2km to camp - drop 180m (600ft).

5 HARRIS RIDGE Summit 2300m (7550ft), GR 087466.

Direct route via Camel Pass, 2.4km return to summit, 360m (1200ft) elevation gain.

- 1.2km Camel Pass C - gain 180m (600ft)
- 1.2km to summit - gain 180m (600ft) to 2300m (7550ft).

Return reverse of same. OR:

5A return via Taylor Pass

- 1.0km Taylor Pass D - drop 200m (650ft)
 - 1.5km steady to Camel Pass C
 - 1.2km to camp - drop 180m (600ft).
- Total 6km loop, moderately strenuous.

5B Combine with #3 via Eldorado Basin and Taylor Pass.

2.5km from summit to Eldorado Basin F, drop 400m (1350ft)
then 4.9km back to camp clockwise route via #3 (8.8km total, total 590m climbing)

5C Combine with #2 via Eldorado Forks and Cinnabar Pass.

2.5km from summit to Eldorado Basin F, drop 400m (1350ft)
then 5.3km anticlockwise route via #2 (9.7km total, total 660m climbing)

6 CAMEL PASS trail to TAYLOR CABIN

7km return, elevation gain 200m to cabins then 280m return.

1.0km Camel Pass C gain 180m (600ft)

2.5km drop 282m (920ft) to Taylor Cabin T

Return reverse of same, or via Taylor Pass (add .5km)

7 ELDORADO MOUNTAIN

As for #5 to Taylor Cabin. Then 3km to summit, elevation gain 600m (1900ft) to 2440m (8029ft)

GR 108508. Return same way.

Strenuous, 13km return.

8 MICROWAVE MOUNTAIN (tower at GR 074434)

Moderate, up to 7km return.

0.8km Cinnabar Pass A - gain 120m (400ft) to 2052m (6700ft)

Then southwest up to 2.5km over a series of ridges, highest being 2260m (7415ft) GR083438.

Largest climb/drop 250m.

8A Barry M's Eldorado Cabin (B) on High Trail south branch: connect via gap at GR 088441
2040m (6690ft); 100m drop

8B Connect via gap at 077436 2099m (6890ft) to High Trail; 200m drop

9 CAMP TO CAMEL LOOP

1.0km Camel Pass C - gain 180m (600ft) then return same distance and elevation.

9A - Camel Pass to Point 7418

1.3km to summit; climb to 2240m, drop to 2150, climb to 2259m (7410ft) GR108475 2259m

10 LILLOMER MINE PROSPECT

Via camp access trail #1 1.5km to GR 118454 1940m (6360ft) then switchbacks up road 1.0km to 2149m (7050m). Elevation gain 200m

10A - return via Camel Pass 2.5km, highest elevation 2226m (7300ft) then 1.0km back down to camp.

FURTHER EXPLORATIONS (strenuous, expect scrambling and bushwhacking)

11 Windy-Eldorado route between Windy Pass and Eldorado Mountain.

Up to 6km one way from Eldorado Mountain to Windy Pass. Highest elevation Point 8160 at 2490m (8160ft) GR 086494

11A - connect to route from Taylor Pass. 1.7km one way to Point 8160.

12 Eldorado Ridge / LS Bluffs trail

Up to 5km detour between Eldorado Basin and Windy Pass, or a side trip from either. Highest elevation 2380m (7810ft)

13 Basalt Tower

Add up to 2.5km one way from Windy Pass to 2040m (6700ft)

14 The Ramparts

Add 1.7km one way, 100m elevation gain from Windy Pass to 2287m (7504ft)

15 Little Eldorado Creek to Spruce Lake