

## Victoria Island Road Trip (4 ski areas)

Start on a Wednesday morning.

### WEDNESDAY

Salem to Abbotsford, BC = 6 hrs. (340 miles) - Leave around 10 am.  
Exit 255 off of I-5, in Bellingham, onto Sunset Dr. E. toward Mt. Baker.  
LEFT at Nugent's Corner, onto Hwy 9 (Lawrence Rd.)  
LEFT onto Hopewell Rd. (still Hwy 9) for just one long block.  
RIGHT onto Nooksack Rd. (still Hwy 9)  
LEFT onto Columbiua, then RIGHT onto Nooksack Rd. thru Nooksack.  
RIGHT onto Badger Rd. (still Hwy. 9) to Sumas.  
Border crossing at Sumas.  
Then straight up Hwy.11 to Abbotsford.  
Super 8 motel is on the LEFT side after

**Lodging: Super 8 by Wyndham**, 1881 Sumas Way, Abbotsford BC. \$81.  
604-853-1141.

**Restaurant:** **Tim Horton's**, open 24 hrs.  
**Dos Bros**, Mexican (closes at 10 pm)  
**Crossroads** Family Restaurant, closes at 8 pm.  
**The Old Spaghetti Factory**, closes at 9:30 pm.

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### THURDAY

**Abbotsford to Mt. Seymour** = 1 hour 15 mins. (87.7 km, or 55 miles.)  
Hwy. 1 west, past Surrey and Barnaby.  
Exit **22B** to Mt. Seymour Parkway for almost 5 km (3 miles).  
LEFT onto Mt. Seymour Rd.  
[1700 Mount Seymour Road, North Vancouver, BC Canada,](#)

**Mt. Seymour, BC** , <https://mtseymour.ca/> , 604-986-2261 .

**Open every day.** Vertical = 1,100', Lifts: 3. One is an express.  
Lift tickets sold in a small building on the right in the last part of the left-curving parking lot, about 7 double-rows from the end of the parking lot.  
Seniors: \$39 - \$54.

**Drive:** Mt. Seymour to North Vancouver Hotel = 30 min. (441 miles).  
To: 1634 Capilano Road, North Vancouver, BC.

**Lodging:** Two lodgings on Capilano Road:  
1. **SureStay by Best Western**, 1634 Capilano Rd, North Vanc. \$125  
Reservations: 1(800) 780-7234, or Hotel direct: (604) 987-8185.  
2. **North Vancouver Hotel**, 1800 Capilano Rd, North Vanc. \$150.  
(604) 987-4461. <https://www.northvanhotel.com/>

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## FRIDAY

**North Vancouver to Grouse Mountain parking** = 11 mins. (6 km / 4 m.)

Follow Capilano Rd, which becomes Nancy Greene Way to the end.  
6400 Nancy Treen Way, North Vancouver, BC.

Buy **Mountain Admission ticket** for the Skyride & attractions. Senior price = **\$70**. Skyride opens at 9 am.

Buy it online: <https://www.grousemountain.com/general-admission-membership> or call: (604) 980-9311. **No need. Lift ticket is enough**

**Grouse Mountain** , <https://www.grousemountain.com/> , (604) 980-9311 or Snowphone: 604-986-6262. 6400 Nancy Greene Way, North Vancouver.

**Open every day.** Vertical = 1,100', Lifts: 4.

Lift tickets sold at Guest Services in the same building as Starbucks in the parking lot. Seniors: \$?? .

Ski till about 1:30 pm. Be at Horesehoe Bay by 2:45 pm.

**Drive: Grouse Mountain to Horseshoe Bay** = 20 min. (19.6 km).

This doesn't include the Skyride time – the tram ride.

On Hwy. 1 / Hwy 99, at 17.8 km, use LEFT lane to exit to Village.

**Ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo.** Vancouver Island. Trip: 1:40.

Departure times: 6:15 am, 8:25, 10:40, 1:00 pm, **3:45**, 6:35, 10:10 pm.

In the winter, there might also be an 8:05 pm departure, but not every day.

- Arrive 30 – 60 minutes before departure.
- Best to have a reservation. Otherwise, travel order depends on arrival.
- Cost: CA \$100.10. Only \$86 if paid at the terminal (no reservation).
- Ferries before 1 pm and after 3:45 cost only \$86.75.

**Drive:** To Departure Bay Motel: 3 mins.

To Ramada, Cambell River: 1 hr. 30 mins.

To Rugged Mountain Motel in Woss: 2 hrs. 53 mins.

To Mt. Cain: 3 hrs. 10 mins.

### Lodging:

1. **Departure Bay Motel**, 2011 Estevan Rd, Nanaimo. CA \$53.  
250-754-2161.
2. **Ramada Inn by Wyndham**, 462 S Island Hwy, Campbell Rivr. \$40-60  
866-252-1532. (Several other motels in Cambell River.) 1.5 hrs to  
Mt. Cain. 43 mins to Mt. Washington.
3. **Rugged Mountain Motel**, 3000 Englewood Dr, Woss, BC.  
250-281-0000.

## **SATURDAY**

**Ramada Inn to Mt. Cain = 1 hr 30 mins.**

Follow Hwy 19 North for 120 km (**74.5 miles to the turnoff**).

Do not follow Google Maps. It will have you turn too soon.

Sign saying "Woss 14 km" is **6 km** south of the Mt. Cain turnoff.

There is a small blue Mt. Cain sign 200 meters before the turnoff.

There is no road sign for Mt. Cain turnoff. Just a warning about trucks merging, a clearing, and turn LEFT onto a side road.

**Mount Cain** , <https://www.mountcain.com/> , 888-668-6622

**Open on weekends only.** 9:30 – 3:30.

Vertical = 1,411', Lifts: 2 T-bars. Runs: 21. Upper part of Mt. Ungroomed.

Lift tickets: \$58.91 Seniors: \$47.49. (+ \$20 for Membership fee???)

**Drive:** Back to Ramada Inn, 462 S Island Hwy, Campbell River. 1 hr. 30m.

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## **SUNDAY**

**Ramada Inn to Mt. Washington = 43 mins. (57 km, 35 miles)**

Follow S Island Hwy (19A) southward for a little over a mile.

At roundabout, turn RIGHT onto Rockland Rd. for 0.4 mile.

LEFT onto S. Alder St. for 2 miles.

LEFT onto S, Dogwood St. (a curved road) for abt. 0.5 mile.

RIGHT onto Jubilee Pkwy. For 1 mile.

LEFT onto Inland Island Hwy. (Hwy. 19) – south toward Nanaimo. 30k

**At km 38 (23.5 m)** from hotel, **RIGHT** onto **Strathcona Pkwy.** 1km

Road curves LEFT onto Mt. Washington Rd. - for 18 km.

**Mount Washington**, <https://www.mountwashington.ca/> (250) 338-1386

**Open every day.** 9:00 – 3:30.

Vertical = 1,657' (505 meters), Lifts: 2 express chairs, 3 regular chairlifts.

Runs: 81.

Lift tickets: \$129. Seniors: **\$109** at ski area, or **\$99** online the day before.

**Drive: Mt. Washington to Departure Bay Ferry**, 1.5 hrs. (132 km = 82 m)

Mt. Washington Rd is the same as Strathcona Pkwy. Follow for 11 m.

RIGHT onto Hwy. 19. - follow for 110 km = 68.5 miles )

LEFT at Exit 21 onto Northfield Rd.

Slight RIGHT – Merge with Island Hwy. North. (head south-east) 0.5m

LEFT onto Brechin Rd. LEFT to the Vancouver Ferries (Hwy. 1).

**Ferry from Departure Bay to Horseshoe Bay.** Trip: 1:40. 5:55 – 7:35 pm.

Departure times: 6:15 am, 8:25, 10:40, 1:00 pm, **3:20**, **5:55**, 8:45 pm.

Cost: CA\$86.75 (both online reservation and at the terminal).

**Lodging:** Either in Abbotsford or Blaine, or Bellingham or Mt. Vernon.

In Abbotsford, BC.

1. **Super 8 by Wyndham**, 1881 Sumas Way, Abbotsford BC. CA\$81. 604-853-1141.

In Blaine, WA.

2. **Bayside Motor Inn**, 340 Alder St, Blaine, WA. 360-332-5288. US\$99
3. **Northwood Motel**, 288 D St, Blaine, WA. 360-332-5603. \$98.
4. **Anchor Inn**, 250 Cedar St, Blaine, WA. 360-332-5539. \$114.

In Bellingham, WA.

5. **Shamrock Motel**, exit 258 off of I-5, 4133 W Maplewood Ave, Bellingham, WA. 360-676-1050. \$60.
6. **Morning Glory Inn**, exit 256 off of I-5, 3750 Meridian St, Bellingham, 360-671-4600. \$78 - \$98.
7. **Motel 6**, exit 252 off of I-5, 3701 Bill McDonald Pkwy, Bellingham, 360-671-4494. \$42 - \$54.
8. **Days Inn**, exit 252 off of I-5, 215 N Samish Way, Bellingham. \$71. 360-734-8830.

In Mount Vernon, WA

9. **Quality Inn**, exit 227 offr of I-5, 1910 Freeway Dr, Mount Vernon, WA 360-610-4329. \$71 - \$80.

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## **MONDAY**

Drive home.

## **OPTIONAL DAY**

**Either before going to Vancouver Island, or after.**

**North Vancouver to Cypress Mt.** = 20 mins. (23 km / 16 miles)

Get to Hwy 1, heading west.

Exit #8 onto Cypress Bowl Rd., Follow the road for 15 km.

**Cypress Mountain**, <https://www.cypressmountain.com/> , 855-363-2823

**Open every day.** 9am–4pm. Vertical = 2,010', Lifts: 6 chairlifts. 61 runs.  
Lift tickets for adults: \$69 - \$85, Seniors: \$54 - \$73. Weekdays/Weekends.

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