



**HUG a DOCTOR**  
in Clearwater, British Columbia

## Lifestyle

Located 124 kilometers north of Kamloops in south central BC, the friendly town of Clearwater has grown significantly over the past two decades.

As the gateway to Wells Gray Provincial Park, Clearwater has a thriving tourism sector and provides a rich arena for year-round outdoor pursuits.

Clearwater boasts a moderate climate with warm summers and cold winters.

## Recreation and Culture

Clearwater is a vacation paradise, with the majestic mountains of Wells Gray serving as a picturesque backdrop. The remote wilderness, the virgin forest, and the rivers, lakes and streams all combine to showcase Clearwater's active way of life.

Clearwater offers almost as many recreational options in the winter as it does the summer and is a top BC whitewater kayaking destination attracting thrill seekers from all over the world.

## Reasons for Moving to and Investing in the Clearwater BC

- ♥ Exceptionally affordable residential, commercial and industrial land buildings
- ♥ Proximity to many larger city centres including Vancouver and Edmonton
- ♥ Access to the best East/ West Highway in BC
- ♥ 1.5 hours from the Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops airport, shopping, and cultural events
- ♥ Skilled and available work force
- ♥ High speed internet access
- ♥ Unbeatable outdoor recreation opportunities
- ♥ Rural living offers a safe relaxed atmosphere
- ♥ Clean air, clean water, healthy living!

## At a Glance

Population: 4,900

Health Services: Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital and Health Centre

Economy: Forestry, Tourism

## Education

### Elementary & Secondary School

Education is available from kindergarten to grade 12 with post-secondary opportunities also available. There is Raft River Elementary school for grades 1 to 7 and Clearwater Secondary School for grades 8 to 12. The community has its own hospital and medical clinic that services the surrounding area. Emergency services include a fire department, police detachment and a search and rescue operation.

### Community Resource Centre for the North Thompson (CRCNT)

This facility offers a wide spectrum of general interest non-credit courses, for example: computing, First Aid, Health & Safety, professional development, tourism, and forestry courses. Contact 250.674.3530 or [www.crcnt.ca](http://www.crcnt.ca)

### Thompson Rivers University (TRU) – Clearwater Satellite Campus

This TRU satellite campus offers a range of credit courses such as computer certificate courses, the Home Support Resident Care Program, and other TRU programs such as Traffic Control. It also provides services such as General Education Development (GED) exams, Accuplacer Entrance exams and LPI English Placement exams. Contact 250.674.3530 or [www.tru.ca](http://www.tru.ca)

Source: Wells Gray Country Business Asset Identification Project



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## Major Employers / # of Employees

Canfor	210
School District #73	88
Wells Gray Inn	67
Safety Mart	65
Ministry of Forests & Range	36
Wadlegger Logging	33
Sharke Logging	12
Interior Health Authority (Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital)	106

## Water Supply

District of Clearwater provides residential and commercial water supply to much of Clearwater.  
250.674.2257

[www.districtofclearwater.com](http://www.districtofclearwater.com)

The balance of Clearwater is on well or private water systems.

Vavenby: Thompson-Nicola Regional District operates the water system.

All other areas within Wells Gray Country (e.g., Upper Clearwater, Blackpool, Birch Island) are on well or small private water systems.

## Telephone and Internet

Telus: [www.telus.com](http://www.telus.com) and select "Business Users" link

Clearwater Cable, TV & Internet:  
250.674.2555

[www.mercuryspeed.com](http://www.mercuryspeed.com)

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## Distance and Travel Time to Major Urban Markets

City	Km	Miles	Travel Time
Kamloops, BC	124	83	1.5 hours
Calgary, AB	681	423	7.5 hours
Edmonton, AB	671	417	7 hours
Kelowna, BC	295	183	3.75 hours
Vancouver, BC	449	279	5 hours

*Source: Wells Gray Country Business Asset Identification Project*

## Housing

Average Single Family Home Cost      \$190,450 CAD

Average Rental 3 Bedroom Home      \$750/month

Vacancy Rates      <1%

Residential Housing Permits in 2001      40\*

Residential Housing Permits in 2006      86\*

*\*Source: Thompson Nicola Regional District*

## Accessibility

### Highways

Highway #5 (the "Yellowhead") is the major national route that links Clearwater east to Manitoba, north to Edmonton and west to Vancouver. The Yellowhead joins the TransCanada Highway at Kamloops, 124 km south of Clearwater, thus linking the community directly to Southern Alberta and the BC Lower Mainland. Highway #5 has the distinction of being the lowest elevation route through the Rockies (approximately 600 metres lower than other routes), and therefore it is rarely closed because of high snowfalls.

Highway #24 links the Yellowhead Highway (at Little Fort) to the Cariboo Highway (near 100 Mile House).

### Railway

The Canadian National Railway runs through the North Thompson Valley, passing through the communities of Clearwater, Birch Island, and Vavenby.

Private rail sidings service the Canfor mill at Vavenby, and the old Weyerhaeuser industrial site, also in Vavenby.

### Airport

Regional: Kamloops – services to Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Prince George, and Kelowna

International: Kelowna

Air Cargo services: Kamloops Airport

Bankers Dispatch; Best Express;  
Loomis; FedEx; DHL



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## Climate Facts

Annual Mean Temperature (Celsius)	6.5
July Mean Temperature (Celsius)	19.0
January Mean Temperature (Celsius)	-7.0
Frost Free Days	118
Annual Precipitation (mm)	580.4
Number of days/year businesses closed due to inclement weather	0

*Source: Wells Gray Country Business Asset Identification Project*

## Tournaments

### Number of Tournaments 2006/2007

Overall this season we hosted: 5 adult tournaments, 6 Minor Hockey Tournaments, 2 Hockey Schools, 18 Rep Regular Season Games and 7 Rep Playoff games, First ever Girls Jamboree, Jack Patterson Alumni Game, Food Bank Game, Santa Skate, First Annual Clearwater Hockey Days, 3 Curling Bonspiels, and Figure Skating Carnival. Over 70 hockey teams traveled to Clearwater, a huge boost to the local economy

### Number of Visitor Participants

This brought us to near capacity crowds. (250 – 350 per game). During Hockey School this past season we had our largest enrollment ever, 77 registered.

**Economic Spin-off**      \$375, 000

## Community Recreation

### Amenities:

Sportsplex – Hockey Arena and Curling Rink  
Golf Courses (2)  
Cross-country skiing trails  
Hiking/horseback riding trails  
Regional Parks (11) including Dutch Lake Park  
Terrain Park  
Well Gray Provincial Park  
Tennis Courts

### Activities:

#### Summer

Agri-tours	Air tours
Boat tours	Mountain biking
Camping	Golf
Hiking	Canoeing
Kayaking	Fishing
Trail rides	Rafting

#### Winter

Back-country skiing	Dog-sledding
Cross-country skiing	Ice-fishing
Curling	Skating
Downhill skiing	Snowshoeing
Ice-climbing	
Snowmobiling	
Hockey	