

# COLUMBIA CANOE & KAYAK CLUB

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Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, Summit Creek and Kootenay River

Sam Miller

June 8, 2014

On June 8th my Grandpa and I drove over the mountains where we met 32 other paddlers at the Creston Wildlife Centre. It was a beautiful day. Not too hot, and not too windy. Perfect paddling weather. After shuttling cars, we started our paddle just down the road from our meeting spot. We paddled through the marshes by the wildlife centre and then under highway 3 to the bird watch tower for our first portage. We saw lots of birds there, including redwing blackbirds and many species of ducks. A couple of more portages and 2 creeks later, we landed in the Kootenay River where we had lunch. There we saw lots of osprey, and passed a huge colony of cormorants. We were all connected in a flotilla of 5 canoes and 19 kayaks at the time, and must have looked like a colony of floating boat people to the cormorants. It was pretty cool. The flotilla eventually dispersed and we paddled our way along the Kootenay River until we made it to the car drop off. All of that shuttling at the beginning paid off, as we were able to just get in our car and leave for home. It was a great day.



photo by Pat West

Fletcher Falls, Kootenay Lake

July 19, 2014

Pat West



photos by Phil Best

Pend d'Oreille and Salmo Rivers

July 20, 2014



photos by Phil Best

**Upper Little Slocan Lake**

July 26, 2014

Dave Knox

Paddlers in 3 canoes and one sea kayak began with a vigorous up-stream paddle from Little Slocan Lake for about an hour or more ( just to ensure the trip lasted all day) and had lunch before turning around and floating downstream again to the lake. The river between the 2 lakes was low (some bottom scraping) but warm enough water for swimming. We must have caught the season perfectly, picking raspberries on the bank from the canoe, the whole shoreline green with blooming grasses—a truly spectacular wilderness experience right in our own back yard. The river down to the take-out below the lower Little Slocan Lake was challenging but we had only one boat go into a log jam and it was easily pushed off the debris by canoeists. Hope to see some whitewater paddlers next year to do the whole river down to the Slocan main confluence.

[Columbia Canoe and Kayak Club Trip Schedule 2014](#)

Please remember to contact the trip leader a couple of days beforehand for information and meeting place. If you have a last minute change of plans, please [PHONE](#) the trip leader as e-mails are not always read promptly. If you have suggestions for additional trips or if you can lead one of the trips with [no leader](#) thus far, please call Dave Knox 354-3954.

**Sept. 7 (Sun.) Kootenay Lake.** west shore of south end of Kootenay Lake, put in at Balfour, paddle across the west arm entrance and explore the beautiful beaches of the west side of the main lake. [looking for a trip leader.](#)

**DATE SET Sept. 20-21 (Sat-Sun) Garland Bay, Kootenay Lake.** paddle the east shore of the north arm of Kootenay Lake; flat water, explore pictographs and Powder Creek, car camping at Garland Bay NORTH Rec. site (11kms north of Riondel). Come for the weekend or day excursions. Mel & Lyn Gardner 428-2854

**Sept. 27 (Sat.) Slocan Lake** Boat Launch to Lemon Creek. Tour the Walter Clough Wildlife Sanctuary. Pat West 304-2656.

**Oct. 4 (Sat.) Lardeau River.** class 2+, spawning kokanee, eagles, and grizzly bears; to experience this river is why you learn to paddle. Dave Knox 354-3954.

**TBA CCKC Fall Wind-up.**

**Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area [BC Rivers Day Paddle](#) Sunday, September 28.**

Join us for a day paddle and celebrate our local waterways and migrating birds. You must bring your own canoe or kayak and have some experience. Meet at 10 am at the Tim Horton's Parking lot (near Hwy 3 and 3A junction) then drive to the launch site.

Bring lunch, footgear for portaging, sunscreen, rain gear and binoculars. CVWMA 250-402-6905. [www.crestonwildlife.ca](http://www.crestonwildlife.ca)

**Cost:** By Donation.