

## ***Five Day Itinerary for Easy and Moderate Hikes in the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark***

Please note: all hiking distances are return distances. Trail numbers refer to the District of Tumbler Ridge tourism map.

**Day 1** – Head south on Hwy 52 E, then take the Kinuseo Falls Rd. On the way, stop in to hike Nesbitt's Knee Falls (#26 – 2 km return, rated moderate) and Barbour Falls (#25 – 3 km return, rated easy).

Then drive to see Kinuseo Falls (#30), which has multiple viewpoints from 300 m to 4 km long, rated easy to moderate. The 300 m trail to the viewing platform at the top of the falls is disabled accessible.



Nesbitt's Knee Falls



Barbour Falls



Kinuseo Falls

On the way back and still within Monkman Provincial Park enjoy the Stone Corral (#28). This moderate 4.5 km hike leads through karst

scenery with ponds, rock formations and small caves along the way.

From the trailhead, cross the road and hike the trail to Lake Joan and

Canary Falls (#29), a moderate 2 km hike. Your final stop can be the Greg Duke Lakes trail (#27) on the drive back. This easy to moderate 1.5 km to 4 km hike leads to a three lakes with viewing benches, docks and views of the mountains.



Stone Corral



Lake Joan



Canary Falls



Greg Duke trails

One-way Driving Distance: 72 km, including 55 km gravel.



**Day 2** – Hike the trails close to Tumbler Ridge. Book a guided tour to see the Flatbed Creek Cabin Pool dinosaur footprint site (#1) through the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery (250 242-3466). It is possible to do this hike on your own, but you will find out much more about the dinosaur footprints and other palaeontological discoveries by taking the 3 km guided tour, rated moderate. Close by is the interpreted Flatbed Creek Peat Site (an extra 2 km). While booking your tour, visit the displays in the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery.



Flatbed Creek Cabin Pool Dinosaur Footprints



Dinosaur Discovery Gallery

Then head for the Tumbler Point Trail (#4). It is rated easy and starts from the end of Bergeron Drive, with views over Flatbed Creek and the Murray River (4 km).



Tumbler Point Trail



Wolverine Trails

In the afternoon, hike the Wolverine Trails (#7), rated easy, to Lost Haven Cabin, which overlooks the Murray River and Bergeron Cliffs (6 km). All these trails are part of the TR Trail, a 28 km trail the encircles three quarters of Tumbler Ridge without crossing a paved road, and which can be hiked in a very long day.

Book an evening lantern tour through the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery to the Wolverine River dinosaur footprint site (#6), and see the dinosaur footprints and skin impressions amplified by lantern light. This trail is 1 km and rated moderate.

One-way Driving Distance: 11 km.



Wolverine River Dinosaur Footprints Lantern Tour



**Day 3** – This cluster of subalpine hikes are in the mountains in the Babcock Creek drainage near the Trend mine which operated from 2005 to 2014. Drive south on Hwy 52 E, then turn off onto the Core Lodge Rd. Start at Boulder Gardens (#35), a moderate 4 km hike with some rocky sections that leads through unique rock scenery and past a subalpine tarn.



Boulder Gardens



Shipyard-Titanic

Three km further up the slopes of Mt. Babcock is the start of the Shipyard-Titanic trail, a 3 km moderate hike. This trail has views of the Rocky Mountains and Trend Mine, and passes through a flower-filled subalpine meadow. The trail leads to huge rock formations including the Armada, Chockstone Ridge, the Bismarck and finally to the “prow” of the Titanic.

Back at the trailhead, don't miss the Tarn and Towers Trail, a 0.5 km easy hike which leads past several picturesque subalpine tarns to a final viewpoint looking up at Armada rock formation.



Tarn and Towers



Babcock Falls

The final hike (2 km, easy) leads to Babcock Falls, with a viewpoint at the top as well as a steeper trail with a rope handline that descends to the base of the falls. A pool at the base of the falls is the perfect place for a swim on a hot summer day, depending on creek levels.

One-way Driving Distance: 31 km, including 18 km gravel.

