

## ***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** – Diving on Hwy 52 north on the Dawson Creek Route, there are three hiking trails to explore, all of which are rated easy.

Scenic Quality Falls (#9) is 6 km from Tumbler Ridge, reached by a 2.5 km return hike.



Quality Falls



Murray Canyon Overlook

The next stop is the Murray Canyon Overlook Trail (#10), which has excellent views of the Murray River Valley (5.5 km).

The final stop is Tepee Falls, which leads to a waterfall that flows over a sandstone lip into a jumble of huge rocks below (6 km).



Tepee Falls

One-way Driving Distance: 36 km, including 1 km gravel.

**Day 3** – 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).



Wolverine Trails



Tumbler Point Trail

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 4 Moderate Option** – Drive north on Hwy 29 on the Chetwynd Route for 6.5 km to the turnoff for the Bergeron Falls (#13) and Bergeron Cliffs (#12) hiking trails, both rated moderate with several steep uphill and downhill sections. Follow this gravel road for 8 km to the trailhead, shared by both hikes. Bergeron Falls is an 11.5 km circular route that has several long uphill and downhill sections. The trail leads to the base of Bergeron Falls which is 100 m high. It then circles around to viewpoints at the top of the falls, with optional short side trips to Dipper Falls, Hidden Valley and Scalpel Ridge. On the return consider taking the shortcut along the cutline trail and continuing on to Bergeron Cliffs (6 km). This trail climbs steadily uphill to several cliff-top viewpoints of the Murray River Valley, and the Hart Ranges of the Rocky Mountains. Bergeron Cliffs can be seen from most places in Tumbler Ridge, so it is rewarding to look back at the cliffs from town and know that you have stood there.



Bergeron Falls



Bergeron Cliffs

One-way Driving Distance: 14.5 km, including 8 km gravel.

**Day 4 Easy Option** – Drive north on Hwy 29 on the Chetwynd Route for 24 km to the turnoff for Bullmoose Marshes Wetland Interpretive Area (#14). Two short trails lead to viewing platforms with picnic tables. The Sora Trail (0.5 km) is fully boardwalked, and the Bittern Trail (1.3 km) is partially boardwalked. A bird checklist is included in the brochure at the trailhead. May and June are the best months. Back on Hwy 29, drive north another 24 km and take the turnoff to Gwillim Lake Provincial Park. Follow the signs to the Day Use Area and hike the 3 km Lakefront trail, which leads in both directions along the shore of the lake. You can relax and have a wiener roast or go for a swim from the Day Use Area.



Bullmoose Marshes



Gwillim Lake

One-way Driving Distance: 48 km, including 0.5 km gravel.



**Day 5** – 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.

