

Recreation Sites & Trails BC,
B.C. Parks, the District of Stewart and the
United States Forest Service offer a range
of excellent recreational opportunities
throughout the Stewart and Hyder area.
Spend some time hiking historic mining trails,
check out the bears at the Fish Creek Wildlife
Viewing Site or take in the spectacular scenery
near the Bear or Salmon Glaciers.



Recreational Opportunities in the Stewart, B.C./ Hyder, Alaska area



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5 Sluice Box/Barneys Gulch Trail (RSTBC)



Moderate

Access	When leaving Stewart on Highway 37A cross the Bear River and take the first right towards the Stewart landfill. Park before the bridge leading to the landfill and follow signs to trailhead.
Trail description	A short moderate hike that follows the original railway bed leading out of Stewart, and then turns right, climbing up along the historic sluice box. When the gulch is reached, you can climb up to a waterfall or down to a viewpoint overlooking the town of Stewart and Portland Canal.



6 United Empire Trail (RSTBC)



Difficult

Access	The trailhead begins off of Highway 37A, across from the B.C. Ministry of Highways service yard, in the town of Stewart.
Trail description	A steep trail that follows along the Bear River then climbs to a viewpoint (1 km) overlooking the Bear River Valley and Stewart. The steep rough trail continues beyond the viewpoint, climbing to the site of the old United Empire mine at 4.3 km, then onto the Bear River ridge and alpine (7.3 km). <i>Caution: the trail beyond the viewpoint is recommended for experienced hikers only and should not be attempted until at least late June. Check locally regarding trail and high elevation snow conditions.</i>



7 Fish Creek Wildlife Observation Site (USFS)



Access	Drive north of Hyder 6.4 km (4 miles) along the Salmon River Road. Parking, for the Observation Site, is located in a parking area immediately after crossing the Fish Creek bridge.
Site description	The location provides excellent opportunities to view Black and Alaskan Brown (Grizzly) bears during the months of July and August, as they feed on salmon. The site is day use only, no camping is permitted. The Fish Creek site is open from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. Forest Service employees are at the site during these hours to provide information about the bears and salmon, enforce site rules, and answer questions from visitors. There is a fee charged for admission to the viewing platforms. Check locally for details.



8 Titan Trail (USFS)



Difficult

Access	Drive north of Hyder 6.8 km (4.25 miles) along the Salmon River Road where the trailhead is located on the right hand side.
Trail description	A difficult 7.7 km (4.8 miles) climb that follows a mule trail, which accesses the historic Titan Mine site. The trail, built in 1922, also provided access to several other mineral claims in the area.



Salmon Glacier Road

Caution: careful driving is essential on the Salmon Glacier Road.

- This is an active mining area. Industrial traffic may be encountered on the Salmon Glacier Road.
- Dusty conditions and narrow sections are common, so be extremely careful when slowing, stopping or meeting oncoming traffic.
- Slow down when road is wet, snowy, muddy, or if visibility is reduced.
- If driving conditions are poor, wait awhile for them to improve — or plan another activity in the Stewart/Hyder area.
- Use of seatbelts is mandatory in both Alaska and British Columbia
- Large motorhomes and trailers are not recommended on the road beyond the Fish Creek/Titan trailhead parking lot.
- The road beyond the Summit Viewpoint (Stop 14), to the Granduc property, is not maintained.
- *Use at your own risk.*

Canada/US Border

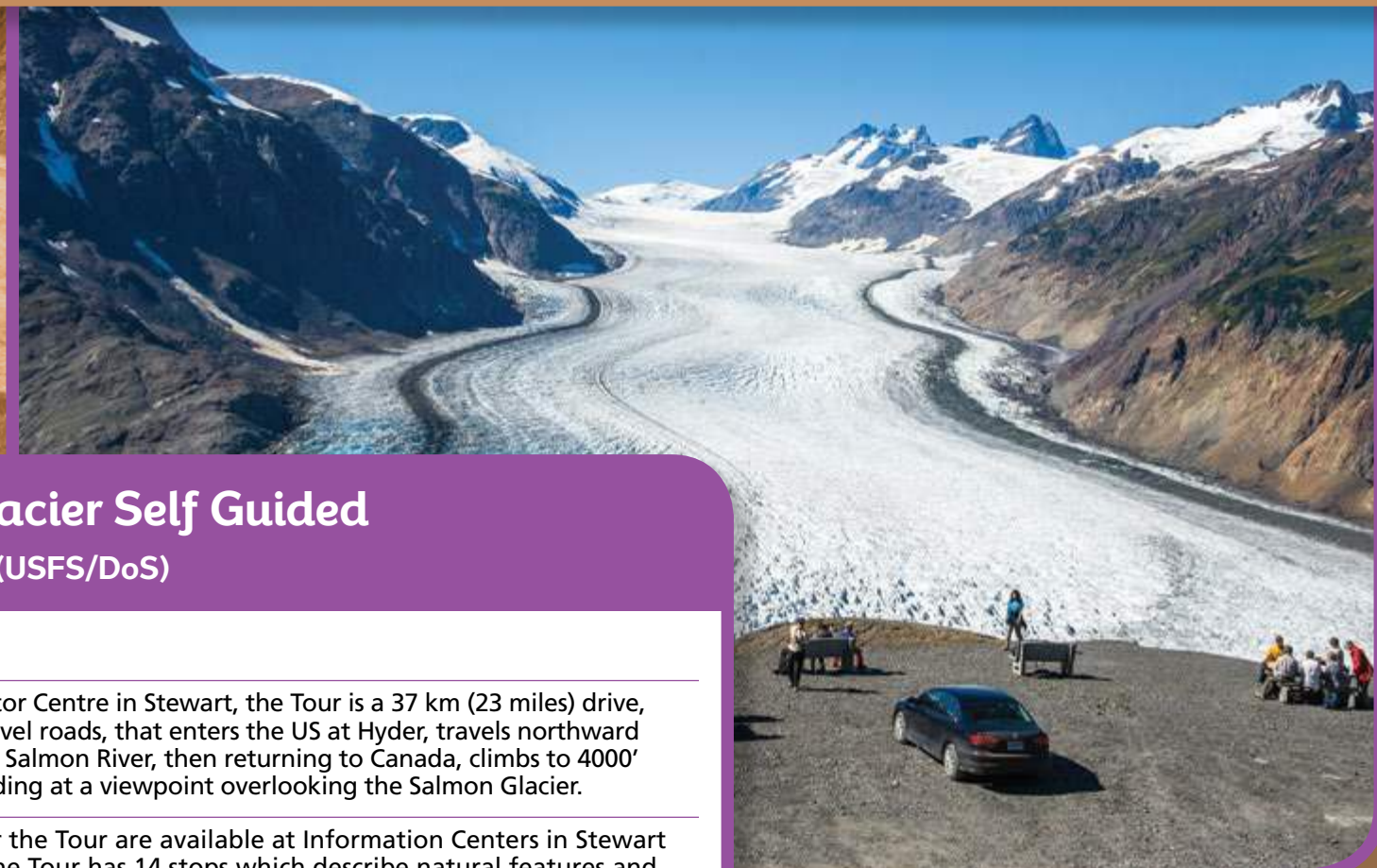
The Salmon Glacier Self-Guided Auto Tour takes you across the Canada-United States boundary. Ensure you meet the requirements to enter either nation and carry proper documentation. Upon return to Stewart, all individuals must stop and report at the Canada Border Services office at the international boundary. At time of printing a valid passport or photo identification plus birth certificate were required to re-enter Canada.

Weather Warning

Be prepared for fast, changeable weather conditions, especially in alpine areas (it can snow in summer at higher elevations).

Mining Properties

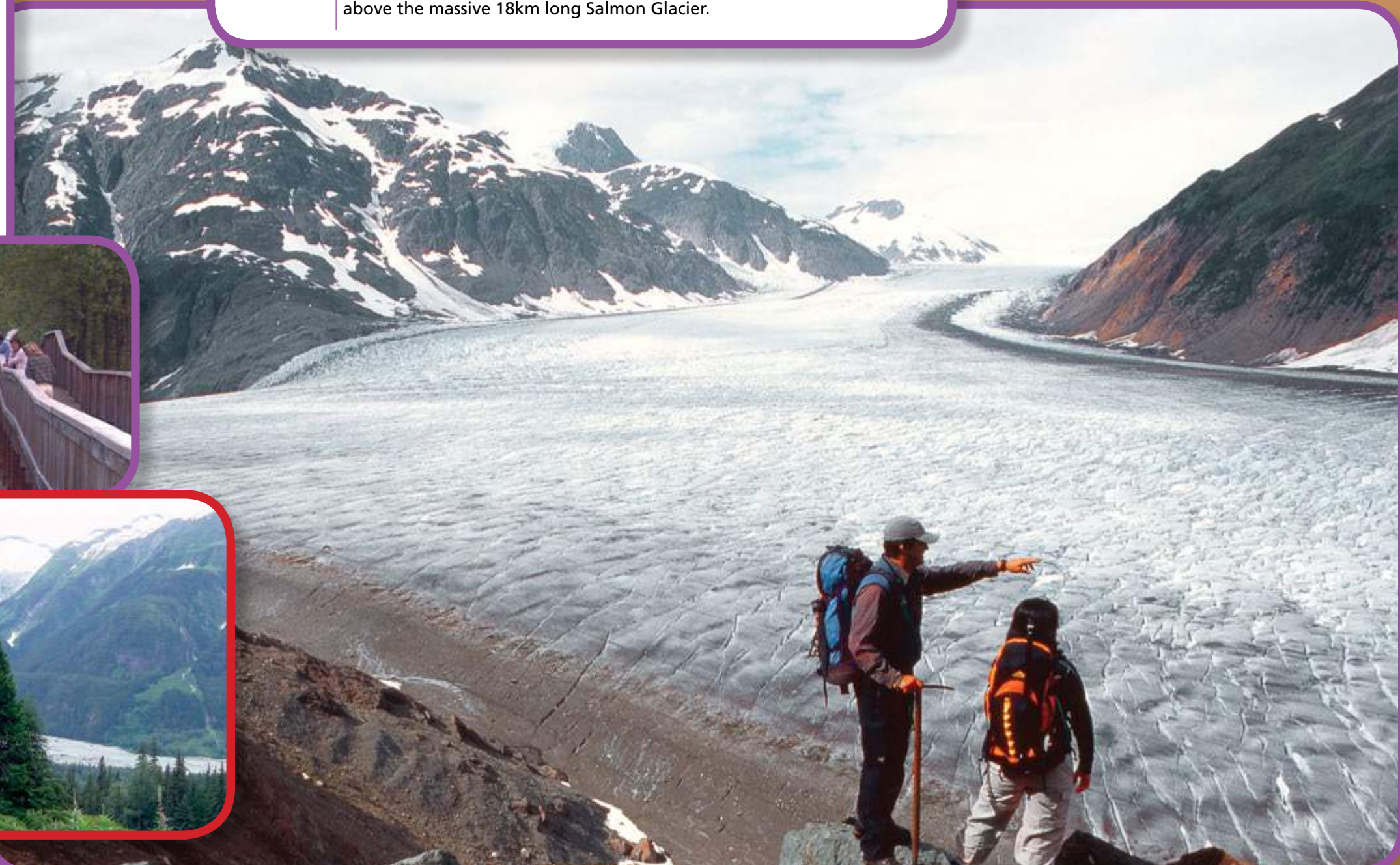
Many of the mining remains are on private property and may be dangerous. Stay out of old shafts and do not vandalize any of the areas. Enjoy what you see, take only pictures and leave any artifacts for others to ‘discover’. *Obey posted signs on mining properties.*



9 Salmon Glacier Self Guided Auto Tour (USFS/DoS)



Access	From the Visitor Centre in Stewart, the Tour is a 37 km (23 miles) drive, mostly on gravel roads, that enters the US at Hyder, travels northward alongside the Salmon River, then returning to Canada, climbs to 4000' elevation, ending at a viewpoint overlooking the Salmon Glacier.
Tour description	Brochures for the Tour are available at Information Centers in Stewart and Hyder. The Tour has 14 stops which describe natural features and the vibrant history of the area. The final stop affords stunning views above the massive 18km long Salmon Glacier.



General information

The following recreational opportunities are within easy driving distance of Stewart/Hyder and are 2WD accessible unless otherwise noted. All distances noted are one way.

Tips for safe recreating in bear country

Bears feel threatened if surprised — hike in a group and make loud noises. Whistle, talk, sing, or carry noise makers such as bells or a can containing stones. In dense bush and near rushing water, don't depend on your noisemaker being heard. Use extra caution and watch for evidence of bears. Most bears will leave if they are aware of your groups presence. Stay in the open as much as possible. Keep children close at hand on trails. Be especially alert when traveling into the wind, a bear may not get your scent and be warned of your presence.

When camping be camper smart and keep a clean camp. Bears usually avoid people, but they can be attracted to human food and garbage. Store all food and garbage properly and take all your garbage with you when you leave.

Trail etiquette

Please keep to the designated trails. Shortcutting on switchbacks damages the plants and soils which keep rain and snow melt from eroding the trail. Do not cut down live trees. Take only photographs, leave only footprints.

Recreation sites

Recreation Sites & Trails BC (RSTBC) recreation sites are typically small (less than 10 vehicle units), rustic and equipped with just basic amenities such as picnic tables, fire rings, pit toilets and a level camping area. These sites have no garbage facilities, so please take your garbage with you when you leave.

Safety tips

- Before leaving on a hike, let a responsible individual know where you are going and when you will be returning. Always contact that individual when you return. Never hike alone.
- Always take a map, compass, food and emergency gear.
- **In case of emergency dial 911.** The nearest RCM Police detachment is in Stewart. The nearest public health care facility is the Stewart Health Centre on Brightwell Avenue.
- Be aware cellular phone service is not yet in place in the Stewart area

Forest fires:

Should you spot a forest fire in British Columbia call 1-800-663-5555 (*5555 where cellular service is available). This is a free, province-wide forest fire emergency phone number. Should you spot a forest fire in Alaska call 1-800-237-3633.

For more information regarding recreational opportunities in the Stewart/Hyder area:

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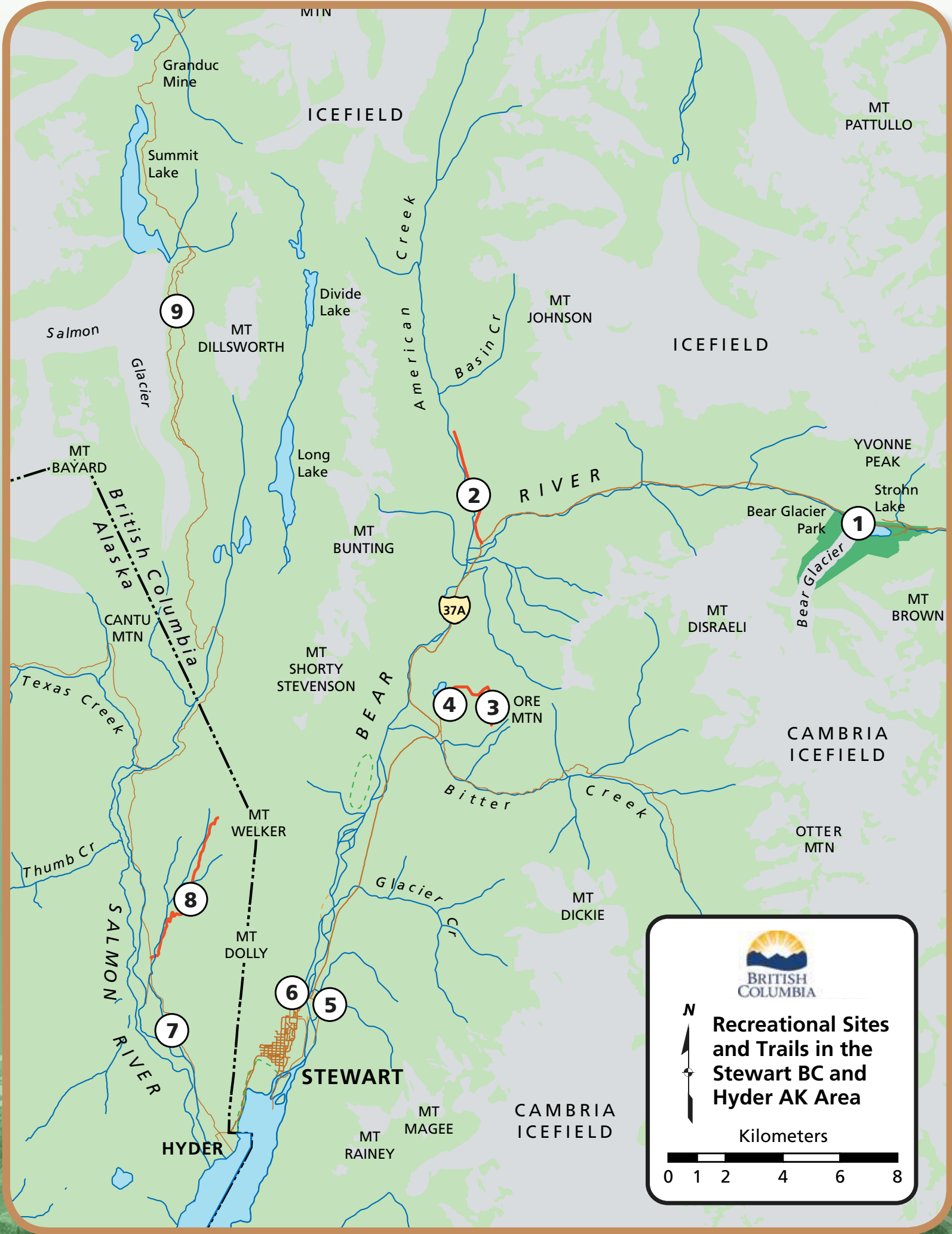
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Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1
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US Forest Service
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Federal Building
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901-6591
Ph: 907-225-3101
Ph: 250-636-2367 (summer season only)
www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/

Stewart Visitor Centre: Stewart/Hyder International Chamber of Commerce

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222 5th Avenue
Stewart, BC V0T 1W0
Ph: 250-636-9224
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Difficulty level

Easy

Moderate

Difficult

Recreation/Observation Site

Provincial Park

Recreational opportunities in the Stewart/Hyder area

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Bear Glacier Provincial Park
- 2

American Creek Trail
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Ore Mountain Trail
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Fish Creek Wildlife Observation Site
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Titan Trail
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Salmon Glacier Self Guided Auto Tour

RSTBC: Recreation Sites & Trails B.C.
BCP: B.C. Parks
USFS: United States Forest Service
DoS: District of Stewart

Recreational features

Beach

Camping

Canoeing

Hiking

Picnicking

Swimming

Viewing

1 Bear Glacier Provincial Park (BCP)

	Access	Bear Glacier Provincial Park is located 23 kms (14 miles) west of Meziadin along Highway 37A (Glacier Highway) and 39 km (24 miles) east of Stewart.
	Park description	This popular and very scenic stop along Highway 37A (The Glacier Highway) affords a rare opportunity to view a glacier close up. The Bear Glacier is just a few hundred metres from the highway, across Strohn Lake. In the 1940s ice filled this part of the valley. Since that time the glacier has retreated and Strohn Lake formed.

2 American Creek Trail (RSTBC)

	Access	Drive north from Stewart along Highway 37A for approximately 22 km (13.5 miles). After crossing the Bear River bridge there will be a highways pullout on the left hand side. Park here and walk back towards Stewart approximately 30 m (33 yds) to the steep gravel road. Keep to the right for 300 m (330 yards) until you reach the trailhead.
	Trail description	A short historic mining trail that passes through scenic stretches of old growth forest while following along the American Creek Valley. The maintained trail terminates after 3.5 km (2.4 miles) at a viewpoint overlooking Champion Creek and American Creek.

3 Ore Mountain Trail (RSTBC)

	Access	Drive north from Stewart along Highway 37A for approximately 13 km (8 miles). After crossing the Bitter Creek bridge take the first right. Turn left at the first junction and follow the road, keeping to the right for another km (.6 miles). From the Clements Lake Recreation Site follow the old road for 300 m (330 yards) to the trailhead. Note: The road is unpassable by vehicles 200 m (220 yards) past the Recreation Site.
	Trail description	A difficult 4 km (2.5 miles) trail that climbs steeply up along the east side of the Bear River Valley. After 3 km (2 miles) the trail starts to break out of heavy timber and a viewpoint overlooking the valley is reached. The trail then continues for another km (0.6 miles) through sub alpine terrain to a small alpine lake.

4 Clements Lake Recreation Site (RSTBC)

	Access	Drive north from Stewart along Highway 37A for approximately 13 km (8 miles). After crossing the Bitter Creek bridge take the first right. Turn left at the first junction and follow the road, keeping to the right for another km (.6 miles).
	Site description	Clements Lake offers good opportunities for picnicking, canoeing, camping and a sandy beach for swimming. Motor restrictions apply on the lake. Site is maintained May to October.